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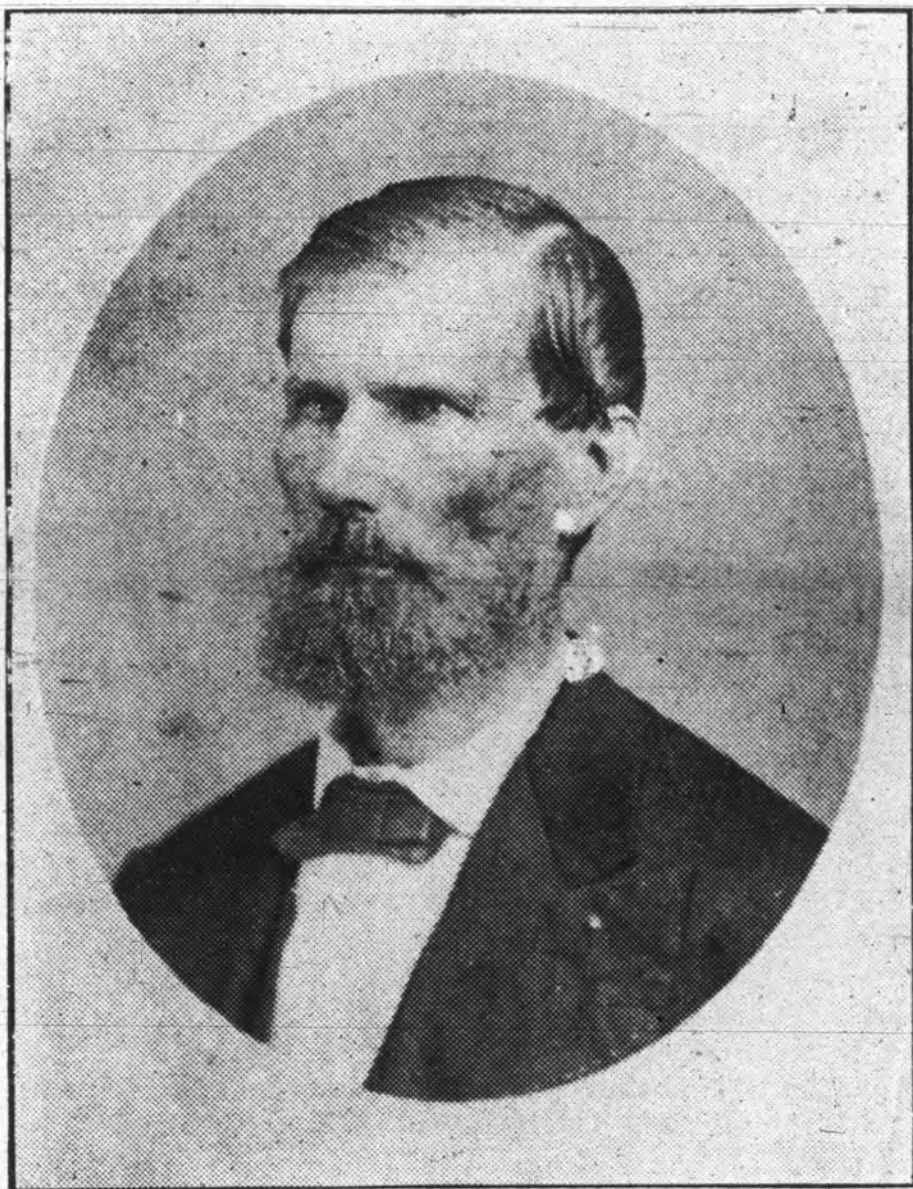
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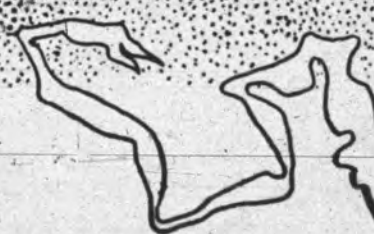
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BIRMINGHAM NEWS.

Mr. Robert Bonsall, of Ohio, a co-worker with Jacobs and Hamil and Trumbull and other great Sunday school leaders will be in Birmingham on Tuesday, March 25th, and will give a course of lectures for Sunday school teachers, especially on approved methods of teaching. Mr. Bonsall has been teaching the Sunday school teachers of the Ohio valley for twenty-five years and is regarded as the most expert worker in teaching teachers now in the Sunday school world. It is the peculiar good fortune of Birmingham to secure his services for a week's work. His first lecture will be at the Southside church on Tuesday evening, March 25th at 7:30. All the teachers are invited to attend from all the churches of all denominations.

Rev. C. S. Johnson, of Oxford, called in en route to his appointment at Springville. He is a fine preacher and has some vacant Sundays for which some of our churches ought to capture him.

Rev. N. S. Jones, of Montevallo, visited us last week much to our delight. He is closing up his work in Alabama, and that does not please us.

Dr. A. J. Dickinson was seen clapping his hands on the corner of the streets, and when asked the secret of his joy, he replied, "Brother — has just doubled his subscription to our building fund." Make him shout, brethren.

A brother tells us that the Fountain Heights church is succeeding nicely under Pastor Brown's administration. By the way is it not time Brother Brown was telling the readers of the Baptist about his missionary work? How goes the battle, Brother Brown?

Birmingham has been made the headquarters for the Railway Mail Service for the States of Alabama and Mississippi and the northern portion of the State of Florida.

The gentlemen in charge of the department are M. H. Bunn, chief, and Mr. J. H. Kemp, assistant. These gentlemen have been given quarters in the second story of the government building and will conduct their operations from this point.

Col. Bunn was for four years engaged in the railway mail service in Cuba, being master of transportation in that country for the service. He acquitted himself with great distinction in a very difficult task.—News.

Col. Bunn is a consistent and active member of the First church of this city.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, the Tuscaloosa evangelist, spent two days in Birmingham last week and dropped in to see us. He is enthusiastic in his work as usual. His health is entirely restored and he is planning great things for the coming months. He will represent the Southern and Alabama Baptist in his rounds, and receive subscriptions.

STATE NEWS.

The brethren who attended the conference at Jasper so enjoyed the sessions and were so impressed with the helpfulness of the meeting that they have decided to continue such meetings in that section. The next meeting will be held at Winfield, and Brethren J. E. Barnes, J. H. Longrier, W. B. Earnest and C. C. Kelly were appointed a committee to prepare program. A series of such rallies will be held.

Bro. James W. Kramer received a unanimous recall last Sunday to Brewton. This makes the fourth time he has received a unanimous call there. He preaches to large congregations.

An Emergency Hospital will probably be established in Tuscaloosa. It is the plan of several charitably inclined women in the town to provide one for the relief of strangers who are suddenly taken ill or are accidentally injured. The business men are interested in the movement and several of the ministers have agreed to donate certain Sunday offerings to the fund.

Rev. E. M. Stewart will be mailing a large number of coin cards next week to people that they may return them with a piece of silver in them to help build that \$5,000 church edifice.

Plans for the extension of the Tuscaloosa Baptist church have been received from the architect. The plan is very practical and attractive. The extension will be made just to the rear of the baptistery and will embrace two stories of class rooms and a small auditorium. The organ will be placed between the two walls just back of where it now stands. Two new vestibules will be added in the rear of the building and two new towers, which will add greatly to the beauty of the present structure. This work will cost about \$6,000, and will begin in the near future.

Rev. Mr. Gross, of Griffin, Ga., preached to a good congregation in the Baptist church at this place Sunday night. It was one of the strongest and clearest gospel sermons to which we have ever listened. His theme was God's care over the individual as well as the nation and the universe. Mr. Gross has accepted the pastorate of the Selma Baptist church, and is stopping off to visit friends and relatives here before going to Selma, where he begins his labors April 1st.—Union Springs Breeze.

Columbiana church has bought and paid for a splendid new organ, and the Womans Aid Society is taking on new life. Mrs. W. G. Parker, President, has secured a large number of subscribers to the Foreign Mission Journal. Collection for missions at Pastor Dickinson's last visit, more than \$20. Will have monthly missionary collections instead of quarterly as heretofore.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

The Southern Passenger Association has agreed on one fare for the round trip to Ashville, N. C., on account of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The First Baptist church of Shreveport, La., recently lifted a collection for missions amounting to \$1,000.

Rev. Carter Helm Jones is to do the preaching in some special meetings in Shreveport next month.

The President has determined not to allow his daughter Alice to attend the coronation of King Edward. It was intended to permit her to go over with Mr. and Mrs. Hay, the Secretary of State, and personal friends of the President's family; but so much prominence has been given the matter in the papers and so much more was made of her part in the launching of the German Emperor's yacht than was intended, that the publicity has become very distasteful to the President, and permission to his daughter to attend the coronation has been withdrawn. She will make a visit to Cuba with General and Mrs. Wood, the latter being old friends of the President.

The church at Jackson, Ga., has extended a call to Dr. W. A. Nelson to become its regular pastor. He supplied the church for the past three years, but left on Jan. 1st, to conduct evangelistic meetings and Bible institutes.

The pulpit of the LaSalle Avenue church in Chicago will be supplied this summer by Rev. Wm. Nowlin, of the Upper Street Baptist church, Lexington, Ky. Dr. Christian, the pastor, is engaged to supply the People's church in London during the summer.

Mr. Will D. Upshaw "Earnest Willie" recently raised over \$11,000 for the endowment of Mercer University without asking any remuneration for his services. He is now undertaking to raise \$25,000 for the Monroe Female College without any remuneration. His many friends will be glad to know of his noble work in Georgia.

The Sunday School Board is planning to build a large house costing something like \$100,000. This will give rooms for the officers and space to manage the increasing periodical trade.—Baptist Advance.

The first Russian Baptist church in North Dakota is making steady progress under its faithful pastor, Rev. Alex. Niclaus.

Dr. D. M. Ramsey, of the Citadel Square Baptist church, has been called to the First Baptist church, Washington, D. C.—S. C. Baptist.

FOREIGN NEWS.

We have great respect for the Czar of Russia, as a man who is probably honest in many of his endeavors for peace. The promise of the government as St. Petersburg to the United States may have been made in good faith. But Russia is not ruled so much by the Czar as by a bureaucracy, perhaps the worst in the world. The military men—those in charge of Siberia—had determined to seize a portion of China, and are doubtless directly responsible for the course Russia has pursued in the Far East since the beginning of the Chinese Boxer movement. One result of the demands of the United States is to call the attention of St. Petersburg to the situation, and bring its responsibility home to it.

Lord General Kitchener reports the discovery of a Boer magazine in a cave near Rietz, Orange River colony, containing 310,000 rounds of rifle ammunition, with a large amount of stores. The Boers are believed to have hidden large quantities of ammunition before entering on guerrilla warfare. The enormous amount of arms and ammunition which they have been accumulating since they began to draw an income from the gold mines shows that they have been systematically preparing for war for many years.

Great Britain and Japan have made an alliance. The treaty declares for the territorial integrity of China. If either party gets into a war with one nation over China, the other merely looks on. But if a second nation helps the party of the other part, then the other signer of the treaty is to enter the war. In the House of Commons the government announced that Manchuria was included in the scope of the treaty. At which the Russian bear, who has a paw on Manchuria, smiled and said he had no objections to the treaty.

