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Howard College and the Work Before Her.

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In making these suggestions, I shall shelter myself under the modest saying of the great Lord Bacon, while propounding his philosophy, the philosophy of fact, that turned the world upside down: So has thought Francis Bacon.

The exploit of paying off the debt that awhile ago hung over the college was nothing wonderful for one hundred and twenty thousand Baptists; the wonderful thing in the matter was, that a few men of force found out and engaged the interest, amid the general indifference, of a few liberal spirits who assumed the debt, and deserved the applause credited to the many. It were nothing wonderful if a hundred and thirty or forty thousand Baptists should meet the proposition of Mr. Rockefeller in raising an endowment of fifty thousand dollars or more. It must be done. Not a great while ago Wake Forest, Columbian College, Mercer University and others were confronted by difficulties far greater than those that confront our Howard with her good buildings, valuable property, and prospect of being embraced at no distant day within the limits of Greater Birmingham, the city of the future in the interior South.

Meanwhile it is not merely such advantages as these to which we are to look for success. Quite as much depends on the work done in the college. The most distinguished professor I ever attended, retained in his place perhaps for his great learning, prodigious genius, and the object-lesson presented before his classes by his person, was worth little as an instructor. He was greatly surpassed in this respect by another, a young West Pointer. Indeed the best work done even in our great universities is often done by men who have a reputation to make, and who on that account, as a veteran educator once said to me, "Work like beavers." I mean no hint to Howard professors; I am not sufficiently acquainted with the work being done there, if I were competent, to criticize or commend. I only know that, with rare exceptions, the graduates of the Howard are a success wherever they go. Their success invites comparison. Somebody must have been doing effective work.

My ideal of a college is William College, Massachusetts, where the most thorough work for well nigh a century has been done, I believe, on the continent, thanks to the wisdom of such men as her great presidents Griffin and Hopkins. Her ambition has not been to make herself a university but a great college—thoroughness is her motto. That is what in the long run secures success.

About the two best English scholars, the most correct writers and speakers among our Alabama preachers, never entered a college. I have conversed with both of them. Upon asking one of them the secret of his mastery of pure English, he replied, "It was correctly taught." I make no doubt that Prof. Robertson, of the Seminary, would prefer a mastery of the forms of Greek Grammar in his pupils, to a capacity to render fluently though loosely Herodotus or Xenophon.

If anybody insists on larger attendance at our colleges, it is to be remembered that there are not enough boys in the State prepared for college, to fill up the many institutions authorized to confer degrees.

"Covetousness" or "Contrariness," Which?

In my notes about Dr. Gambrell's shooting the deacons, I wrote that "covetousness" was one of our great sins, but the printer made me say "contrariness." Maybe that is one of our greatest sins—possibly it is a sin peculiar to deacons; but "covetousness" is what I wrote. The Bible classes it along with murder.

W. B. C.

Notes from Bro. Crumpton.

Having been forced to spend much time of late in this region I send you some

BIRMINGHAM NOTES.

Talking with Pastor Dickinson, I found him laying his plans for the future for the great church of which he is pastor.

The First church is the old mother church and much interest is centered about it. Visions of a \$50,000 building are in the mind of the new pastor. His people are able to build and they began, on Thanksgiving day, a movement looking to that end. The pastor will insist that his people shall not lose sight of missions while they are engaged in the work of building.

The South Side pastor is to have an assistant in his work. Bro. Sam Bennett has been chosen for the place and will lay hold at once. The church has an important mission at the Rolling Mills, where they have erected a neat chapel and have employed three young ladies who work among the people in that section, teaching a large class in Kindergarten. These two churches have the means and ought to become a great force in this section of the State.

I have encouraging reports from Bro. Watson at Pratt City.

Pastor Willis, I presume, is doing well at Ensley, the most rapidly growing town in Alabama. From both of these churches I have received, right lately, contributions for missions.

The East Lake and Woodlawn churches are probably the best organized in the district. Pastors Shellen and Blackwelder ought to let us know how it is done.

Bro. Brown, the missionary in the Association, has done a marvelous work. He is now pastor of Fountain Springs, and is doing a great work the other half of his mission work. He has organized a Church Extension Society, and through it has built in the last two years several church buildings where they are greatly needed.

Brother M. M. Wood, the Convention's Statistical Secretary, has moved into Woodlawn, from which point he will serve churches.

I haven't met Bro. Woods of North Birmingham, who lately came from Clanton. He has an important field.

Bro. Bradley has taken vigorous hold at Avondale and is pleased with the outlook.

Our preacher boys at Howard College are quite an evangelistic force in this section. We have among them some very efficient preachers.

Bro. W. Y. Browning, at Irondale, has had a hard time with sickness, but the Lord has greatly blessed his labors, giving him a great revival, in which there were many conversions.

Of course I have heard some talk of the launching of a new Baptist paper. Some brethren think it a wise movement and some think otherwise. For my part I shall be very sorry if we are to have two papers in Alabama. No matter how well they behave towards each other there will be a tendency to division from the start and nobody can tell the results.

W. B. C.

Floralla Notes.

Dear Alabama Baptist:

Not seeing anything in our State organ from our little town since our new pastor took charge, I will write a short letter.

Rev. W. W. Faulkner, who is well known by the Baptists of the State, is now our pastor, and we are all proud of him and his family.

Our church is in very fair condition spiritually, and we hope to be financially able to do more for missions in the future than we have done in the past.

Mrs. Julia Price, nee Hughes, has moved with her husband, Rev. J. F. Price, to Andalusia. She was one of our best church workers; our loss will be a great gain to the Andalusia Baptist church.

Our town is soon to be under mu-

nicipal law. Next Monday we meet and elect officers. Mr. W. C. McLanchlin will be mayor, and we congratulate the town in making such a wise selection. We have nominated some of the best men, too, for aldermen, such as M. A. George, Sr., J. E. McRae, I. J. Going, J. N. McLean and the well-known Henry A. Hughes, all good men, consequently we fear no evil. We feel assured that we will not be troubled with the sale of whiskey, not even the dispensary, for we are much opposed to this law.

Our school, under the charge of Prof. J. E. Cheatham, is progressing nicely. Prof. C. is a staunch Baptist and a good Sunday-school and church worker.

We have a real nice, quiet town and hope to keep it so.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST is not read by our people as it should be. There will be some strong efforts made during the coming year to get our people interested in the paper.

God bless the paper and all concerned.

A MEMBER.

Floralla, Ala., Dec. 12.

A Little Catechism.

I hear that fault is found with the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publishing the monthly receipts of the State Board of Missions. This little catechism will throw some light on the subject maybe.

Question. Why publish those long rows of figures?

Answer. The State Convention ordered it.

Question. Does anybody read them? Yes, everybody who sends any money to the office.

Brother, you get in the habit of sending money regularly and you will be surprised to see how much more interesting the figures appear. Of course the churches never publish any money toward rather not have the figures published.

Question. Why are the reports so far behind; the September report comes out in December?

Answer. Sometimes the Secretary or his assistant neglects to get up the figures. It takes a lot of careful work. Sometimes the columns of the paper were so crowded the editor thought best not to print them for a week or two—and sometimes he neglected it for a month or two. I hope this will be satisfactory.

W. B. C.

From Bayou LaBatre.

Dear Bro. Harris:

I have just arrived in this beautiful part of the state. I am with brother Yates, one of our coming young preachers. He is doing well in his charges, Citronelle and this place. The people are devoted to him and he to them. Well, you know how it is with a north Alabama man when he comes down on the bay—just got to fish and hunt. On Saturday we brought in some trout. Will go today. I expect to kill a bear. They catch the sheep and even the cows here. Brother Yates will back out from the bear hunt. He says he would not get in ten miles of a bear if he could help it, but maybe we can persuade him to go with us. I can not write fully about this section—will write later on.

The Sunday school has about 25 children in it from Catholic families. We started a library for the school yesterday.

I came from Birmingham through the country. Besides organizing several Sunday schools, I placed 7 good libraries in localities, averaging \$10 per library.

I will cross the bay from Mobile to Daphne, thence to Atmore and to Pensacola, Fla.

Will write up my trip after awhile.

Atmore, Ala. will be my headquarters for awhile. Cordially yours,

G. E. MIZE.

The Baptists of East Florence have purchased the building adjoining Mr. D. R. Evans' home and the pastor will occupy same at an early date.—Florence Herald.

A River Baptism.

BY LIDA B. ROBERTSON.

One has to go away from home to have the cotaracts of "conceit" fall from one's eyes. In our confident discussions about reaching the masses, if we will but go ourselves among them we will find many things to emulate, and many things, which, laid down beside our city methods, make one wince with humiliating chagrin.

The consecrated primary-teacher (Mrs. Farr) at Lockfield church, sent me an urgent message to come to Canton to the baptizing! That fifty-three had been converted at their meeting.

So last Sunday morning, the 8th, the gentleman of the house, though a Presbyterian, kindly took me in his buggy. The mountains—snow-covered, the road—frozen, and the mud-puddles—thick ice, we drove swiftly over the four miles to Canton to the river spot, thence upon the rocky island. We remained in our buggy under the warm lap-ropes and awaited the coming of the crowd from the adjourned Sunday school. The mountains towering upward, white with snow; the quiet town on one side of the bank, and on the other the rhododendrons and leafless trees. Spanning the river above us the county's massive iron bridge, spanning it below us the still more massive railroad one, whose thread of track stands as a witness of that "headlight" which carries civilization and progress wheresoever it penetrates. The river, ice-cold and clear, splashed onward beside us, in hurrying, whirling speed, dashing itself against the rocks in noisy spree! As I looked upon it and imagined its temperature, I thought of the candidates and their "willing sacrifice" to enter it as a testimony for Christ. This forced upon me the contrast to the baptism in my home church, where ostensibly we have nine months' summer, and of the present pastor's demand: "A \$75 heater to warm its water. I also recalled as I watched the people assemble upon the bridge, what a pederapist man said to me: "You Baptists need not make such an ado about our reducing baptism to a 'bowl'—you have got it down to a big bath-tub—and warm-water at that!" I retorted: "How big a place does it require to bury a man?" He answered: "A grave his size." I said: "Why then should it require more water to bury a man symbolically, than earth in reality?"

