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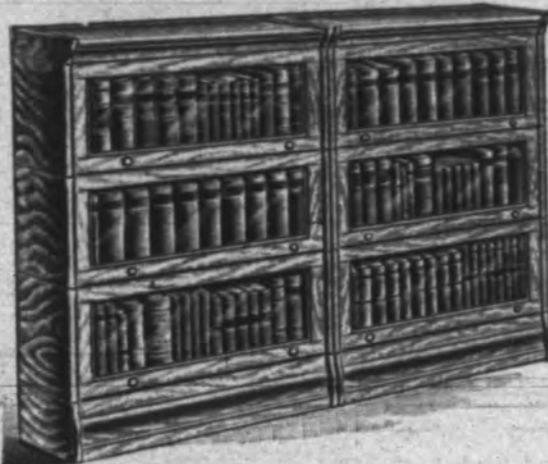


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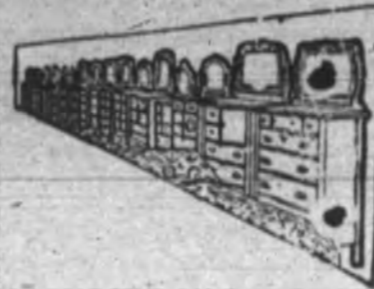
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Our Baptist Sunday Schools.

Rev. G. E. Mize organized a Sunday school at Oak Grove school house two miles west of Springville last Sunday afternoon and gave them a library of books. The Sunday school was organized among Baptists, many of whom have held their letters for a number of years.

The Cullman Democrat publishes a half column readable article on "Whole-soul Sunday School Work," a paper read by Mrs. J. F. McCain at the Sunday School Convention held at the West Cullman Baptist church on Sunday, Jan. 4th. We wish we had space to copy it.

Take your child's religious training into your own hands and keep it. If you wish to give way even for an hour a week, be sure the truth is taught—be sure; or, don't. God gave the child to you, and from you must come the accounting in the day of judgment, not from the Sunday school teacher.

The Baptist Sunday school of Talladega has elected the following officers for 1903:

J. A. Woodward, superintendent; J. H. Ivey, assistant superintendent; W. S. Hyatt, secretary and treasurer; James Hayden, assistant secretary; Miss Susie Bishop, organist; Miss Lula Bryant, assistant organist; Robt. Rowland, librarian.

The New York Post in deploring the present-day ignorance of the Bible and the loss of that old-time familiarity of the public mind with the language of Scriptures, says, "It is like letting slip a precious part of our race heritage."

Sunday schools have multiplied; Bibles have thrice multiplied, but the people are not familiar with Scripture.—Rocky Mountain Baptist.

Many a public speaker has been surprised when, upon quoting some peculiarly applicable Scripture his hearers have looked on with bored indifference either not recognizing the Word of God or not caring for it. But pricking up their ears at some slang phrase, coarse humor or ancient and threadbare witticism—then how the yowls, cat-calls and "applause" greet him. And sometimes even in "religious" meetings.

What is the difficulty? One is that the Bible is no longer taught in the home. And your child has been turned over to the Sunday school teacher, who in too many cases, may be a young girl whose mother would not trust her to tidy up a room—yet she is "teaching" your child the eternal things; or the teacher may be one of those half-believers, careful to teach her doubts and probably-not's first.

An honored brother writes to ask whether we approve of the churches electing the officers of the Sunday school. Most assuredly we do. By all means let the Sunday school nominate and the church elect these officers. All the argument is on that side and we never heard an argument on the other side. Certainly let the church elect, and never for a moment dream of doing any other way.—Western Recorder.

The Sunday School Times had a notice covering a full page in regard to the Sunday School Institute recently held in Louisville in connection with the lectures of Dr. A. F. Schaufler before the S. B. T. Seminary on the Sunday School Board Foundation. The article was written by Mr. Charles Galaudet Trumbull, who is on the staff of The Times. Coming from a paper like The Times this was quite a tribute both to our Sunday School Board and to the Baptists who have led out in this larger Sunday school work.—Baptist and Reflector.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Nashville, Tenn., is glad to announce that Rev. R. M. Inlow of Nevada, Mo., accepts its call so earnestly and cordially given, and becomes one of its Field Secretaries, entering on the work Jan. 1, 1903.

His field of labor will be in the States lying west of the Mississippi river, with his residence at some place which he may select in the western part of his home State and convenient by the great trunk lines of railroad for reaching the different parts of his field.

Grove Avenue Sunday school, Richmond, Va., is very proud of having on their roll two of the youngest old brethren in the land—Bros. Caleb Jacob and Robert Crump. The former is eighty-two and the latter seventy-eight. Neither has missed a Sunday in three years, and one has to come several miles. In recognition of this record of singular faithfulness, the Sunday school, on Sunday morning, made them each a present of a handsome smoking jacket. Bro. T. H. Ellett made the presentation address, and was very happy in his remarks. Now, who, in the light of these examples, can claim that he is too old for the Sunday school?

To keep up the organized work the Baptists of Alabama have to have an organ. The Alabama Baptist is your organ and relies on the Baptists of Alabama for its support. If the Baptists in Alabama care for Baptist progress in the State let them rally to their paper. Now is the best time of the year to come in.

Rev. W. P. Hill has sold his interest in the Indian Territory Baptist to Rev. W. A. Treadwell.

The Religious Herald was born January 12, 1828; Dr. Dickinson, in December, 1830. So the Herald is about two years older than Dr. Dickinson.

Dr. R. H. Pitt becomes president of the Religious Herald Company, although Dr. A. E. Dickinson remains senior editor. W. H. Sadler retires as field editor.

The North Carolina Baptist is to be enlarged and improved. Editor Oates is full of energy and enterprise, and in every sense of the word he is a wide-awake newspaper man.

"What Baptist Principles Are Worth to the World," by Dr. Dickinson of the Religious Herald, is being translated by Rev. D. C. Whitinghill, one of our missionaries in Italy, into Italian.

Dr. T. T. Eaton is to chaperon a party on a trip to the West Indies. The doctor says he and his party "will see the active volcanoes and visit the recent ruins but will run no risks."—Baptist Chronicle.

We hope Dr. Eaton will have a great time on his trip to the West Indies. The party sailed from N. Y. Jan. 14th. Wish we could have been one of the party, but, sorry to say, we hardly have time to go to our meals.

At a meeting of the stockholders of The Chronicle Publishing Co., brethren J. S. Edmonds, J. R. Edwards, F. O. Ware and M. J. Hoover were appointed to edit the Baptist Chronicle of Louisiana for three months free.

Rev. J. C. Porter, of the Baptist Witness, has so far recovered as to be about his office, though not able to work. We join his family and the Baptist fraternity in thanksgiving for the favors of a kind Providence toward him.—Florida Christian Advocate.

We congratulate The Western Recorder on the visible signs of prosperity. This faithful defender of the faith puts on a lock of pride in a brand new dress. The Recorder has made a splendid record as a torch bearer of divine truth. Editor T. T. Eaton stands out in bold open relief, as the tallest pine of them all.—S. C. Baptist.

The Religious Herald celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on January 12th, being seventy-five years of age. Dr. Dickinson has retired from the Presidency of the company, though he will remain on the staff. Dr. Pitt

succeeds him; and Rev. J. W. Mitchell succeeds Dr. Pitt, and W. H. Sadler retires as field editor.

"I don't like The Advance at all—but I always went to see what fool thing Bernard is going to say next."

Ahem! Very well, just keep in that frame of mind and keep your subscription paid up, brother, and you needn't like The Advance. You are a good 'un. We love you. You help us.—The Advance.

A happy new year to all our brethren of the quill! The denominational editor has a more hopeful outlook than for years past. May the prayer the fathers used to offer be fulfilled for every one of them! May "the work of the Lord" be "prospered in their hands!"—Religious Herald. Thanks. We are counting on getting good out of every one of the 53 papers you have promised us for 1903.

It is suggested that when Dr. Compton (6 feet 6 inches) and the editor of the Western Recorder (6 feet 3 inches), walk together down the streets of the West Indian cities, they will make a sensation among the diminutive people.—Western Recorder. So they will. And if Dr. Eaton will make them a speech as rapidly as he does when speeches are limited to five minutes, in the Convention, those natives will imagine they behold a new American machine of wondrous powers.—Christian Index.

Dr. J. W. Perry voluntarily retires from the editorial staff of The South Carolina Baptist. For several months he has not found it convenient to write anything for publication, and cannot see how he can be of service any longer as one of the editors of this paper. In retiring he expresses the hope that great success may attend the management of the paper. He has no valedictory. We cheerfully record our gratitude and indebtedness to Dr. Perry for his valuable service. May the Lord grant us wisdom to know our duty, and grace to help us in the discharge of the same.—S. C. Baptist.

Makers of the Paper.

Besides the regular editors you can count on these: Rev. J. L. Thompson, President State B. Y. P. U., will edit the B. Y. P. U. Notes. Rev. W. S. Brown will have something each week about the Birmingham District. Dr. O. F. Gregory will furnish a weekly batch of Montgomery items. Dr. Crumpton will continue his Trip Notes. Mrs. D. M. Malone will have charge of the Woman's Page. Mrs. T. A. Hamilton will conduct the page for the Sunbeams. And then from time to time there will be special articles written by the strongest men in the denomination.

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Letter From Miss Armstrong.

Dear Mrs. Malone: I enclose an article which appeared in a recent number of Our Home Field and a letter which was written me on New Year's day. The letter is a beautiful sequel to the article and has been an inspiration to me. Wishing you to share my joy and to receive new encouragement for the year's work, both are sent you.

The facts of the article were given me during my visit of last summer to the frontier and were regarded as sacred heart history which could only be repeated by withholding names. In these pages from the life of one loyal frontier missionary and his wife, three lessons have deeply impressed themselves on my mind. First, that God undoubtedly prepares the way and proves Himself all sufficient for all things to those who will trust in Him and "Go Forward" regardless of the dark outlook. Second, the speedy and abundant results of work on the frontier. Third, the far reaching influence of the boxes sent by Woman's Missionary Societies. Not only do these add to the comfort of the families, but by making it possible for the missionary to remain on the field they become mighty factors in the preaching of the gospel.

Very sincerely,
Annie W. Armstrong.

A FRONTIER HOME.

From the Home Field.

The home is located in a town of about five thousand inhabitants, where one year ago, there was not a single house. There is no Baptist church, and our host is the only Baptist missionary in the whole country. He is an uneducated man. We were told that he had had but three months schooling, having run away from home because of his father's second marriage. He became a cow boy, and later in life, after becoming a follower of Christ, there had been few opportunities for the study and culture which are generally regarded as essentials to effective preaching of the Gospel. In view of such facts, some might consider it out of the question for him to receive a large salary. But here again we find another striking illustration of sacrifice, and in connection with it, a touching story of a woman's struggle with temptation. Before marriage his wife had been greatly interested in missions, and when asked to share the life of a frontier missionary, she believed God was leading, and gladly looked forward to greater opportunities than those of the home church. In the course of time, the opportunities came, and with them, hardships to which she was not accustomed. But the little woman endured them bravely, and few comprehended all the suffering involved in the various services she rendered. Their efforts were crowned with success; the church became self-supporting, and the women organized a Missionary Society that they might be more useful in advancing this work.