The ocean steamship "Lucania" recently put to a successful test wireless telegraphy, at least as far as the transmission of messages is concerned. When the ship was seventy-two miles away from the receiving point, the Nantucket lightship, the test signal was made, and the following message sent by the captain of the "Lucania": "All well on board. We are 287 miles from Sandy Hook and with clear weather expect to reach New York harbor Saturday. Please inform Cunard agents." This message was sent without a hitch, and properly received at the other end, but for some reason there was a failure in sending a message from land to the ship. The attempt was made, but the message was incoherent and impossible to decipher. This failure was attributed by the representative of Mr. Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraphy system, to electricity in the air.

Officers of the Georgia Baptist Convention



W. J. Northen.

Hon. W. J. Northen.

It would be impossible to give even an outline of Governor Northen, the President of the Georgia Baptist Convention, in the few paragraphs at my disposal as his life is part of Georgia's best history. We doubt if there is a layman in Georgia who stands closer to the hearts of the people than does W. J. Northen, the scholar, the statesman, the Christian. Old men counsel with him, middle aged men confide in him, and young men follow him. His life is too broad to be confined to Georgia alone and as his sympathies reach out beyond his home State so does the love of his brethren throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention center around him. We have known him in public life, in church life, and in home life, and it is hard to tell whether we admire him more as a statesman or more as a model church worker, or more as a host for he adorns each one of these positions. Georgia is fortunate in having so worthy a son and he has never spared himself at her call to duty. As educator, as business man, as Governor, he has always served his people well. Now that he is putting aside great honors may the Lord bless him and give him a well earned rest.



Dr. H. R. Bernard.

Rev. B. D. Ragsdale, D. D.

Dr. B. D. Ragsdale, the secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention, is one of the strong young men of Georgia. We doubt if there is a Baptist minister of his age in the State who wields as strong an influence as does Brother Ragsdale. He has the confidence of the entire denomination and is using his power to help build-up the cause of Baptist and advance his Master's work. He won first honor at Mercer in 1886, and graduated from the Seminary in 1889, and since 1897 has been Professor of English Bible in Mercer University. Mercer is one of the southern colleges in which the Bible has a regular place in the curriculum as a distinct course. Owing to Dr. Ragsdale's personality many elect the course who are not ministerial students. Some belong to other denominations, and some are not church members. Mercer's spirit of recent years has been quite progressive and her record brilliant on account of the leadership of her vigorous young faculty among whose number Dr. Ragsdale is a conspicuous leader.



Rev. B. D. Ragsdale, Macon, Ga.

Dr. H. R. Bernard.

Dr. H. R. Bernard, the treasurer of the Georgia Baptist Convention, is a Tennessean, who has been such a long time in the Empire State of the South that he has all the ear marks of a real "Georgia Cracker." He was ordained by the Baptist church at Athens, Ga., in 1880, and is now residing in the classic city. Like Mell, Gibson, Kilpatrick, Callaway and some other strong preachers, in Georgia, he loved to serve country and village churches. He never tires of talking about the Appalachee Association, and if you want to see Bernard at his best you must hear him before his own people. He is a level headed, warm hearted, generous Christian gentleman and we join his many friends in Georgia and throughout the South in wishing him great success as editor of the Southern Advance, a religious monthly which he is publishing at Athens, Ga.

How to Secure the Missionary and Other Benevolent Collections.

This is a question of vital interest to pastors, since upon them devolves in very many churches the responsibility for raising these collections.

The crippled financial condition of our various religious boards is a natural result of the lack of system in securing the contributions of the individual members of our churches. Giving will not become systematic of itself. It must be made systematic, and this implies order and method. If any fair proportion of the membership of a church contributes to its various benevolent causes, every individual must be reached and given opportunity to give.

In most of our churches the responsibility for raising funds necessary to carry on the aggressive enterprises of

the church is put on the pastor. If he succeeds he must adopt some plan by which he in turn can put the responsibility of giving on each individual member. He is under obligation to bring to the attention of all, every cause he represents, and provide a plan by which each member may give according to ability. When he does this faithfully and systematically, success usually crowns his efforts. In any event the pastor has discharged his obligation, and if there is failure, the fault is not his. Too many pastors have absolutely no system at all, and consequently to the great mass of the membership the blessedness of giving is entirely lost.

It is a singular fact that admirable systems often break down right at the point of contact with the givers.

The following plan should be adopted by every pastor:

A circular letter setting forth the claims and needs of the various enterprises should be put in the hands of every member. The letter can be sent through the mails, or distributed by the committees. Printed envelopes should be enclosed and specific instructions given as to how and when the contributions should be handed in.

There are several excellent plans—the most important point is that the responsibility is put upon the individual—that an appeal is made to every one and the duty of all alike "giving according to ability."

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Father and Son.

On May 14, 1864, I was wounded at Resaca, Ga. I was immediately transported to an Atlanta hospital and after two weeks was sent into the vicinity of Bairdstown, Ga., about thirty-five miles from Athens, my present home. I had a mess-mate, the color-bearer of my regiment, Alex Carver, the father of Prof. W. O. Carver, of Louisville Seminary, who was also wounded a few days later than I was. Carver was sent into same community with me. I made my home at Capt. J. F. Gur's; Carver made his with W. O. Cheney. These gentlemen with their families were members of Baird's church, of which Dr. P. H. Mell was pastor. He was living in Athens at the time and was connected as a professor and vice chancellor of the State University. Carver and I as wounded Confederate soldiers in the same community were much together and we never missed an opportunity of hearing Dr. Mell preach. We were boys in our teens, but Dr. Mell's preaching interested us.

As a preacher Dr. Mell was always forceful, logical, clear and hearty. He always impressed me. I heard him occasionally for many years, and always with pleasure and profit. He was successful as a pastor. He was sound in faith, always earnest, managed well in matters of discipline, held everything connected with his churches well in hand. Was always on his feet; was himself, and lived beyond surprise, at least, to all appearances.

One peculiarity in connection with Dr. Mell's management of church matters is illustrated when I say that it was his rule never to take sides in difficulties in church where parties were formed. He always held that he was and must be the pastor of all the members, and

that he must weld himself in such relations to all that all would confide in him. Only in this way did he feel that he could do the largest good to the most people.

Dr. Mell knew how to make friends and how to hold them. He knew too how to be your friend. It was useless to report adversely to him one of his friends. He never accepted the report before seeing the friend himself. He gave his confidence and when he did he required as much in return.

Of course we all know Dr. Mell as he was in the Moderator's chair. He was naturally one of the best presiding officers. He was alert, decisive, courageous, courteous, graceful and dignified. He loved to preside and this was natural. He always did it well, and the records show how fully his brethren honored him.

We knew Dr. Mell many years as a

it in the bank, lived on less than his income, and always had some ready money. He never bought things on a credit. He dreaded debt. If anything earthly would have crazed him it would have been some debt that he could not meet promptly and in addition to this a mortgage on his home.

Dr. Mell, some years before he died, succeeded Dr. Tucker as chancellor of the University of Georgia. His administration of college affairs was thorough and efficient. He died full of years and honors, and in triumphs of the Christian's faith.

Rev. C. D. Campbell, pastor of the Athens Baptist church, preached the funeral to a large assembly of people in the college chapel.

When it was announced that Dr. Mell was dead I could not realize it. He was always so much the embodiment of life I could not feel that he was dead.

I owe Dr. Mell much and shall always feel it. He taught me theology, took an interest in me and helped me in my beginnings to preach as no one else could. He was a tower of strength to a young preacher. Knew how to help him.

It was always his desire to see John Dagg Mell a preacher. He did not live to see this, and yet the son has come to be a preacher of the gospel according to the faith and hopes of his father.

Just what young Brother Mell will do remains to be seen. I can say this: he starts well and has much to encourage him. He is like his father in many respects. He is already a good preacher, though very recently ordained. He is a capital presiding officer. In every way he is thoroughly reliable and we would gladly trust him with any service he would undertake. We predict for him a bright and successful future.

H. R. Bernard.

Athens, Ga., March 19, 1902.

Sunday Evening Service.

Over in Georgia the farmers have a saying, "There's more in the man than there is in the land." The thought in the epigram has its application to pastors and their work. One pastor succeeds in a church where another with same material and identical conditions fails. There are a few, however, of even the most successful pastors, who have not met discouragements in "that Sunday evening service." A few practical suggestions may prove helpful to the pastor with this problem still unsolved.

(1) First put yourself, brother pastor, in the place of the man who is not a preacher, the one in the pew, to realize if possible why he is inclined to the church when he does attend.

The man in the pew has been heard to say, "I go to this church because of the good music;" "I go to that church because the sermons are short;" "I go here because the pastor and people are social;" "I go to hear this pastor because there is life and power, 'snap and go' in the service from beginning to end, and when the preacher has finished his discourse he quits."

(2) Now the wise preacher is the one who, hearing these statements, carries them to his study and there carefully weighs and considers. Is there anything wrong in making a service conform in some good degree to these requirements? Can we not have good music? Why need I weary a congregation with a long discourse, when a short, pointed, earnest sermon will accomplish better results? May I not arrange to give a cordial greeting to very many of my Sunday night congregation, especially to the stranger, or occasional attendant? Is it not possible to bring my people to be more cordial? All these are possible if the pastor will give himself to the effort.

(3) The preacher who sees great possibilities in the Sunday evening service, and will make it a success, must in every available way, secure the co-operation of the church membership. This means, first of all, that they must, as far as possible, attend. Stir up your people at this point.

(4) The use of programs or printed responsive services give variety to a service, and could be adopted with profit for a period of several months at a time. It has the advantage of enlisting the people in the conduct of the service. Don't make the fatal mistake of having the responsive service too long.

(5) The circulating of topic cards announcing series of sermons or services, has advantages. They attract the attendants to more than one service. They make the people of the community feel that the church is alive and aggressive, and especially do they furnish an easy means for enlisting the church members in Christian work.

Dr. J. M. Frost.

