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Pearl and Treasure.

A SHORT DISCOURSE.

The parables of our Lord vary in length, but each contains a great truth, bearing on religious life. The idea of "belief" is found in every utterance. We sometimes comprehend parables differing from miracles, while they are of the same idea, and differ only in method of teaching. A parable is set forth in words, a miracle is set forth in action. The one is a word-painting, the other is an actual object lesson. In other words, miracles are but acted parables. The truths taught by both are kindred truths, seeking the same end, teaching the same doctrine, purposing the same results.

The chapter in which is recorded the parables of the Pearl and Treasure contains six other parables. These two, however, seem to teach the same truth or idea, though differing in process. It is worthy of thought to investigate and compare the difference between these two parables, which deal with the intrinsic preciousness of heaven, and the willingness of the converted man to make every sacrifice necessary for the acquirement of the great prize.

What is to be desired more than gold, yes, much fine gold? Salvation through Jesus Christ. It puts us into possession of that which money cannot buy, namely, forgiveness of sins and regeneration of character. Could this treasure be found anywhere else than in that special field, so far as the finder was concerned? The question arises, Where is this treasure to be found,—in the church, in the study of the Bible, in the company of

Christian workers, by great outlay of money in benevolence? We think not; it comes through faith in Jesus Christ, and whatever means conveys this faith and fastens it upon the heart and conscience is the "field" referred to in the parable. It may be reading the Scriptures, hearing a sermon, listening to a song, conversation with fellow men, or through great tribulation, or the shock of some terrible calamity. "But in whatsoever connection it is that a man discovers Christ, and has a glimpse of his salvation, that to him is the field of the former of these parables, and the coming on the pearl of great price, of the latter.

Now let us not misinterpret, and come to the conclusion that salvation can be bought. It cannot be gotten for gold. What a glorious promise! If money could buy it, heaven would be peopled by the rich and hell filled with the poor. Come buy, without money and without price. Let the humblest come; let the beggar in his rags, or the pauper in the poor house, come; let every one come, and secure this treasure, this pearl of great price. Free salvation is offered to all, on the terms of the gospel.

Another truth comes out boldly: if we have found this great treasure, let us not hide it, but let us make it known to the church. Members holding letters, and declining to cast their lot with the redeemed hosts, are simply hiding their treasure. If they possess it, we cannot understand how a true, devoted Christian can hide his letter away in his trunk and let it remain there for years and years. When the great day comes, and that member appears before the beautiful gate, and is asked for his passport, or the evidence thereof, the reply will be, Down in the old world in my trunk. Faithless! faithless!

We all condemn the act of the man in hiding the treasure, and cheating the owner, just as we condemn the dishonesty of the unjust steward and the stolidity of the unjust judge. The analogy turns on the joyful readiness with which each gave up all in order to secure that which he knew was worth more than all he had.

We must give up all for Christ. He must be pre-eminently all and in all. We must be joyfully willing to surrender all that we may gain heaven. The rich young man lacked one thing, he would not sell all and give to the poor and follow Christ. "Only one thing lacketh thou." Let us closely, prayerfully examine our hearts and consciences and see if there be a golden wedge or goody Babylonish garment hidden away. If so, purge the heart and conscience and get close to Christ.

Missions in Brazil and Mexico are in a flourishing condition, and reports from Africa, Japan and Italy all indicate an encouraging state of things. Recently our Mexican missions have been reinforced by the return of Bro. R. W. Horke with his bride, who becomes a missionary of the board, and the sending out of Brethren Frank Marra and wife and Bro. D. F. Sutherland and wife—all from Texas.

Discipleship under Christ means fellowship with his followers.

Notes.

For the Alabama Baptist. Bro. Crumpton's Notes. I am not now writing "Trip Notes," but want to say: I had a pleasant visit, during the bad weather, a month ago, to old Mt. Hebron church, in Hale county, where Bro. Schram is pastor. He is doing a fine work in that section. A new house has been erected, which would do credit to any community. The pastor is to undertake a tour of the field. That is, he will be going to the country. The soil can be made to grow anything worth anything.

I supplied for Roanoke. The town and the Baptists are it. A large factory is in course of erection, the foundation of a fine building, new residences are going up everywhere, people are doing the best. The Rock Mills association and the Rock Mills Association has been formed, with things to come of the station.

Will the Regulars contribute for missions? The city churches and Regulars. Some of them I seldom hear from.

WHERE TO SEND THE ALABAMA BAPTIST. I have not a directory, but I am not in search of work, but am willing to accommodate the brethren by receiving funds for any purpose if they find it more convenient to send it to me. But, of course, it is best to send everything where it belongs. ALL MISSIONS WORTH OUGHT TO COME HERE. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT.

NEW CENTURY LITERATURE. Can be had at this office by brethren who wish to make preparation for holding New Century meetings. This literature is not for general distribution. It is not sold for that. I fear much of it has been put in hands where it was not appreciated.

I have out another edition of the "Missionary Catechism for Baptists of Alabama," which can be had for the sale.

The paper will not appear again until after the opening of the New Century. I want to ask our friends of the old and the first of the new century. "Me and mine" takes up most of our thoughts when at a prayer on a high plane. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things (food and clothing and all temporal necessities) shall be added unto you."

MISS WILLIE KELLY. I am getting letters from all directions asking that Miss Willie visit churches. Her post office is Uniontown, and she can be communicated with there. I venture a few suggestions: She is a big-hearted woman, who loves the Lord and His people, but she will have to spend a good part of her vacation in rest. She will travel some, but could not go to hear all the places calling for her. She is not financially able to bear the expenses of travel.

Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.—Richter.

For the Alabama Baptist. Bro. Kramer and His New Church.

I want to write you something about our new church. We held the first service in it on the 4th Sunday in November. Rev. B. H. Crumpton, D.D., of Evergreen, preached to a crowded house on Sunday morning. He spoke of the material and spiritual church. The sermon was thoughtful and earnest, and greatly enjoyed by the audience. At night Rev. L. M. Bradley preached to a large congregation. Bro. Bradley brought to us a sweet message from the throne. Who is it that does not love this affable, earnest, godly man? Both the preachers were former pastors, loved and honored by the entire church.

In the afternoon Hon. G. R. Farnham delivered an address to a Sunday school mass meeting. Bro. Farnham's address was an able, eloquent, practical talk that produced a profound impression. He was followed by Bro. B. Davis, of Clayton. I saw many eyes wet with tears as this man of God was talking to us. He will always be welcomed here. All the churches here united in the service, and the building was packed.

Now a few words about the new church. The idea of building a new church here was first agitated by Dr. B. H. Crumpton, but, owing to several contingencies, it had to be put off. Bro. Bradley, before he left Brewton, started out to build and secured several pledges, amounting to twenty-five hundred dollars, and collected in cash about \$70, but the time was not ripe to build. Your scribe was called in to see about two weeks ago. I had been about two weeks ago to see about two weeks ago. I had been about two weeks ago to see about two weeks ago.