Others were feeling the need of just such a worker. Two letters came to the little home. One from a church in a large State, offering him \$1,600 a year. The other was a call to enter another frontier field, and take up again the difficult pioneer work. The husband was not at home and his wife compared the two letters, memories of what had been and pictures of what might be, formed a striking contrast. She recalled the lonely hours; the time when night after night she had slept out of doors in the wagon; the meetings under brush arbors; the days when they had keenly felt the pangs of hunger; the winter when the children had gone barefooted in the snow; and the Tempter suggested that she destroy this letter which held out to them continued suffering. The struggle was hard, but God's grace which had been sufficient for the trials of the past, was with her, and upon his return, both letters were handed the husband.

As a result, we found them in this new settlement, doing all in their power to win souls, and strengthen the work of the Southern Baptists. Their greatest need was a church building and we were told this must be had at any cost. The question was asked, Could the Home Mission Board loan the money from the Church Building Loan Fund? As Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Missionary, it was not within our province to decide this matter, but knowing how small an amount had been contributed for this purpose, we feared it was impossible.

Before leaving the homes of these workers, we had an opportunity of hearing a sermon by the missionary. From one whose education was so limited, we certainly did not expect such a discourse as that to which we listened. It was most helpful, and as the speaker developed his main thought "Set apart for God" we recognized personal experience in his teaching that "We must be willing to set ourselves apart before God sets us apart." That his ministry has been most abundantly blessed is shown by the fact that he has baptized over one thousand. To-day as in the beginning when fishermen were made preachers of the Word, God is still calling many who are not well educated to become missionaries.

For the missionaries into whose homes we have glimpses, and for many others who like them have made and are making great sacrifices for the work we trust continued prayer may be offered, and may their lives be to each of us an inspiration to more self-denying giving.

Annie W. Armstrong.

My Dear Sister: This New Year's Day 1903 I have been taking a retrospective view of the past year and trying, at least in imagination, to see into the future year. The past has been a hard one, the hardest of our lives, yet we have had many rich blessings—both spiritual and temporal. God has won-

derfully blessed us with health and I am perhaps stronger than ever before in my life. In many ways that have seemed almost miraculous at times our temporal wants have been supplied, until I feel that in some way we shall be clothed and fed even if it be by the ravens bringing it as they did to Elijah. Our spiritual blessings have been manifold. God has wonderfully blessed our labors. This church has grown from 22 to over 100 members. We have a good Missionary Society, a good Sunday school and two Mission Sunday schools, a B. Y. P. U. and a Prayer Meeting regular. This is making forward strides, and to God be all the glory. We are so unworthy for all His rich blessings, and I feel we can say with David, "what shall I render unto the Lord for all His goodness unto me". The poem with the flower, which I received in your letter this morning, has filled my heart with praise and thanksgiving, and I enter into the New Year with a determination to serve my Savior better than ever before. Our ladies are preparing to observe the Week of Prayer, and I do pray that we may not only receive rich spiritual blessings, but that we may bring an offering for China of which we will not be ashamed.

The box which I wrote you about, and which was shipped a month ago, was received yesterday and will be very helpful to us. We are trying to keep the four children in school this winter and we could not do so, neither could we stay on the field without this great help from the Woman's Missionary Union. I have just written the Society, but I cannot find words to tell them of the gratitude of our hearts, or the help the box will be to us. There is however, one caution that should be given Societies, freights are very high to the West, and they should be careful about unnecessary paper and such things in packing. I merely speak of this to you, as I suppose Societies often have no idea how hard it is for the missionary to raise this money.

OPPORTUNITIES IN CUBA.

With a population of 255,981 Havana offers a vast field for missionary effort. There are in the city 300 or 400 Baptists, three Sunday schools and three day schools; together with regular services both in Spanish and in English at respective hours in the Jane Building, corner Zulueta and Dragone streets.

The United States government has just complied with her promise to the nations of the world to make Cuba a free and independent Republic. Cuba is actually free and the government is being administered by her own people. But Cuba cannot remain free unless given the light and liberty of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Will not Baptists discharge their obligation to God and to Cuba, as the United States government has her pledge to the world?

We should as soon as possible procure property in every town occupied by our missionaries. A church house is worth much to the cause, and it gives the appearance of stability and permanency to the work. And it is a great saving in rents.

Our Baptist Mail Bag.

Dr. Hawthorne writes:

I sincerely wish for yourself and your paper the utmost prosperity in the new year. The weekly visit of the dear old paper keeps me well posted about Baptist affairs in the State where I first saw the light of day.

I predict for Howard College a ca-

reer of great success under the wise, aggressive and magnetic administration of President Montague. He is worth a shipload of ordinary men who aspire to such places.

Rev. W. J. E. Cox, D.D., pastor of St. Francis Street Baptist Church, writes: "We recently had a most pleasant visit from Dr. A. P. Montague, who made a fine impression on our people. As was the case when Brother Crumpton recently visited us the weather was unfavorable. Dr. Montague made one of the finest Sunday school talks I have ever heard, and his address, or sermon, Sunday morning on "Some things for which the Christian should stand," will long be remembered by many of us. The friends of Howard College have every reason to look forward hopefully to the future of that institution with such a man as Dr. Montague at the head of it."

The following letter from Greenville, comes from Miss Kate McMullen:

Five missionary addresses were the distinguishing features of beneficial work done in this church during the past week. The beauty, the sound logic and the spirit of truth evinced in each separate address can be better emphasized by mention of the following names: Montague, Kramer, Gregory, Mosely and Crumpton. To be sure, Dr. Montague won the hearts of our people because he has won their boys; and while Brother Taliaferro introduced him as the Roosevelt of Howard College, we predict that he will not be so much admired for his resemblance to an "American King" perhaps, as for the conspicuous excellence of his kingly character. We can but echo his wish that Greenville's "noble seven" already at Howard might be increased to "seventy."

About Dr. Provence.

Dr. S. M. Provence retires from editorial work on the Southern and Alabama Baptist, and will return to the pastorate. He is one of the brightest writers in the South.—Baptist and Reflector.

Rev. S. M. Provence retires from editorial work on the Southern and Alabama Baptist. He has done excellent work on that journal, and we are sorry to see him retire from the goodly fraternity of Southern Baptist Knights of the Quill.—Religious Herald.

The Alabama Baptist says: "With this issue Dr. Provence severs his connection as Associate Editor of the Alabama Baptist. He has been our associate for a year, and during all that time we have found him sympathetic, loyal and capable. He will return to the pastorate. We pray that his ministry will be greatly blessed." Dr. Provence is one of the strongest writers in the South, and we shall hope to use his brain and pen for Index readers somewhat, in the future, as we have in the past.—Christian Index.

Rev. S. M. Provence has retired from editorial connection with the Alabama Baptist. He is one of the ablest and brightest of our Southern Baptist writers, and his retirement from the Baptist will be regretted by all of our Southern Baptist editors. He is one of the strongest pastors that we have, and the Standard would be glad to see him located here in Texas. He is in the prime of life, is wise, able and discreet, and is one of the best and purest men we know. He can be addressed at East Lake, Ala.—Baptist Standard.

Founders' Day at Judson Institute.

Jan. 7th was a red-letter day in the calendar of Judson Female Institute, located at Marion, Ala. Upon that day in the year 1839, she opened her doors to receive her first students.

The institution was founded by Milo P. Jewett, who became its President, and Gen. E. D. King, whose gifts made its establishment possible. These with the Board of Managers, were men who planned wisely and largely and who had a vision of the larger Judson of today. They very early provided for its spacious grounds and adequate buildings, and within a very short period saw its enlargement a necessity. Enlargement has continued to be a necessity, and now a magnificent Auditorium is in process of erection. Its growth has been constant, and this year, in spite of almost total failure of crops in the Southern States, is the best in the history of the Judson. The present enrollment is about 250, representing twelve States. Alabama is justly proud of this magnificent institution for the higher education of the young women of the South.

Jan. 7th—Founders' Day—is one of the few holidays during the school year at the Judson, but she then truly puts on her holiday attire and celebrates the glad day in a manner fitting so great an occasion.

Ten o'clock on Thursday morning found a large number of friends of the school assembled to witness the ceremonies and to listen to the address to be delivered by President A. P. Montague of Howard College. The decoration of the Founders' Portraits, by the school, was this year, as on previous celebrations, one of the beautiful ceremonies. This was followed by a

SONG FOR FOUNDERS' DAY

With joyful hearts our Alma Mater dear

We hail thy natal day,
With gratitude, with praise we come and
loving homage pay.
God's gentle hand has safely led
In days of hope and days of dread,
Recall his faithfulness through all the
years,
Away with all thy fears.

Awake! awake the world is calling thee,
larger work awake.
nobler aims and vaster views
Awake, fresh courage take,
God calls, His work and thine are one.
Thy work for Him is but begun
He bids thee haste, the fields for thee
are white,
His love shall be thy light.

Look up! Look up and bid thy children
look
To Him with trustful gaze
Who guides thee and will faithful
prove,
To guide through all thy days.
That when each year this day comes
round,
Still trusting Him thou mayst be
found,
And ever showing forth with light more
clear,
His love from year to year.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES.

One of the most enjoyable features of the program was the Historical Sketches of the Institution prepared by Miss Kirtley, head of the School of English, giving a most interesting account of the early days of the Judson.

After a very happy introduction by Rev. R. G. Patrick, Dr. A. P. Montague,

President of Howard College, delivered the address of the day. His subject, "Woman in History," was well chosen, and the address was eminently fitted to the occasion. The following is substantially an outline of the address:

DR. MONTAGUE'S ADDRESS.

The speaker referred to the place that woman has reached in England and America in scholarship; of her intellectual labors and achievements; of her aspirations and triumphs. He then passed to woman in history, calling up the names of great leaders among the women of antiquity, Semiramis, Zenobia, Livia, Agrippina, Arria, Aspasia, and the large places that they fill in the history of mankind. He compared the end of Augustus, Roman Emperor, pagan chief, with the death of McKinley, Christian President. Speaking of the courage of the Roman woman, whose courage saved her husband and his army, he said:

"One soul, stirred by courage, glory-born,
Gave courage to ten thousand souls,
That, wavering, shrank from peril dire.
One heart that knew no fear,
To hearts that craven were,
Gave resolution stern
To stand for right and honor or to die."