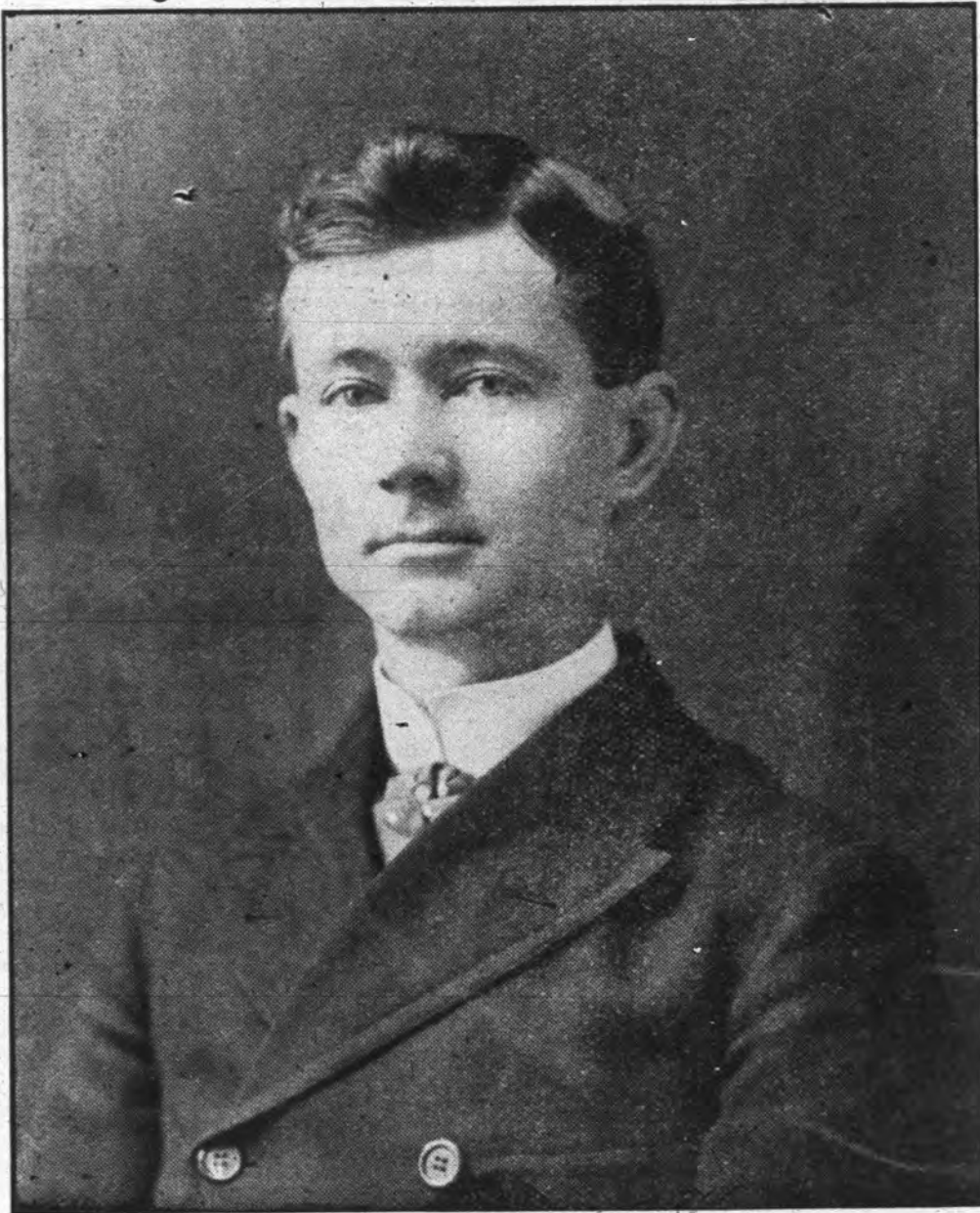
I put it as the most sympathetic and helpful episode of that lecture business that Dr. J. M. Frost came up from Nashville to the beginning and stayed through to the end. The lectures, as I suppose is known to the readers of the Herald, are on a foundation established by the Sunday school Board at Nashville, and, of course, Dr. Frost felt that he must be at the launching. It occurred to me that there might be something a little official and inquisitorial in his presence, and I wondered on what line of retribution he would take me in the event of a tragedy; but it would be rank wrong to leave unstated the fact that he was a magazine of sympathy and enthusiasm. When all other refugees looked as if they might close doors and go out of business, there was the warm and loving face of this Baptist chieftain. He looked a little languid, and was not well during the time, but I looked him over and could find no place where any Philistine javelin had left a wound. He is a faithful servant of the denomination, and, of course, the little invariable pin-sticks which may invisibly puncture him now and then will never impair his strength or stay his work. He was in many of the social fellowships of the occasion and everybody did him honor.—W. E. Hatcher, D.D., in Religious Herald.

I have meant before this to send you a word of congratulation on coming to the editorial helm in Alabama. The Baptists of that State are a royal people. Six of the happiest years of my life were spent among them and they showed me kindness and consideration far beyond anything I deserved. They hold a great place in my heart and I am glad always to serve them. May the Lord greatly bless you in your work.

J. M. Frost.

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BAPTIST UNION.

Monday 24, Ephesians 1. "Sealed with Holy Spirit of Promise" (vs. 13.) Compare Eph. 4:30
 Tuesday 25, Ephesians 2. "Built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ himself" (vs. 20). Compare I Cor. 3:11.
 Wednesday 26, Ephesians 3. "To know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge" (vs. 19). Compare Rom. 8:39.
 Thursday 27, Ephesians 4:1-16. "The stature of the fullness of Christ" (vs. 13). Compare John 1:16.
 Friday 28, Ephesians 4:17-32. Put on the new man" (vs. 24). Compare Rom. 13:14.
 Saturday 29, Ephesians 5:1-14. "Walk in love" (vs. 2). Compare Rom. 14:15-17.
 Sunday 30, Conquest Meeting. Medical Missions. Alternate Topic: "He is Risen, as He Said." Luke 24:1-35. (Easter Service.) S. S. Lesson: Review, or Easter Lesson. John 20:6-18.
 Monday 31, Ephesians 5:15-33. "Making melody with your heart to God" (vs. 19). Compare I Cor. 4:15.



W. W. GAINES.

Send Us News.

We would appreciate it very much if the pastors as well as the B. Y. P. U. workers would send us news items in regard to the young people and their work, which they may gather from time to time. We wish this Department the place to which all of our workers can turn to learn what is going on in the B. Y. P. U. of the State. This was the real purpose of the Department in the beginning and the best results have not been reached for lack of co-operation on the part of the workers. You do not need to write long, elaborate articles, but if you do not care to do more merely send us a postal card giving any item of interest in regard to your work. Let us hear from you.

Huntsville B. Y. P. U.

This section of Alabama, Huntsville in particular, is awakening to the sense of the duty of keeping up the health of all branches of church work. Not only the Baptist but all denominations realize that they have been backward, but by the help of God they are going to try harder for the accomplishments of greater good in the Master's Kingdom than ever before. It is highly gratifying to the writer to note the church work throughout the State and the South; and here he would say that one of the best plans to win victoriously is to support and encourage every branch of church work, and stand by the Southern and Alabama Baptist, the greatest and most promising denominational paper to which the Baptists of our State can look for the dissemination of their views, and the creating of a better feeling and interest in our denominational work. While the outlook is most propitious for the church, it is pleasing to state, there was never brighter hope for the advancement of the young church worker than now, and without comment we must accept the fact that in the Sunday school and Young People's Union

of the Baptist church are the best places to put him. Huntsville enjoys two Baptist Churches amidst the churches of other denominations, all of whom we will state, are doing good, and each of these two churches has its Union. This society in the First Church is regarded now as the strong arm on which the congregation must lean for future work. About five years ago the Union of this church started with a very small membership, but, thank God, it gradually grew until it enjoys the distinction of being one of the leading young people's societies in the town. Mr. M. B. Neece, the efficient and faithful president of this Union, merits the praise for what the Union is today. He has labored in season and out of season for its growth and the advancement of its members. Today he is enjoying the fruits of his work. We know there are many like flourishing organizations in the State, but when members come up from over the State, they are extended a cordial welcome that they may receive new inspirations and ideas as to the successful way to make a Union grow. Today the First Baptist Church of this city, as a result of the training in the Union, has more young men who will take an active part in conducting public service than every other church in the city combined. On last Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock, the usual hour for the meeting each week, the society held, according to the universal verdict, the most successful meeting since its organization. Dr. John T. Jones, who is wedded to the Union work, led the meeting, the subject of which was "What Can We Best Do for the Negro." An active part was taken in the discussion of the subject by members and friends who crowded the society room in the church, and besides an interesting speech on "What We (the young people) Are Doing" was made by Hon. R. E. Pettus, who is always heard with interest in his church, business and every other kind of work. Mrs. Mosie McGaha, the

sweet wife of the late Rev. Dr. A. W. McGaha, sang a beautiful solo, and other appropriate music, furnished by the members of the society quartettes and Miss Beulah Neece, was rendered. In brief, the Union is growing, not only in Huntsville, but throughout the country. Let us get ready for the State Convention at Collinsville, and make it the best yet held.

J. E. Pierce.

From East Lake.

Our Union is moving right along with its work, meeting once each week to study the scripture lessons. We find that the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly is of much service in the general study of the selections, and I wish to commend it to all Unions. We send for enough to supply all our members with a copy. Many, but not enough, of our members, take the Baptist Union.

Last Sunday was a glorious day for our church and Union. The Union pledged twenty-five dollars to missions, and better still one of its members decided to become a foreign missionary.

The Union is honored much by God in this and prays His richest blessings upon him who is willing to carry the message to foreign lands.

It was the writer's pleasure to visit the Avondale Union last Sunday afternoon. It is doing good work, having a good membership of consecrated young Christians. They are planning some missionary work for the suburbs of their town.

W. H. Bowen.

Tallassee Union.

In the B. Y. P. U. column of last week's Baptist you ask that some one tell you something of Tallassee Union and its work.

Our Union was born in December during the cold weather, and has been rather shaky till the first Sunday in this month, when a degree of spiritual enthusiasm was seen that indicated endless existence. For the first six months they made the writer president; Bro. L. W. Wilkerson, vice-president; Sister Henry, secretary; Sister Minnie Kittrel, treasurer, and (to insure good music) Bro. Chaffin chorister. At our last meeting we discussed the purpose of the Union, and I can begin to see that the fear on the part of some of our more conservative members that the Union will ultimately become a new denomination, has begun to release its hold on their honest souls.

Our church knows of and indorses the existence of the Union. We have 25 members, and meet on the first and third Sundays in each month in the afternoon. Our aim is to work in harmony with the Union at large. What we wish to know is how to do. Give us, please, the hand of fellowship and a visit.

A. C. Swindall.

It gives us great pleasure to print a picture of Brother W. W. Gaines, of Atlanta, Ga., who holds the position of First Vice-President of the B. Y. P. U. of America, and is also the Recording Secretary of the Southern B. Y. P. U. We hope Brother Gaines will visit our State Convention this year, and give us the benefit of his talks.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Editor the Southern and Alabama Baptist: My Dear Brother: Your letter of February 24th came in due season. My absence from the city in Toronto has de-

layed my reply somewhat. I note with much interest what you say regarding the movement in Alabama, and trust that you will be abundantly blessed in the new enterprise you have started. I am especially glad to note your interest in the work of the Baptist Young People's Union, and will help you in every way possible. Use the items in The Union at your pleasure, noting of course, the fact that credit should naturally be given to such matter as you may use. Perhaps in this way you will be strengthening the work of your paper, and also aiding us in keeping the work of the Union before the people. If at any time you desire any special information upon any subject we shall be pleased to help you so far as we may be able.

Thanking you again for your interest and support in the movement, and wishing you great success in your new enterprise, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Chicago. W. H. Geistwert.

The B. Y. P. U. of Sylacauga suffers a great loss in the death of "Aunt Duckie" Fluker. Though past seventy years of age she had a young heart. It was a rare thing for her to miss a meeting of the Union. All who were present at the State Convention of the B. Y. P. U. at LaFayette last April will remember how much that precious saint of God added to the interest of that meeting. She has been transported to the land of eternal youth. How she will be missed!

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Letters From Sunbeams.