Notwithstanding this defence it has been the regret of my life that I was not baptized in a stream. And have oft-times questioned if we Baptists have not yielded up to "convenience" the most potent impress of the ordinance; and that the original mode now practiced in the country districts is the answer to the fact: That country-raised Baptists are so much stauncher to the ordinance than city-raised ones?

We waited over an hour on the bank. Finally the Sunday school came, and the minister. He walked out on a little land-projection to the very water's edge and lifted up his voice, impressively distinct, and thanked the people for their patient waiting. Stating that desperate illness in his family caused his delinquency, and for awhile he thought he could not come at all. He then alluded beautifully to the chilly waters before them: That it resembled the chilly waters of death, through which all of us must pass, and through which the Son of God passed to redeem the world. His prayer was along the same line. The crowd stood in reverential silence. He walked in with three stalwart men candidates. They had to plunge their hands into the water and apply it to their faces to temper it to the body. The three stood side, by side, each coming out as he was baptized. He then led in a dear little girl who walked in as calmly as if she were picking flowers and was baptized in the ice-cold water.

The sun from the intense blue sky glowed down upon everything like

God's everlasting love. And, as I looked upon its glinting upon the water, an awe came over me: That the same sun had shone that day upon the Sun of Righteousness and upon John the Baptist as they went into the Jordan, and in its waters, gave an example to the lost world.

Garden Creek, N. C. Dec. 19th.

Fifth Sunday Meeting

of the Elim Association will be held with Magnolia church, 12 miles north of Flomaton, Ala., Saturday, December 28, 1901.

PROGRAM.

SATURDAY.

10:15 a. m. Call to order; devotional services by W. R. Countryman.

10:35. Enroll names of the churches, and hear the reports of each committee.

11:35. What are the qualifications and duties of a pastor to the church, Rev. A. M. Lowery and J. T. Fillingim.

12:30. Adjourn for dinner until 1:30.

1:30 p. m. 107 Psalm and prayer, by T. W. Ficklin.

1:50. What is the duty of the church to the pastor, U. H. Grimler and W. C. Hall.

3:30. Adjourned until 6:00 p. m.

6:00. Fifth chapter of 1st Cor., and prayer, by J. R. Godwin.

6:20. The importance of enforcing the discipline of our churches, Rev. J. L. Bryars, Dr. Burson and J. A. Godwin.

7:30. Hear the report of the missionary.

Adjourn until 9:30 Sunday.

SUNDAY.

9:30 a. m. Call to order; 1st Psalm, and prayer, by D. M. Merritt.

9:50. What are the duties and qualifications of a Sunday School superintendent, Rev. J. L. Bryars and others.

10:30. Who should teach in the Sunday school, S. W. Jones and others.

11:10. Missionary sermon, by Rev. J. W. Day; collection.

Adjourn until 1:30 p. m.

1:30 p. m. Prayer and song services.

D. M. MERRITT, Chm'n.

Fifth Sunday Meeting

Of Pilgrim Rest church, West District, of Unity Association, Dec. 27, 28, 29.

PROGRAM.

FRIDAY.

11 a. m. Sermon, by Rev. D. G. Maness.

12 m. Dinner.

1:30 p. m. Song service, E. Pool.

2:00. "The influence of religious literature in the home," Rev. W. M. Walker.

SATURDAY.

9 a. m. Prayer service, led by J. D. Deason.

9:30. The importance of the district meetings, Rev. W. J. Ruddick.

10:15. "Co-operation in the churches," Rev. T. Maroney.

11. Sermon, by Rev. J. M. Smoke.

12 m. Dinner.

1:30 p. m. Prayer service, led by W. F. Johnson.

2:00. "How can we best promote spiritual growth in our churches?" Rev. W. H. Connell.

3:00. "The Bible plan of missions," Rev. J. M. Smoke.

SUNDAY.

9:00 a. m. Prayer service, led by A. C. Pool.

9:30. Sunday school mass-meeting, conducted by J. S. Pool.

11:00. Sermon.

Preaching at night, the weather permitting.

We ask all the churches to send a delegation to help us to revive the interest in the district meeting. I do not think we could spend Christmas in a better way than in discussing together questions that pertain to the upbuilding of the Master's cause.

T. J. DEASON, Pastor.

Letter from Dr. E. T. Winkler.

We publish below a letter written to Bro. C. C. Billingsly, Sr., answering certain questions. It is the unpublished words of a great and good man, written twenty years ago.

MARION, Dec. 21, 1881.

My Dear Brother:

Your views are, in substance, like mine, as to the second prayer in our Lord's directions to his disciples. The first three petitions are closely connected; they all relate to God's honor and glory.

First Petition.—That God may be known and revered as what he is, the Holy One. God's name is God himself as he is revealed to us, Exodus 23:21. His name is hallowed when his holiness is recognized and proclaimed in his Word, in his dealings, and in the hearts of his people.

Second Petition.—That God's Kingdom of grace may prevail, operating in the Word, submitted to by the faith that accepts Christ as Lord and Savior, and having for its expressions the Christian graces and the fellowship of believers. The establishment of this Kingdom is specially the office and work of the Son of God, who gathers into our grand communion and under himself as Head all holy beings, whether angels or saints.

Third Petition.—That God's will may become the will of all: this is the special work of the Holy Spirit. The third petition indicates the advancement of the Kingdom and its final triumph; when God's will shall rule the wills of all without restriction and in all the world, so that the earthly and the heavenly life will correspond. Thus the three petitions contain a reference to the triune God: the first to the Father, the second to the Son, the third to the Holy Spirit.

As to your next question, I believe that the deacons ought to be the financial officers of the church. The tables of the early church were those to which the contributions of the saints were brought.

As to your third question, the first chapter of John was intended to set forth the person and work of the Redeemer. The Word, a title given to Christ because he revealed the invisible Father, just as our words reveal the invisible spirit of man, was in the beginning of creation. When creation began, he already "was." Hence he was uncreated and eternal. I have not time to pursue the analysis of this grand chapter; but I have answered your question, I hope.

Whenever you can raise six or seven dollars, I would recommend you to send to Sheldon & Co., of New York city, for the Annotated Paragraph Bible. It is the best help for a pastor's study I know.

Yours in Christ,

E. T. WINKLER.

From Mississippi.

I have been deeply interested in Alabama Baptist affairs ever since I left the State, five years ago, and Mrs. Burr and I read the ALABAMA BAPTIST promptly on its coming every week, carefully scanning its columns for the news. The recent splendid convention at Brewton was a great joy to us both. And what a beautiful thing the brethren did in the tangible and substantial expression of love for dear Bro. McGaha, of blessed memory!

I believe the change from November to June is a wise one. Our Mississippi convention meets in July, and our attendance is something like double the attendance on the Alabama Convention, although Alabama has more Baptists than Mississippi. I believe our large attendance is due to the fact that the meeting comes between the two busy seasons. Hot weather does not keep people away from our conventions, but business interests does.

But my chief purpose in writing this letter is to give a bit of personal experience, and indirectly to add my little word of endorsement to Bro. Crumpton's earnest appeals for systematic monthly collections for general benevolence. Sometimes a few words to show how its work is done is better than much theorizing.

THE RESULTS.

Four years ago, that is, in 1898, the gift of the church for all purposes of general benevolence was \$180. And this was a good average for the

years past and was thought to be doing well. In 1899 the gift was \$480; in 1900, \$707.30, and for this year it will not fall much under \$900, making a conservative estimate on the two collections yet to follow.

OUR PLAN.

Up to the beginning of 1899 we followed the quarterly plan, through envelopes. Since then the monthly plan has been followed, the envelopes being distributed on the Sunday before, as far as possible, and those left over, during the week by a committee. No pledges or subscriptions are taken. The matter is left with each individual each month. Thanksgiving and Christmas are thrown in for good count.

The scheme for the present year, and which the church last Sunday morning unanimously adopted for next year, is as follows: January, February and March, Foreign missions (three collections); April, May and June, Home missions; July, August and September, State missions; October, Ministerial education; November, State convention church building department; December, Mississippi college; Thanksgiving, the Orphan's Home; Christmas sustentation.

The growth of the church in general benevolence has not been due to increase in financial strength by addition to the membership. We have had additions, but the losses have about offset the gain in money matters. The increase simply represents the growth of our members in the grace of giving—and the end is not yet.

Our church is not large, numbering only about 150, with 50 of these non-resident. Nor have we in the church a single wealthy member.

The reflex influence on the home finances has been most healthful. The deacons tell me it has never been so easy to raise current expenses as during the last three years.

The secret lies in the regular, systematic and frequent opportunity to give. During the last three years not a single failure to send out the envelopes has been allowed to occur; and they have come back with equal regularity. Not a single failure has occurred in the collections.

The only way to learn the lesson of giving is to give.

But I have written enough. This I have written with the hope that some pastor or church might find in it some helpful suggestion.

W. M. BURN.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 5.

From Wedowee.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

On the 20th day of November we arrived at Wedowee, the "county town" of Randolph county, where I have been called for one-half time.

I met with a very cordial welcome. My people had everything that is good that could be had for us. I will not try to name everything; I might tire you.

It is thirty miles from Ashland to this place, and it was a cold day to move. But when we got here we found Bro. Geo. U. Stevens looking for us. His noble wife took charge of Mrs. Culpepper and soon had her comfortably situated near the fire. The boys stood it finely.

Our population is divided just about equally, between the Northern and Southern Methodists and the Missionary Baptist.