Referring to the courage of the women of the South from 1861 to 1865, he said: "It was not theirs to thrill with the martial music of fife and drum; to hear bugle and trumpet calling to action; it was not theirs to follow the flag, to feel the stern joy that warriors feel in foemen worthy of their steel; nor theirs to have the blood run riot with the rush and roar of battle; to see through smoke and dust the genius of war and victory, beckoning on to glory. As splendid as was the valor of our southern heroes, who, ragged and hungry and worn, time and again plucked victory from the jaws of defeat, who, losing, won immortal fame, thousands of women, having fought their last battle, are sleeping their last sleep where the Rappahannock glides on its way to the sea, under the sentinel oaks of Chancellorsville, beneath the shadows of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain, or in the silent burying ground at the old homestead, to whom may well be spoken the words graven on a granite shaft in a distant southern city:

"Nor shall your glory be forgot
While Fame her record keeps,
Or honor points the hallowed spot
Where valor proudly sleeps,
Nor wreck nor change, nor winter's
blight,
Nor Time's remorseless doom
Can dim one ray of holy light
That guards your glorious tomb."

"The courage of the women of the South who sad-eyed and weary with watching, yet bore with uncomplaining heroism the suspense of days and months and years, deserves the genius of a Homer, or the spirit of a Milton that it may be enshrined in immortal song."

In conclusion he said that the highest functions of woman were found in the home, in the school room, in the church of God. "Home, Mother, God"—words that by right belong together; the noblest words in any tongue; words dearest to the sunrise of life; dearest to the meridian of splendor of age; dear and

precious still; dear and precious still when the evening time is near and night draws on apace."

"In the last place, woman's province is in the church of God. No nobler work of the Divine hand has ever been seen in all the ages of the world than a consecrated, active, Christian woman, whether in the days when the bloom of youth is her portion or in the maturity of middle life, or when upon her brow, crowned with the gray hairs of her old there are foregleams of the light akin to the glory of the heavenly morning."

COLLEGE SONGS.

College boys have no monopoly on college songs. The Judson girls are quite as fond of them, and after the address the old building fairly echoed with the Judson song. "Our Alma Mater"—which is always sung with much spirit on Founders' Day.

Our Alma Mater, we
Our voices lift to thee,
Thy praise to sing,
Till from our hearts we wake,
Songs for thy loved sake,
In one glad paean make
Thy name to ring.

O day of days, when light
Broke through the gath'ring night
And thou wert born!
Great souls have lived for thee,
Great souls have died for thee;
Shall not each year for thee
But brighter dawn.

Then let us one and all,
Answer the stirring call,
Judson arise!
Bring from anear and far
Lives that all loyal are
To make her the brightest star
In college skies.

EXERCISES ON THE LAWN.

Some encouraging features of the present condition of the institution and some pressing needs thereof, were briefly presented by President Patrick, after which the audience adjourned to the lawn where the commemoration ceremonies around the Confederate Oak, the King Redwood and the Sentinel Cedars, took place—also the planting of the Senior Oak.

Before the young ladies left the chapel a hasty distribution of brightly colored crepe paper bonnets and the gaiety attending their adjustment over cork-screw curls, made a pretty picture fitly introducing the yet brighter one to follow on the lawn. These quaint maidens, in headdress of '39, marching through the grounds, winding in and out among the walks of the campus, made a picture not soon to be forgotten. They marched by classes led by the Post Graduates, who carried the banner and wore the colors—purple and gold—of the Alumnae. The march terminated in the grouping of the graduate students about the entrance to Alumnae Hall, where they planted their banner; the Seniors about the "Haunted Well," where they were to plant their class tree; the sub-Seniors about the Confederate Oak, where they sang the hymn, "Confederate Oak," written by a sub-Senior of '01; the Juniors under the King Redwood tree and the sub-Juniors under the Sentinel Cedars.

THE SENIOR CLASS.

The Senior year of a student's life is to them fraught with richest experiences and happiest memories. We think one of the most pleasant recollections that will come to the Senior Class of 1903 will be the planting of "Senior Oak" on Founders' Day.

The class is composed of thirty-three young ladies and they made a merry group around the "Haunted Well" whose ancient site will henceforth be marked by the sturdy oak under whose friendly boughs future Seniors may gather for discussions on Psychology, Senior English or Physics. The spot was christened by Miss Heard of Louisiana, President of the class, who also read the "Class Scroll" was interred, with much care, undress, height, weight, color of eyes, number of shoe and a lock of hair of each member of the class. This "Senior Scroll" was interred with much care, under the "Senior Oak," where it will remain until 1913, at which time the class reunion will be held. The Class Forecast was read by Miss McLeod of Alabama, and the story of the "Haunted Well" was thrillingly repeated by Miss Minnie Ward, after which the merry group joined hands and sang the class song, written by Miss Lillian Bell, class poet.

The group of bright faced girls, peeping from under the gay little bonnets; the parties of distinguished visitors scattered here and there through the lawn, and the line of carriages drawn up in the drive-way, made a festive scene which will be easily remembered. MOTHER JUDSON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY.

The day closed with "Mother Judson's Birthday Party," which proved to be a highly enjoyable function, which was attended by many alumnae, the present students of the Judson and the citizens of Marion. Miss Zaidee Ellis, of Orrville, one of the Judson's most accomplished Alumnae, charmingly represented "Mother Judson." Arrayed in silk and laces of the styles of '39 she sat upon her throne, attended by two of the students of 1903, Miss Eva Heard of Louisiana, and Miss Annie Stakely of Montgomery, and graciously received gifts from her daughters, her sons-in-law and her would-be sons-in-law. The reception rooms were decorated with pink and white—Judson colors—festooned with wild smilax, making with the throng of happy courtiers about the throne a beautiful effect. Behind and above Mother Judson's throne were the dates, 1839-1903 in electric lights. Refreshments were served in the spacious dining room, the chief attraction of which was the birthday cake with its sixty-four candles, carrying out the color scheme of the day.

We know that many friends, far and near join in wishing Mother Judson many happy and prosperous returns of that day.

If you are not taking the Alabama Baptist begin the New Year by sending us your subscription. It will be a welcome visitor in your home each week. Subscribe for it, read it, and let your children enjoy it.



CORRESPONDENCE

Vacation Sundays.

By Richard Hall.

The first of them, July 20th, was spent in New York. George Campbell Morgan at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, was the magnetic personality that drew nearly 2,000 people in the morning and perhaps two-thirds of that number in the afternoon. But of this I have spoken in a previous article. Half an hour before this afternoon service I stepped into what claims to be the finest ecclesiastical building in America, St. Patrick's Cathedral. It has been many years in building, the beautiful spires having been only recently completed. Handsome the exterior certainly is, but the interior seemed to me cold and bare, lacking that richness of finish and wealth of color and detail usually found in the European cathedrals. Vesper service had just commenced, which in the few minutes I was present consisted almost entirely of music. A fine organ with a rather poor choir thundered and wailed and sobbed to a scattered congregation that was literally lost amid the maze of stately pillars that supports the lofty roof of the cathedral.

Night found me in Madison Avenue Baptist Church, listening to a sermon on "The Sons of God," an admirable exposition of 1 John iii, 1, by Dr. Geo. F. Pentecost. I was surprised at the smallness of the congregation, less than 200, for though congregations are proverbially small in New York in the summer months, I supposed that where so many churches had suspended their night services Dr. Pentecost's name would be sufficient to attract a respectable audience. But one of my steamer acquaintances, a Baptist minister who is a member of this church, told me that it was rare indeed that the church was full (700 or 800 capacity), even under Dr. Lorimer's eloquent preaching. It is not surprising that many of his Boston people should have thought that they could successfully call him back to Tremont Temple. From conversation with several of my fellow passengers from New York I reached the conclusion that Baptist affairs were not very prosperous in the great metropolis.

The next Sunday was spent on board the American liner "St. Louis" in mid-ocean. The sea was calm, though there was a considerable swell later in the day, and the weather beautiful and upon the whole our ship's company observed the Sabbath very well. The vessel was far from being full, 180 second-class and less than 100 first-class passengers with between 500 and 600 in the third-class cabin. In the morning the Episcopal service was held, the captain reading the service, in the first cabin, to which we of the second cabin were invited. There were six ministers on board, all in the second cabin, and a committee of two was appointed by them the previous evening to see the purser, who had charge of the Sunday services, with a view of arranging for one of their number to conduct the morning service. We were ushered into his majesty's sanctum and found ourselves facing a man in white ducks, blue coat and gold lace who looked every inch a soldier rather than a

sailor. I had noticed him making the rounds each day and had taken him for the captain. We stated our mission and suggested the name of a Presbyterian minister, the president of a western college, "thought he would consent to preach if he were invited," etc. Our suggestion was received with freezing politeness. It was the rule of the company to have the Episcopal service Sunday morning in the first cabin. If that should be full the second cabin would have a service also which was conducted by a Catholic Priest if there were one on board the vessel. The Baptist blood on the committee began to get a little warm and we were moved to remark mildly that we knew it was customary to have the church of England service on board the English ships, but did not suppose that such would be the rule on a line flying the American flag. The purser explained that this was done "to avoid giving offence" and that we were welcome to make any arrangements we pleased for an evening service. Curious explanation.

In the afternoon the sextette of preachers (Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist), with a few others, including several ladies, went down on to the main deck into the third cabin (no longer called "steerage.") We sang gospel hymns, one of the ship's stewards presiding at the instrument, an accordeon, not very successfully, but the singing was hearty enough to drown him out so that it did not matter. Short talks were made by each of the preachers, tracts distributed by one of the ladies, and after a few hand shakes we made our way on to the upper deck. Our audience was attentive, but not large. This was not surprising. It is not always an easy matter to fill a church on solid terra firma, but when your church is rolling from one side to the other—a never-ending, monotonous, slow, steady, exasperating roll that comes near spilling the preacher out of his pulpit, not to mention the difficulty the congregation have in keeping their pews, or rather their feet—the Sunday stay-at-home excuse is good enough for anybody.

At night we had an interesting service in the second saloon at which our Presbyterian brother preached.

Skipping the next Sunday, which was a day of striking contrasts—I heard Dr. Alexander McLaren in the morning and myself at night—the fourth vacation Sunday was spent in the quaint old city of Rotterdam, the Venice of the North. This is a wonderfully picturesque city with its canals, which here and there broaden out into little dockyards, crowded with small shipping, its innumerable bridges, its windmills (one of them seemed ludicrously out of place on the margin of a canal in the middle of the city, looking like a "hayseed" who had gotten stranded in town and couldn't get away), its flower barges, its narrow crooked streets in the old quarter and handsome, well-kept boulevards in the new, and most striking of all, its "Boomjes" (literally "the little trees"), a leafy avenue running alongside the principal quay of the city.

But we went to church. This is another story which, with the editor's kind permission, will be

(Continued in our next.)

X-Rays.

By Our Field Editor.

Bro. F. M. Woods of North Birmingham, makes a fine showing for the year just passed. About seventy-five have been received into the church, the contributions to all sources has been more than doubled, a new church organized, the result of a mission Sunday school, the parsonage is to be enlarged and newly painted and the work laid off for the present year is double what ever has been done before, besides all this they have as good preaching as any church in the city, so they say.

JEMISON.

Bro. I. Windsor is the pastor here, and to his church and town belongs the honor (so far as this scribe knows), of having more new subscribers than any town of its size in the State. Well, here is the way it came about. Just a week or so before I was there the pastor made a strong appeal for the Alabama Baptist and well, the balance has been told; every Baptist family in town almost and some others who are not Baptists, take the paper—let all our preachers try this plan.