My Dear Sunbeams: I wish I might have had every one of you with me last Sunday afternoon, as the President of the Central Committee and I went over to Shades Valley, to meet the Sunbeams there. You would have enjoyed the ride through the woods, where we saw many signs of "spring coming up that way;" and the crisp air, tempered by the pleasant sunlight, would have made the roses bloom in your round cheeks. A dear, tender Sunbeam rode with us, carrying with care a bouquet of spring flowers in his chubby hand. Somehow it seems just the thing for the Sunbeam children to love flowers, and I rejoice especially when our boys show this love for the beautiful. The faces that greeted us upon entering the church were just as bright and cheering as the beautiful day, and there were more than half a hundred to welcome us. What a pleasure to talk to such an audience! How well they listened and how lustily they sang! The president of the Band presided with dignity, and their leader, who has been so faithful and earnest, told some things of their work. I must whisper to you that it was a little orphan boy from this band who filled out the first one of the Willie Kelley cards issued by the Cen. Com. I was glad to see him again and found him still interested in the cause of missions. When we turned our faces homeward, we carried in our hands blossoms breathing the sweet incense of spring, and in our hearts grateful thanks to God for this vine of His own planting in Shades Valley.

I hope you will like the spring program, and that it may help your leaders in planning a pleasant entertainment for their Bands. The self-denial envelope will be sent at the same time. And, dearies, remember, "Freely ye have received, freely give." The quarterly blank should be filled out and returned to the Treasurer Cen. Com. by the 10th of April.

Ever your friend,
Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

New Berne.

Dear Mrs Hamilton: Pardon the delay in sending report. If you knew how little time I have during school days for any but school work, you'd think me excusable. The Sunbeams sent \$4.00 to Miss Willie Kelley, and have in the treasury \$1.25.

The literature comes regularly. Is it given to us?

I wish you could hear some of my little ones get up and tell the contents of a pamphlet or story. There is no reading of papers. That is too devoid of life. Zung Sg. Moo will be repeated next Sunday, since all want to hear about her.

The little ones are so saturated with love for Miss Kelley and her work that they have willingly offered to use all funds this year for her.

If that is not wise please instruct us.

Pray God's blessing to rest upon us, and more especially on

Your co-worker,
Nannie C. Weathers.

How I would enjoy attending your meetings. I am not surprised that the Sunbeams are "saturated with love" for our missionaries, when they have such an enthusiastic leader.

Elba.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Please accept many thanks for the kind letter and literature received a few weeks ago. I waited to write you that I might be able to give a report of our organization.

We organized on the 2d of February with twenty-one members and yesterday (9th) we received eleven new ones,



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which makes thirty-two in all. That does very nicely for a town of this size, and we hope to be successful.

The children are very much pleased and seem interested. I will be grateful to you for the programs and any information or advice you will give me.

Brother and Sister Hunter both send kindest regards.

Thanking you again for your kindness, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Miss Kate Dinkins.

Give my love to every one of the thirty-two Sunbeams that are shining so brightly in Elba. Yours is a blessed work.

Enterprise.

My Dear Friend: We have very recently organized a Sunbeam Band for little children here, and as I am one of

the leaders of the Band, I would be glad to have any information as to how to proceed with the work.

If you have any little stories or mission tracts that would be interesting, or some of Miss Kelley's cards, will be glad to have them. I am asked to make a talk the fourth Sunday in this month on Miss Kelley's work. Would be glad to have any information you can give me regarding her. Please send with the programs the dozen mite barrels and oblige.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Juddie Avant.

I send on one of Miss Kelley's letters to read at your meeting. Hers is a beautiful message and mission.

Lower Peach Tree.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Your letters received; one some time ago, and the other yesterday afternoon.

Both were gladly received, and also the literature. Please accept many

Birmingham.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: The Renfro Sunbeam Band elected the following officers, Sunday, Jan 12, 1902: Hollis Bush, president; Jim Cox, vice-president; Irene Reynolds, recording secretary; Perla Wyatt, corresponding secretary; Henry Thomas, treasurer; Maude Bates and Aleta McDonald, organists. We elect officers every six months. Our Band furnished the program for the Christmas entertainment. Mrs. Hamilton had some envelopes distributed, from which we collected \$11.32. This offering was for China. We meet every Sunday now instead of only twice a month. Every child answers the roll call with a verse from the Bible. We also have a new plan for our home Bible reading. Every one reads five verses every day; then on Sunday we read these same verses. These readings began with the first chapter of Mark.

The Sunbeams are always glad to have visitors, and Mrs. Hamilton makes them welcome. The hour is 3:30.

Respectfully,

Perla Wyatt,

Recording Secretary.

It is a pleasure to introduce this dear little secretary to the Sunbeams of Alabama.

Avondale.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: We are very anxious for you to visit our society again. It has been such a long time since you talked to us. Can't you come out next Sunday, or some time right soon? We meet every Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the church.

The children often speak of the little paper toys that the Chinese children cut out with iron shears, and the letter that you read us. You remember we had dismissed and some had gone home before you came to see us that afternoon, so you saw only a small portion of our number.

Mrs. Hamilton, we have a fine crowd of children, and the responsibility of teaching them is very great. They need a much wiser head than mine to teach them. Won't you consider them your children, and help me?

I am at work and never see them during the day. Last Friday night they gave a party at the home of one of the little children, so that I could attend. About 75 were present, and we spent a very jolly evening. I heard that they were getting up a surprise party for me one night this week. I am sure that you will love them if you know them. Our minister has two exceptionally fine boys. I dearly love every one of them, and wish I could help them all.

Received a nice long letter from Mrs. Hunter this morning. She said, "When you see Mrs. Hamilton give her my love and tell her to come down and see our Sunbeams. I have a place in my home for her. Oh, how I would like to once meet with the dear Central Committee." They like their new home very much. Please let me hear from you before Sunday.

As ever, your true friend,

Birdie Ethridge.

Just as soon as the spring comes, "sure enough," you may expect a visit from me and from my Sunbeams. We are promising ourselves a delightful time with the Avondale Band.

thanks for all the information you have given me. I would have written sooner, but was waiting to see how we would get along. I am glad to tell you we are getting along finely.

I hope before very long we will have lots of members, and will truly be able to do something for our dear Savior.

All of our members seem to be very much interested in the work.

We don't take the Kind Words in our Sunday school, but think we will soon.

Again thanking you for the literature and for the information you have given me, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Eula Grey Gibson.

I rejoice with you that the Band is growing in numbers and interest. I send programs for April this week.

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This Georgia edition is not published with any wish to invade the territory of the Christian Index, for Brethrens Bell and Graham have placed me under lasting obligations by their wise and helpful counsel. It is issued to show my love for the Georgia brethren who were so kind when I lived in their midst, and to make them and their work better known to my people in Alabama. We Baptists ought to know one another better, for we have great things to do and need "team work."

* * *

I am a loyal Alabamian and am ready to live and die for my native State, but somehow I have a great love for dear old Georgia. It was there my father was born, it was there I found my Savior, it was there I was baptized, it was there I was ordained, it was there I found my wife—it was there I spent five of the happiest years of my life. I feel sure that no Alabama Baptist will blame me for loving Georgia, but that thousands will join me in the prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide the men who gather together as the Georgia Baptist Convention on Thursday next at Rome. Frank Willis Barnett.

On to Rome!

The Georgia Baptist Convention, which meets tomorrow in the namesake of the seven-hilled metropolis of Italy, promises to be a notable gathering. Every right-thinking citizen of Rome will welcome the Convention for its moral support of the temperance forces which have just won a signal victory in one of the most stubborn fights against the saloon which has so far taken place. The Georgia Baptists are a mighty host. They have some great leaders and they are well to the front in all that goes to make a people great. They believe in themselves because they believe the Gospel.

It is stated that former Governor Northen will refuse to allow his name to be presented as a candidate for the presidency of the Convention. He has served in that capacity so long and so well that the average delegate will hardly know the Convention until he becomes accustomed to the sound of another voice from the chair. However, if we dared, we could name a score or more of able men who could fill the position well. No doubt they will find the right man. And Governor Northen will enjoy his freedom.

God never lacks a man. When He called home the lamented Gibson (name dear and venerable) He had a man ready to take his place in the person of Dr. S. Y. Jameson. We have no ad-

vance sheets of Dr. Jameson's report, but it will no doubt be inspiring. He has had the cordial support of the great churches as well as the smaller ones.

The Georgia Baptists are doing a great work for Christian education. Mercer University has made rapid strides in the last ten years, and is building a reputation as a safe and thorough-going institution. Shorter College for young women, which will put on its holiday attire to greet the Convention, has long been in the front rank of Southern Colleges. The celebrated Cox College, the Monroe College now owned by the Convention, and the LaGrange College, besides a number of less widely known schools, all bear witness that the Georgia Baptists intend their daughters to be "polished after the similitude of a palace."

They are happily united in their denominational enterprises. For example, there is their orphanage. They will agree to a man that the "eternal fitness of things" was happily illustrated when Dr. Jas. Barnett Taylor was induced to come all the way from Virginia to take charge of it. And what a work they are doing there! As another example, there is the Index. Papers come and papers go, but the Index keeps the even tenor of its way. We suspect that few, even of the readers of the Index, have any adequate conception of the strain of a great newspaper upon the men who make it. Our friend and counsellor, Dr. Bell, worked to the crumbling edge of peril. He now has a good yoke-fellow, a strong young man to lean upon, and we charge Bro. Graham to see that Dr. Bell rests often. He is too valuable a man to be allowed to take any more such risks as he has taken. The Southern Advance, recently launched by Dr. H. R. Bernard, is in no sense a rival of the Index. It aims to take up an unoccupied field, and we wish it abundant success.

Dr. R. B. Headden has been so long pastor in Rome and is so firmly entrenched in the confidence and love of his people, that he and they have done a noble work. Many of our churches unhappily waste a deal of time and energy on the question of a pastor. Not so in Rome. That is one question the majority, we suppose, of Dr. Headden's church never voted on. Happy people!

There are others. No slang intended. But time would fail us to tell of Kilpatrick, Callaway, Hall, Nunnally, Spalding, Montgomery, Brittain, Landrum, White, Broughton, Wynne, Jordan, Van Deventer, Bealer, Melton, Monerief, Wray, Durden, Watts, and hundreds of other gifted, earnest and consecrated old and young men who are leading their people to higher and better things. Let the Holy Spirit be in your meetings, and send you home better prepared to "speak a good word for Jesus."

Pastor W. Y. Quisenberry, of New Decatur, is happy. He asked his people for \$500 for foreign missions on the 15th, and they readily gave it. Dr. Willingham was with him on the 17th and was greeted with a pleasant surprise, in that the money was already raised, so that there were no gatherings when he came. The church received two strong additions last Sunday, and are discussing the question of erecting a pastor's home. They ought to do it, and we believe they will.

Editorial Paragraphs

One of the Herald's most appreciated exchanges is the Southern and Alabama Baptist, the denominational paper which is now owned and edited by Mr. Frank Willis Barnett at Birmingham. It will be recalled that the Herald mentioned the selling of the Alabama Baptist, about the first of the year, by our warm friend, Maj. Jno. G. Harris. It was consolidated with the paper—the Southern Baptist—which Mr. Barnett had determined on. A sufficiency of capital put into a publication is vays a great assurance, and this being so, the readers of the Southern and Alabama Baptist have all the assurance they could desire, for into the enterprise, since the first of this year, Mr. Barnett has invested more than \$12,000 in cash. What is better than that, he has given to it his whole energy, soul and heart, and is possessed of that determination which has no goal but success. Already he is giving his readers a paper which should satisfy; but remember, he has just begun, and "continued improvement" is the motto he proposes to follow.—Union Springs Herald.

We thank Brother Miles for his kind words, and hope that he and others will see a "continued improvement" in the paper.