The Baptists have had quite a struggle at this place. But I think we have gained a great victory. The struggle has caused the Baptists to be stronger than they would have been if they had had no battles to fight. I am encouraged with the prospects. We hope for a great year's work to be accomplished here.

I think the Randolph County Association, which met with the church here, was one of the best sessions it has ever been my privilege to attend. Some fine preaching and fine speaking, and fine collecting; all of it was fine. And then we had our beloved secretary with us. What a power he is! May God spare him a long time yet to lead us from victory unto victory until the grand old Baptist doctrine shall be preached in every community in Alabama. Amen! Amen! Come up Bro. Editor to see us.

PASTOR.

It is better to be condemned for the right than to be indorsed in the wrong.

A Tribute to the Memory of J. B. Lovelace.

The subject of this sketch was a native of Virginia, but spent most of his long and useful life in Marion, Ala., where, on the night of November 11th, 1901, he bade his family good-bye and passed quietly and peacefully away.

He was twice married, first to Miss Wyatt, of Marion; six children blessed this union: Messrs. Houston, Jesse and Wyatt Lovelace, and Misses Josie and Mary Lovelace, and Mrs. Scott. His second wife was Mrs. Parker, of Montgomery, who survives him.

The funeral services of this good man were held in Siloam Baptist church, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by his pastor, Rev. P. V. Bomar.

In his remarks Mr. Bomar gave the following brief sketch of his life work:

"Paul declared he was in labors more abundant than they all." And Bro. Lovelace might have made a like statement. I believe no unpaid servant of the Lord in our denomination has such a continuous and extensive record of service. For years he was treasurer of the State Mission Board when it was located here. At the same time he was the treasurer of the Home Mission Board while it had its headquarters in Marion; then for years he was a trustee of Howard College, and secretary and treasurer of the Board, and he filled the same position with the M. M. I. until the death of Dr. W. W. Wilkerson, when he was made president of the Board of Trustees. He had a similar record with reference to the Judson. For a long time he was the secretary and treasurer of the Board and then its honored president. Besides all this he has been treasurer of the Siloam church for I don't know how many years; and a better church treasurer, one more careful, more exact, more systematic, I have never known. He had a genius for details and delighted in such. At the last Association we put two extra treasurerships on him, and when he smilingly said we were giving him a good many, I replied, "you wouldn't be happy unless you had your hands full of such work," and he said, "that's so, I want to die in harness."

He was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school at Marion.

Among the many good deeds of his life Mr. Lovelace helped to found and establish the ALABAMA BAPTIST in Marion, and for a long number of years was one of the managers, although it was at a financial loss to himself, yet he was determined that the paper should live, and he was always untiring in his efforts for its support; just about a month before his death he paid his subscription for the ensuing year.

He will be greatly missed in Marion, in the church, in the Judson; but it is in the home where they will miss most his presence, with its beautiful serenity and gentleness.

It was my privilege and pleasure to spend in that home of hospitality several days last Christmas, and the evening talks around the fireside will ever be cherished.

On November 27th memorial services were held in Siloam church, and eloquent tributes were paid to Mr. Lovelace, who was the senior deacon of the church. It was fitting that these services should have been held on Wednesday evening, for it was his delight (unless providentially kept away) to always be present at prayer-meeting, and in some way take part in the service. He never shirked a duty. At this service Col. J. T. Murfee spoke of what Mr. Lovelace had been to the Baptist denomination at large; that he was kind and generous to a fault, and with Dr. Wilkerson saved Howard College to this State and the Baptist denomination.

Mr. L. L. Lee then spoke feelingly of his departed friend, and among many things said: "I never heard Mr. Lovelace speak ill of any man or harshly criticize any one; I never heard or saw him do a discourteous act." Dr. R. G. Patrick then spoke of his work for the Judson; saying that he had served for forty-three years in the varied capacity of secretary, treasurer and president of the Board of Trustees, and in each and every office had been faithful unto death.

Dr. Bomar read a beautiful letter from Mrs. C. W. Lovelace, the widowed sister-in-law of Mr. Lovelace,

in which she spoke of his never varying kindness and protection to her and her children.

Mr. Lovelace departed this life just a few hours before he had expected to start to the recent Convention at Brewton, where he would have read the report of the Judson.

The influence and example of such a man cannot be estimated, and will long be felt in the town and State in which he lived.

A. B. L.

Who Will Join This Band of Beggars?

In a booklet that has recently come under my eye a writer, who is reputed to be very devout says that the state of religion among Christians generally in all parts of the world is far below the scriptural standard. He laments the fact with evident tenderness and declares very feelingly that while deeply concerned for the conversion of sinners he is just now more fervently praying for a powerful revival of true religion in the hearts of Christians than for anything else, in the full belief that such a work is indispensable to and will certainly be followed by all the results to be sought by the people of God. He also asserts with the manner of one who knows whereof he affirms, that many thousands of Christians in various lands are like himself, very earnestly engaged in special prayer for a great and genuine revival of religion in the hearts of believers. I take pleasure in calling attention to this matter for several reasons.

In the first place, I desire to entreat the Lord's people whose eyes may trace these lines, to give this cause a prominent place in their prayers. The one acutest need of the world today is a profound, far-reaching work of the spirit of God in the hearts of his own people. The name of Christ suffers reproach in every community of Christendom, yea in nearly every social or business or family circle, by reason of the scantiness of holy fruitage on the part of those who have received the heavenly birth, while the Spirit finds very few vessels that are sanctified and meet for the Master's use. Throughout the whole body of Christ on earth, including laity and ministry, we need a transforming work of the Spirit. One of the means (without which it cannot be obtained is important, persevering prayer. And if to this we add fasting, in manner and spirit according to the directions contained in the scriptures, so much more effectually and abundantly will we prevail.

In the second place, I desire to suggest that every Christian who is so minded shall use such other means as he can employ toward bringing to pass the proposed result. Is he already doing something for this cause? Can he not do that same thing with greater diligence than heretofore? Is there not something else that he can add to the means he is already using? What any one of us is doing seems very little, yet this great movement in the Kingdom of our Lord will scarcely be brought to pass, save, through the little done by the thousands of his people here and there among the nations. In addition to constant prayer and daily confession and renunciation of our sins before God, let us endeavor to enlist other Christians in seeking this priceless benefit to all the nations of the world.

In the third place, I want to say that if many thousands are thus engaged already, as we are assured by the author above alluded to, it is hardly questionable that their prayer will be fulfilled, and that before long, indeed the reports from all parts of the world in our religious periodicals seem to warrant the belief that this prayer has already begun to be fulfilled and we may expect a great culmination at a day not very distant. How would any one of us like to reflect that it came about in spite of our persistent and willful refusal to hasten it? And how would one of us like for his own soul and his church to be left out of that merciful visitation? Yet may we not expect to have such cause for shame if we refuse to be of the number who wait patiently upon the Lord in behalf of his Zion? My heart would be unspeakably gladdened to know that some one sincere Christian, on reading these words, begins and continues to pray daily for the needed blessing upon believers throughout the world. A. B. CAMPBELL.

Troy, Ala.

The Way I Would Do.

"Send me some Mission envelopes for my church and tell me exactly how you would do, if you were in my place."

The first thing I would want would be to feel sure that the Spirit of Missions is the Spirit of Christ. Until a pastor feels that all his efforts will be by fits and starts, he will urge collections from the wrong motive and his efforts will be short-lived. Then I would try to find one other in the church who was persuaded of the same thing. I would prefer a woman to a man. After talking to that person and explaining fully what I wanted to do, I would get her to agree to take charge of the Mission Committee for one year. I would take the list of members and go over them with her and make a rough estimate of what we thought each would be willing to give for missions each month. It is well to have something to work to. I would help her then to choose a committee of young folks to help. We would have that committee together and talk to them about missions. Have a map and show them where our missionaries are laboring—give some account of what the missionaries have done.—Then ask them if they would work under the direction of the Chairman for one year.

I would announce from the pulpit the next Sunday: "We have a committee on missions. They begin their work next week. They want every member to sign a card saying how much each will give by the month for the year. I hope there is not a member of our church who will refuse to sign a card for some amount. Every first Sunday will be mission Sunday in the church and Sunday school. On Friday or Saturday before, you will have handed you by a member of the committee, or you will get it through the mail, a mission envelope with your name written on it. On Sunday morning be sure to put in the envelope the amount you pledged and bring it to church. If your envelope is not found there, the committee will conclude you forgot it or lost it and will send you another with a polite note asking you to bring it the next Sunday. Now, I ask every member to co-operate with the committee in this labor of love they have undertaken at the request of your pastor." I would have printed for the committee, one for each member, a pledge card and twelve envelopes.

The cards and envelopes can be had free at the office of the State Board of Missions; but in a large city church, it is best to have them printed as suggested.

I would instruct the committee to pay for the printing and postage out of the collection. After the second Sunday, the committee ought to report to the collection. After the second Sunday, the committee ought to report to the church conference the amount on hand and ask for instructions about its division between the Boards. If the money is sent in bulk to the State Board of Missions at Montgomery without instructions, it will be divided by rule and each of the three Boards will receive its share.

When the money is forwarded the receipt ought to be turned over to the Treasurer.

Having arranged all my plans, I would meet with the committee each month to instruct and encourage them. This is the way I think I would do if I were pastor.

One thing I am sure I would not do: I would never report the discouragements of the committee and call the non-co-operationists stingy Hardshells; but every encouraging word I had heard I would report in the most cheerful way I could find. Brother, as sure as you live your church will prosper and grow in spiritual grace as you get their interest in missions increased. They will starve the preacher; let the house rot down, drive and die if the other spirit is allowed to prevail.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

The Florida Baptist Witness says: "We are glad to note that Pastor W. A. Hobson, of Jacksonville, is making fine progress in raising money for his church among the New York Baptists. He has been cordially received and has spoken before most of the leading churches in that city. He hopes to begin work on the new church by the first of January."