We started out to build with only \$50 on hand, which had been collected by Bro. Bradley. We appointed our building committee, consisting of E. M. Lovelace, M. F. Brooks, Dr. E. F. Parker, J. M. Rabb, N. R. Leigh, jr., W. H. Sirog, J. M. Padgett and the pastor. We had a meeting, and at that meeting about fifteen hundred dollars was subscribed by the committee. This committee selected a sub-committee, which was to have entire charge of the work, namely, Brethren M. F. Brooks, E. M. Lovelace and Dr. E. F. Parker. This committee employed the architect, Mr. E. H. Slater, to superintend the work. The old church was rolled back and we started the foundation of the new church with only \$50 on hand, but the money poured in.

Too much credit cannot be given to Bro. E. M. Lovelace for his time, for his money and for his constant interest in the work.

The chairman, Bro. M. F. Brooks, neglected his business and home in order to serve the brethren. The church is deeply indebted to him. Dr. E. F. Parker was always on hand with his steady head and thoughtful suggestions, which kept us off the shoals many a time.

The church cost us ten thousand dollars. We owe some on the building, but hope soon to wipe out the last cent. A description of the church is as follows: The building is framed; it rests on a brick foundation one foot high; the gables and towers are of stucco work, making a beautiful appearance on the outside. It has three large memorial windows and several small ones, in memory of brethren Basil Manly Lovelace, James Lovelace, J. E. Bell, William Lovelace, Dr. M. R. Lee, and one in memory of Bro. and Sister Arnold's son; it has a large auditorium and a Sunday school room, connected by a rolling partition; two class rooms, with black boards in the wall, and a primary room with black-board and organ; a pastor's study, a foyer, two dressing

rooms, and is heated by a hot-air furnace; has three beautiful chandeliers, giving us fifty electric lights; has a baptistery and organ; the church is well carpeted. The building will accommodate seven hundred. The seats, which are oak, cost eight hundred dollars and were made by the Southern Cabinet Seating Co., of Jackson, Tenn. The memorial windows, 16 by 18, are all one could wish for, cost seven hundred dollars, were furnished by Cooledge Art Glass Co., of Atlanta, Ga. The church has been pronounced by several competent judges to be the most attractive church in the state. It could not have been built of brick for less than twelve thousand dollars.

A Word About My Article on the State Convention.

Editor Ala. Baptist: After the late State Convention I wrote an article which a good brother informs me was misunderstood; that it was understood to be a reflection on the good spirit of the Convention, &c.; that what I said about "bitter words" constituted the offense.

Now, in justice to myself, allow me to say that no interpretation of my article could have been further from my meaning. I was delighted with the spirit of the Convention, and with its work and fellowship. My heart was full of thankfulness to God and his people for such a meeting.

No bitter words were heard from any quarter. Oh, it was a splendid meeting! Speaking of bitter words, I was led to deprecate them. That was all I meant. I do not like bitter words, and the further along life's journey I go, the less I like them. I do not like to see any of our brethren in a state of mind, and meant to speak tenderly. The Lord lead and bless all of my dear brethren.

Affectionately,
JNO. P. SHAFER.

Seminary Notes.

Prof. W. J. McGlothlin attended the Florida convention this week. Prof. E. C. Dargan led the prayer meeting in New York Hall Thursday evening.

Dr. Whitley, president of a Baptist college in Melbourne, Australia, was here this week. He came to this country for the purpose of visiting the most noted institutions of learning, and especially the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The students, for several weeks have had the opportunity of attending several protracted meetings in the Louisville churches. The preaching is of a very high order, and many people are being saved. The methods being used in these meetings are strictly according to the teachings of God's Word. Several sermons have been preached on such vital doctrines as Heaven, Judgment and Hell. One preacher made the statement that the reason there were being so many awful crimes committed, was that preachers were failing to warn men of the dreadful doom of the ungodly.

CLASSROOM nuggets.

Prof. Sampson: "The world would be better off if some men would quit preaching."

Prof. Robertson: "One proof of the inspiration of the Bible is that it has stood so much bad preaching."

Prof. Eger: "For a man to be a good minister of Jesus Christ, he must live day by day with his Lord and Master." J. A. JENKINS.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 15, 1900. Christ was the great promise of the Old Testament; the Spirit is the great promise of the New.—John Mason.

B. Y. P. U. COLUMN.

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THE STATE SECRETARY.

Please note the change of the post-office address of the State Secretary, Mr. Gwylm Herbert, from Birmingham, Ala., to Bessemer, Ala. He is just as ready to furnish any young people information in regard to the work as ever.

Most of the unions which elect officers semi-annually will have a regular election this month, and all the rest of the unions will be glad to hear from them and to know who are the leaders of the work in the different churches. Let us hear from you as to what you are doing.

We heard some time ago of an illiterate old couple who lived up in the mountains, a good ways from what we call real civilization these days, and had very little of ill health all their lives, when suddenly the old man had a stroke of paralysis. A physician from the neighboring town was called in by the old woman, and told her what was the trouble. A few days afterward a neighbor seeing her asked what was the matter with her husband, and she, having misunderstood the long name the physician had given, which probably she had never heard before, replied, "Well, the doctor said he had a stroke of uselessness."

We were just wondering if any of our young people's workers, or organizations, were ever visited by any such "strokes."

REAL MISSIONARY WORK.

Are any of our unions doing any real missionary work outside of their own churches or towns? If not, why not? It seems to us that it is very selfish, to say the least of it, if their energies were directed aright, could accomplish much in spreading the gospel, to content themselves with working within themselves all the time, striving always for "culture for service," and never reaching the point at which that which they had been learning is put into practice. Of course there is a great deal to be done at home. There is much work that the young people can do in the home church to awaken and keep alive interest, and much real missionary work that can be done among the young people of the congregation, but should we confine ourselves to that? Suppose all our churches should confine themselves to such work, what would become of the missionary work in other countries, and the commission of the Master? We are a part of the church, and we

should be doing the same kind of work that the church is doing, and it will not, as some may contend, take one particle from the force of the church itself for us to do this work in our own way. Each B. Y. P. U. that has a good working membership should be able to almost, if not quite, support a missionary in the Home or Foreign field, just as many individual churches, and societies in them, are doing. Or, as some of the unions are doing, assume the responsibility for the care of a boy or girl at the Orphanage, and see that he or she is given every advantage possible in order that a working Christian man or woman may be raised up for the Master. All this is part of the work that is before us, and while we know that some unions are doing their share in such work, we are afraid that the most of them see very little outside of their home church, and, sad to say, take in much less than all of that. These are things that we should think about, and endeavor to give our service even while we are receiving culture therefor.

From the Montgomery Advertiser of Dec. 6th:

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE.

The Baptist Young People's Union of the First Baptist church held a business and social meeting last night at the residence of Rev. Dr. Charles A. Stakely, No. 23 Wilkinson street.

This was the first time the Union has held a meeting at the home of the new pastor, and a large attendance was present.

After the transaction of routine business the following officers were

Edward L. Davant, President.
T. M. Dix, Vice President.
R. J. Myers, Secretary.
Miss Annie Stakely, Corresponding Secretary.