"He has many adornments of mind and person that fit him in an eminent degree for the work of the pastorate. A deep, rich voice, a splendid physique, rare social qualities, a generous and sympathetic disposition, evangelistic gifts of no mean order, and a fine and taking preacher, it is no wonder that his ministry has been so abundantly successful."

This language is used by a correspondent of the Baptist Commonwealth in reference to a popular and "successful" young pastor. We call attention to it, not to note the faulty English, but the symptom of a spreading evil. That evil is a mis-judgment of preachers based upon their personal attractions. It is not that these make a man popular, but that his usefulness is attributed to them. It is a sad day for a church when a pastor is chosen because he is handsome and possessed of polished manners. We have no doubt that the writer quoted, if he had stopped to think, would have omitted the conclusion of his sentence. That a man is eminently fitted for the preacher's work by the shape of his face no one believes.

Our rates this spring to the Southern Baptist Convention are very low. The place chosen for the meeting possesses many attractions. The host of the Convention, which we understand to be the city of Asheville, is making ample preparation. The prospect is good for a great meeting. As to railroad tickets, we trust that every delegate and every Baptist visitor will cheerfully comply with the regulations which the transportation companies have fixed for the protection of themselves and the public against the scalpers. All that the companies desire is that the benefits of the reduced rate shall be shared only by those for whom they are intended, and in this they are clearly entitled to our hearty co-operation. We are opposed to scalpers.

"Savannah unanimously and heartily asks for the Southern Baptist Convention in 1903. This is a great need, and long felt. Will not our brethren help the cause here by their presence? We are greatly in earnest; we waited for New Orleans and Asheville; may we not have our time, for which we have waited so long? We ask it for the sake of Christ and His cause."

"So far as transportation, hotel accommodations and such things are concerned, we are second to none, and our need is greater than any other place."

"We not only ask, but beg that the brotherhood come."

"Cordially and fraternally,

"John D. Jordan."

Savannah, Ga., March 14, 1902.

We greatly sympathize with the Broadus family in their sorrow for the death of Mr. Boyce Broadus, which occurred a few days ago at Florence, Ala. Mr. Broadus was the youngest child of Dr. John A. Broadus, and was a noble Christian man. He was born in Greenville, S. C., about twenty-seven years ago, and had been married only a few months. It seems a strange, sad, premature ending of a life full of promise, but nothing is premature with God. For his broken-hearted widow and his doubly bereaved mother there is the consolation that cometh from above.

We offer our fraternal congratulations to Dr. J. B. Craufill upon the rounding out of ten years of life for his excellent paper. There is a grim humor in the statement that they are the longest ten years the Texas Baptists ever knew. We sometimes measure time by what we do, and sometimes by what we suffer. Both these criteria make the last ten years long in the history of the Texas Baptists. We trust that the next decade will be still longer by the first criterion, but far, far shorter by the second.

We ran in on Bro. Preston and his Prattville people last week, and found them planning for great things. They have purchased a large and beautiful lot, and the new pastor's home is going up. The foundation is completed, and from the plans, it will be one of the best, most commodious and convenient "pastoria" [is that right, Bro. Wharton?] in the State.

We had occasion a few days since to look over the lists of subscribers in several of the larger cities, and were struck with the splendid showing of the Selma list. It is not so large as it might be, but only a few are in arrears. It is a credit to the Central City.

Pull together from now until the 30th of April for Home and Foreign Missions. Let every church do its best, and send it in before that date. Our secretaries are carrying a great burden just now. The news from Alabama! What shall it be on May the first?

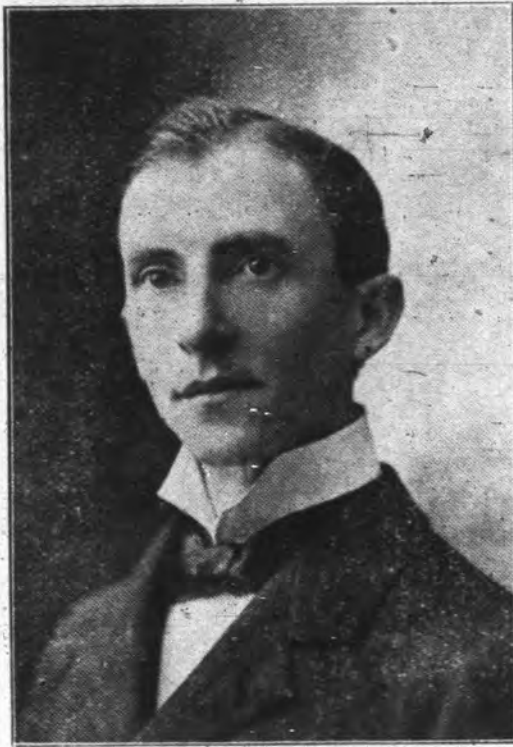
Dr. A. B. Campbell was called to Americus last Wednesday to speak at the funeral of his friend, Dr. E. J. Eldridge, long one of the prominent and public-spirited citizens of that city.

An Episode in the Life of a Journalist.

By Rev. Alex W. Bealer.



Rev. Alex W. Bealer.



Rev. Frank Willis Barnett.

Wonderful is the grace of God and great things it has accomplished among the sons of men.

Twelve years ago the whole South was shocked at a horrible tragedy that was enacted in Birmingham. A well known engineer, Dick Hawes, was arrested and jailed on a charge of having murdered his wife and three children, all girls. As the details of the murder came to light popular indignation swelled up like the ocean tide and a mob stormed the jail for the purpose of hanging the murderer. But the sheriff and his posse like a great wall was there to break the force of the tide of indignation and when it rolled back it left nine dead men upon the streets, all of whom had fallen before the guns of the officers. Thus the affair, which was only local in its nature became one of national importance.

There was a young lawyer in Birmingham who became one of the defendant's attorneys. He was splendidly equipped for making a success in his chosen profession. He saw in this case a chance to make fame, if not for time, and he threw all the powers he possessed into a preparation of the case. When the trial came on he made his maiden speech as a lawyer. It was a strong and eloquent plea for his client, but the witnesses as well as public sentiment were both against him and he lost, the prisoner being found guilty and sentenced to death.

Over in the city of Atlanta there was a young newspaper man. He was ambitious and energetic. He felt that in journalism he had found his life work. He had started low down in the profession on a salary of five dollars a week, but had gradually worked his way up until he was known as a star reporter. The present was full of life for him and the future, with smiling face beckoned him on to brighter days, where greatness awaited him. His paper sent him to report the hanging of this criminal of national fame. He went two days before the execution and succeeded in "scooping" the biggest item of the hanging: the confession of

the murderer, which he located and by the help of Col. Rufus N. Rhodes, of the Birmingham News, secured.

When the day of execution arrived the young lawyer, faithful to his client to the last, attended him to the scaffold. There, for the first time the newspaper man and the attorney met. After the execution the lawyer returned to his office to dream of a successful career at the bar and the newspaper man returned to Atlanta to add new laurels to those already won.

The newspaper man was so filled with the events of the exciting day that he forgot the name of the young lawyer and indeed he did not remember meeting him as there were so many people to whom he was introduced that day.

A year or two after the hanging the young lawyer removed to Atlanta as a place in which he could rise more rapidly in his profession. The papers had many flattering notices of his coming and all of them predicted great things for him. The newspaper man was, strange to say, an active worker in the church and had been for a number of years. He was superintendent of the Jackson Hill Baptist Sunday school in Atlanta and often used the blackboard in his work.

One morning the people were surprised to learn, through the papers, that the young lawyer had decided to give up his profession to enter the ministry. It seemed a brave thing for him to do and those who knew him watched his career with interest.

A year or two later, after he had been ordained and had commenced to preach he visited Atlanta and was invited to preach at the Jackson Hill Baptist church. The superintendent, the newspaper man, who had forgotten the introduction received at the gallows, did not know that the former lawyer was to preach that morning. At the close of the Sunday school lesson, the superintendent made a temperance talk and enforced the lesson by giving the story of the Birmingham murderer and his awful fate.

While the superintendent was giving the story, the young preacher who had been one of the leading actors in the

great drama of life entered the room and sat an interested listener to what was being said. When he was called on he drove home the lesson and made a profound impression by stating that he also had witnessed the hanging and had been associated with the unfortunate man up to the very last minute.

Time sped on its way and a change came over the spirit of the newspaper man's dreams. His ambition to become a great journalist faded before the voice of God, and in obedience to the Divine call, he turned his back upon the sanctum and entered the pulpit.

Among the messengers to the Georgia Baptist convention that met in August in 1898 were the two young men, the ex-lawyer and the ex-newspaper reporter. There was a proposition made to give to the denomination a college for girls. Many of the leading brethren thought it would be unwise to accept the gift and quite an animated discussion took place on the floor of the convention, participated in by the two young preachers, both of whom championed the movement to accept the gift. After a stubborn fight their side won, and for several years they were associated together on the board of trustees for the college.

The Sunday night following the debate the former lawyer was invited to preach in the First Presbyterian church and the former newspaper man, who went to hear him, was asked into the pulpit and there he made the opening prayer.

Another turn has been made by the wheel of time, and here they come together again. The former lawyer has returned to Birmingham where he is today editor and owner of the Southern and Alabama Baptist. The former newspaper man, who is writing this article, is pastor at Cartersville, Ga. He reaches over the line to grasp the hand of the pilot who is to guide the consolidated paper and to wish him God speed in his voyage.

May he always remember that the grace of God and that alone, the same wonderful grace that lifted him away from the Bar and pulled his friend from the Press, can enable him to make his paper but an instrument in the hands of the Holy Spirit for building up the Master's cause in Birmingham, in Alabama, in Georgia, throughout the whole South and even to the uttermost ends of the earth.

The following resolutions recently passed by the First church at Selma, voice their appreciation of the temporary presence with them of Rev. E. G. Shouse, of Kokomo, Indiana, who served the pastorate four weeks prior to the coming of Rev. J. L. Cross, of Griffin, Ga., whom they have called to the church.

Brother Shouse sought a vacation appointment in the South to benefit his wife's health; and that he was lead of the Spirit to Selma certainly was the occasion of happiness and profit to preacher and people.

This old and notable church in its more than half century of history has ever been served by men of ability, among whom are such as J. M. Frost, J. B. Hawthorne and A. J. Dickinson:

"Whereas, Rev. E. G. Shouse, of Kokomo, Ind., having faithfully and acceptably served the church by temporary

engagement for the four weeks last past, visiting our homes, and at all regular services preaching to us; and,

"Whereas, Though he came a stranger to all, he leaves beloved of all—not having failed to elicit approval, and to provoke us to good works, by his Christian humanity and consecration and by his forceful presentation of gospel truths; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That as we received 'a righteous man in the name of a righteous man' we may confidently trust that the promised reward will be manifested in our midst.

"Resolved, further, That we commend Brother Shouse to Baptists everywhere, but especially of the South; and regretting that we must part with him, yet hope that some church in the southern field may be so fortunate as to secure him who, honoring the Southern Baptist Seminary, doth also honor the Master's Ministry, to whom he giveth all the glory.

H. S. Mallory, Moderator.
Edward Graham, Clerk.

Selma, Ala., March 20, 1902.

The Perry Picture Co., of Walden, Mass., are publishing a beautiful series of pictures, suitable for the home and for schools. The price is one cent. Send ten cents and get samples.

Foreign Missions Needs.