Mobile and Vicinity.

The effects of the Sam Jones meeting held in this city a few weeks ago are still being felt, and will be, no doubt, for a long time to come. In fact, no one can say how far-reaching will be the results of these meetings. The moral tone of the city and county is decidedly better. For example, the grand jury, which convened close on the heels of the Jones meetings, indicted a number of persons in and out of the city for keeping open store on Sunday. The organization of the Citizens' League for the support of law and order, promises much for the morals of this place and the county at large.

Our Rev. W. J. E. Cox, D. D., is not a revolutionist, but a man with the courage of his convictions and a wise conservator of the public good. He is an untiring worker, willing to "spend and be spent" for the good of the Master's cause. The people here are delighted to have a pastor so versatile and so capable of making himself felt along all lines of moral and religious interest. He is not only loved by his own people, but admired and praised by all the people in the city and country.

The doctor closed his second year as pastor of St. Francis Street church last month, and a resume of the previous year's work was very gratifying. Number baptized, 46; received by letter, 42; otherwise, 7; total 95. Contributed for missions, \$1,808.50; all other purposes, \$5,413.27; total contributions, \$7,221.77.

Rev. H. H. Shell, at the Palmetto Street church, is forging ahead and spreading out. His church now has two promising mission stations. This church is as harmonious and energetic as a bee hive and enjoys the distinction of being one of the most "givingest" churches in the State.

Rev. G. L. Yates has moved things up right along the past year at Citronelle and Bayou la Batre. At the former place he has thrived the membership and lifted the church from a weak mission station to a self-sustaining church.

The writer has had a good year at Grand Bay, Union and Mt. Pleasant. We have had a good increase in membership at each place, and also a large increase in contributions to missions.

Taking this Association through-out, we can safely say that the year now closing has been the most fruitful within her history.

L. N. BROCK.

December 11th, 1901.

From Wylam.

Dear Baptist:

As I have not seen anything in the BAPTIST from our place in several weeks, you will permit me to give you a few dots. Our work is progressing very nicely. But owing to the fact that we have been forced to sell our house and lot to the T. C. I. Co., we are now having to build. We have secured a nice lot, and we have it paid for. We have planned a \$2,000 house, which I think we will be able to finish. The material is now being put down on the lot, and brethren W. W. Holmes, N. A. Walker and G. W. Fretwell, will begin the work at once. Brother Henry Evans, the busiest man in our town heads the list of donations with \$50.00. His son, J. H. Evans, with \$35.00.

The outlook for the Baptists here is very encouraging. We look for a brighter day. Wylam is a coming town, and an important field for the Baptists. Brethren pray for us, that the great Spirit of our divine heavenly Master may direct us in all things.

G. W. LOVELL.

A Good Work.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

Not seeing anything from this neck of the woods, I concluded to write you a little. I began at Gamble Mines, a little mission station, three years ago. I had wind and high water to contend with. I only had some five or six Baptists. In one year there came in some more, so in August, 1899, I organized a church, with nine members. The Lord added to the number nearly every month. I never held any protracted meeting until the first of November. Bro. J. I. McCollum helped five days. The preaching was with power and demonstration of the spirit. The first Sunday I baptized three; the next

or second Sunday, I baptized nine more. We closed the meeting until the first of December. On that day I was 68 years old. I preached at 11 o'clock; baptized three more at 2:30; preached at night.

The church is now 62 in fellowship; they are a poor people, most of them miners. They have a good house built and paid for; a stove and bell, all paid for. Last year they gave \$15 for missions; have paid me in twelve months \$70. I feel so grateful to God for His mercies; to Him be all the glory. I have a flock to be proud of.

Their pastor,
JAMES HILTON.
Nauvoo, Ala., Dec. 6.

Religious Building at World's Fair.

St. Louis, Dec. 11.—The movement to secure a Religious Building at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1903, is being vigorously prosecuted by the representatives of the various churches in St. Louis.

Addressing President Francis of the World's Fair a few days ago, in favor of a separate building for the religious exhibits, one of the reverend gentlemen on the special committee of the General Committee of Church Workers which has the matter in hand, said: "Religion has done as much for the advancement of civilization within the Louisiana Territory during the past one hundred years as Education has done. You have arranged for the educational exhibit by providing at least two large buildings, the religious workers want one building."

The application of the Committee is for a building to be not less than 380 by 460 feet, of an estimated cost of \$400,000. In this building they wish to include all exhibits of a religious nature. It was also stated that there was a general sentiment among church workers against having religious exhibits distributed among the department buildings. Among the exhibits suggested was a collection of the relics of the Vatican, including the Tiara of the Pope. The movement for a religious building is entirely apart from that for a congress of religions.

President Francis assured the members of the Committee that he was in favor of their proposition, and that he would present the matter to the Board of Directors at its next meeting. In addition to the endorsement of Mr. Francis, a letter from Mr. John Schroers, Chairman of the World's Fair Committee on education, was filed for reference to the Directory. Mr. Schroers says:

As far as I am concerned personally, I do not hesitate to commit myself unequivocally in favor of your petition recognizing the fact that the coming glory of the World's Fair in 1903 should not only be an exhibit of the material triumphs, industrial achievements and mechanical victories of man, however magnificent that display may be, but something higher and nobler is also demanded by the progressive spirit of the age. It would be proper to consider the foundations of religious faiths, to review the triumphs of religion in all ages, to set forth the present state of religion among the nations and its influence over literature, art, commerce, government and family life; to indicate its powers in promoting social purity and its harmony with true science, to show its dominance in the higher institutions of learning, to make prominent the value of the weekly rest day on religious and other ground, and to contribute to those forces which will bring about the unity of the race in the worship of God and the service of man.

The membership of the various religious bodies represented on the petition is more than 25,000,000 in the United States alone, and their strength is in the following order: Catholic, 8,446,301; Methodist, 5,809,516; Baptist, 4,443,628; Lutheran, 1,575,778; Presbyterians, 1,560,847; Disciples of Christ, 1,118,396; Jews, 1,043,800; Episcopalians, 709,325; Congregational, 628,234; Unitarian, 75,000; Total, 25,410,825. In addition, the Sunday school enrollment is 9,718,432; Young Men's Christian Association, 235,568, making a grand total of 35,129,257.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Low, a Pennsylvania couple, were born on the same day fifty-seven years ago, were never separated a day during their thirty years of married life, and died on the same day recently. They were buried in a double grave.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

EQUALITY, ALA., Dec. 4.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Central Association will be held with Harmony church four miles east of Equality, Coosa county, beginning on Friday before the 5th Sunday in December, 1901.

PROGRAM.

- 10 a. m. Prayer and praise service, conducted by Wm. H. Colley.
11. Introductory sermon, J. M. Johnson.
- 1:30 p. m. Christmas, its observance by Baptist churches, Arnold S. Smith.
- 2:30. Duty of prayer, O. C. Swindall.
- 3:00. Reading the Scriptures, W. R. Whately.

NIGHT SESSION.

- Ministers' conference, conducted by A. S. Smith.
- Organizing and arranging for ministers' institutes.
- Discussion of our Associational work, by all the pastors.

SATURDAY MORNING.

- 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises, conducted by Hugh Rodgers.
10. Ministerial Co-operation, C. C. Heard.
11. Sermon, by W. J. D. Upshaw, on missions.
- 1:30 p. m. Tithing, A. S. Smith.
- 2:00. Church organization, W. R. Whately.
- 2:30. An organized church, W. J. D. Upshaw.
3. Church letters, J. D. Hughes.
7. Discipline, T. A. Kelley.
- 7:30. Ministerial courtesies, J. M. Johnson.
- Sunday the morning services will be arranged by the church during the meeting.
- 11 a. m. Sermon by Arnold S. Smith.
- The pastors especially are earnestly requested to attend this meeting; and all the brethren and sisters are cordially invited.

D. S. MARTIN,
Chm'n of Committee.

Program.

The Eastern District of the Cahaba Association will meet with Pisgah church Friday evening at 2:30 December 27th, 1901.

PROGRAM.

- 2:30 p. m. Devotional exercises, by J. S. Fuller.
- 3:00. The benefits of the 5th Sunday meetings, opened by Rev. J. S. Bolling.

SATURDAY MORNING.

- 9:30 a. m. Prayer service, by C. S. Heard.
10. Why Foreign missions? Discussed by W. H. Connell and W. M. Caffee.
- 10:30. Why is the century that has just closed the most remarkable in the history of the world? Opened by Rev. J. W. Dunaway.
11. Preaching, by Rev. A. M. Perry.
12. Adjourn for dinner.
- 1:30 p. m. Are doctrinal sermons preached by our preachers as often as they should be? Discussed by W. H. Connell and A. M. Perry.
2. Literature, discussed by E. P. George and Jas. Frye.
- 2:30. The purpose of the colporteur work. Discussed by J. W. Dunaway and Robert Potts.
3. The duty of the laity of the church in church work. Discussed by J. S. Bolling and E. P. George.

SUNDAY MORNING.

- 9:30 a. m. Song and prayer service, by E. P. George.
10. The benefits of Christian societies. Discussed by W. H. Connell and C. S. Heard.
- 10:30. Sunday school work. Discussed by J. S. Fuller and W. M. Caffee and E. P. George.
11. Preaching by Rev. W. H. Connell. Adjourn.
- Dinner will be served at the church Saturday and Sunday. Everybody who can will please attend.

Respectfully,
J. A. McCABY.

A man is always at a loss as to what to say whenever he decides not to tell the truth.

Self-confidence is usually the thing over which one stumbles when he falls from grace.

Something To Do.