THORSBY.

This is a new town, forty miles south of Birmingham, on the L. & N. R. R., only a few years old, a beautiful town. Such vineyards, orchards and farms and houses like a picture. We have a nice new house of worship here and an organization of 29 or 30; among them a family, the Olsens, who have a daughter in China, a missionary under the Northern Board of Foreign Missions. Prof. Roscoe has a splendid school here doing a good work. Judge Adams has been the pastor here the past year. Bro. Wardson succeeds him.

COLLINS CHAPEL.

Two miles from Thorsby is one of the best communities known to your scribe. Here is the way it came about: They built a beautiful house of worship (Baptist), called the best preacher in the country, built a first class school house and employed Prof. Roscoe who, proud to be a successful teacher and educator, and the tale is told—good churches and schools and good preachers; and who can wonder at the results. And now I am at

CASTLEBERRY.

Bro. 'Sap' Lindsey is pastor here and is doing a good work. Here the list of subscribers was much increased and those who were taking it already "paid up" to a man almost, and did it so cheerfully that I left there with a happy heart and no little of the truck without which no paper can run. I met my friend, Lewis Bryors, and family, whom I have known since he was a boy, he is succeeding well as a man of affairs. His brother Henry is a successful business man and some day will be rich enough to give the paper to all his neighbors who need his gifts. He does such things as that now to some extent.

LETOHATCHIE.

After a pleasant night spent at this good old Black Belt town and some forty visits to the homes of some of our choicest people and more shekles than when I came, I am off to other parts about which I will say something more later.

From Union Association.

Pastor Winters resigned the care of the church at Carrollton Sunday to take effect April 1st. He has not yet fully decided what he will do, as more than

one other field is open for him. An effort is being made to keep him in the Association. Tennessee may succeed in winning him back. His loss in Union Association will be severely felt.

Rev. D. E. Dortch of Columbia, Tenn., a well known author of Gospel Voices and other song books, has had a singing class for three weeks at the Baptist church in Carrollton. Those who attended were greatly benefitted, especially those who take lessons in voice culture. The music of the church was greatly improved; the usual amount of bacchanalian Christmas revelry was greatly reduced, and the spirituality of the church and community is better. The church has appointed a committee to wait on such members as are guilty of drinking, gambling, dancing, "and such like." At its last meeting the Ladies' Aid Society received four new members and two of the sisters agreed to have the sexton's work done and turn the fees into their treasury.

The writer was at the Big Creek church, four miles from Carrollton, last Saturday. Pastor Chapell appears to be improving. This church has adopted a rule to discipline all members who drink liquor or sign a petition for a liquor license and is enforcing the rule. Every church should adopt this rule. A church ought to be at least a moral institution. One member told me he could testify that boys in knee breeches could get whiskey in Carrollton. He had seen at least one beastly drunk. Yet, for the sake of a little revenue men will sacrifice their own little boys to the liquor demon.

Incidentally I wish to remark that I have since November 1 disposed of 122 Bibles and Testaments, and 180 other books, making 302 books, which cost at wholesale something over one hundred dollars. I have given away 5000 pages of tracts. The profits on these books go to those who read them.

Pastorless churches in this Association now are Carrollton, Ethelville, Hebron and Fellowship.

B. F. Stamps.

The Pernambuco County Baptist Mission--Latest News.

It is time I wrote you a few items of news from this part of the world. I have been so busy that it has been almost impossible to find time to write a few lines. I am sure you will forgive me. Up to a few weeks ago I have been all alone in this immense, ever-spreading and continually developing field, but now that the brethren have been kind enough to send me a helper in the person of Bro. W. H. Cannada, I think I'll be able to write you oftener. Still don't expect it too soon, as the good brother is just now trying his best to get his unruly tongue to pronounce the beautiful, smooth, enhancing language of Lorez Comocus. Until he manages that task I'll have to continue the same as ever. How long that will be only he knows. The poor fellow is working hard enough; that is about the only thing he does just now. You should ask him to write an essay on "The mysteries of learning a new language;" I think it would take and make your paper popular. It is all very well for us who know the language to joke about it now, but if you could have a look at Bro. Cannada and his better half when they try to learn a word with two or three "r's" in it, you would feel as if there was something wrong in the management of the universe.

One of the reasons why I have not we know Lake, A

written to you is because I've been most of the time away from home. This has been a busy year so far and I think the results will be satisfactory, especially up here in the North of Brazil.

In April I spent about a month in the State of Alagoas, Bro. Hamilton's field, and though most of the time I was sick with bronchitis, we had some splendid meetings. At a place called Penedo, at the mouth of the San Francisco river, we had almost the whole city out ready to hear us and glad to help the cause of Jesus.

In June I visited the churches up north of this State—as far as Manaus, the capital of the State of Amargones, nine hundred miles up the Amazon river, where dear Bro. Nelson is doing such a faithful work. I found the churches working hard for Christ in spite of trials, difficulties and persecutions. Bro. Nelson, though sick with fever, is doing a glorious work. In Para, the little church, was passing through a bitter trial but the good Lord is helping it, for the going of Bro. Hamilton to that field will make that church grow and prosper.

I returned to Pernambuco in August and in September went to Rio de Janeiro, where the missionaries of our Board had convened to arrange ways and means for better co-operation. We had a glorious time and the Lord was with us. Some of the resolutions adopted, if carried out, will bring a great deal of good and benefit the cause abundantly. Pray for us.

While I was traveling about doing evangelistic work Bro. Hamilton was teaching some of our natives who are anxious to prepare themselves for the ministry. This is one of the most important branches of the work. Without a prepared native ministry we cannot expect any adequate results for the future. Now it is strange that this part of the work should have been overlooked for such a long time. Now that the churches are spreading into the interior we need men, competent men, to guide the flock. But we have not got them and what is more, the Board is about to stop helping us prepare the natives for lack of funds. Brethren, you must not oblige us to go back. A Baptist should never go back; always forward. Help the Board! Uphold it so that the new plans and interests undertaken by the missionaries may go on and not be stopped.

The progress of the cause of Christ up here in the North has been so wonderful that the Jesuits had to organize themselves into a "League" to fight us openly, not secretly as usual. One of their main objects is to drive us out of the country and take away the means of livelihood of those who accept the Gospel. Of course that is doing us, in one sense, a great harm, but not so much as one would think, for it drives away the hypocrite and brings to us only those that are sincere, tried and proved. Still, we have to fight the enemy, and it has been interesting to see the effect on the people who read our articles in the papers. The whole city, if not the State, is stirred up. Many who never opened up a Bible, read it now and those that have none send for it. Now is the opportunity for us to take Brazil, especially this vast North, for Christ and the Baptists. Help us, brethren, to do it. Now is the time!

Our building is at a standstill for lack of funds; and yet we need it badly. Every night we open the poor dilapidated hall it fills to over

going away for lack of space. Our church in this city could have been far ahead, had it not been for this obstacle—the lack of a proper building. Help us, dearly beloved, to finish this church building. We need it badly, urgently and anxiously.

God bless you all. All the missionary force old and young, seem to be in good health in spite of the hot weather. Still we need your prayers always and ever.

Yours in Jesus for Brazil,

Solomon L. Ginsburg.

Pernambuco Baptist Mission, Caixa 178, Pernambuco, Brazil.

Grading Preachers.

There are many who grade preachers by the number of their children as follows: A preacher who has one child can have the finest city church. A preacher who has two children can preach to second and third class city churches. A preacher who has three children can serve churches in larger towns. A preacher who has from four to five children can occupy the parsonage in our villages. A preacher who has six children can take the back woods field, such as Frog Level, Pine Flat, Suggsville, Scroggansville, etc. A preacher who has seven children—but O! my! A man must not class himself, surely. So we draw the line here and give you a classification of preachers I made the other day. A preacher who pronounces route root, Salvation with all the accent on va, avenue as tho the last syllable was spelt new, and again as though it was spelt agen, is first-class. He is a scholar—careful, precise, exacting. He can go to the city churches of first magnitude; he is a star of great brilliancy. The brother who, when he pronounces Louisiana, says Loueesiana is a genius of second water, he is a little light and excels in airy persiflage—may be knocked sometime into the regions of innocuous desuetude by solid argument, but nevertheless the city churches of second and third rank are open to him. The clergyman who habitually pounds up all of his flights of eloquence, every climax and all of his perorations with this old relic of prehistoric times—"In the world," must descend the rounds of the ladder to the third one and there remain until he quits telling us Damascus is the oldest city "in the world." Our board is the greatest "in the world," etc., etc. I have listened to the brother so much that I have wished he would go out of the world some time for something and be in no especial hurry to get back again—nevertheless to this brother the churches of our towns of large size are open and lo! "he goeth into their pulpits as he doeth 'in the world,' which by interpretation is continually and there be none to hinder him." The clerical brother who in his prayers and sermons habitually says from five to ten times a service, "This S'morning," "This S'seavening," "To day," and "Brethring" and "Sistering," is forced by the concatenation of concurrent circumstances to take the crumbs that fall from the pulpits of the villages of our land. While the preacher who says all the time, "The preach brethering" for the word preachers or ministers, is forced to rural districts where the whang doodle roareth and the turtle dove cooeth their lyrics to the spring. S. J. Catts.

Elba and Enterprise.

Two towns, in prosperity, sisters—in age, separated by sixty years of time—in distance by eighteen miles of good timbered pine land and fields of cane,

cotton and corn—united by eighteen miles of fine dirt road, steel rails, telegraphic and telephonic wires.

Elba, old, nestles amid a dense forest of grand magnolias, oaks and bays; and has for years sat listening to the roar of her splendid river falls and seeing the power of her unharnessed opportunities roll away unutilized. But Elba, new, is laying the foundation of her future greatness.

A great dam is being built in Pea river by which electricity will be generated to light up the city and operate machinery. A veneering factory is now in operation, and a planing mill.

A prominent land mark still survives in the old town—"Uncle John Simmons," who claims the honor of having named the place. At the time he was reading the life of Napoleon I. Being much pleased with the character of this god of war he called the town of his founding Elba in honor of the island on which Bonapart was banished for fourteen months.

Bro. Simmons is fully alive to the interest of the city.

Spiritually we are moving up—debts on the church are being cancelled and congregations are increasing.

Enterprise has grown from a "pig-trail" to a fine town. Situated in a beautiful pine land country, surrounded by fine farms of an industrious people, this town is destined to succeed. A large cotton mill, employing many hands is in full blast. The church is doing well. The writer preaches two Sundays there and two at Elba. Also in five miles of Enterprise I preach one Saturday and Sunday evening to a church organized and house built last year. Seven miles from town is another with similar arrangements, where there is a large congregation of good people. The house is being finished there. Haw Ridge Association meets there next fall.

God is good. The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places.

Your paper, Brother Barnett, comes nearer suiting me than it has ever done. It is in many of our homes. I wish it was in all of them.