J. C. Williams, Treasurer.
Blount Davidson, Usher.

After the business meeting had adjourned, a delightful social hour was spent. Music, recitations and pleasant conversation caused the hours to while quickly away.

The next meeting will be held at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. John Bass Shelton.

ANOTHER NEW UNION.

We have received notice of the organization of a new Union at Edwardsville, Ala., with Mr. L. D. Faver as President. We trust that we are going to hear from them again.

we alone are right, we candidly admit that the false doctrines and principles of others will do just as well as our own ones. We have to do that to be consistent. It seems to me that Baptist consistency of theory and practice should be about the eighth, ninth or tenth wonder of the world. It's remarkable, and, more than that, it's beautiful. I think the perfect blending of the essential and non-essential of the same thing in the Baptist mind is very conclusive of an admirable comprehension.

I am inclined to be proud of being a Baptist. Sometimes, in my pride, I think we are "the salt of the earth;" and then, again, when my pride is a little on the ebb, I think, perhaps, the "salt has lost its savor." You see, I've been sick, and this peculiar Baptist religion that preaches itself merely in ritualistic doctrines, (and answers very well for associations) is not as comforting as I like for the sick room. There appears to be a "goneness" about it. There are occasions when mere controversial religion is salty out of place. I have serious doubts whether some of the pet doctrines, for which we contend strenuously, "can make a dying bed feel soft as downy pillows are." These doctrines are not particularly useful on august and trying occasions we can surely, abate some of our religious zeal for them. Perhaps we may, profitably, transfer some of our ardor to that which will bring comfort when comfort is desirable. Somehow, I think that "when I tread the verge of Jordan," I will be far less concerned about the manner of my baptism than about the manner of my living. It seems to me if everybody is already convinced that my baptism is of the approved scriptural kind, I need not waste precious time in needless controversy about it. I may be wrong about it, but declining years and the great concern of "casts its shadow before," seem to impress me with the conviction that while it is a duty to "contend for the faith once delivered to the saints," it is equally a duty to let our "lights shine" in good works that others may be "convinced."

governments and the like, but in my perceptions, as I "suffer on my three-score years," I have never remarked any peculiar distinction of their excellency of morals above other people. I suppose that justice is one of the neglected tenets of our Baptist faith, for, as Baptists, we don't seem to impress business men as more distinctively honest than other people. The money lender seems to have a good deal more faith in us when secured by sufficient collateral. Baptist "faith and practice" don't appeal to the confidence of business men with half the force of a mortgage. We are no better than heretics in that respect. Our orthodoxy of belief doesn't seem to inspire confidence in our honesty. Somehow, I think, the business world would be more convinced of our sincerity if we would "show our faith by our works." My attention has been called to it, and I have noticed that Baptists in business repudiate, to some extent, the inspired Word guide, and, like other religionists, are governed more by the laws and customs of men. Their weights and measures are just as likely as not to be adjusted with the view of protection against loss. In politics Baptists are not particularly distinguished above Methodists and others for any nicety of discrimination against wrong. I haven't noticed, in every day life, that Baptists "take the rag off the bush" in the practice of the Golden Rule. Indeed I have thought, sometimes (when not at the associations or general gatherings), that our zeal in pietistical neglect the "weightier things of the law." We claim to be a "peculiar people." Pray, from your observation, in what are we peculiar? If, every day we are as much like other people as "two black-eyed peas," where is our peculiarity apparent?

It doesn't appear to be unpopular to be a Baptist. I don't recall any late instances of our being "persecuted for righteousness' sake." Do you? Isn't it a fact that in our every day "talk and conversation" we are very much like our heretical

kinsmen and neighbors? If our beliefs make no change in our lives, where come our grounds for boasting? If to be a Christian is to be like Christ, are "Christian" and "Baptist" synonymous? Christianity invites persecution "for righteousness' sake." There is a latent suggestion in the thought that should alarm us.

Perhaps, when I get well and go about, I'll forget the good resolutions of the sick room: repudiate, as gloomy forebodings, these thoughts of "pure and undefiled religion;" again think to be "Baptist" in current—as far as it goes, and boast, and boast, and boast—till I get sick again.

I am already better and feel like I would like to tackle some antagonist on baptism or "sumthin' or nuther."

It will be a blessed thing if, through a revival of pure religion, our associational addresses, next season, are replete with truthful commendations of us as a people "zealous of good works."

"THE EVANGELIST."

For the Alabama Baptist.

No Baptismal nor Church Salvation.

One of the saddest pictures of life as relates to eternity, is the benumbing hope of heaven with Christ not considered. There is an idea prevailing that those who submit to baptism, followed by church membership, have met two requirements, which, followed by good works, will ultimately merit salvation.

When will people learn that salvation is through Christ only? "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12. Jesus is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8, 9

Men are quickened into life by the Spirit, and thus "created in Christ Jesus unto good works," and not by them. "For God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Not before, but after the quickening. Yet some people think that to be baptized and join the church, and remain there, will make sure their salvation.

The Bible does not teach that salvation comes as the result of baptism and church membership, for obedience comes after salvation is had. Before we were saved, we "walked according to the course of this world," but since that blessed hour we have been made to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

There is not anything mentioned in the Scriptures that man can do by which he can merit salvation. He can hear; he can "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Then he can "go forward," and not-till then. The Bible does teach that through the water into the church is the duty of every saved being.

The Bible teaches that the church is composed of regenerated people only. And what is regeneration? The second birth of which Christ told Nicodemus. Paul to Titus says: "He saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."—Titus, 3:5.

It is that change wrought by the Holy Spirit, in which the natural will and enmity of man are subdued, killed to the love of sin, in which supreme love to God and his law, and holy affections, are implanted in the heart. It is reproduction past the extremity of the convicted sinner's exhausted resources. No one can merit it. It can be received, that is all.

To wish, to have the will, to be seriously sorry that you have sinned, to turn away from sin, to tremble and believe, is not salvation, for "devils also believe and tremble." So, then, faith is not salvation, nor is it the cause of it. In your helplessness, when God sees you have given yourself away, with no plea that you are as good as anybody else, with no hope except that Christ died for sinners—that, being your condition, Christ saves you because you are a sinner, realizing your helplessness. Now the crisis is reached. See the sinner as he now stands in full realization of the fact that "Jesus saves." This conquering of self, ending in salvation, is not the work of man, (for man works against it), nor

does it occur in a second without previous struggles. Neither is it necessary for one to go on a lifetime before accepting Christ. Stop, think, look, repent, accept, is all. Christ will do the saving.

But we hear it said so often, "Come on and join the church, quit your meanness, get religion, and let's go to heaven." That goes with the statement that "there is a church to suit everybody, that none can have any excuse and all can be saved if they only will."

Church salvation is the thing meant. It means, of course, that there are a great many ways, but all lead to heaven, like many roads, all leading to a point.