The Foreign Mission Board can only continue to advance, as the churches make it possible. No one desires the work to begin next year with a debt. The number of missionaries sent out this year is fifteen. Four others are under appointment and others are applying. The debt of the board was \$44,069.50 on March 15th. Surely the churches will rally, and put enough money into the treasury to pay off this debt. Go to work now; give now.

Remember that money received by the Foreign Mission Board after April 30th, cannot be counted on this year's work. Send it on in time to get to Richmond, Va., by April 30th.

Has your church taken its Foreign Mission collection? It is astonishing how many people will gladly give, if the work is presented prayerfully and everybody is given an opportunity to contribute. Make the collection a thorough one.

The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board up to March 15th, were \$95,086.28. We are as yet hardly in sight of the \$200,000, asked for by the convention, but a very great deal can be done between now and the end of the convention year, April 30th. Let everybody go to work for Foreign Missions. The debt for this year is \$44,069.50.

In many parts of the country the weather has been such that meetings on Sunday were small. Only a few more Sundays remain until April 30th, and the end of the convention year. Mind you do not put off your Foreign Mission collection too long, and hit a rainy Sunday towards the latter part of April and thus miss getting in your collection this year.

Alabama has sent \$7682.69 up to to March 15th. May she give the full \$13,000 asked of her.

Norfolk Dots.

Through the exertions of Dr. Hall, of the Park Avenue church, our city has recently had the opportunity of hearing G. Campbell Morgan, formerly of London, now of Northfield who, as the successor of D. L. Moody and also in his own right, is attracting a good deal of attention. Mr. Morgan bears a striking personal resemblance to my quondam schoolmate, the Rev. G. Morgan Shott; their names also are the same in several syllables, and both are "parted in the middle," so to speak; and it may transpire on investigation that these two excellent brethren are akin. Here, as in Atlanta, Mr. Morgan's addresses related to the subject of prayer, and the various aspects of the theme were stated alliteratively, as the platform, the plane, the programme, the practice, the perpetuity of prayer. The Lord's Prayer formed the text of the series, and the discussion was greatly enjoyed. The ministers of the city, especially Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians, were quite attentive to the services, some coming in from adjacent towns, and all expressed appreciation and edification.

Discussing the plane of prayer, Mr. Morgan expounded in two discourses the petitions of the model prayer. In the first, he spoke of those that relate to Jehovah: (1) "Thy name be hallowed, (2) Thy kingdom come, (3) Thy will be done," and suggested that the modifying phrase, "as in heaven so in earth," belongs to all three. In the second he spoke of the three petitions that relate to the petitioner: (1) "Give us this day our sustaining bread, (2) Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors, (3) And leading us not into temptation, deliver us from the evil." In this discourse he spoke with unusual power concerning the necessity for forgiveness on the part of the petitioner before he can hope to be forgiven, pointing out, among other things, that this is the only point in the model prayer which Jesus Himself emphasized by personal exposition. Under the power of that awful argument any unforgiving soul must have trembled, as Felix trembled before the reasoning of Paul.

In a meeting of ministers a very cordial vote of thanks was extended Brethren Morgan and Hall for the exceedingly helpful services.

In the general field there is no special awakening. At this season of the year a good many nice people are eating fish and such like in the hope of improving the quality of their piety; but thoughtful persons are coming to doubt the efficacy of this "means of grace." It seems pretty clear that if ichthyophagy is a religious performance, a polar bear is about the most devout of God's creatures.

In Baptist circles there is nothing remarkable, either pro or contra. The kingdom comes, but it comes with groaning and travail. Since the opening of the new year there have been only two or three bright and open Sundays; yet congregations have kept up pretty well, and at our Ministers' Conference, additions are reported every week.

Lynchburg is 200 miles west, but pleasant tidings float down to us from Pickard, who has lately taken charge of the First Church in that city. He has gotten home there, and is girding himself for a great conquest.

March 20.

J. J. Taylor.



SHORTER COLLEGE, ROME, GA.

Shorter College.

On one of the most beautiful hills of North Georgia, with the cultured city of Rome lying at its feet, an institution of learning was established in the year 1873 and chartered under the name of "The Cherokee Female College." The institute was ably officered, and grew rapidly in public favor.

In the year 1877, Colonel Alfred Shorter, a man of noble character and large wealth, conceived the idea of establishing a college of broad scope for the higher education of Southern women. The buildings of the Cherokee College were purchased and removed, and the handsome buildings of Shorter College were erected as "A Gift to our Daughters, from Alfred Shorter." Having donated these buildings, well furnished and equipped, Colonel Shorter showed his munificence further by giving the College a handsome endowment—an element of strength and permanency which is necessary to the highest usefulness of any institution of learning.

Rome, the seat of Shorter College, and the capital of North Georgia, is situated on the Southern, and on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroads, half way between the cities of Atlanta and Chattanooga. It is very appropriately called "The Hill City," being beautifully located in that mountain region that has long been justly famous for its charming scenery, as well as for remarkable healthfulness. Rome, a prosperous city of fifteen thousand people, is the focus of some half dozen railroads, and is therefore easily accessible from all points. As a residence point, Rome possesses all the conveniences and attractions of a modern city, having excellent street car service, the most improved system of electric lighting and modern filter plant.

In scenic beauty, few regions can compare with that in which Rome is situated. To one living in the "Hill City," there abides, above all things,

a sense of beauty. Bold mountain peaks, picturesque spurs, gleaming rivers—these once seen are not to be forgotten. Looking northwest, one sees the beautiful "Lavender Range," while to the southwest "Mt. Alto" lifts its head proudly against the sky line, and lords it over the surrounding peaks. In every direction, the view is one that cannot fail to charm and delight.

The crowning glory of Rome is Shorter College, the "Vassar of the South," with its spacious and handsome grounds and superb buildings, occupying the most prominent site in this beautiful city of hills.

Notwithstanding its central location, however, its high elevation largely isolates it from the bustling city which lies at its feet, thus giving it a delightful privacy, while it enjoys the animated scenes around it. It would be impossible to find any other place which more thoroughly combines the advantages of city and country. A distinguished man from one of the western states, in comparing Shorter College with the other institutions of the land, pronounced it the "beauty among the colleges," and all who have seen it will agree that it well deserves the appellation.

Not only is its location beautiful, but, best of all, it is exceedingly healthful. It is not enough to say that its fine climate puts roses into the cheeks of every delicate girl who is fortunate enough to enter this institution. The very notable fact may be mentioned here that large and old as the college is, there has never in all its history been a death among its students.

The course of study is more advanced than that of most of the female colleges, comparing favorably, in fact, with the best institutions in the North, as is evidenced by the fact that the leading universities, for example, Yale, will admit Shorter College graduates to post-graduate courses on the same footing exactly with graduates of Vas-

sar, Smith and Wellesley Colleges. Before Shorter was founded, there was reason for ambitious girls to go North in pursuit of higher culture; but now it would be more reasonable for Northern girls to come South to study, since they can find in Rome a college which has no superior, with a climate far better than their own.

While no other institution has had a more honorable history from its inception, yet new life was put into the College and a more progressive policy inaugurated when (in 1898) President T. J. Simmons, a man in the vigor of youth, though with great experience in educational problems, was called to the administration of its affairs.

We cannot close without reference to the College of Music, with its large and able faculty and splendid material equipment, mentioning especially the cultured musician who is the head professor of two departments. Mrs. T. J. Simmons, pianist and vocalist, who, under her present name, or as Miss Lessie M. Southgate, is well known in all musical circles, both North and South. She has had the best training in Europe and America, and no teacher anywhere has succeeded better in imparting her knowledge of music to her students. The string of honors and titles which have been conferred upon her would be too long to publish.

Georgia Baptist Convention, Rome, Ga., March 26-30, 1902.

Account of this occasion Southern Railway announces one first class fare for the round trip from all points within the State of Georgia to Rome, Ga., and return, dates of sale March 25th and 26th, and for trains scheduled to arrive in Rome during forenoon of March 27th with final limit March 31, 1902. For tickets, etc., apply to any agent of the Southern Railway or connections.

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Field Notes

From Deatsville.

I began my work as pastor on the third Sunday at Deatsville preaching morning and night to large congregations. In the afternoon I preached to the prisoners at Speigner's; to the men at 3 o'clock, and the women at 4. I have been appointed assistant chaplain at Speigner's, and will preach two afternoons in each month. We are delighted with our new home; this is a fine community and a fine country, and the people have been very kind to us, as they gave us a hearty reception and helped to arrange everything for house-keeping, and had bountifully supplied the pantry and wood yard.

On the Sunday and Saturday before I preached at Mt. Hebron. On Sunday we have a very large congregation and fine interest. This is also a fine community. In the afternoon Bro. Brewer and myself concluded services at the woman's prison. Bro. Brewer is doing a good work among the prisoners. He is the right man in the right place. I am delighted with the new paper. Success to you.

H. R. Schramm.

News from Attalla.

You are giving us an excellent paper, and I am going to do my best for it. I am delighted with my new field of labor, and shall expect great things from the Lord. This church gives me good congregations, attentive ears, free home, free water, and the promise of greater things in the future.

May the Lord bless you in your great work is the prayer of your humble servant,
W. W. Harris.

Called New Pastor.

I write a few lines to inform how we Baptists in West Alabama are getting along at Canoe Baptist church. We have called a new pastor for the year. We called Rev. F. M. Turner of Pensacola, Fla. He is better known as the Evangelist. We all love him very much. He filled his first appointment last Sunday. He preached two powerful sermons to a large congregation. He conducted a week's meeting last summer for us, and we all fell in love with him, and we look forward for great good to be done for the upbuilding of the Master's Kingdom. We have a fine Sunday school, and our Ladies' Aid Society is doing great good with the following named ladies as officers: Mrs. J. W. Vickery, president; Mrs. Mary Dorson, vice-president; Miss Lula Lowery, secretary; Miss Lillian Stanton, treasurer.

Gordo Dedication.

At a meeting of Gordo Baptist church, Feb. 23, ult., arrangements were made for the dedication of the church on the 4th Sunday in May. Dr. D. O. Baird, our pastor, was elected to preach the dedication sermon.

A. T. Ezell
Church Clerk.

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Program.

Following is the program of the "Preachers' and S. S. Workers' Institute," which convenes with the Mellow Valley Baptist Church March 28-29-30, 1902:

Friday, 10 a. m.—Devotional exercises, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Conger. 10:30 a. m.—Organization and Miscellaneous Business. 11 a. m.—Sermon, Rev. R. M. Allen. 2 p. m.—How to Prepare a Sermon, by Revs. W. T. Davis, M. A. Johnson, W. M. Worthing. 3 p. m.—Preparation of the Preacher for the Delivery of His Sermon. By Revs. W. M. Garrett, Sim Ingram and J. D. Johnson. 7 p. m.—"Danger Signals."

Mass Meeting

Saturday, 9 a. m.—Song Service, conducted by R. H. Moon, Alex Yeargan, W. I. Lowe. 9:30 a. m.—"The Power of the Gospel in Song," paper by Miss Vernie Allen; discussed by N. M. Daniel. 10 a. m.—"Qualifications of a Church Chorister," Rev. John W. Dean, R. H. Moon, Alex Pruitt. 11 a. m.—"The Work in our County," discussed by B. W. Mathews, J. W. Dean, W. H. Harwell, W. T. Davis. 2 p. m.—Song Service, conducted by N. M. Daniel. 2:15 p. m.—"The S. S. Work—The Scripturalness and Duty of the Work," M. W. Whatley, A. Bell. "How to Succeed in the Work," paper by Miss Anna Bartlett; discussed by J. M. Leverett, Bennett Pruitt. "The Secret of Failure in the Work," paper by Miss Maud Bell; discussed by L. Leftwich, Bunyan Thompson. 7 p. m.—"Being Used of the Spirit," Rev. F. H. Ingram; volunteer talks.