Every Howard boy—matters not where he is—should make a personal contribution of at least \$5.00 to Howard College.

R. M. Hunter.

Again on the Field.

Tai An Fu, Nov. 28, 1902.

May I, through your columns, announce to my Alabama friends my safe arrival at my station on the 19th of this month? Sailing from Vancouver the 6th of October on the "Empress of India," I arrived at Shanghai on the 26th of the same month. The first half of the voyage was cold and stormy, the latter part mild and pleasant. After five days with old friends at Shanghai I sailed for Chefoo on the Sheng King, reaching that it was presented to the memory of needed my presence in some business matters, and after eight days I sailed with Mr. and Mrs. Bostick and Mr. League's two little boys for Yang Kia Ko, which we reached in two days. This place was the scene of our sufferings more than two years before while in flight from the Boxers. We passed Tung Chow, the field of thirty years of our missionary labors. The steamer anchored here for two hours and Bro. Bostick went ashore. Some of the native brethren came on board to see me and brought with them a banner of rose colored satin, deeply bordered with black velvet, in all measuring 10 feet 2 inches long and 4 feet and 4 inches deep with

four large black velvet Chinese characters tacked along the centre—"Yi Yin Wan Tsai," meaning "This holy (or pious) man (though dead, yet) lives." At one end in smaller velvet characters were attached sentences stating the fact that it was presented to the memory of their former beloved pastor, T. P. Crawford, by certain Christians. The names of fifty-nine Christians were written on a separate pink satin scroll accompanying the large one. At the other end of the banner it is stated that the whole Baptist Church at Tungchow escorts him at departure.

Arriving at Yong Kia Ko on November 12th, we immediately secured a small boat and started that night up the canal for Chenanfu, the provincial capital, which we reached on the 16th. Spending the 17th and the two nights at Chenan with friends, (Presbyterian missionaries), we started to Tai An on the 18th and reached here the 19th, coming the whole way against a strong head wind in the midst of blinding clouds of dust. These two days on a wheel barrow were the hardest part of my long journey. How grateful I was to be home again! Through all the long journey, which I had very much dreaded, God had tenderly cared for me, rebuking at every step my disloyal forebodings. Failing to have the company of Bro. and Sister Herring from Saint Paul, on account of their belated train, was it accidental that a young Baptist lady missionary was there placed in my care and cheered me all the way? And that at Vancouver a stranger came up to me at the depot and offered to take charge of me and give me every assistance, saying, "our mutual friend, Dr. W., told me to be on the look out for you and take care of you." Was it accidental that on going to a hotel there I met my adopted daughter and her husband from England on their way to their station one hundred and twenty miles from mine? And many more incidents of my journey reminded me that a loving Father was caring for me all the way. Here everything seems quiet, and the people friendly. Many natives have greeted me cordially and invited me to their homes. During the summer our church clerk, one very choicest native brother was swept off by cholera. Misses Marshall and Bostick share and brighten my otherwise desolate home. But above all God is here and in Him is all my trust. I hope in a few days to begin regular Gospel work as of old.

M. F. Crawford.

A TEXAS WONDER. HALL'S GREAT DISCOVERY.

One bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists.

READ THIS.

Ripley, Tenn., June 1, 1901.
Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis, Mo.—Dear Sir: Having tried various remedies without satisfactory results, I was persuaded to give your "Texas Wonder" a trial. I have used one bottle, and although my case is one of long standing that baffled the skill of the best physician, yet it yielded at once to "The Texas Wonder," which I heartily recommend to all suffering from kidney and bladder troubles.
Yours truly,
W. H. BRUTON,
Pastor Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.

THE EDITORIAL PAGE.

Editorial

The Apostle of Prayer.

The modern Bible critics make a fad out of what they call the diverse gospels. The Apostles are contrasted in some instances set over one against the other as diverse, and often antagonistic. So we have a Pauline, a Petrine, a Johanean gospel—diverse, contrasted, conflictive as the individualities of Paul, Peter and John are diverse, in contrast, or opposed—so we have Paul as the Apostle of faith in contrast, if not in conflict with John's gospel of love. The fact is ignored that John has some of the strongest statements in all the Bible of faith and that Paul has sayings, descriptions, and demands of love which in beauty, and comprehensiveness and in the exacting and imperative demands of love which if possible, surpass John's statements of love. The truth is that the gospel is one. There is not a silent, or discordant note apostolic in their statements, but that which seems variant and discordant does not belong to the individual traits of the Apostles but is due to and colored by the practical demands of the variant conditions of those to whom they wrote. But Paul is essentially the Apostle of prayer not in opposition, or even in contrast with the other disciples but complementary and because of the conditions which pressed upon, and imperiled him, and pressed upon and imperiled those to whom he wrote. Paul by commission and emphasis was the Apostle to the Gentiles. The worldwide pagan nations were untutored in prayer, they knew but little of anything of its obligations and illimitable possibilities. The world nations whose

patriarchs, heroes, statesmen, philosophers had not been men of prayer, to teach the world the fulness, the broadness, the personality of the atonement that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man, this was the great lesson with Paul. The other great lesson with which he was charged was that prayer was to run parallel with the death of Jesus Christ, that God who willed the salvation of all men, willed that all men should pray and that all men should be prayed for! That the efficiency and power of the blood was in some way bound up in prayer. That the gates of salvation were opened to the praying ones, were opened by the praying ones, that the word of God could not run its race with energy and be glorified but by prayer—that prayerless lips could not utter its truths with saving power; that Christians were to pray always; to pray everywhere; to pray in everything; to pray without ceasing; to make a business of prayer; to have the spirit of prayer; to have the habit of prayer; that he, Paul, could not execute his apostolate without the prayers of Christians! He charged them, besought them by all considerations sacred and high, personal and pious that they pray for him. Everywhere does Paul put prayer to the front as a commanding and all energizing and sanctifying force in Christian character and conduct, and as an all-potent factor in the aggressive on going of the gospel. In Paul's estimate a prayerless Christian is not an absolute contradiction is near a monstrosity. In his view the gospel spoken by prayerless lips, manipulated by prayerless hands was a limp, deformed, powerless gospel.

Paragraphs

"The Judson" is sending out the prettiest little calendar we have seen this year. It is a daily reminder that we Baptists have a school for our young women in which we ought to take pride. We wish the President, Faculty and pupils 365 happy days for 1903.

Rev. John Roach Straton, who was hurrying from his lecture engagements in Texas to Atlanta to be present at the funeral of his brother, William D. Straton, who was killed at Vannell's Station, Ga., by a negro brakeman who refused to obey an order, was delayed here recently and spent the day with us. We deeply sympathized with him, yet enjoyed the few hours he was here. We predict for him a life of great usefulness. He has courage, culture and consecration.

An evangelist who demands that the pastor step aside and give him "full swing in the conduct of revival meetings, instead of coming to the work as the helper of the pastor, should be kindly, but firmly told that the latter cannot abdicate the duty to which the church has called him in favor of any outsider. Such an attitude on the pastor's part would not seldom avert unpleasant situations, and save the church much subsequent trouble. A true evangelist will gladly

work with and under the pastor." These wise words of the Examiner ought to be read by every pastor. In our short ministry we have seen in some of the great meetings held in cities pastors set aside while the visiting evangelist directed everything.

It is said Dr. Lorimer is an adept in the giving of notices. He uses just the right tone, and conveys just the right hint of privilege and obligation to support the Sunday school, the evening service, and the mid-week prayer meeting. Making announcements is a great bore to most city preachers and with many it is a wearisome and perfunctory performance that is gladly relegated to some kind brother, but the versatile Dr. Lorimer evidently has the gift of making them count by the manner in which he does it. We have been struck with the pleasant way in which notices were made at the Southside by Col. Ward and at the First Church by Brethren Manly and Haley. We don't blame Drs. Dickinson and Davidson for calling in the help of these good brethren, but we confess that we have often been shocked by the flippant way in which it is done in some churches.

Rev. John Robertson of Glasgow, Scotland, will begin special meetings with the Claredon Street Church, Bos-

ton, on Friday evening, Jan. 16th. They will continue at least through next Sunday and the week following.

We had the pleasure several years ago in New York of hearing either Ian McLaren (Dr. John Watson), or John Robertson, and we chose to hear John Robertson and have never regretted the choice. He is a wonderful gospel preacher and a marvelous story teller. We heard him tell the Ministers' Conference in New York about his first visit to Spurgeon, and it was the most graphic description we ever listened to. We had often heard Spurgeon preach in his great tabernacle, but John Robertson revealed to us the man. We hope he will come South. Wonder if Dr. Broughton, who has the happy knack of bringing great celebrities down our way, couldn't get John Robertson for his tabernacle meeting.

The Biblical Recorder says: Rev. Frank Willis Barnett enlarges his picture on the first page of his paper, the Alabama Baptist, and announces that having given his time wholly to the business management of his paper in 1902, he will try the experiment of devoting "our best thought to the editorial department." Look out for squally times about next August, Brother Barnett, and a sudden return of attention to the business end of the thing about two o'clock in the morning.

We had our picture enlarged because we somehow felt that an editor ought at least to try and look bigger than a mere business manager, but if Brother Bailey's prophecy comes true in the "dog days" when we stand in the presence of our banker no doubt a one-cent postage stamp will be large enough to hide our editorial countenance unless the brethren pay up now and give us a chance to have a balance in the time when fans are needed. But if they fail us and we find it necessary to once more show ourselves in miniature our prayer is that Will Bailey will continue to grow until his manly form and handsome face may be seen from all parts of his State and the people rise up and make him Governor and give education and temperance a fair show in North Carolina.

What I Say Unto You,

I Say Unto All. Watch.

The Legislature is in session and all the powers of the under world are at work to supplant the prohibition laws in the State. There never was a finer opportunity for mischievous legislation. The liquor power is behind every "Blind Tiger" in the State. It is a shrewd scheme, in keeping with the machinations of his Satanic Majesty. The "Blind Tigers" are supplied with goods on credit by the liquor houses, guaranteed protection if they are prosecuted, and at the proper time, just before the Legislature meets, they seek to cultivate a sentiment in favor of the Dispensary, using the Blind Tiger, the creature of their own handiwork, to help them in the scheme. The last Legislature, by the election of a speaker and the appointment of a Temper-

The Dispensary bids fair to be the liveliest question before the people of Alabama. It is not a religious question. It is a question of liquor and revenue. We do not feel that we are called upon to give the free use of our columns to its discussion. Like many other questions not religious, we do not object to its brief mention by brethren when writing for the paper; but we shall insist upon brevity. Our columns would not hold what we are likely to have sent us on this subject, if we should throw them open.—Alabama Baptist. But there are some folks who will think you are an enemy of the "cause" if you do not fill your columns with discussions of it.—Christian Index.

We have already heard that we were, but we know better.

Those who let the old year pass without having paid their pastor's salary, ought to make amends for it, by paying it up, and advancing some now on the new year as far as you have been behind. It is not right that the pastor should do all the suffering.—The Baptist.