This is an invitation of the devil, through honest conscientious people, to confuse and damn souls. Salvation through Christ, and obedience of the bride (the church) are separate and distinct doctrines. For a man to live an adulterous, drunken, profane and wholly impious life until he sees that he must die, and then, to remove fear of hell and to please and comfort the family, he calls for a preacher and church officials, and has them to baptize and receive him into the fellowship and supposed final triumphs of the same, is a delusive hope, a dangerous condition, a ruinous precedent, and deserves bitter denunciation from every pulpit.

True, one may go on and be saved and wish baptism in the last hour of his wicked life, but does not everything prove that this is an extreme case, and savors of bold and insulting presumption?

Sometimes we hear of families having some very sudden and sad bereavement, as a result of some unexpected accident, and all immediately, from least to greatest, joining some church maybe forty miles from their home, where a more distinguished gentleman preaches and where a more popular congregation worships. Such changes usually end in increased wickedness. With such a one "the last state is worse than the first." This is building upon the sand. To be lost and not know it is sad indeed. To think one is saved when he is lost is like bolting the door before him and thus obstructing his way. Somebody will certainly have to answer for this confused condition

of things. He us each remember that "by the grace of God, I am what I am," and then believe and live and sing, "Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe."

A. C. SWINDALL.

Alabama Central College.

New students continue to come. It is very important that those who expect to enter this institution after Christmas write the president at once. There is room for only a few more. This notice is given that every one may be certain, before leaving home, that she will find room.

B. F. GILES.

All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.—Abraham Lincoln.

The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother.

I would desire for a friend the son who never resisted the tears of his mother.—Lacrety.

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices begin by enlisting the mothers.—C. Simmons.

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MONTGOMERY, DEC. 20, 1900.

EDITORIAL.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse our State organ, THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, and earnestly recommend it to our people.—Resolution adopted by the Baptist State Convention at Gadsden, Nov. 10, 1899.

It has been a custom with the ALABAMA BAPTIST, adopted at its beginning, to print no paper during Christmas week. The faithful employees deserve some rest, and hence our next issue will appear January 3d, 1901.

Now is the time to show faith and courage. God is working out his plans for the salvation of the world. Let no one because of troubles in China become faint-hearted and faithless. A better day is coming. Let us be ready for it.

BRETHREN, sisters, we have given an order this day (18th) for a new dress for the ALABAMA BAPTIST. It is a heavy expense. We need every cent that is due us, and unless you remit at once we will be greatly pressed. We urge and appeal to you to send in your renewals at the very earliest moment. Will you do it?

To commence when you begin and quit when you finish, are rare gifts in a public speaker, and especially in a preacher. The First Baptist church in Montgomery has just such a man filling its pulpit. Rev. Dr. Charles A. Stakely is peculiarly gifted in this line; when he begins, he starts, and when he ends, he quits. Our people are always eager for him to go on when he closes. No one gets tired. Try it, brother, and see how charmingly it works.

The faithful features of the most who, if their energies were directed

To our many friends, in and out of the State, who have written us letters of condolence on the death of our dear child, we desire to say that we feel grateful for your sympathy. It fills our hearts with greater love for and higher affection of that human sympathy which goes out from a tender heart to the grief-stricken. The great sorrow that overshadows at the loss of a loved one must be experienced to be known. But it is well. Some day we shall know that it is all for the best. We can't understand it now, but we will understand in the sweet bye-and-bye.

HON. H. CLAY ARMSTRONG, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Alabama, died suddenly of heart failure, at his home in Auburn, Monday night at 9 o'clock. He left the city of Montgomery in his usual good health at 6:20 p. m., and in three hours was dead. A good man has gone. He possessed many noble traits of character and shining virtues. He has filled many offices of profit and trust, and has been Grand Secretary for five or six years. The Brotherhood all over the State, as well as his numerous friends, will mourn his death. Our sympathy goes out to his devoted wife and children.

THE beginning of the 20th century will find our Baptist hosts in the best condition in their history for active service. Unity and co-operation are more general among us than at any period hitherto. There are no discords and contentions; no entangling alliances; no sectional strife; no political harassments; absolutely nothing to clog the wheels of Zion. The way is clear for greater and better work in the Lord's vineyard. Let us avail ourselves of these inviting

conditions, close in with the offered terms of progress and success, and go forth in 1901, conquering and to conquer, Jesus of Nazareth being our Leader.

THE Christmas holidays are too often given over to sinful indulgences. Parents enter into the hilarity and worldly pleasures with their children, and gross violations of the moral law is the result. While we would not enter the least objection to sinless pleasures and engagements, yet we must give a word of caution to parents and church members to be careful, prudent and watchful, and do nothing, or allow nothing to be done, that will bring reproach or shame on the Master's cause. Enjoy the communion of friends, certainly; but there is that communion, that pleasure, which elevates, refines, and doth the soul good—this do, and the Lord be with you.

PRESENT STATUS OF PROHIBITION.

Few persons stop to reflect upon the immense good wrought throughout the world within the last quarter century by prohibition. It is only by comparing the present condition with past periods that we can estimate the tremendous change that has been produced. The time was in this State, and that not so many decades ago, when a grog shop stood at every cross road. How is it now? The grog shop is gone, and the school house and church have come. The country regions have been cleansed of these cesspools of vice and crime, and the gentler and refining influences have come to prevail. Driven from the country cross roads, the grog shop fell back upon the towns. But the prohibitionists faltered not. Pressing hard upon the heels of this baneful institution, it was routed from the towns and driven into the cities. Here are its strongholds today in almost every State in the South. Here it is to

tionists are not yet content. They are active in besieging the enemy in his last retreat. They are aware of his strength. They know how city combines with city in the maintenance of this traffic. But they desist not. Every time they can strike a blow they do so. Every time they can harass the enemy they fail not to avail themselves of the opportunity.

It is true that the laws are disobeyed in certain quarters. Men smuggle liquor in small quantities and deal it out in fractional drain. "Blind tigers" sometimes exist. It were better if this could not be, just as it would be better if men would stop violating the law against stealing, gambling and killing; but, to say the least of it, "blind tigers" that lurk in out-of-the-way places are an immense improvement upon the brazen doggerly that claims to be a respectable place of business. The stamp of condemnation has been put upon the whiskey traffic, it has been made disreputable, it has been driven into the last ditch, and this, at least, is very encouraging.

PASSING OF THE OLD YEAR.

Before another issue of this paper is sent out from the office, the year 1900 will have closed, and its results will have passed into history. Time and space would fail should we attempt to outline the achievements in science, art, literature and religion. It has been an eventful year, and yet no wonderful performance in any of the departments of human or political life have been enacted. While it is true that there has been some disturbances in China and the Transvaal, yet neither of these have demonstrated and brought to the front any special generalship, statesmanship or diplomacy.

When we consider the fact that

the Chinese of a secret organization, affected nearly all the great is strange beyond to great thinker has solve the problem settlement. Can it world is wanting in aster mind, that can grasp the situation trouble on the basis ht and justice? Or there are too many at work on the prob- ealousies have arisen ce is obscured and law disregarded? matter? Is it pos- are approaching the conflict, and are very threshold of a national war? Fear- predict or prophesy our readers to study during the Christmas solve the question. all to the Old Year is arewell. And why? ooking over our past, d to come up to the of duty—duty to God, full measure, duty to our fellow- thoughts as these are ht with sadness and respect overcast with shadows.