ANNISTON, ALA., Dec. 12.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

After a long, and I might say an unavoidable, delay in answering an article published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and written by "W. N." last July, I now give the best answer possible to the questions propounded by Brother "W. N." I want, in the outset, to beg Bro. "W. N." pardon for such a long delay in answering his question.

I have two reasons for this delay: First, I was sick with fever when the article appeared in the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Second, Being sick and absent from my pulpit for three months necessarily, somewhat, disorganized our work. After returning to my field my first duty was to get everything in good working order before saying anything about our work. For I always like to tell of things as they are and not of what I hope for them to be.

As well as I remember, the question is: "Will the pastor of the First church, Anniston, Ala., please tell us how he gets every one of his members to work?"

Answer: For sometime before our great meeting of last May and June, we had our field divided into ten districts, with one superintendent over each district. Each district was, and is, divided into ten sections, with one worker to each section; to each worker I gave from three to four sentinels. The worker the sentinels in their section report any information, such as new families moving in, sickness or needs of the poor, etc. The worker responds to such information at once. The worker calls upon the superintendent for any assistance needed; the superintendent looks after the work of his ten sections or one district, and the pastor assists the sentinels, workers and superintendents.

Thus it will be seen that our field is divided into ten districts, or one hundred sections; ten superintendents, one to each district; one worker to each section, or one hundred workers; three to four sentinels to each worker, or three hundred and fifty sentinels—making a total of 460 members at work, which was just about our membership before our meeting last May and June.

Let me add just here that we began our meeting with 100 or more personal workers. When our meeting had been going on fifteen days and nights we had 300 workers in the meeting and ere the meeting closed we had 500 members, any one of whom would pray for and talk to a sinner about his soul's salvation.

If the Bro. Editor will give me space in the ALABAMA BAPTIST I will write several articles, giving a full account of that wonderful meeting and its aftermath.

JOHN E. BARNARD.

It is So.

On the L. & N. train the other night, a couple of gentlemen who seemed to be well posted in Alabama politics, sat just behind me. I repeat a part of the conversation I overheard. The chief speaker discoursed about as follows: "Don't you know the ballot-box stuffing, is not going to stop? Did you ever know men to surrender power when they had it? I never did and you will see these fellows are going right along under the New as under the Old Constitution. The trickery all began in ——— county and the balance of the State took it up. Politics in Alabama is more corrupt than in any State in the Union. It is worse than it is in Pennsylvania. I moved to ——— county sixteen years ago. The man who was elected Sheriff told me his campaign expenses all told, was only \$25.00, and that was spent for lemonade, water-melons, etc. At the last election the man who was nominated for sheriff told me the first thing he had to do was to fork over to the campaign committee \$2500. The probate judge was assessed \$3000.00. All told, they got out of the nominees of my county not less than \$10,000.00. What on earth did they do with it? Of course it was a corruption fund, pure and simple—and after all, the fellows who put up the money were not elected."

No sir, ballot-box stuffing is popular. Nobody is against it; even the preachers believe in it and laugh about it. I never have heard, in all

these years of rascality, a preacher open his mouth about it. They take up their time telling about Shadrack, Meshech and Abednego and such things, but they let fraud at elections alone."

This is in substance a part of what I heard. The speaker might have been one of the "Ins"—or possibly he was one of the "Outs"—of this I am certain, he was well acquainted with State politics.

I write this to ask: Is it so that politics in Alabama is more corrupt than in any State in the Union? Is it so that under the New Constitution, ballot-box stuffing is to go on as before?

It is so, that the preachers make a joke of it and none of them cry out against it?

It these things are so, we are in a pitiable condition. The speaker referred to, said further, "Nothing will stop it except somebody gets killed or a lot of fellows be sent to the penitentiary and you know that neither is at all probable." There is much food for reflection in these remarks. The politician may assume a defiant attitude and ask, "What are you going to do about it? But I am sure, sober-minded people who love Alabama, will think seriously and be on the lookout in future, as never, in the past, for evidence of fraud."

W. B. CRUMPTON.

The Central College.

The attendance at the Central College is larger, perhaps, than it has ever been. We still have room for a few more. We are expecting enough after Christmas to fill all the vacant rooms.

The work done by the faculty and students is very gratifying to the patrons of the school. The spirit of the student body could hardly be improved upon. The good will and unanimity of faculty and students remind one of a great harmonious family.

The good news that the daughter is saved will go to many homes this week. Dr. Dawson, with loving interest, looks after the spiritual welfare of every girl. He knows how to reach them. The Lord is with us and is greatly blessing us. The religious influence here is felt to a marked degree. In addition to the regular morning and evening services the girls study the Bible and pray thirty minutes every morning. Nearly all of them belong to the Kirilona Pal Missionary Society.

Pastors, it is our purpose, prayer and desire, that the girls who attend the Central College will be helpful to you when they return home.

January first is a good time to enter the Central.

B. F. GILES.

State Line, Mississippi.

I had the pleasure of attending church at the State Line Baptist church today and listening to a beautiful sermon on the Holy City by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Thames, who was pastor of my church at Georgiana, Ala., for some time. We loved him over there and appreciated his earnest efforts for good and I was delighted to find him doing a great work here. It was gratifying to hear the expressions of love from members of his flock on every hand. Our church needs more men with the courage and zeal of Bro. Thames, whose faith is too firmly fixed to be daunted by the unkind criticisms of worldly men who see the mote in the brother's eye and behold not the beam in their own.

With best wishes to the ALABAMA BAPTIST,

AN ALABAMA BAPTIST.

December 10.

Please Brethren

Send me the Minutes of your Association. I have the following: Birmingham, Coosa River, Calhoun, Shelby, Bethlehem, Selma, Colbert, Cleburne, Harmony, North River, Cahaba, Clarke County, Etowah, Mineral Springs, Tuscaloosa, Tuskegee, Pine Barren, Newlon, Bessemer, Liberty (North), Cullman, Montgomery.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Many people are the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties.

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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, November 10, 1899.)

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The editorial staff of the ALABAMA BAPTIST will be stronger next year than it has been heretofore. We have secured some of the very best talent in the South. We are determined to make the paper equal in religious and literary merit to any within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. It may not be equal in size to some other papers, but you must remember our price is only \$1.50, while larger papers must charge \$2.00, and they are worth that much. All we ask of our readers is, that they read critically our editorial matter, and then judge the merits of the paper. We shall give you the best thought of some of the best minds in the South.

REV. S. M. PROVENCE, D. D.,

late of Tallahassee, Fla., and the father of the gifted and scholarly young pastor of the Clayton Street church, this city, has yielded to our solicitation, and will be on the editorial staff. He will make his home in Montgomery and be in the ALABAMA BAPTIST office. He is known by the prominent ministry of our denomination as an able preacher, a strong writer and a man of deep piety. We can congratulate our readers in having his valuable services. He will not only add strength to the paper, but will add strength to our preaching force in the State.

REV. J. A. HOWARD

will continue field agent, a position he has held for several years. He is a fine worker and a fine preacher, and we commend him to the brotherhood all over the State. We most earnestly ask the brotherhood to give him their assistance as he goes over the State. All he wants is a patient hearing and your subscription.

With this ANNOUNCEMENT we shall enter the new year, fully equipped for a forward movement, with the assurance that our work will prove more satisfactory than ever before. We ask your earnest prayers and earnest support.

JNO. G. HARRIS.

LAST ISSUE FOR THE YEAR 1901.

It has been the unalterable custom to give the employees of this paper Christmas week. This, therefore, is the last issue of 1901. Our next issue will be dated January 2, 1902.

The year now drawing to a close has been one of unceasing toil. We thank God that our labors have not been in vain. We have put forth every effort to please God, and be helpful to our fellowmen. That our work has not been perfect, we know, but the Divine mind will bear witness that we have been true and faithful to every trust. Our brethren and

sisters have prayed for us, and aided us in many other ways. Our subscription list to the ALABAMA BAPTIST has steadily increased during the entire year, and is larger today than it has ever been since the paper began its career.

In all our efforts, we have zealously endeavored, first, to please our Heavenly Father, and then our fellow-men. We have absolutely eschewed all selfish, personal ambition that we might receive the plaudits from God and man; "Well done good and faithful servant!" In this, we may have fallen short of the mark, yet our intentions have been always to that end.

We shall enter upon the new year with renewed zeal and hope. We will bring into your home no new religion, no strange theology, no higher criticism, but the "Old, old story of Jesus and his love." We shall try to emulate the virtues and maintain the doctrines and ordinances, as taught in the New Testament and so faithfully and ably advocated by Winkler and Teague and Renfro and Henderson, whose writings in the ALABAMA BAPTIST moulded and shaped our Baptist polity. We once set at their feet and heard wisdom. God help us to apply that wisdom!

BRETHREN—Farewell to the old year! It will soon be numbered with those that are gone. Many of us have passed through the deep waters of affliction. The voices that once cheered and comforted and encouraged are silent forever; the vacant chair is a mute reminder of the loved one that in happy days occupied it; the foot-fall on the door way has sounded its last echo, and we are left here for a purpose. God only knows what that purpose is. Be of good cheer, dearly beloved, for our Heavenly Father doeth all things well. And now "May the love of God, the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the communion of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all ever more." Amen.

"LIKEWISE THE DEACONS."

The character and work of the New Testament deacons are worthy of consideration. There were many in the church at Jerusalem who were brethren beloved and heirs of the kingdom, but were not suitable for the office of deacon. So the apostles said: "Look ye out among you men whom we may appoint over this business."

They were to be men endued with the Holy Ghost, full of faith. In a certain sense every Christian is a product of grace operating through faith, for all are children of God by faith in Christ. The feeblest impulse of faith that surrenders the soul to Christ is sufficient for salvation, but it is not sufficient for effective work. Obadiah trembling at the prospect of meeting Ahab gains no victory; but Elijah boldly challenging eight hundred and fifty false prophets brings the fire from heaven. Doubting disciples fail in the presence of unclean spirits; but Stephen full of faith can perform great wonders.