Amen, Brother Bailey; but how about the indifferent ones who let the old year die without having settled with the editor of their religious paper? We believe if the delinquents would pay both pastor and editor they would get more joy out of the sermons they hear and the articles they read.

Evidently the statement we made in the last issue under the heading of "Tips to Correspondents," was not read by the brethren. We said: "We begin the year with enough articles on hand about Prohibition and Dispensary to run us until after the State Convention." Each mail brings in more. We are willing to file them to be published in their turn provided they are short and to the point and yet we know some of the writers are going to get mad with us and that after we gave them warning that we had a big stock on hand.

There ought to be an agent for the Alabama Baptist in every Baptist Church in Alabama. If you want to act as agent, write at once.

ance Committee in the House, both hostile to Temperance legislation, gave the black eye to the prohibition cause. I am not expecting much better treatment from the Legislature now in session. If we hold what we have, we will do well. I entreat the friends of Prohibition to be watchful and be ready at any moment to thwart the schemes of the wily foe. More than likely, early in the session, a general Dispensary bill will be introduced with a local option attachment. The scheme will then be to fix it so every cross-road town can become incorporated. When that is done, the so-called municipalities can vote a Dispensary, regardless of the wishes of the people in the county.

Watch is the word.

W. B. Crumpton,
Montgomery, Jan. 19, 1903.

Birmingham District.

From Mellwain comes a good report of two fine services last Sunday by Brother Browning.

The East Lake Church received three Sunday and heard two good sermons from Dr. Shelbourne.

Brother Provence had his Sunday school children out at church for a special service, and it was fine.

Fountain Heights enjoyed a good day Sunday at both services; received three in the morning and one baptized at night.

The new building is already much needed at Bessemer as the old one is crowded at all services. Thompson draws.

The Brookside brethren are getting their forces together to build soon. Their pastor, E. G. Ferin, is much encouraged.

The Powderly pulpit was ably filled Sunday by Brother Murphy, formerly of Warner Mines, but lately moved to Birmingham.

Dr. Davidson is given to having some variety in his services and last Sunday he had his children out in force and a great day at all services.

Arrangements are being made to have Dr. Stillman of Nashville, here to hold a Sunday School Teachers' Institute from March 3d to 8th.

Woodlawn reports a fine Sunday school and congregations. Brother Arnold of East Lake, preached for Pastor Blackwelder at the night service.

Pratt City Church has been developing great spiritual growth under the leadership of their much beloved Watson. They received one by letter.

The new West End Church had Brother Blackwelder with them Sunday assisting Pastor Colley in the ordination of deacons. They received three members.

The Wylam people appreciate Pastor O'Hara and show it by their attendance even to a missionary service. He got \$7.20 for State Missions and received one by letter.

Brother McCord is delighted with his field at New Prospect. They maintain a fine prayer-meeting with average of seventy-five in attendance, largely young people.

The Ministers' Monday Conference is always interesting and well attended, even on rainy days. The pastors from the country churches and visiting brethren are more than welcome.

The old First Church had its auditorium filled to full capacity at both services Sunday. Brother Bowen, the President of the District Union, conducted a B. Y. P. U. meeting at night.

Rev. W. R. Adams of East Lake, is the pastor at the Packer Memorial Chapel, Avondale. He has the work well in hand with a flourishing Sunday school. The church is well officered and organized. Additions are very frequent; seventeen since the meeting of the Association.

At the Ministers' Conference the subject of church extension has been up for three meetings. Rev. L. M. Bradley led in the discussion last week and this week Brother Brown, the superintendent of missions, explains the operation and plans of the church extension Society with recommendation for future work. The brethren promise to take more active interest in this work and help to carry out the recommendations.

New Year Callers.

Rev. J. W. Partridge of East Lake, called and renewed his subscription for 1903.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray has moved to East Lake. We welcome Brother and Sister Ray to the Birmingham District.

Rev. J. T. Beale of Northport, editor of the Breeze, and his son, called to see us in our new quarters. We are always glad to have our brethren look in on us when they visit Birmingham.

Rev. W. A. Hash called. We are glad to note the decided improvement in his health. It will be remembered that he had to give up his work at Brookwood last year and go further South for rest.

Rev. G. W. Beach, a student at Howard College and pastor at Elyton, came in and renewed. Brother Beach graduated under Dr. J. B. Hamberlin, of Bailey Springs, the founder of Bailey Springs High School.

Rev. J. A. Beale called and paid up in advance and promises to try and get us a club of five or ten before the month is out. We wish a lot of the pastors would see what they can do along this line.

Mr. Gilbert Carter came in and renewed his mother's subscription for the paper. She has been a reader of the Alabama Baptist from its very beginning and counts it one of the greatest pleasures of her old age to read its pages from week to week.

Rev. F. M. Wood called in to pay ahead. We had the pleasure of moving his figures up to Jan. 1, 1905. If any other pastor is ambitious to go ahead let him come in and exhibit a few dollars and we will let him turn down the hustling North Birmingham preacher.

Mr. L. P. Leavell, Sunday school secretary of Mississippi, looked in on us on Christmas Eve to wish us a happy New Year. He said great things were being done in his State by the Baptists. We wish him a happy New Year and pray that 1903 will be the best year the Sunday schools of Mississippi have ever known.

Bro. B. C. Heaslett, who has recently moved from Cropwell, Ala., to Birmingham, called in and paid up his subscription to Jan. 1, 1905. We hope many more such Baptists will move into our great city. It would make it much easier for us to pay our bills. Brother Heaslett says he has been a reader of the Alabama Baptist from its first copy to now.

Rev. A. B. Metcalf was in the office on Monday, and reports his work as being in fine condition. About sixty have

been added to the church at Georgiana during his two years as their pastor. They don't owe him a dollar and the members have paid for the Alabama Baptist. This is a record in which we take pride.

Rev. F. Tidwell of Tidwell, the pastor of the Blountsville Church, who has just returned from a visit to Texas, called by on his way home to renew and pay in advance for a year. While in Texas Brother Tidwell visited his son, J. B. Tidwell, who is the Professor of Greek and Latin in Decatur Baptist College.

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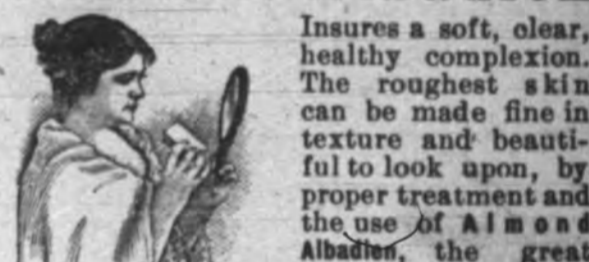
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Field Notes

ORDINATION.

Some may be surprised, all will be pleased to hear that Bro. H. H. Blackman has been ordained to the full work of the ministry. Brethren J. M. Rowe, P. L. Mosley and the writer were the ordaining presbytery. Bro. Blackman was ordained Dec. 14th, ult., in the presence of a large and attentive congregation at Enterprise. For many years he has lived at Ozark and practiced law and prospered. Already he is being sought by churches that have no pastor. Bro. Blackman has been for a long time a close Bible student, and having a mind trained in the practice of law, we may reasonably expect great things of him, even if he has commenced late in life. He is commended to the brethren.

R. M. Hunter.

FROM TALLADEGA.

The year starts out with us auspiciously. The first Sunday we received seven members by letter and one by baptism.

On yesterday my church raised the pastor's salary \$200, and thus I enter the seventh year of my pastorate encouraged by the love and co-operation of my people, and with the hope that we shall make progress all along the line.

The mission of our church is progressing under the pastoral care of Bro. J. R. Wells. He is now living in Talladega, and has entered upon the work with enthusiasm.

We shall endeavor to make this year the very best in the history of the church, relying upon the divine help.

T. M. Calloway.

ORDINATION.

On the fourth Sunday in October, 1902, a presbytery, consisting of elders Arnold S. Smith, R. E. Conger, Wm. Jones, J. R. Conger, met with New Province Baptist Church, and after a very impressive and appropriate sermon preached by Bro. Smith, proceeded to the ordination of Bro. Henry Jones to the full work of the Gospel ministry. Bro. Jones is a son of excellent Baptist parentage and child of many prayers. May Heaven's rich benediction rest upon his life work.

J. R. Conger.

We have received the following invitation from one of our old friends up in east Tennessee. We wish them much joy on their twentieth anniversary and regret that we cannot be present.

1883—H. D.—1903. Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hunter, Hotel Carlisle, Saturday, January the twenty-fourth, from three to five-thirty, Johnson City, Tenn.
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ALABAMA CITY.

Alabama City is a town of about 4,000 inhabitants with two churches—one Baptist and one Methodist. The people are mainly factory hands, working from six a. m. to six p. m., going along from Monday morning to Saturday night, making it very hard for a pastor to see them in their homes, or even speak to them on the subject of religion or church work. Of the 4,000 inhabitants, I suppose that 150 or 200 attend church. It is true that the population

is continually changing, but while this is true, if the people had that interest in church work that they ought to have, both churches could be filled every Sunday morning and night to overflowing. While there is a great deal of indifference here, we have some who are faithful workers for the Lord, upon whom the pastor can depend at all times. Pastor Rollie has many things to discourage him; he has some things to encourage him. He has some good brethren, who are true and tried soldiers of the cross who are ready to go to the front at all times and fight for the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls. He also has in his church a noble band of ladies in the personages of sisters Campbell, Smith, Riley, Collins, Clark and many others who, like Mary, are doing what they can to help in the Lord's cause. These noble brethren and sisters brighten the pastor's life and make all within him rejoice. Pastor Rollie and his people are moving along very nicely, and we trust that this will be the most prosperous year in the history of the church.

G. A. Chum.

A HAPPY FAMILY REUNION.

January 13th furnished another green spot in my life, it being the 50th anniversary of the marriage of my wife and self. It had been arranged among our children that were close by to give us a dinner after the picnic order—cooking each one's contribution at home and bringing it to the old homestead to enjoy a partial reunion and celebrate a day that falls to the lot of so few families. It proved to be a success from beginning to end and all enjoyed it to the full extent, and rest assured I thought of you when I looked on the face of our own little Frank Barnett. In summing up the present, the absent and dead they amounted to the same number that went with the patriarch into the land of Egypt. After a sumptuous repast all gathered in the parlor around the organ and had a praise and song service that was delightful to the ear. We then engaged in a short devotional service by singing the L. M. Doxology, reading Psalm ciii, singing Remembrance—all followed by a short prayer.

I feel to thank God for His goodness and mercy towards us as a family and my fervent desire is to spend the remnant of my days in whatever line of service may open up before me. I feel now like one out of employment. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." I am real anxious that you would visit us at Collinsville and preach at least one sermon for us. Our days of meeting embrace the first and third Sundays. Bro. Johnson is our present pastor. May the Lord bless you and yours is my earnest prayer.

Fraternally yours,
Jno. B. Appleton.

FROM DAVISTON.

I had a pleasant visit with the church at Daviston the second Sunday and Saturday before. The weather was bad and the congregations small, but the Lord was with us, and that should make us happy.