This Old Year will go out, leaving many a sad and desolate home; and bleeding heart? and chair; many have been the tears shed; many the words uttered; many the deep pangs of sorrow, and yet must needs be. In all these things comfort and joy, when this there is for our good, and God doeth all things well.

Let us say, as tenderly as we can, "Good-bye, Old Year, thy history is 'written'; thou art gone, and what has been done." If we have been remiss in prayerful supplication, our dear Lord to

transgressions, our iniquities, our iniquities, our iniquities, we will strive with resolution, God being our helper, that we may do our whole duty to do our whole duty, that we may hear from the Master's lips, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

FIELD NOTES.

Convention Minutes can be had by enclosing a two-cent stamp.

J. D. Upshaw's post-office is Goodwater, Ala. Correspondents will take notice.

The Baptist church building, at Union Grove, in the county, have decided to erect a new church building.

Correspondent's office of Rev. W. G. Gregory is changed from Goldsboro to

Rev. G. Gregory's post-office is in Goodwater, Ala. His church working order.

Don't forget to remember on Christmas. Send your pastor a slight token of appreciation.

L. White has moved from Northport to Northport. Respondents are requested to take charge at that point.

Bro. I. N. Daggston, of Nantux, Ala., sends us two renewals, for as our thanks, and closes us: "I am getting down with my note to my friend."

The kind word who recent five sermons home on a

On next Sunday Rev. L. M. Bradley, of Greenville, will assist Porter in the ordination at Ft. Deposit. Maj. Harris will conduct service at 10 o'clock Sunday at

Don't forget your pastor on Christmas. Be sure and send him something in token of your love and esteem. You must not wait for others to do this—it is an individual, personal matter. However small the gift may be, let it be something.

Writing from Carbon Hill, a correspondent of the Mountain Eagle says: "The Missionary Baptist church at this place has called Rev. J. I. McCollum for another year and he has accepted. Rev. McCollum is a faithful servant of the Lord and will do all the good he can."

The LaFayette Sun says a good word for Rev. J. P. Hunter, thus: "Brother Hunter is a successful preacher and is deservedly popular with his people. He has recently given up the pastorate of Farmville and Waverly churches which he has served for ten and eight years respectively."

G. W. Freeman, Trio: Have had protracted meetings; all very good. Am getting my members to read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. I enjoy the paper. Brethren, let us be prompt in sending money to Bro. Stewart. We have nearly all of ours ready and will send to him in a few days.

A correspondent at Moundville of the Greensboro Watchman says: "The Baptists of this place are expecting Mr. Hunter, a minister from Tuskaalooza; to help in their meeting." Maybe you are wrong. Avondale or LaFayette must be the place from which the "Hunter" comes.

The Sunday schools are asked one more little pull for Alabama City church building. We printed the picture two weeks ago. They need \$300 besides the \$200 they are trying to raise themselves to complete the building. Monday, January 7th, is the time Brother Crumpton has fixed for the money to be sent in.

Rev. C. L. Chilton, of Greensboro, whom a great many of our readers know, issues a letter to the people of Alabama. He believes that this is the opportunity for the Baptist and Methodist preachers and denominations to bestir themselves, and have prohibition put into the constitution when the constitutional convention is held. He believes "we can carry the measure successfully," and "if we will fight we can win."

The preachers in seven churches at Huntsville by previous arrangement, delivered sermons Sunday on the evils of intemperance and urged the enforcement of municipal laws, and the strict Sunday closing of saloons. Large congregations were at every church.—Gurley Herald. And why not preach against open saloons on Sundays in Montgomery and elsewhere? All the people ought not to be fooled all the time.

Jas. W. Kramer, Brewton: I have just closed a gracious meeting with my church, doing all the preaching myself. The church seems to have been revived; there were 26 additions. The Universalist State Convention is in session here. There are six preachers in attendance. I hope the Baptists will have more than that number here next November. I believe this is the strongest Universalist church in the South. I mean the one here.

J. W. Willis, Ensley: Please change my address to Ensley from Auburn. I have been here two weeks as pastor, and am delighted with both church and town. The people are exceedingly cordial, and have given me a hearty reception. The new church house is by far the best in Ensley; it is roomy, comfortable and attractive, and the people are coming to hear me preach. Everything is flourishing and our prospects are bright for even better things.

Miss Willie H. Kelly, McKinley: Mine has been a joyous home-coming in many respects, seeing my own loved ones, clasping hands with old friends, meeting and making new ones, and receiving such numbers of letters welcoming me back to the home-land; but it has been sad, too, very sad. The day I reached McKinley, Fannie Hollis Ogletree, a young mother of only twenty-six summers, was called away, and the first place I went after reaching the old home, was to attend her funeral. In about

ten days Richard Council Wooten, a young husband of twenty odd years, was suddenly snatched away, and last Tuesday morning at Howard College, Brasfield J. Perkins was called to come up higher. Just two months before he had written a beautiful letter to his father saying he had re-dedicated his young life to Christ and was ready to preach the gospel either here or in China, just as God wanted him. God comfort the bereaved parents who have lost three sons just as they were entering manhood. In six short weeks he has taken three of McKinley's young people unto Himself. Father, comfort those who mourn.

On last Sabbath the superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school appointed Misses Bettie McCoy, Lula Hermoine Cunninghame and Aileen Glass as a committee to get up a Christmas offering for the orphans at Evergreen. These little girls will call on all of our town people, and we feel assured that none will turn them away empty-handed.—Linden Reporter. Good. Give the young folks such work and it will keep them posted in regard to denominational work. Always give the boys and girls a chance.

Rev. Wm. E. Fendley, Alameda: Please allow me to state, through the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, to the brotherhood at large, that after a careful and prayerful consideration of the matter, I hereby give notice to the Baptists of Alabama and to the brotherhood at large, that my connection and relationship as held with you heretofore has ceased. I tender my sincere thanks to all who have stood by and helped me. My prayers shall ever be with you. This action is brought about by certain matters which I shall not mention here. In sentiment I shall ever be a Baptist and lend them my assistance.

H. C. Risner, Roanoke: On last Sunday-night Bro. W. J. D. Upshaw preached for us, to the delight and edification of all present. It was the last sermon for Brother Upshaw until he begins his labors with the brethren at Goodwater, Calera, Childersburg and Alpine churches. Bro. Upshaw leaves a host of friends in Roanoke and the surrounding country; he also leaves

a godly record as a pastor and minister. I have followed in his steps and am prepared to speak. The churches to which he goes to serve are to be congratulated on receiving such a godly pastor. As we all bid him good-bye, we pledge our love and prayers for him and family. They deserve all we can give.