Scholars have regarded the Greek version of Isaiah 60:17 as a prophecy of New Testament church officers: "I will make thy pastors peace, and thy deacons righteousness." In the first letter to Timothy Paul sets the pastor and the deacon on the same plane. Both should be blameless in life, grave, temperate, not avaricious, peaceful, regulating their households well, and setting a good example before the world; and both should live on the same spiritual atmosphere.

If the question is whether this or that is proper for the deacon, let him ask whether it is proper for his pastor. For example, if the deacon attends the theatre, would he like to

see his pastor on a front seat, or peeping from a private box? It has been said that a famous New York preacher usually had a season ticket to his favorite theatre. And why not, if it is a proper thing for the deacon? And why not proper for the pastor and deacon, if proper for others who have been purchased with the same precious blood, and admitted to the same anchoring hope? Or if the pastor may indulge in card parties or wine suppers, then may the deacons likewise indulge.

The deacon is appointed as the pastor's helper. "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables." So deacons were appointed for that business. In the primary sense, the word deacon signifies a runner, a messenger or servant. At the marriage feast Mary said to the deacons (servants), "Whatever he saith unto you, do," and the same deacons (servants) which drew the water knew (John 2:5,9). In Matt. 22:13, the king said unto the deacons (servants), "Bind him, etc." Jesus said, "He that is greatest among you shall be your deacon" (servant).

Probably this utterance had no direct reference to the church official. Yet some of the noblest men among us are the deacons in our Baptist churches. Wise in counsel, patient in tribulation, liberal with their money, unsparing of their time, fervent in prayer, sympathetic in spirit, they purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith. They are honored of the Lord.

FIELD NOTES.

The forms close on Tuesdays at noon. Copy should be sent in from Wednesday to Monday.

Rev. W. C. Avant has moved to Montgomery from Rutledge.

Brother Crumpton is on a trip to Alabama City, New Decatur, Huntsville, Scottsboro and Athens, looking after the State Mission work at those points.

The Christmas program issued by the Central Committee is so full that no program will be issued in January. The Missionary part of the program may be used in January, and the Christmas envelopes gathered up there.—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Colbert Missionary Baptist Association will hold a Fifth Sunday Meeting at the First Baptist Church here Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 27th, 28th and 29th. Every one invited. A good attendance is expected from the other churches of the Association.—Sheffield Reaper.

Dear Baptist:—Six weeks ago, yesterday, I came home from Howard College with Typhoid fever and am just beginning to sit up a little now. I will not be able to return to college, so you will please change my paper from East Lake to Tallahassee. I don't know yet what I am going to do.—Fraternal, L. T. Reeves, Tallahassee, Ala.

The Baptist church at Seale, Russell county has called Rev. J. F. Edens, D. D., of Girard, (formerly of Atlanta), to serve it for next twelve months as pastor, for one Sunday in each month, and he has accepted the call. Dr. Edens is an able preacher of the Gospel, as well as a fine worker and pastor, his reputation is well known all over Georgia, as well as East Alabama and as a church we are fortunate in receiving him as pastor.—W. A. Bellamy.

Dear Bro. Harris: Will you please be kind enough to state in the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST that I will not remain in the Seminary longer than Christmas. I am praying God to locate me where I can best serve Him, and if he uses you in directing me where He wants me to work I shall thank you and Him. The weather is very cold here here today, the snow being about five inches deep.—My P. O. for the holidays will be Union Springs, Ala. J. A. Jenkins.

Rev. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, chairman of a committee appointed to raise the sum of \$37,000 among the Baptists of Alabama for an en-

dowment fund for Howard college, has already started a campaign to raise the money. John D. Rockefeller has offered to give Howard college \$12,500 if the Baptists will raise the sum of \$37,500. This is recognized as a great chance to secure a substantial endowment for the college, and a strong effort will be made to raise the money.

Rev. H. C. Risner, of Roanoke, gave his lecture on "The Ups and Downs of a Boy from Kentucky to California," before the Ladies Aid Society of the Clayton Street Baptist church, this city on the evening of the 13th inst. The house was well filled with a sympathetic audience, and the lecture was greatly enjoyed. Bro. Risner has a fine sense of humor, and the story of his trials and triumphs was a happy mixture of fun with an earnest and unchanging purpose. S. M. P.

Mrs. R. S. Dickson died at her home, Loundesboro, Ala. Dec. 9th, 1901, after a brief illness. She was a lady of many Christian virtues. It was a benediction to come under the influence of her gentleness and to know of her firm faith in God. Her death was unspeakably triumphant. As Miss Alice Car Gainer she was popular, and since her marriage, about a year ago, she has made many warm and devoted friends who mourn with sorrow her early death. The funeral services were conducted from the Baptist church in Loundesboro Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and were largely attended. Her young husband, mother and other relatives have the sincere sympathy of many warm friends.—W. J. F. Iott, Montgomery.

Bro. O. E. Comstock of the "Sheffield Reaper", one of the best printers in Alabama, writes: "I saw your note in the ALABAMA BAPTIST about printing the little poem, 'Poor House Nan,' in tract form. I didn't have the money, so I did the next best thing—printed you 1200 copies which will reach you by express." I am very happy over this good news. Now, let everybody that proposes to have a Christmas celebration, be sure to put "Poor House Nan" down for a recitation. The children and young people can so fix this, on the mind and heart of the hearers as to make a lasting impression against the liquor curse. Send me five cents (5) and get five copies, that pays the postage and puts four cents into the Temperance fund—I am raising for printing and distributing literature.—W. B. Crumpton.

Rev. H. T. Crumpton preached to a large audience Sunday morning and subject for the morning service was, "Hope is the anchor of the soul." His sermon was indeed good, and his hearers were very attentive.—Abbeville Times.

On Sunday night next services will be suspended at the Baptist church to enable the members of that congregation to attend the Methodist services. This courtesy to the new minister is a very graceful one and illustrates the pleasant relations of the different denominations in Florence.—Florence Herald.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Bertha White, daughter of pastor I. A. White, of this city, has been honored with the position of assistant governess at the Judson. We feel sure she will give the best attention to her important and responsible duties.—Dothan Journal.

The Presbyterian Synod of Alabama at its recent meeting in Birmingham, decided to found a college in this state. A committee of five members was appointed; Rev. A. A. Little, chairman, Rev. A. B. Curry, Rev. G. W. Patterson, Judge Coleman, of Eutaw, and Mr. Caldwell Bradshaw, of Birmingham.

Rev. J. L. Thompson, pastor of the Baptist church at LaFayette, has accepted a call to the church at Bessemer, to take effect the first of February. The LaFayette Sun states that Dr. Thompson is held in high esteem by all denominations in his town, and that his decision to leave would be universally regretted in that community.

Dr. J. F. Edens, formerly of Atlanta but now of Girard, at the close of one of the most powerful sermons that has been delivered from a Seale pulpit in some time "humbly" accepted the call of the Seale Baptist church last Sunday. This assures the church goers of our community that the high standard of church work in the pulpit and out of it established by Rev. R. A. J. Cumbee, will be maintained by his successor.—Russell Register.

The body of Mrs. N. E. Jones, of Montevallo, passed through the city Tuesday night en route to Evergreen for burial yesterday.

Mrs. Jones was the wife of Rev. N. E. Jones, pastor of the Baptist church at Montevallo. She was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Talliaferro of Evergreen, and was well and widely known. The news of her death will bring much sorrow to many friends and relatives.

Captain H. C. Reynolds, of Montevallo, accompanied Rev. Mr. Jones on his sad mission.—Advertiser.

Rev. J. W. Bradford, the Methodist pastor of Brookside, was shot to death Sunday afternoon by R. D. Coffman, a former member of the church. It is reported that Mr. Bradford made some remarks derogatory to Coffman's character while addressing the Sunday school in the morning, and that Coffman went to the preacher's house Sunday afternoon and shot him to death. As no witnesses were present, it is not known what passed between the two men. Coffman is in Birmingham jail under a warrant, charging him with murder.

The Baptist meeting now in progress at the court house, under the leadership of Dr. Quisenberry, is doing great good for our town, and it is to be hoped that a continued interest will be manifested throughout the meeting. Dr. Quisenberry is well known here, having conducted a series of meetings here last fall, and too much can hardly be said of his ability as a true, honest Christian gentleman. Two meetings are held each day at the court house—10 a. m. and 7 p. m., and those who are not taking an interest in these meetings are losing opportunities that might prove helpful in after years.—Athens Democrat.

Honor Roll

Honor roll of Howard College for the six weeks ending Dec. 6, 1901.

J. W. Beal, Percy Burns, A. M. Caine, F. E. Chambers, J. O. Colley, W. H. Counts, W. L. Crawford, W. H. Crutcher, R. C. Crumpton, W. T. Davis, Jno. Dickson, D. Fauett, W. J. Foster, Geo. Goodwin, F. B. Grunhill, A. J. Gross, P. E. Gwin, Leon Harris, B. Harrison, H. D. Jones, Paul Kuton, R. A. Lambert, A. F. Loftin, O. Manasco, Carey McCord, J. W. Morrow, T. V. Neal, E. R. Norman, Jas. Parker, E. C. Payne, F. M. Payne, B. P. Puckett, R. C. Rounton, J. C. Smith, T. M. Smith, J. Spidle, W. A. Spruell, H. W. Thompson, C. P. Underwood, W. L. Watson, D. Z. Woolley, J. T. S. Wade, M. C. Hawkins.

Highest average, 98.97.
Second Highest, 98.92. Requirements: not less than 90 in any subject or an average of 95 on all and department not less than 95 based on demerits.

On Death of Dr. McGaha.

Huntsville Tribune.]