I am delighted with the outlook at Daviston.

This is the "Old Mother Church" of that section. Union, Antioch, Zion

Hill, and Mountain Spring are all her children. These are promising churches and Davidson has a right to feel proud of her children, but while parents rejoice in the prosperity of their children, there is always a sadness about the old home. This is not an exception. There has been a disposition to despond, the fathers cannot forget the good old days of long ago; but new blood has been injected into the veins; young men and women have come into the service and fellowship, and are now taking hold of the work with a vigor that will tell out for good in the years to come.

W. B. Thompson, a young and prosperous farmer, is in charge of the Sunday school. His enthusiasm, his cheerful, hopeful disposition will doubtless bring things to pass.

Prof. P. C. Ramsey, who is in charge of the literary school, is making his influence felt for good in the community and in the church.

Bro. Wm. Cotney, Bro. Had Atkins, Bro. Allen Thompson, more experienced, but not less vigorous, are standing back of the younger men.

Old Fathers John Ison and Jerry Dunn, who have been loyal to our Master through the years, will cheer and strengthen with their amens.

I must not forget the cheerfulness, Jeff Ison, Allen Dunn, Earnest and Charlie Thompson, who always welcome us with a smile. Bro. Allen Dunn is one of the best sextons I know; always on time with everything in place.

Time would fail me to mention the sisters, but you will doubtless hear from them. Their good works will bring a harvest to speak for them. I am already treading upon forbidden soil, but I will promise to be more brief hereafter.

The old Carey is waking up and I am happy over the outlook, so you must not censure me if I sound a note of hallelujah occasionally. We are working to put the Baptist into the homes of all our people.

Yours for service,
J. R. Stodghill.

Notes from the Orphanage.

The old year is ended. It was a strange one to us; a hard one, and yet it brought its blessings. It was a year of largeness with us. In it the largest number of children that ever came to us in one year, was received; the largest number that ever left us in one year, went out of the Home. The largest number of children that were ever baptized in one year, we saw come into the church this year. The largest amount of money that ever came to us in one year was received this year, and the largest debt we have had to contend with has been on us this year. So you see it has been a year of largeness with us. But it had its blessings, one of which,

THE COMING OF MRS. GARRETT to become matron of the Girl's Cottage. She wrote before coming that she thought she would rather take the small children, but when she got to work she just naturally drifted to the most responsible position, and she fills it well. Our children have all got mothers now.

OUR HEALTH

has been excellent since midsummer, and the children are all doing fairly, all in school, and at work.

Mrs. Jones who has been away several months on account of ill health has returned and is at work, with health much improved.

Mrs. Ansley has come back to live with us again. She assists in teaching. You ought to have heard the children when she came. Some of us who go off and come back and never have the joy bells ring over us, are apt to feel a little jealous when we see such greeting to one of our fellow-workers. It was almost Christmas, and we didn't know whether Santa Claus was coming or not, and some of the girls said "Aunt Clara is coming; that will be Christmas enough for me."

THE HOLIDAYS.

Well, they were full of good cheer for all. The friends of the Home from Mobile to Scottsboro helped to swell the tide of joy. A larger proportion of these gifts than usual was in money, and still there was not a child in the Home that did not get a present. When the Christmas tree had been stripped, and every one's hands were full, the manager called for cheers, and bade all that had horns to blow them, and they did.

A number of friends wrote that they saw my letter asking that holiday gifts be of substantial sort, and sent the money instead of an excess of toys, much to profit as well as pleasure.

One hundred and one gifts in money came to us in the last twelve days of the old year, and the sum of them was \$950.38. This paid the expenses of the month, and allowed several hundred dollars to go on the debt for bread already eaten.

Pledges of the First Churches of Birmingham and Selma have been paid since last report. Brother Gross wrote saying his people would send the amount, and something for general expenses also. He just added one hundred and ten dollars to the one hundred which he sent for the buildings. He knows one cannot satisfy nearly a hundred children without food.

Will the dear friends who have not received a personal letter in acknowledgment of their help, be so good as to accept our general acknowledgment.

Jno. W. Stewart.

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The following officers were elected recently by the Union of the First Church, Bessemer: President, Miss Alice Huey; vice president, Miss Carrie Cockrell; secretary, Miss Minnie Tillman; treasurer, J. F. Davis; organist, Bryan Waller.

Not long since The Baptist Union asked its subscribers to name the passages that ought to be memorized by every Christian and the following is the result of the vote: The 23rd Psalm; 13th chapter of 1 Cor.; Ex. 20: 3-17; 14th chapter of John; 53rd chapter of Isa.; 15th chapter of John; first Psalm; 8th chapter of Rom.; 5th, 6th, and 7th chapters of Matt.; 17th chapter of John.

The meeting at South Side, Birmingham, on Jan. 11th, was a great success. The District B. Y. P. U. Convention organized, with Prof. W. H. Bowen, Ensley, President; Mr. H. B. Wood, East Lake, vice president; Mr. Gwylym Herbert, Bessemer, Sec. and Treas. The meeting was an enthusiastic gathering of the young people of the District. It was quite an inspiration to look into the faces of the 400 or 500 young men and women who assembled in the auditorium of the church. The next meeting will be held the second Sunday in March. Pratt City and East Lake ask for the next session, but the place of meeting referred to the executive committee, and was referred to the executive committee, and will be announced later.

Florence, Ala., Jan. 12, 1903.

Dear Brother: Our B. Y. P. U. is doing better work than ever before. A special service was held at our first meeting in the new year. Enclosed find a paper that was written and read by one of our young ladies; which if you have room in your department, we would be glad to have you publish.

Very respectfully,
Mrs. J. W. Vesey,
Pres. East Florence Union.

The following is the paper referred to in the above letter.

THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW.
The old year is gone, with her joys and her fears,

Some pages have laughter, some pages have tears,
Each month is a chapter, each day glided by.

In panoramic vision, we saw them fly.

We will not with the writer who once has said,
"Forever, let the dead past bury its dead."

For tonight we desire to take a review Of each day that has passed in 1902.

Now "backward, turn backward, O time in your flight,"

To the first page now soiled which was once so white.

On it each line is a resolution new,
To be better men, or be women more true.

Each day has its cross, its joy and sorrow;

Some days are brighter than the coming morrow.

On the saddest pages is ever His grace,
And in each sorrow He hides a smiling face.

In the darkest clouds come blessings in disguise;

Then ever let us trust Him, God, the All-Wise.

The King of kings ever cares for His own.

Though often in trouble, we feel not alone.

The pleasures are like the sweet fragrant flowers,

Interspersed with refreshing April showers.

And thus are the pages of the old year filled.

'Tis well, if it all is as God has it willed.

May each day of the New Year ever be Treasured as a jewel of 1903.

May this be the brightest of all other years

The which we have travelled in this vale of tears.

May the clouds which will often obscure the light

Help the flowers to bloom out all the more bright.

May we bravely face all the trials which will come,

And at the end of life receive the "well done."

—Kate Leigh Hulmes.

East Florence, Ala.

Ernest W. Provence, the son of our former Assistant Editor, Dr. S. M. Provence, is the Recording Secretary of the State B. Y. P. U. of Texas.

The Atlanta City B. Y. P. U. met at West End Baptist Church last Thursday night. Dr. W. W. Landrum made the address of the occasion: "Atlanta, 1903."

B. Y. P. U. PLEDGE.

Relying upon Divine help, I hereby promise to be true to Christ in all things, and at all times; to seek the New Testament standard of Christian experience and life; to attend every meeting of the Union, unless hindered by reasons approved by a good conscience, and to take some part in the services, aside from singing, if it is possible to do so with sincerity and truth.

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Our Baptist Seminary.

The 'theologs' only had one day off from their regular recitations at the Seminary.

Just think of it, Carson and Newman College of Jefferson City, Tenn., has nine representatives at the Seminary. We congratulate Prof. Henderson on this fine showing.

The Seminary's lectures for Sunday school workers began last Monday night. Dr. A. T. Robertson is lecturing in his own striking and delightful way.

A letter was read from Missionary S. T. Williams, Canton, China. He noted that the Chinese were reading Christian literature more than ever before, but spoke especially about the Hakka work. This work started from no special effort of our own Board. Some heard the gospel and sought the missionaries to come and give it to their people. Both evangelical and hospital work is growing. The evangelization must be done through the people in whose lives must be sown seeds that will develop a good Christian character. Many are seeking admittance before they are fit. The Roman Catholics receive all conditions of men, hence they expect to enter our churches without any change of heart or even of probation. The letter emphasized the great need of more workers and more money.—Argus.

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Robertson entertained the Seminary students at their home on Jan. 1st, and were assisted by Dr. W. O. Carver and wife. We know the boys had a good time in this hospitable home and we dare say some of them regret that New Year comes only once in 365 days.

THE S. B. T. S.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 14, 1903.

Dear Brother: Please allow space in your paper for the announcement that the second half session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will begin Feb. 2d. Our classes are so arranged that students desiring to do so can enter on that date and take up the studies with advantage. This applies to all the studies taught except the languages which must be begun at the opening of the session in October.

Any students desiring to come at that time whose arrangements are not already made can secure information by writing to myself, or in reference to board by writing to Mr. B. Pressley Smith, room 10, New York Hall, Louisville, Ky.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am, Fraternally yours,
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Editorial Correspondence.

Columbus, Ga., has two gifted sons of Alabama in the persons of Brethren W. H. Smith and H. C. Hurley of the First and Rose Hill Baptist churches respectively. I do not know of pastors, anywhere, who are any more devotedly loved by their flocks than these undershepherds of the Lord. We of Alabama have our eyes on them, and rejoice that the Lord is using them so effectively.

Pastor Moncrief was away in Atlanta when I reached the city of Union Springs, but his praises were in the mouths of all the saints. Deacon Dr. T. J. Dean is not only a successful physician, but "did the honors" in the pastor's absence: entertained me in his home, Sister Dean graciously ministering Christian hospitality, and gave himself horse and buggy to me. How he did help me!

Troy was my next stop, and I was guest in the home of that prince among preachers, Dr. A. B. Campbell, and his queenly companion. How delightful. The sweet influence of this Christian home will follow me. Dr. Campbell, as he always does, gave me his personal presence and enthusiastic support in placing the paper in the homes of the Trojans. Had the pleasure of speaking to his people at the mid-week prayer service. It was a time of refreshing to me. Brother Campbell and wife are greatly loved in Troy as wherever they are known. I am delighted to tell the brethren that Dr. Campbell is fully restored to health and is stronger than ever in his life.

At Brantley I was entertained in the home of my old friends, Brother and Sister L. C. Cooper. To be their guest means to be happy. To me, it was a real joy. Bro. Will Cooper greatly aided me in the work. God bless this home.

Andalusia has a gifted son of North Carolina, an alumnus of Wake Forest, Bro. D. F. Lawrence for pastor; and Sister Lawrence is an equally gifted daughter of Louisiana. I fell in love with both of them. They are doing a great work that the world knows not of, both having comfortable means, and they are wisely using it for God's glory. I believe God has sent them here for a great work. They are so modest with it all. Brother Lawrence gave himself to me in work.