M. B. Wharton, Eufaula: When the brethren do well in the matter of giving, it is proper I think to mention it so as to "provoke others to good works." I have been here but little over three months, and over and above the pastor's salary, which has been promptly paid, we have raised \$660 21 in cash for benevolent purposes as follows: Missions, \$250; Texas sufferers, \$176 76; Dr. Hawthorne's church, \$77 45; Howard College, \$50 00, to redeem pledges; Orphanage, \$150 to redeem pledges, and \$15 for a country church. The collection yesterday of \$150 for the Orphanage was a delight to all, for there is no subject that so touches the hearts of the people. We are now arranging for a merry Christmas for the Sunday school.

An exchange says that the organization of an "Empty Stocking Club" in Baltimore which has for its object "the supplying of gifts at Christmas to many hundreds of children, who without this or some similar charitable agency, would have empty stockings the morning after Santa Claus makes his annual visit," is a beautiful idea. In this we heartily concur; and at the same time, while not desiring to doubt the veracity of the average boy when questioned as to the visit of Santa Claus (when coupled with the possibility of a second full stocking,) where is the boy (the average boy) that would refuse recognition at the hands of the charitably inclined? Charity is good, but safe-guarders are essential at all times.

"Rusticus," writing from Uchee to the Russell Register, says that "the people are still alive, and are looking forward to a gay time during Christmas. The young people will present their play on Friday

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night, December 27. It promises to be the best play ever presented by our local amateurs. The play will last two hours, after which Mr. A. J. Smith will turn over his house to the young people in which they may dance or enjoy themselves as they like. Admission to the play will be, for adults, 25 cents, and for children 15 cents. The proceeds will be contributed to the church. What church, if you please? The "play," the "dance," the "admission," the "church." Isn't that a mixture? "Be ye separate."

In an earnest appeal by Wm. Edmonds, president of the Sumter county Sunday school association, the following statistics are given: "We have in our dear old home county 5,655 souls. In schools 1,611, out of schools 4,044. White church members 1,650. White church members in schools 588. White church members out of schools 1,070." Then he asks what are to become of the 4,000 souls if the Christians do not bestir themselves, and urges that all agree "to win many souls for Christ before the next county convention, and also to double the enrollment in the Sunday schools. God will grant the blessing if we will show by our prayers, earnestness and work, that we are in real earnest about his work."

Jno. P. Shaffer, Camp Hill; Gen. Mike J. Bulger breathed his last on earth at 6 a. m., Dec. 14th, at the residence of his son, Col. T. L. Bulger, Dadeville, Ala. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the Baptist church in Dadeville; there, by Gen. Bulger's direction, the corpse was delivered to the Commander of Camp Croff Kimbal, and was interred in the City Cemetery, Dec. 15th. Gen. Bulger was about one hundred years old, and was a distinguished citizen, brave soldier and able commander. He was a man of rare intellectual ability; possessed of wonderful will power and native force of character. Gen. Bulger was perhaps the oldest soldier and officer of the Confederate army in Alabama. His death was not the result of any special illness, but of old age.

The fifth Sunday meeting of Bethel Association will be held at Thomasville, Dec. 28-30, 1900.

W. H. DeWitt, Saturday, 9:30 a. m., devotional exercises. 10 a. m., lecture by Eld. G. W. Webb; subject, "A century of denominational growth." 11:00 a. m., lecture by Eld. I. N. Langston; subject, "A century of missionary development in the denomination." 1:30 p. m., devotional exercises. 2:00 p. m., lecture by Eld. W. V. Vice; subject, "What should be the special aims of the denomination for the coming century?" 3:00 p. m., lecture by deacon J. B. Perkins; subject, "The leadership and responsibility of pastors in this work." 7:00 p. m., sermon by Eld. L. C. DeWitt, Sunday, 10:00 a. m., lecture by Eld. J. Lee Tucker; subject, "The Sunday school work in denominational development." 11:00 a. m., sermon by Eld. I. N. Langston; 7:00 p. m., sermon by Eld. W. V. Vice.—J. W. Sandlin, Pastor.

W. L. Davis, chairman: The following is the program of the 5th Sunday meeting, to be held with the Baptist church of Christ at Luverne, Ala.: Friday, Dec. 28, 7 p. m., sermon by Eld. D. M. Eiland. Saturday, 9:30 a. m., devotional exercises by Wm. Brunson. Query 1st: "Will the heathen be saved without the gospel?" Spoken to by Elds. C. L. Eiland and R. H. Folmar, and B. M. Williamson. 10:30 a. m., essay by Miss Minnie Jordan. 11, sermon by W. A. Cumbie. 12 to 2 p. m. Dinner hour. 2, devotional exercises, by I. L. Mills, sr. Query 2nd: "Does the atonement of Christ make it possible for all men to be saved?" Speakers, Eld. R. H. Folmar, Eld. — Burks, M. W. Rushton and J. R. Jordan. Saturday, 7 p. m., sermon by Eld. C. L. Garrett. Sunday, 9, devotional exercises by J. M. Whatley. Sunday School mass meeting. Any brother can speak. 10:30, essay by Miss Mary J. Horn. 11, sermon by Eld. C. L. Eiland. Adjournment and dinner.

"The Striplin bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in Alabama met its fate in the Senate today,"

writes the correspondent of the Birmingham Age-Herald. "The bill passed the lower house by a two-thirds vote, and its friends confidently believed that it would pass the senate. The bill was called from the calendar today and a third reading was asked for. A motion was made to commit the measure to the judiciary committee, and the motion prevailed. A canvass of the judiciary committee reveals the fact that the bill will never get out of the committee." Why cannot the friends of the measure get the bill out? We have known many good bills that were pigeon-holed, but the friends of the bills "smoked" them out. Temperance bills, and cock-pit bills, and Sunday freight bills, and racing and gambling bills are usually pigeon-holed in committee rooms unless friends of the measures keep up with them. Force the cigarette bill out and have it passed.

Mrs. Martha Foster Crawford and sister, Mrs. Glenn Montgomery, of Starkville, Miss., arrived yesterday afternoon and are guests of Mrs. Maria B. Foster. Mrs. Crawford is remembered as a noted missionary to China, who went from this county in early youth and has devoted her life to this great work. This is the third visit back home, she having been here seventeen years ago. Her first visit was forty years before that. Her visit home at this time is due to the trouble in China. Mrs. Crawford was stationed at Tia Foo, quite a distance from Chee Foo, but the missionaries got away safely before the Boxers caused any trouble in their neighborhood. The night they left Chee Foo for Shanghai they were to have been attacked and some of the missionaries who left later were attacked in their boats. Mrs. Crawford suffered no harm, however, and she is looking remarkably well. She is very cordially welcomed to Tuskalooosa and her many friends and relatives trust her visit will be an extended one.—Tuskalooosa Gazette.