Sunday, 9 a. m.—Song Service by the singers present. 9:30 a. m.—"Co-operative Efforts," general discussion, led by Rev. Jas. Dunn. 11 a. m.—Preaching.

N. B.—Brethren, our Institute at Delta was a splendid success: We desire this to be a grand rally. The pastors, superintendents and Christians are expected to bring their workers. The singers will bring their books.

The future is bright with the promises of God—lean on them. The field is white unto the harvest—cast in your sickles.

J. R. Stodghill,
Chairman Ex Com.

Greenville.

Gratified with Rev. W. A. Taliaferro's acceptance of the call to this church and the beginning of his pastorate Sunday, with his careful as well as energetic guidance, we are anticipating an uplift. It may be true that all work bristles with difficulties, and the harder the task, the more eager and earnest we are. The work here is not marred by any such thing as friction or factions, an extra point in its favor. We do not suggest this pastorate to be altogether a "bed of roses," yet it is a privilege to state that equipment for work was never in better condition. Greenville, Ala.



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Some Christians, but only such as have little or no experience in the matter, are doubtful of the usefulness of tracts for promoting a given doctrine or sentiment among the people. No such doubts exist in the minds of those who have put the question to a thorough test. Because of their inexpensiveness and consequent availability in practically unlimited quantities year after year, tracts possess an efficiency peculiarly their own for disseminating a specific phase of religious truth. Powerful as a living advocate is, the tract will often win the victory where the preacher's voice can barely open the battle. A liberal, judicious distribution of them, persevered in month after month, will work a revolution of thought and conduct in any community whose inhabitants are sufficiently educated to read and understand plain English.

Persons and families that have an abundant supply of literature of the sorts they prefer cannot realize the justice of this statement. They forget that there are communities and homes where daily and weekly and monthly publications, and even books of any description whatever and more especially books that invite the attention of the common mind, are things but little known; and that a large per cent of Alabama Baptists live in circumstances more or less approximating this description. In such a community "something to read" is not passed by with indifference. The people there have no surfeit of reading matter. Neither men, women nor children are deluged with an excess of such wealth. Entertaining, catchy books, pamphlets, tracts and periodicals, if treating of subjects that are already undergoing discussion among them, are not slighted as trifles. In many instances the contents of a leaflet will excite comment and inquiry in many minds. Missions and related subjects are already before the whole population of Alabama, and will be agitated more and more as the years come and go. The masses ought not to be allowed to carry on the discussion and mature their opinions under the guidance of misrepresentations or mere conjectures and surmises as to facts. They ought to have correct, definite, ample information as fast as the friends of Christ and humanity can prevail on them to receive the light. The effect on the character of the people and churches, and their helpfulness to the cause at home and in all lands will be readily anticipated without being affirmed in this communication.

Tracts May be had Free of Cost.

The corresponding secretaries of the mission boards of the Southern Baptist Convention have announced again and again that they will be glad to furnish tracts on missions in any quantities and free of charge to anybody who will distribute them among the people. A pastor or other person need only write to the secretaries for the literature and it will be sent to the applicant without expense to himself.

A Plan for Testing Their Efficiency.

Let a pastor or other person, male or female, young or old, select a church that does little or nothing for missions, and with courteous, serious and reverent manner and with whatever assistance may seem desirable, distribute the tracts throughout the membership (or the neighborhood, if preferred), say once every month, and keep up daily secret prayer (and let it be secret in fact, don't "blow" your "secret" praying), for the divine blessing to accompany the voiceless workers thus sent forth on service. As soon as seems advisable, and as repeatedly during the year, arrange to let the people have a chance to contribute what they will to the cause about which they have been informing themselves. Note whether there is any increase of interest and liberality toward missions from year to year, and report developments through the columns of the Southern and Alabama Baptist. By doing so you will oblige the editors and the readers.

Would it not be well for the Executive Committee of every association to get the churches in their field to adopt this plan for kindling a widespread missionary enthusiasm?

Clinton Jones.

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Alabama Sunday School Association will be held in Troy, Ala., April 22, 24, proximo. Reduced railroad rates and free entertainment. Names should be sent to Joel D. Murphree, Troy.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 8th day of February, 1902.

Estate of Ida L. White, deceased.

This day came W. F. White, administrator of the estate of Ida L. White, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 12th day of April, 1902, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES, Judge of Probate.

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"Evangelist" Rejoins.

Editor Southern and Alabama Baptist: I have heard that the hunter, on the prairie, sometimes in shooting at an object, is so expert in marksmanship that he hits it if it is a deer and misses it if it is a calf. That's skill. I wish I had such skill in writing. If there is anything which I regret more than another, it is that my arrows, which are intended only for the guilty, sometimes strike the innocent. This comes, not from aim, but a lack of skill. If it should happen again, I sincerely hope the wounded, innocent brother will accept my apology in advance—that I never meant it for him. With this understanding there will be no further need for expalnsations, and we can have smooth sailing without another episode of odium theologium, wherein the sweet Christian spirit is markedly manifest in merited rebuke.

Two elegant gentlemen in a splendid turnout drawn by a pair of spirited horses ran over an Irishman. Then both exclaimed "Look out!" The poor, bruised, bleeding fellow replied, "What for, are ye comin' back?" That's my inquiry now. But I forgive the brethren for their victory over me, and with thanks to the Samaritan who came to my relief, I hope the incident is closed. It is a blessed thing to have a friend, who, knowing your faults and imperfections, can help bear your burdens. I believe there is an injunction about bearing each other's burdens. As it is such a general thing, among church members, to observe the various scriptural injunctions, it is no wonder that the world takes cognizance of our "Christian walk and godly conversation." It must be that in our perfect deportment in the observance of Biblical commands originated that expressive descriptive "Consistent." Did you ever think how comprehensive is the phrase "Consistent Christianity?" It must have been invented to cover a condition. With fear and trembling I venture the expression of regret that Christianity was ever reduced to the poor condition of needing a prefix. Christianity should properly be in the class of words like square and round. To be candid with you, I don't like "Consistent Christianity." It seems to me the expletive was introduced to cover a "multitude of sins." I think the mere assumacy (if that's a word) of sanctity, like that of genteel poverty, is hard to maintain, and makes the pretender painfully sensitive to every appearance of scrutiny, but "Consistent Christianity" sears the conscience and obtunds every moral and religious sensibility. Understand me. I mean that "Consistent Christianity" that passes current with the churches and the ministry, where a profession of religion and joining the church is considered the "whole duty of man." Now, if the world is not mistaken in its observation of the religious, the difference "before and after taking" of the doctrine of the church, is that the patient is allowed more latitude of sin while he becomes immune from the penalty of righteous disapprobation. It looks like when the poor fellow has joined the church with the mental reservation to serve the Lord just enough to escape the penitentiary, all he has to do is to

pay dues and assessments and he at once passes to the sublime degree of "Consistent Christianity." "Believe and be Baptized" may be all that is necessary to meet the requirements of a salvation divinely appointed, but keeping the commandments is a filial duty upon which depends the "found rest to the soul." Sometimes, when I hear so much about giving to the Lord and serving the Lord, I am almost constrained to ask the exhorter, "Who is the Lord?" But the fear that he may not have the information makes me hesitate. My own opinion is that as the blessed Lord, in His coming, living and dying, was a servant of men—worked, suffered and died for men—His example is for me. I think, too, it is somewhere taught that if I do not love my brother whom I have seen, I may be suspicious of my profession of love of God. Now, I know that I can be a "Consistent Christian," prominent in the church, and mistreat my brother.

It occurs to me that Jacob, if he were here today, would measure up to the full standard of consistent Christianity; yet I think that was a dog mean trick he played on his hungry brother for his birthright; an ugly imposition on his father, by which he cheated his brother of a blessing. (It seems to me the old lady, Rebecca, was particeps criminis in the swindle). I think, too, that was a scurvy trick he practiced on old man Laban about the goats and sheep, though he may have felt justified in getting even with the old fellow for imposing Leah on him. No doubt Jacob, after it was all over, knew of the theft of Laban's images, but he put himself to no trouble to return them. I mention these incidents in a faraway life because it will be offensive to come nearer home; but I am persuaded that the observant man will agree with me that these little things in Jacob's life would not render him amenable to church discipline in the present day, nor affect his respectability, especially after he became a "man of affairs."

It doesn't appear in the record that Jacob had any compunction of conscience concerning these various transactions, but we are bound to believe that Esau, who was a harum scarum kind of a fellow, had his own opinion about the way of his losses. At that time there had been no promulgation of the moral law, but even then there was evidence of an understanding of meum and tuum. Now, we have not only the moral law, but the law of love and "Consistent Christianity" can trample both under foot without blemish of its high and spotless respectability.

If God has loved me, should I not love my neighbor? If I love my neighbor, will I study to injure him in his worldly goods? Will I take his earnings unjustly? "Consistent Christianity" will hardly "hold up" a train, do highway robbery or burglarize a house. (Many and many a time it has wrecked a bank.)

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I hope, brethren, that I and the merchant mentioned above, are the only ones who do wrong, but knowing that we are guilty of "Consistent Christianity," and knowing how we despise it in others, I thought to pen these thoughts for your benefit, that you may shun that despicable respectability condemned by God and decent sinners.

"The Evangelist."

Back at Evangelist.

Dear Baptist: I don't think I desire to be drawn into a controversy, but I feel that justice to my Rockford flock demands an answer to a part of Bro. Fonville's article.

I naturally expected that "Evangelist" would "say back" either directly or indirectly, which he did by the latter method. I have no objection to his getting the "goobers" out of the fire that way if he so desires, neither am I very much wrought up because of his thrust at me; but, my dear brother, why make such a thrust at my folks? It seems to me when you say "I went with him myself, once, to the town of Rockford, but the surroundings were not propitious for a meeting. After a good dinner (at the hotel) for which a friend paid, we came away," etc.

When you say this, you seem to want to convey the idea that there was not enough religious hospitality here to entertain a preacher even for one meal, which I am sure isn't true now, and am persuaded that there was never a time when it was true. Did you come by invitation of pastor and people, or either? Did you let the people know you were coming? Did you come inquiring for Baptists, or did you ride up to the hotel in grand style? Our people have had some of the best men in the State to labor with them, and I believe they would testify as to their hospitality. So you will have to try some other ruse.

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A Few Things Practical.