Dr. Rutherford Brett, Prof. S. R. Butler, Hon. R. E. Pettus, Prof. W. J. Humphrey and Mr. J. A. Erwin were appointed a committee last night at a business meeting of the First Baptist church to draft suitable resolutions on the life and character of the lamented Rev. Dr. A. W. McGaha. The city press will be requested to publish same, the paper will be spread on the Minute books of the church and a copy furnished the bereaved family of Dr. McGaha.

Another question of considerable importance bearing on this family was the appointment of a committee to take charge of the matter of scouring a home for the beloved deceased's family in this city.

Members of the church took occasion to commend Hon. R. E. Pettus, who was the originator of the movement to secure this home. Mr. Pettus made the suggestion and went to work for it. He carried the matter before the recent Baptist convention and secured a subscription of \$1,070. He has been in correspondence with the Baptists of Texas and received assurance that Dr. McGaha's friends in their state will contribute most liberally to the fund.

The church felt that Mr. Pettus ought to be honored in this matter and as he is more thoroughly familiar with the work and what has been done toward getting up the money, etc. He was placed on the committee, which is as follows: Dr. Rutherford Brett, Hon. R. E. Pettus and Mr. J. C. Jones. This committee will be permanent. They will receive the funds, have charge of the purchase and delivery of the handsome home to Mrs. McGaha and children.

DECEMBER 19, 1901.

ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Important Announcement.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1902, at 11 o'clock, in the office of the State Board of Missions, in Montgomery, a preliminary meeting of ministers will be held looking to the organization of a Baptist Ministers' Relief Association. Brethren who cannot come, who are friendly to the enterprise, may write and thus represent themselves. I am impressed with the importance of such an organization in Alabama for the benefit of our preachers. What do the brethren say.

W. B. CRUMPTON.
Montgomery, Ala.

NOTICE.

Any one having a personal knowledge of the "Rev. Jean Vane," as to his P. O. address or his whereabouts, will confer a favor on Palmetto Street Baptist church, Mobile, Ala., by communicating with the pastor or deacons of same, as we have exhausted every means at our command and have failed.

H. H. SHELL, Mod.
J. E. PATTERSON, C. C.

The Home For Sister McGaha.

The home for Sister McGaha is assured, if all the brethren will send in the amount of their subscription at once. Brethren J. C. Jones, R. E. Pettus and myself have been selected to receive and invest the funds. We have asked Bro. Pettus to act as treasurer and the money should be sent to him; but money sent to either of us will be acknowledged and turned over to him. Please let no one fail to attend to this matter at once. We want to close the matter, and make the investment in the next thirty days. RUTHERFORD BRETT.

Marriages.

In Jemison, Nov. 28th, Mr. Thos. Byrd and Miss Sallie Hunt.

December 11th, Mr. James H. Harrison and Miss Jessie Bristow.

Near Montevallo, December 11th, Mr. Clarence Bristow, of Jemison, and Miss Willie Murphy.

These are all nice young people, and we trust that their future may be a happy one.

I. WINDSOR.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. F. Davis, near Perote, Bullock county, Ala., at 4 p. m., December 11th, 1901, Mr. William Clement Boyd and Miss Augusta Shelly Davis, Rev. A. F. Dix officiating.

Miss Camie White and Mr. John M. Ballard were united in marriage Monday night at the home of the bride's parents, on Clayton street, in this city, Rev. W. C. Avant, officiating.

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A Letter from Texas.

Alvin, Texas, Dec. 13, 1901.

Dear Ala. Baptist: In the article from Bro. Buckner, concerning the Baptist Ministers' Mutual Benefit Association, the postoffice address of the secretary was omitted. Address Rev. W. C. Luther, Dallas, Texas. Alabama Baptist preachers should read the article carefully, and then join the association. Our lamented brother, Dr. A. W. McGaha, was one of the founders, and his family received the benefit of his forethought. Yes, as Dr. Riley has already told your readers, we loved Bro. McGaha in Texas, and he did a great work in the few years he spent in our state.

I am sorry, indeed, that an attempt is being made to start another Baptist paper in Alabama. O brethren, think and pray over this matter a little more. If you knew what we have gone through in Texas, because of newspaper controversies and competition, you would certainly abandon any attempt to start another Baptist state paper in Alabama. I say this because of my love for my native state and my interest in the affairs of Alabama Baptists. Since I left the old state, eight years ago, I have paid for and read the Alabama Baptist, and I expect to keep on reading it. If brethren believe they can make a better paper, then buy the old one and improve it. That will be more profitable, even at a high price, than to start a new paper, and, above all money consideration, the united support of the Baptists of Alabama should stand behind a denominational paper enterprise. Just ten years ago this same question was sprung by well meaning brethren. As I saw it afterward, I was glad that the move was a failure. I pray God to keep the Baptists of Alabama united on one paper. As Dr. Teague has wisely said, "give the paper a better support. Brother Harris has done his duty amid many difficulties, and now after his faithful service to the cause, he deserves kinder treatment than some good brethren are giving him." J. M. KAILIN.

Rev. J. B. Skinner, in charge of the Monroeville Baptist church, last Saturday tendered his resignation to the board of deacons. The action came as a surprise to the entire membership, and caused heartfelt regret to those persons who have been closely associated with Dr. Skinner in his church work here. At the close of services last Sunday Dr. Skinner called a conference of the church, requested Rev. Wood to occupy the chair, and asked the membership to consider his resignation. He spoke briefly but earnestly, and told his people that it was best for both—best for him and best for them—that they should accept his resignation. After considerable discussion Dr. Bizzelle moved that action on the resignation be postponed until Saturday, Dec. 14, at 3 p. m. The motion was carried and the conference adjourned. It is understood that Dr. Skinner's resignation will be accepted, but not without a feeling of reluctance. This is his second pastorate at the Monroeville church, he having served this people for fourteen continuous years, going to Texas about seven years ago, and remaining there until called here again. His second pastorate has extended over a period of three and one-half years. Dr. Skinner is an able and learned man, and deserves to be placed in a city charge. The resignation of Dr. Skinner was made after long deliberation and consultation upon his part. He has received a call to Atmore, Ala., and will leave for that point after preaching a farewell sermon on the fifth Sunday of this month.—Monroeville Journal.

Snatches of History.

"In 1535 there appeared the first complete English Bible in print. This was the work of Miles Coverdale, who was employed to make the translation by Jacob Van Meteven, of Antwerp, the father of Emanuel, the historian of the Netherlands.

"It was not until 1538 that any translation of the Bible was made in England."

"By an act of the Scottish Parliament, passed in 1543, every one was permitted to read the Bible in an English or Scotch translation.

"On the 2d of May, 1559, Knox arrived in Scotland. Nine days later the people rose, plundered the churches, and pulled down the monasteries.

"The Scottish 'Kirk' was established 1560, with a Calvinistic system of doctrine, and an uncompromising protest against Rome.

"William, Prince of Orange, after hearing of the defeat of the Huguenot, in France, in the Massacre of St. Bartholomew, and facing defeat with

the Duke of Alva in his beloved country, wrote this letter to his wife: "I have resolved to place myself in the hands of the Almighty, that he may guide me whither it is his good pleasure that I should go. I see well enough that I am destined to pass this life in misery and labor, with which I am well content since it thus pleases the Omnipotent, for I know that I have merited still greater chastisement. I only implore him graciously to send me strength to endure with patience."

"In the long struggle of the Dutch for liberty, the city of Harlem, ten miles from Amsterdam, was besieged, 1572, by Spanish soldiers under Don Frederick, son of Duke of Alva. A company of 300 women, led by a widow of a distinguished family, fought in the ranks of the soldiers to save the city from the Spaniards. After months of hard resistance by the Dutch, famine appeared within Harlem's gates. When ordinary food was exhausted, the people lived on linseed and rapeseed, from which they had been making oil; then on dogs, cats, rats and mice; next they boiled the hides of oxen and horses, then devoured their boots and shoes, and finally tore up the nettles from the graveyards and the grass from between the stones."

These were the forefathers of De Wet and other Boers.

R. M. B.

Good News for Stutterers.

Rev. G. W. Randolph, that noted voice doctor, who cured so many stutterers in Birmingham, Montgomery and Mobile last year, writes us that he will be at Henderson, Tenn., the 25th of December, and will remain with his family thirty days, and will board all stutterers who come to be cured—many have engaged to meet him. Henderson is between Corinth, Miss., and Jackson, Tenn., on the M. & O. R. R. We published many letters last year from those who were cured in Alabama by this noted specialist. He is all right; a fine preacher, we are informed, and a gentleman of high character. Remember that he is to be in Henderson, Tenn., only thirty days from December 25th. Please hand this to some poor stutterer. 51-4t

Please Brethren

Send me the Minutes of your Association. I have the following: Birmingham, Coosa River, Calhoun, Shelby, Bethlehem, Selma, Colbert, Cleburne, Harmony, North River, Cahaba, Clarke County, Etowah, Mineral Springs, Tuscaloosa, Tuskegee, Pine Barren, Newton, Bessemer, Liberty (North), Cullman, Montgomery, Pea River, Salem, Unity, Alabama, Troy, Cherokee, Sipsey.