A. J. Preston, Prattville: We have just closed a glorious meeting with Prattville Baptist church, in which Rev. J. V. Dickinson did the preaching. We kept no account of the number of professions, but I suppose there were not less than seventy-five. Twenty-nine obeyed Christ in baptism, and fourteen were received by letter, making a total of forty-three accessions, as a visible result of the meeting. Bro. Dickinson possesses the happy faculty of being able to adapt himself to the taste and predilections of his congregation. He is willing to supplement the ordinary services of the church by making them more frequent, and putting into them the attractiveness of new illustrations of gospel truth. He is a "Spirit-filled man," or as I prefer to say, a man full of wisdom and of the Holy Ghost, and he carries with him the unction of his own spirituality. He wins the hearts of the people, not so much to himself as to Christ. He does not hide the cross behind himself, but he seeks to hide himself behind the cross. He does not exalt himself above the pastor as the preacher of a better or more practical gospel; but he presents the glorious gospel of the blessed Son of God, clearly, plainly, affectionately, and faithfully, relying absolutely on the Holy Spirit to make that gospel the power of God unto salvation.

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LEADING.

By J. H. Rogers, Watertown, N. Y.

How wilt Thou lead? I cannot tell.
I only know it will be well:
The path Thou pointest out to me,
Its windings though I cannot see,
Yet it will end, I surely know
In good, in God Himself, and so
I do not fear the hidden path,
The darkness way that surely hath
The lurking snare, relentless foe;
But I shall onward, trusting go.
My safety is His glory, too,
For all my life to worldly view
Do open lie. His word is passed,
It must be sure. He holds me fast,
I must endure; for on His arm
I daily lean, no foe can harm;
Because it must touch first my God.
If I should stray, then take Thy rod
And turn me back. Thou wilt chastise
Each child of Thine in love. Thine eyes
See each misstep. Thou'lt punish not
In anger, but in love. Each spot
Of sin remove; make clear my way
To serve aright, that day by day,
As I shall travel on, may those
I love all seek the true repose
Of rest in Thee. The road so straight
All tread alike, while ages wait
Thy word, I tread unflinching forth,
That they may see the real worth
Of humble, trusting, Christian faith,
That triumphs over sin and death.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Mumps—the Snow Man.

BY J. H. ROGERS, WATERTOWN, N. Y.

Harry and Lucy had the mumps;
their heads were banded up in
scarlet flannel, because grandma,
with whom they lived, considered
scarlet better than any other color.
Harry was wrapped in a red shawl
and Lucy in a blue one, as further
protection from the cold.
The odd-looking little bundles
sat in arm chairs on either side of
the fireplace, trying to be patient,
because grandpa had had one of his
bad attacks in the night, and
grandma was tired.
"O dear," said Harry, holding
his head, "the mumps are the
meanest, silliest things."
"Do they hurt much?" asked
Lucy, with sympathy.

"Hurt!" called Harry, impatiently.
"Hurt! I should say so;
and I'm so hot; I'm going to take
these old red things off!" He began
to jerk at them.

"O don't! Harry, don't; grandpa
said not to; and don't you remember
what happened to Uncle
Ned?"

"No, what happened to Uncle
Ned? Did he have the mumps?"
asked Harry, with interest. Uncle
Ned was his hero, the soldier
uncle, who was far over the seas
fighting for his country.

"I remembered it this morning
before breakfast," answered Lucy.
"He told me one time before he
went away that when he was a little
boy he had the mumps; while
grandma was down stairs he got
very warm, and though grandma
had told him to keep away from
this window and not uncover his
head, he took the flannel off and
opened the window."

"Did it hurt him?"
"Yes indeed, he nearly died,
and he suffered great pain. He
said he always obeyed grandma
after that."

"Yes," said Harry, drawing
nearer the fire. "He always asks
grandma's advice. He says she is
the cleverest and the best woman
in the world."

A pause followed, and then—
"O say! what day is today,
Lucy?"

"I forget! oh, I know, it's Saturday."

"Saturday! O dear," with a
sigh, "the snow's splendid; the
boys will go tobogganing today."

"Up on Maple Hill?"
"Yes, of course," answered Harry,
crossly, "did you think it was
on the pig pen?"

Lucy sighed. "We can't make
our snow man, either," said she.
She was a gentle little girl, and
the mumps hurt her also, but Harry
forgot that sometimes; when he
heard her sigh, he felt ashamed of
his crossness, and then he remembered
Sunday's golden text: "Bear
ye one another's burdens, and so
fulfill the law of Christ." He
was very fond and very proud of
his little sister, but sometimes he

did not show it in his treatment of
her.

"Does it hurt, dear?" he asked
her.
"It's pretty bad, Harry; I guess
I'll lie down on the couch for a
while."

So Harry arranged the pillows
and rugs and warmed a piece of
flannel for her face; in a little
while she was sound asleep. Harry
had a lonely time for the remainder
of the morning.

About one o'clock a merry band
of boys and girls, warmly dressed,
dragging toboggans behind them,
came along the street.

"Isn't it too bad that Harry
Duff has the mumps? He can't steer
the best of any one I know," said
Frank Eaton.

"Yes; Lucy is sick, too," said
Maggie Dunn, "their grandma
says they are very patient, especially
Lucy."

"It's pretty hard to stay indoors
this beautiful day, isn't it?" from
rosy-cheeked Nannie Reid; they
looked about on the beautiful white
hills, fields and trees which a
slight thaw, followed by a keen
frost, had made to shine and
sparkle in the sun like millions of
fairies in brilliant dresses and with
bright eyes, dancing on a white
cloud.

"There they are," called Jack
Smith, pointing to the window,
"let's make them a call." He ran
up to the window, followed by the
others.

"We're very sorry." "Does it
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"Sometimes; we're better just
now, though," called Harry.

"We'd like to have you and Lucy
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"Sorry to deny you the pleasure,"
said Harry; "made a snow
man yet?"

"No; been on the hill all day."

"Going there now?"

"Yes."

"Lucy and I had planned to
make a man this morning if there
was enough snow; it's such fun
making a snow-man," said Harry,
longingly, as he looked at the heaps
of snow.

"Jack," whispered his little sister
May, who, with the other girls
had been talking with Lucy, "Lucy
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fall what a nice snow-man they'd
make; let's stay and make them
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text to 'Bear one another's burdens,'"
said May, wistfully.

Jack turned away without answering,
but he must have had better
second thoughts, for while the
others talked and laughed he
gathered a quantity of snow in his
hands, then pressing it and turning
it, and continually adding to it
from the soft snow under the crust
he soon had a space on which to
roll it; May, who had noticed
him, also went to work, and the
others, one by one, fell to making
and rolling ever-growing balls of
snow over the lawn and the field
outside; then the bigger boys,
pressing the balls together in proper
shape, made a man, Harry and
Lucy looking on with delight.

Ben Bruce brought two long icicles,
which he found hanging from
the eaves of the woodshed, and
stuck them in for arms; they stuck
straight out on either side.

"He's going swimming," shouted
Harry, laughing. He was patted
on all sides, and then water was
poured all over him to make him
freeze solid.

Minnie and Rosy Horton ran
home, returning with an old red
shawl out of the ragbag. "Mamma
gave us this," they cried.

"Hurrah," shouted the boys.

"We'll make a Mumpsy of him,"
called Harry, laughing.

"Alright," they answered him.

So they put ravellings on to mark
the lips; then a three cornered piece
for the nose, patches for cheeks,
and a piece was used to cover the
head, and the large piece to envelop
the shoulders, with the arms
still standing out.