It goes without saying that pastors are full of work. The demands upon their time are many and often trying. But based upon a little personal experience, I will be allowed to modestly suggest that there is a class of work which many of us may do that will yield large returns in advancing the Baptist denomination, and our Master's kingdom. I refer to the work of preaching occasionally at school houses, and weak, pastorless churches, a few miles in the country, and of organizing mission Sunday schools at such places, as necessity may require, and opportunity is afforded. This work can be done on Sunday afternoons. Often these people are in reach of the town or city church and Sunday school. But the fact remains that they do not attend these. If they are encouraged, they will engage heartily in Christian work in their respective communities. We should give them encouragement and assistance. If we do not, they will either be neglected altogether, or our wide-wake Methodist brethren will take them up, introduce Methodist literature, and after a while build a little Methodist church out of Baptist timber. They will quiet the consciences of many by immersing them, and occupy territory which belonged to our fathers, and rightfully to their children, unless forfeited through neglect. Our town pastors and churches, especially, could do much valuable missionary work of this kind without expense, and thereby save the Baptist cause, bless themselves, their neighbors, and glorify our gracious Redeemer. Brethren, we must work the works of Him that sent us while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

One other thing. We have a practical business man in our church here, who, when any of our members move to a new place, or visit from home a considerable time, sees to it that the pastor of the church, the Sunday school superintendent, or the president of the B. Y. P. U. where these go, is written to and requested to look after them. Such unselfish thoughtfulness, it seems to me, would often be very helpful to pastors, churches, and straying sheep. In these practical ways we become "fellow helpers to the truth."
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Mrs. M. A. Hare.

The Brotherhood of the State will join us in a prayer for comfort to Brother Crumpton in his bereavement, announced in the following personal letter—May the Lord be gracious to all the family.

Dear Brother Barnett: I am here to see the last of my only sister, Mrs. M. A. Hare. Her spirit has just taken its flight. She was 70 years old. Probably her last rational thought was to recognize me when I came and pull me down to kiss her.

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THEODORE BURNS.

The subject of this notice, Theodore R. Burns, was an intimate acquaintance for 45 years. I have been associated with him in church work as his former pastor and fellow church member in 1871-1878. He was born in St. Clair county, Ala., Feb. 6, 1823. Died in Lincoln, Talladega county, Ala., Feb. 16, 1902, in his eightieth year. First married to Miss Adlaide Young, of Mississippi, in 1849, she dying in less than a year. Second marriage to Miss Elizabeth Worthington in 1851, near Lincoln, Ala. Issue of this marriage, five children, two boys and three girls, all dead except Robert B. Burns and Mrs. Fannie Brooks, living near their mother in Lincoln, Ala.

Heredity. Herbert Spencer in Principles of Biology, says: "Some of the best illustrations of functional heredity are furnished by the mental characteristics of the human race." This statement I fully accept, finding verification in such lineages as that of Robert E. Lee of glorious memory, and Margaret Jukes, of Berlin, of most infamous character as also of many others. The grand father of T. R. Burns was a soldier of the Revolution, who, in the battle of Bunker Hill, yielded up his life in defence of the liberties of the colonies.

Benjamin Burns, father of T. R. Burns, was a soldier in the war of 1812 a man of iron resolution and undaunted courage. He removed from South Carolina to Alabama in 1821, settling in what was then a wilderness, living on the west side of Coosa river until 1833, when he removed to Benton county (now Calhoun), being the first white man who ventured to cross the river to locate with family in the midst of the Indians. In 1836 he removed to what is now known as Eastaboga, near the Indian village of the Creek Indian Chief Fife; and died there in 1859. No wonder that the son, T. R., with so heroic a strain of blood coursing through his veins, should in our Civil War don the habiliments of the soldier and go forth to battle against the invaders of our southland as a member of Company F., 51st Alabama cavalry, under the leadership of the gallant Captain N. D. Johnson. And further, there is no doubt that the wives of all these men were the counterparts of their husbands, transmitting their own individuality to their descendants.

Mentality. For a man of so meagre opportunities in early life (having attended the common schools of his day but five months in all), he was a remarkable man, evincing in all matters claiming his attention and energy, a notable acumen and disciplined judgment united with prompt decision, terminating in complete success; and this leads me to say that it were better for a man to be born with good native intellect forcefully directed on his environment and opportunities, than to be brought under educational facilities misdirected because often brought to bear for naught upon that which is naught. On his return from the war, he found that his house had been burned, and no resources except a small farm in ruined condition and an old mare. With such equipment for the battle for bread, he resumed his former occupation as a blacksmith; and with thundering blows on his anvil forged out a comfortable subsistence for wife and five children.

With clear perceptions of the situation and its possibilities, with perfect knowledge of the negro nature and his capabilities as a laborer, he rented and gradually bought lands, cultivating them entirely with freed labor; thus laying the foundation for comparative wealth, and investing his earnings in commercial enterprises with such men as partners as A. W. Bell, J. C. Wilson, John L. Law and R. B. Burns, his name and character in these partnerships being a tower of strength. This man adorned every station in life into which he was led by the providence of God and the force of his intellect.

As a Christian. He was a well rounded man, ready for every good word and work, thoughtful, prayerful humble, consistent, constant in attendance upon the ministry of the word, liberal in his benefactions to the poor and the afflicted, liberal in support of the ministry and of all causes fostered by his denomination from the time of his conversion and connection with a Baptist church in 1844 in Mississippi up to the time of his death in 1902, as a member of Lincoln Baptist church. The brethren of Blue Eye, Refugee and Lincoln churches deeply lament his loss, for no one ever came to him burdened with doubts, sins, or sorrows, but that they found him ready with sympathy, brotherly love and wise Christian counsel, and they left him rejoicing.

Let not the church at Lincoln think their loss is irreparable, for, in due time God will raise up another beacon light in the church, as He raised up John the Baptist, clothed with the spirit of Elijah. Let not his family grieve over the inevitable, for "He came to his grave in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season. His mission on earth was accomplished: and, he was ready to be offered up," for he had fought a good fight; he had finished his course, and he had kept the faith—and there was laid up for him a crown of righteousness."

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EAST.—Deacon William East died of pneumonia at his home in Russellville, Ala., at 5:05 p. m., Jan. 30, 1902, after an illness of only one short week. He was born in Franklin county, Ala., Sept. 21, 1838. His parents, Thomas and Mary East, were among the early settlers of Russell Valley. Being industrious and economical, they imparted to their son the noble principles that characterized him through his entire life. He served in the war between the States as a Confederate soldier. In the summer or fall of 1865 during a meeting conducted by Elder Jos. Shackelford at the old valley church, Brother East professed faith in Christ. During his sickness some one spoke to him of his preparation for death. He answered, "I have been on the rock for nearly forty years." On May 27, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Wilson. About 1873 our brother became a member of the old Russell Valley church. It was there I first made his acquaintance, when called to the church as pastor, and continued his pastor until a little more than a year ago. In a short time he moved his membership to Russellville church, where he remained until 1890, when he joined Mt. Nebo church, of which he was a member at the time of his death. He took the Alabama Baptist in the days of Drs. Renfro and Winkler, from whom many able articles on the truth as held by Baptists were published. His wife who was not at that time a child of God, was strongly inclined to the Presbyterians, took her Bible and sit down with the dear old paper thinking she would find these men of God wrong, but as proof texts were examined, the light shined into her heart, and she gave herself to Christ, and was baptized by the writer. From that joyous day, husband and wife having come to the unity of the faith of the Son of God, consecrated their lives to His service. Being endowed with a strong mind and blessed with a pleasant, easy delivery, Brother East accomplished great good in prayer meetings and Sunday school talks, and in his earnest exhortations during protracted meetings. As a Sunday school teacher he was earnest and faithful, leaving impressions upon the mind of many young men who "rise up and call him blessed." To the poor he was a friend thoughtful, and kind. Oh, how we shall miss him, but he has gone—gone to reap the reward of a life rich in faith and sweet with service to his fellowman, and full of faithfulness to his blessed Master, who no doubt said to him, "Come ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and ye fed me." Loyal to the truth as it is in Jesus, walking humbly before God, uprightly before men, he finished his course, having fought the good fight, he has gone to receive the crown; loved and honored by his own brethren and sisters, together with those of other denominations, and especially did the little children always greet him with a smile for they, too, loved him.

To his bereaved wife, sister, brother and relatives, we tender our heart-felt sympathy, and commend you to the compassionate Savior whose mission to earth was to heal the broken in heart, who has promised to be a husband to the widow, and is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

R. T. Wear.

MRS. JOHN H. LEE.

Resolutions of Respect Adopted by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Siloam Baptist Church, Marion, Ala.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Siloam Baptist church, feeling the loss of an honored member in the death of Mrs. John H. Lee, wish to place upon record some expressions of respect for this good worker. Mrs. Lee's active labors on earth are ended, but her noble example lives. Her life was "hid with Christ in God Col. 3-3. She was a co-worker with Christ for the glory and honor of His kingdom, and the Aid Society hope that her work will be carried forward. She has been called up on high to possess that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" to which all God's chosen ones are journeying. For those dear to her a great tenderness exists and the prayer ascends that the Blessed Comforter shall abide with them and help them and this society to say, "God's will be done."

Resolved, further, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and a copy sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

Mrs. R. G. Patrick,
Mrs. Reynolds,
Committee.

BUMPERS.—Mrs. Sarah E. Bumpers was born near Charleston, S. C., about the year 1809. Came to Alabama when twelve years of age, married twice and became the mother of ten children, and died near Alameda, Ala., March 10, 1902, at the ripe old age of ninety-six years. She leaves four children and grand children even unto the fourth generation to mourn her loss.

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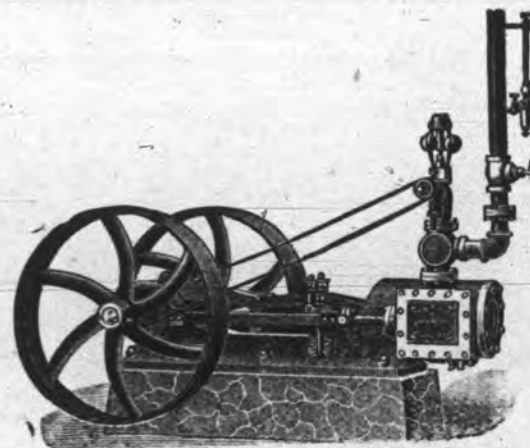
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Ar. Selma	11 30pm		11 10am
Lv. Montgomery	9 35pm		9 00am
Ar. Montgomery	9 20pm	10 55am	6 30pm
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Troy		8 40am	9 25pm	
Brundidge		9 15am	10 15pm	
Ozark		10 05am	10 55pm	
Elba June		10 25am	11 17pm	
Abbeville Junction		11 00am	11 50pm	
Dothan		11 12am	12 01am	
Bainbridge		1 10pm	2 05am	
Climax		1 25pm	2 22am	
Thomasville		2 20pm	3 15am	
Valdosta		4 00pm	4 37am	
Waycross		6 00pm	6 15am	
Jacksonville		7 50pm	8 39am	
Tampa		5 25am	6 40pm	
Port Tampa		6 00am	7 15pm	
Lv. Waycross		6 15pm	6 25am	
Ar. Savannah		9 15pm	9 25am	
Ar. Charleston		6 4 am	5 10pm	
Lv. Sprague Junction	3 55pm	8 00am		
Ar. Luverne	5 25pm	11 00am		
Lv. Abbeville Junction		11 05am		
Ar. Abbeville		12 35pm		
Lv. Climax		2 40pm		
Ar. Chattahoochee		4 55pm		
Going West	*65		-69	
Lv. Elba June	10 30am	3 15pm	3 00pm	
Ar. Enterprise	11 30am	4 30pm	3 55pm	
Ar. Elba	12 30am	6 00pm	4 50pm	
Going East	*68	*68	-70	
Lv. Elba	6 30am	12 50pm	8 20am	
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