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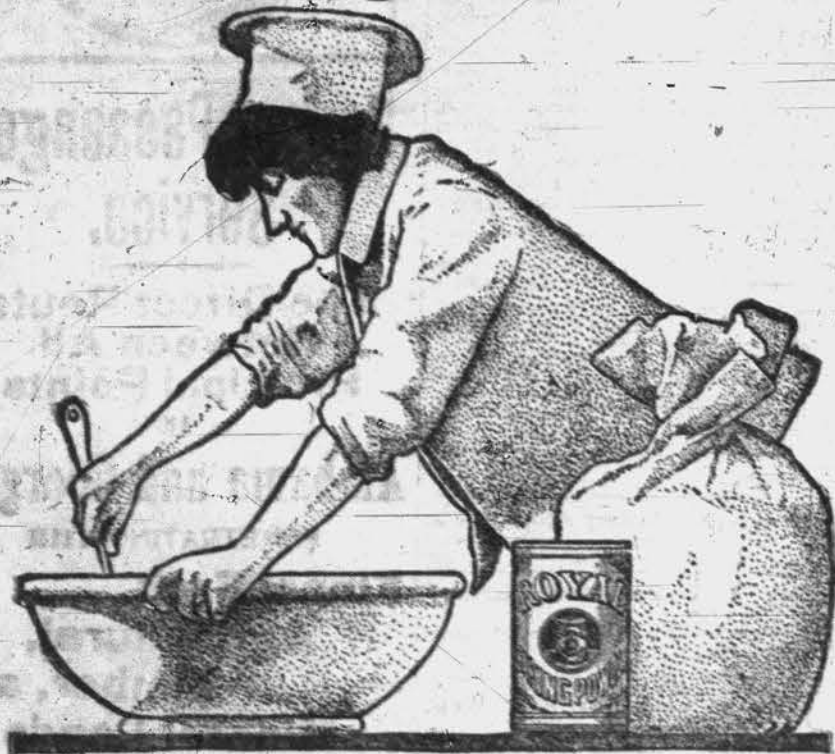
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On the morning of the 9th Mrs. Beulah Smith, after a continued illness, departed this life. Mrs. Smith's maiden name was Burroughs. She died at the home of her mother, in Dadeville, and was buried at Jackson's Gap on the 10th. She was a Christian woman and a member of the Baptist church at Dadeville. She leaves no children. Sister Smith had no fears of the future. She said: "I am waiting to go." The writer conducted the funeral.

JNO. P. SHAFER.

Last Tuesday the messenger of death came to the home of Bro. and Sister Thos. Kennedy and summoned their little "Nola May" to her heavenly home. She was born April 13th, 1897, and died December 10th, 1901. Weep not father, mother, sister, brother, while her place is vacant and her prattling voice will be heard no more on earth, she is safe in the arms of Jesus, safe from pain, sin, sorrow, and care; an occupant of the celestial city, and with angelic notes praising her Redeemer. May the God of comfort be present to console the bereaved by his grace. C. H. Morgan.

Lower Peach Tree, Ala.

Mrs. Fannie E. Shaley.

Sister Shaley was born near Hillsboro, Jasper county, Georgia, September 29th, 1836; married to Bro. W. J. Shaley October 11th, 1856; baptized at Damascus church, Butler county, Ala., by Rev. Matthew Bishop, in the summer of 1857; died at Waverly, Ala., October 7th, 1901.

Through her long life she was implicitly trusted and devotedly loved by her family, her friends and especially by her church. She ministered to the sick and relieved the wants of the poor. How she will be missed by the entire community.

Gentle in manners, sweet in disposition, smiling on everyone, to be in her presence was to be happy. She was a living epistle read and known of all men. She died as she had lived, trusting her Savior.

Farewell, sweet saint, we'll think of thee
Along the pilgrim's way;
And see thee on that vernal shore
On coronation day.

We'll crown Him king, and joyful sing
In heaven's happy home,
Till cloisters ring as angels wing
Clear up the vaulted dome.

J. W. HAMNER.

In Memory of Miss Pearl Stewart.

This pure, sweet, modest, refined girl of 20 summers passed away at her home near Abernethy, December 3rd, 1901. For six days, the time that she was sick, her sufferings were very great, but she died happy, praying and singing, and telling her friends one by one good-bye, declaring that she was going straight to Jesus. She was one of the most humble, zealous and consecrated church workers the writer has ever known. It was her intention to return to the Institute at Tusculloosa after Christmas, where she had already attended school one year. In fact, her teacher, Prof.

Giles, said last spring that she was in many respects the most wonderful girl he had ever known. After completing her education she meant to offer herself as a missionary to go to some distant land. It mattered not where, to carry the gospel of Jesus.

The idol of her people, this beautiful flower is crushed on earth, to bloom more bright and fair on happier shores.

Her pastor,
P. G. MANESS.

Resolutions of Respect.

And condolence in honor of Bro. Westley P. Rice.

We, the members of Bethel Baptist church, at Ft. Deposit, Ala., hearing of the death of our beloved senior deacon, Bro. Westley P. Rice, with great sorrow do now pass the following resolutions:

Resolved 1st, That his exemplary Christian life is worthy of our imitation and that we point the young of our community to the example set by him, with pride.

Resolved 2nd, That he was faithful to all the high trusts and sacred obligations that our church put within his hands, and that he used the office of a deacon well, and purchased to himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith.

Resolved 3rd, That with humbled hearts and bowed heads we bow to God's will in his death; as we realize that God can make no mistakes, and that we as a church pray for that resignation to the will of God, that so characterized his walk while he was among us.

Resolved 4th, That we condole most heartily and sacredly with his family over their great loss in his death, and that as a church we extend to them, each and all our heartfelt sympathy, and commend them to "Our Father" for comfort in their hour of sorrow.

Resolved 5th, That we spread a page in our minutes, sacred to his memory, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, another be sent to the Citizen-Examiner and ALABAMA BAPTIST, and another be put upon the pages of the records of Bethel Baptist church.

Resolutions

Adopted by Elam Baptist church on the death of Mrs. Ida Williams.

Whereas, The angel of death has entered our fold and borne from us, our beloved sister, Mrs. Ida Williams, to rest in the Savior's arms, and

Whereas, she was one of the most punctual, cheerful, obedient and lovable characters; therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That the church and entire community deeply mourn her absence, but we weep not as those without hope, knowing that she is safe with the dear Savior, who said: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," where

"Free from the blight of sorrow,
Pain could not harm her there."

Resolved 2nd, That we extend to our bereaved brother and entire family our tenderest sympathy, while we rejoice that they have a "precious jewel" waiting and watching for them in the heavenly home.

Resolved 3rd, That her name be inscribed upon the pages of our records, that these resolutions be printed in the

ALABAMA BAPTIST, and a copy be sent to Bro. Williams.
E. LANEY STEARNS.

In Memory

The subject of this sketch, Sister Craddock, was born in 1844; married to H. W. Craddock, who survives her; died December 3rd, 1901, at her home near Jackson's Gap, Ala. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom survive her to mourn the loss of a true and devoted Christian mother.

Sister Craddock was a faithful member of the Jackson's Gap Baptist church where she spent all the years of her godly life, surrounded by many of her loved relatives. The deceased was a consecrated Christian, to which her life bore undisputable testimony; she loved her church with a true and unwavering devotion; she was a good neighbor, abounding in words and deeds of love; she was a true and faithful wife, a loving and fond mother, which her devoted husband and children signally emphasized in their untiring attention during her last illness. This was simply beautiful—never a murmur marred these tedious and numberless hours nor obtruded itself upon this scene of angel-like vigilance. The writer, as he called in to speak a word of condolence, was forcibly impressed with this halo of heavenly-like vista that shown around this sick chamber, where maternal and filial patience and devotion seemed to rival each other. This mother in Israel was patient and calm to the last. A few days before she quietly breathed her last, resting in sweet composure, she told the writer that her way was clear, and she was trusting Jesus all the way.

Sorrowing ones, may you ever be comforted in the rich legacy of the memory of the life of her whose last end was the death of the righteous, and like her, may your lives and deaths be enshrined in loving Christian hearts, to at last receive the signal approval of the heavenly voice.

God, bless and comfort the bereaved ones.
GEO. L. BELL, Pastor.

Death at the Orphanage.

Maggie, our little girl who had been sick so long, passed away today, Monday. She clung to life with a hold that was wonderful, but at last the end came peacefully and she slept. She leaves a brother whose affection for her was tender and strong, while all the three score and ten children in the Orphanage family, and the officers who care for them, give him their sympathy in this time of sorrow.

JNO. W. STEWART

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Weekly prayer meeting, Sunday, Dec. 22nd. Topic "Our Gifts to our King." Matt. 2:1-12.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

16th. Acts 19:11-22. Glorious results of work. Compare Acts 12:24.
 17th. I Corinthians 1:1-18. That in everything ye are enriched by him (vs. 5). Compare I Cor. 12:7.
 18th. I Corinthians 1:19-31. In whom we should glory (vs. 31). Compare 11 Cor. 10:17.
 19th. I Corinthians 2. Paul's only knowledge among the brethren (vs. 2). Compare Phil. 3:8.
 20th. I Corinthians 3. Where the wisdom of this world is foolishness (vs. 19). Compare I Cor. 2:6, 7.
 21st. I Corinthians 4. Hidden things of darkness to be revealed (vs. 5). Compare I Cor. 3:13-15.
 —The Baptist Union.

We are glad to have an encouraging letter from Bro. E. L. Davant in regard to the debt. Bro. Davant is at the head of a progressive B. Y. P. U., which has already possibly more than its share in this work. It will however do more if necessary. We trust the call he makes will be heeded.

To the Young People of Alabama:

What a glorious thing it is to realize that we, as an organization, are so nearly out of debt. By the first of January if each B. Y. P. organization does its part we will be able to breathe freely and look with satisfaction upon the great work and the best religious paper published and say

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E. E. DAVANT,
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The editor of the Christian Observer is in trouble, deep and insupportable trouble. The American Revisers, which is by no means a Baptist body but which is a scholarly and conscientious band of learned men, has faithfully translated the little Greek preposition "en" by our word "in" where baptism in water and in the Spirit is spoken of. No question is raised that in a great majority of cases the preposition has to be rendered in that way, but it is argued that because it is possible to render it by the words "with" and "by" in some places, therefore it is a great wrong to give it here its ordinary meaning. Our neighbor says that this American way of putting it is a quasi endorsement of the immersion theory, and you see it would be far better to mistranslate the text than to give the Baptists a little comfort.—Central Baptist.

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