"He's splendid," called Harry
and Lucy.

"Wait! he isn't finished," called
back Jack, who took some ends
of hempen rope from his pocket,
ravelling them from one end almost
to the other, he put them on
in bunches around the face until he
had a very bushy stock of hair hanging
from under the red muffler, and
thick whiskers and long flowing
beard; he made a long wide mus-
tache, through which the red lips

peeped as though they smiled.

They all stood back to admire;
in the upstairs window, and there were
grandma laughing

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2 00	2 30	11 25	6 17
	3 01	11 55	4 40
	4 50	1 45	5 45
	6 00	3 05	5 16
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Ar. New Orleans.....	9 00	9 35	10 15pm
Lv. Mobile.....	7 40am	8 30pm	
Ar. Montgomery.....	3 15	4 31	

STATIONS.	39	37	35
Lv. Montgomery.....	9 35pm	11 22am	
Ar. Montgomery.....	7 15pm	9 20pm	11 00am
Ar. Opelika.....	4 56	7 40	9 03
Lv. Opelika.....	2 45pm	8 05am	
Ar. Columbus.....	7 45	7 55	
Lv. Opelika.....	4 53pm	7 37pm	9 00am
Ar. West Point.....	4 07	6 55	8 10
Lv. LaGrange.....	3 53	6 5	7 47

STATIONS.	39	37	35
Lv. Newnan.....	2 27	5 26	6 40
Ar. Atlanta.....	1 00	3 45	5 25
Lv. Charlotte.....	3 55pm	5 10am	
Ar. Danville.....	9 35am	10 15pm	
Ar. Richmond.....	5 50	6 02	
Lv. Washington.....	11 00pm	12 01pm	
Lv. New York.....	10 45pm	11 15am	
Ar. Atlanta.....	4 30	12 15am	
Lv. Cincinnati.....	11 50am	5 00am	
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Lv. Atlanta.....	7 25am	7 35pm	5 05am
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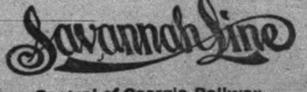


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ALABAMA NEWS AND NOTES.

Tuskegee is to have a dispensary after the first of next July.

Rev. Sam P. Jones will conduct a meeting in Anniston in March or April next.

Seale, in Russell county, had a dispensary last year, but by a vote on the question lately by the voters of the town, there will be none next year.

The general revenue bill passed by the legislature gives \$550,000 annually for three years to the public schools. This is an increase of \$100,000 per year.

The candidates announced for the constitutional convention from Lauderdale county are: Messrs. Jno. T. Ashcraft, Emmet O'Neal and Jno. B. Weakly.

Thomas H. Watts, E. A. Graham, Tennent Lomax, W. S. Thorington and Gordon Macdonald, of Montgomery county, are being urged for the constitutional convention.

It has been definitely ascertained that the Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company will commence work on the erection of a \$1,000,000 steel mill in or near Birmingham in the next six months.

A spirited fight was aroused in the legislature on the bill to change the court house and county site from Daphne to Bay Minette, Baldwin county. The bill has not yet passed the senate.

Judge D. A. Greene was elected last week by the legislature to fill the position of associate judge for the Jefferson county criminal court, an office recently created by the general assembly.

Lucy, with sympathy, called Harry School, a tinently, by I should get, and I'm go of the legis- these \$1,000,000 paid before to jersh 1, 1902, and \$5,000 by the school.

collections of \$500 for a Meth- church building at Galveston, Ned", and \$1,200 to build a Meth- college in China, was the Ned? he North Alabama confer- asked F. Decatur went after the Ned books of those present.

cle, whether of citizens are going fighting from Monroe county. "I re-," says a correspondent before he "to lose good, honest He told me one before us citizens of either color. It seems hard after our people have fought it out through four cent cotton and the mortgage, to break up and leave the 'old home'."

Acting Governor Jelks vetoed a joint resolution raising a committee to visit and report upon the condition of the sixteen Normal and Agricultural schools in the State during the recess. He said that he always obeyed grandpa after that."

"Yes," said Harry, drawing nearer the fire. "He always asks grandpa's advice. He says she is the 'cleverest and the best woman in the world.'"

a potato that was in another section of the State, who said that her brother had raised one that weighed eleven pounds, when cooked supplied the fam- sigh, "the two meals. Another ex- boys will go tobogganing. makes the "Up on Maple Hill?" "ed the fam-

"Yes, of course," answered Harry, crossly, "did you think it was on the pig pen?"

Lucy sighed. "We can't m for our snow man, either," said She was a gentle little girl, the mumps hurt her also, but I ad- ry forgot that sometimes; whe- enty- heard her sigh, he felt ashamed boro his crossness, and then he r- section bered Sunday's golden tex- cotton ys one another's burdens, to five fulfill the law of Christ. in the was very fond and very proa per his little sister, but sometimes a

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Let it be understood that our work in Central and South China has not ceased. The women and children have been sent to places of safety, but the men are at their posts, where that is possible. Since the troubles began nine baptisms have been reported in Shanghai and two in Hong Kong. Remember, too, that the expenses of those who are refugees on the coast in Japan, as is the case with most of our North China missionaries, will be greater than at their stations. Breaking up house-keeping, lodging in cities like Shanghai, Maco, and Hong Kong costs a good deal besides the expenses of passage. Then, this is no time to relax in the least our efforts. On the contrary, let us push forward.

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OBITUARY. In Memoriam. On Friday before the 2nd Sunday in November, Sister Emma Green, aged 18 years, while going about her domestic duties, caught on fire, and was so badly burned that death came as relief in 24 hours. Thus, in the morning of her young life, this sister leaves behind a sorrowing family and many dear friends to mourn a loss to us here, but to her an eternal gain. The writer had the pleasure to baptize this dear girl into the fellowship of Milltown church, with 21 other happy persons, on a precious Sunday evening, 3d Sunday in August, last. Her pastor, C. J. BENTLEY.

Whereas, on the evening of November 2nd, 1901, the angel of death entered our midst and bore away the spirit of our sister, Mrs. Anna A. Park, and Whereas, she was one of our charter members, and for several years an active and always an interested worker, be it therefore Resolved, That we, the Baptist Ladies Aid Society, bear long testimony to her true worth, devotion to duty and unswerving integrity.

Resolved, That we cherish the memory of her patient and fortitude during her last long illness, and that we rejoice in her Christian resignation and bright hope of the future life.

Resolved, That we proffer our sincere sympathy to the members of the bereaved family in this season of affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be sent to the family of our deceased sister, The Daily Messenger and ALABAMA BAPTIST to be furnished a copy for publication. Mrs. L. H. HUBBARD, Mrs. J. P. HUBBARD, Committee.

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Life is made up of night and day, and it is ever daylight, for night is but the shadow of the earth. The sunshine of joy would be eternal in us but for the shadow of our earthliness. It is God's will that our fleshy bodies be replaced with celestial forms; when this is done, the shadows of sorrow will be seen no more, for there will be no dull, opaque cloudiness to obscure the light.

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