I forgot to say that Brantley has her eye on the Bishop of Midway. Judge R. A. J. Cumbee—Brantley is without a pastor—that explains.

J. W. Hamner.

A Few More X-Rays.

"By Our Field Editor."
ORRVILLE.

I found Pastor Taliaferro quite busy the morning I was there planting out roses, his wife superintending, and the question came up at once. Why don't all our pastors do that way. Then when the new man comes in and the old one goes into the place where the new one came from, both would find roses, peaches, plums, apples, strawberries, grapes etc. Why not make our pastoriums the most desirable homes in the community; why not begin this very winter? The church was having "a week of missions." A sermon every night by brethren invited. President Montague opened the series on Monday night and Bro. W. B. Crumpton closed on Sunday night following. It seems to me that this would be a good thing to do in many of our churches. My! how much our churches need it. Broth-

er Taliaferro is taking hold of this old church with a strong hand and his people are proud of him and his accomplished wife who is quite as strong in her department as her husband in his.

MONROEVILLE.

I held a meeting with this church ten or twelve years ago, and it was a treat to meet so many of them again. Bro. B. J. Skinner was pastor then—serving this church and three others located near enough to reach them—an ideal field of the sort it was. Brother Huckabee is pastor now, living at Pine Apple. He comes down once a month. He is doing a good work in all this country, but he needs help; only two preachers in this county. This is a fine country, and will give a support to an intelligent ministry if they can get them. I was entertained at the hospitable home of Capt. and Mrs. W. S. Wiggins while in Monroeville.

PINE APPLE.

I found Pastor Ramsey in fine spirits; spent a pleasant night in his comfortable home. He has resigned all his churches except this one with a view to "resting up a little" and making room for more ministers who are sadly needed to fill the immense destitution in all this country. I missed some of the old land marks here. W. J. Melton, the leading merchant of this town, has passed away since I was here. This is one of the best churches in the country and has been led by some of the best of our ministers in the past, such men as B. H. Crumpton, A. T. Sims, W. J. Elliott, D. W. Ramsey, and others, whose names I do not recall. It was here our J. B. Hawthorne began his ministry, and W. B. Crumpton was born, but time would fail me to tell of many more whose names are connected with the history of this grand old church.

PETERMAN.

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Extracts from Letter with Comments.

W. B. C.

Who said the envelope system would do for a town or city church, but was not suited to the country? Read this letter from a sister who is working it successfully in a country church. A very important item in the letter, too, is just at the last. See what is said about "Absent members." They ought to be represented in the contributions and would often be, if they were written to. "Out of sight out of mind," is too often true when a member moves without taking a letter. It should not be the case. They should be corresponded with and always asked to help in every important collection.

"We have collected for December \$12.75, and I have not received the collection from three of the committee. We have a committee of twelve, and they collect the envelopes also, as we are much scattered, and frequently some cannot bring them to church. It is good to see how interested the boys and girls are in the work, and they receive five cents or more from almost every member. Some preferred paying for the year so you will understand why next month's collection will not be so much. But the work is doing us good and as our Union Mission programs come monthly, we hope to be greatly benefited during the coming year. Mr. Skinner, our pastor, was delighted, he said, and helped us count the nickles. Please excuse this long letter, but I knew that you would be glad to know that our young people and church are enjoying the work. Our church treasurer will send the money just as soon as I can collect the remainder. We received \$2.10 from members who moved several years ago, but did not move their membership. We wrote to them all. Our sincerest prayers for the work, and for our Mr. Crumpton."

(Mrs.) Nellie Finkler Nettles. HOWARD—THE RIGHT ARM OF THE DENOMINATION.

Brother Gross of Selma, sends a good check for Howard College and says: "This is not all that the committee asked of us. I hope to get up the balance. When anything is to be done for this right arm of our denomination, I covet the privilege of doing my best."

Think of what this good brother says. He comes from Georgia where Mercer is much on the hearts of the Baptists. They are continually adding to its endowment and improving its facilities and the old college is giving back to the denomination rich treasures in the cultivated brains of their young men. Yes, it is true, and God help us to burn it on every Baptist heart: The Howard is the right arm of the denomination.

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY.

"We adopted the monthly collection system in our church four years ago. It works satisfactorily. Of course the collections are never large as our church is made up of poor people. Notwithstanding this has been the hardest year we have ever experienced in this country, we have more than met our obligations to the Association. The prospects now are very gloomy, but we hope to do more than we did last year."

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TITHING.

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OPELIKA'S NEW PASTOR.

"This is a great church with great possibilities. I am going to give them the best that I have every time and in every line. When I can be of use to you, command my services. It will be a little while before I can become divorced from the interests of another State, which I learned to love, but gradually I hope to fall in line with the workers of Alabama. Count on me."

Brother Upshaw: "You can count on me in the struggle during the hard times before us."

So the brethren are writing from every quarter and I am happy.

A Retrospect.

"Time is Short.... for the Fashion of This World Passeth Away."

As we stand in the fading twilight of another year, and take a retrospective view of the twelve months, that will in a few hours have passed into eternity, many and varied reflections come to us. We look back upon success and failures, achievements and disappointments, joys and sorrows, and of them all we know that one thing is absolutely true, they are past recall. Whatever regrets we may have must ever remain regrets, for there is no undoing the past. On the dial of a great clock in the palace of Napoleon at Malmaison were the words, "Non nescit reverti." It knows not how to go backward. So on the dial of God's great clock that marks the flight of years are the words, "We come not again."

These swift returning New Years are solemn reminders of the flight of time and they make us reflect upon the brevity of human life and the fading glory of present things. Whether we will or not we are being borne on the tide toward eternity and age creeps on apace.

"We cannot stay the flight of years, nor bind the restless river That bears us on 'mid strifes and tears, forever and forever."

If we measure life by the actual count of years it is but a brief span. From the cradle to the grave is the journey of a day. The band that today shakes the baby rattler tomorrow sways the scepter of empire; the child that today beats the boy drum tomorrow waves the sword of command, and with the morrow-night comes the Grim Reaper. Like the swiftly moving pictures of a kinetoscope are the changing scenes of life, and almost before we are aware the light flashes upon a blank canvas—the last act is done.

But briefer still is life when compared with its responsibilities. What a moment brings forth is perpetuated forever, and the forces each life sets in operation go on eternally. Every experience of life is far-reaching in its results and its lessons are of eternal moment. The lessons of success are sometimes hardest to learn. Every success is a crisis in the life of the soul; it may open the way to larger endeavor and achievement or it may puff the soul up with that pride which is the precursor of destruction. Failures are often life's most valuable experiences for they teach the measure of strength and the lesson of humility. Properly interpreted all of life's experiences may be divine forces that make for character and work out "an eternal weight of glory." Nothing less than the full stature of the Perfect Man is the measure of God's ideal for the life, or of the life's possibilities.

Nothing material endures. The history of the past is but the tale of the fading glory of present things. Empires have risen and fallen, kingdoms have flourished and decayed, nations have lived and died. Here and there are traces of civilizations that once flourished but are now only a name. Some ancient pyramids are all that remains of the glory of the Pharaohs; a crumbling coliseum is all that is left of the imperial Caesars; a few broken columns are all the remains of proud Greece. Nothing in this world can last: the noblest buildings crumble, the finest monuments decay, cities and nations pass away before the destroying element of time.

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Ar. Selma	11:30pm		11:30am
Lv. Montgomery	9:25pm		9:00am
Ar. Montgomery	9:20pm	10:55am	6:25pm
Lv. Opelika	7:40pm	8:50am	4:25pm
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Ar. Abbeville		12:15pm	
Lv. Olimax		2:40pm	
Ar. Chattanooga		4:55pm	
Going West	65	67	68
Lv. Elba Junction	10:05pm	m	2:50pm
Ar. Enterprise	11:00am	m	3:50pm
Ar. Elba	12:05pm	m	4:50pm
Going East	66	68	70
Lv. Elba	6:15am	12:30pm	7:50am
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Default having been made in the payment of the sum secured thereby, this sale is made for the purpose of enforcing the same, with the costs thereof, as is provided in said mortgage.

Witness my hand this 16th day of December, 1902.

JOHN H. EUBANK,
Mortgagee.
By W. J. MARTIN,
His Attorney.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting of the Southern Sewer Pipe Company.

In pursuance of a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Southern Sewer Pipe Company on the 23d day of December, 1902, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Sewer Pipe Company at 12 o'clock noon on the 14th day of February, 1903, at the office of said company at its plant at North Birmingham, Ala. The purpose of said meeting is to determine whether or not said company shall borrow a sum of \$25,000.00 dollars, payable in one, two, three or five years, at not more than six per cent interest payable annually or semi-annually, and execute and deliver as security for said loan its note or notes and a mortgage or deed of trust conveying to a mortgagee or trustee all of the property of said company as security for said sum of money proposed to be borrowed.

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Notice

Is hereby given of the intention to apply for the passage of a law by the Legislature of Alabama, which meets on the second Tuesday in January, 1903, which proposed law is "To provide for the control, working, maintenance, building and improvement of the public roads and bridges of Jefferson county."

The substance of the proposed law is as follows:

1. The office of Chief Supervisor of Public Roads and Bridges is continued; the present Supervisor to continue in office until the general election in 1906, at which time his successor is to be elected, and every four years thereafter the Supervisor is to be elected; his salary is fixed at \$1,500.00 per annum, payable in monthly installments out of the road fund; he is under the direction and control of the Board of Revenue, and shall perform such duties in regard to public roads and bridges as the Board directs.

2. The Board of Revenue is to have the control and supervision of the working, maintenance, building of the public roads and bridges, with authority to dispose of all the road funds, including the fund raised by taxation.

3. The road year begins on the first day of January and ends on the 31st day of December. The persons exempt from road duty are all persons who reside in municipal corporations and are liable to street and road duty therein, all females, guards, and persons having control of convicts, all township trustees, all male persons under 18 or over 45 years of age, all maimed and disabled persons who shall procure a certificate of such disability from some reputable licensed practicing physician. All the residents of the county not exempt are liable to work on the public roads ten days each road year, and in addition are liable to work ten days each year in opening new roads. Any person liable to road duty may exempt himself from all road duty, each road year, by paying three dollars between the first of January and last of March, to such person as the Board may designate to receive the fund; if payment is made after the last of March and before the party has been warned to work the road a penalty of twenty-five cents is added, if the party pays after he is warned to work the road, a penalty of fifty cents is added. The Board may appoint as many persons as it deems necessary to receive this fund; all such persons are to be

under bond to the county and must pay at the end of each month all money collected by them, including penalties, to the county Treasurer, less his compensation, which shall be such amount as the Board may agree to pay, not exceeding ten per cent. of the money actually collected. The Treasurer is to keep a separate account of this three-dollar fund and pay out the same on warrants ordered by the board. The person receiving the three-dollar fund must execute to party paying a receipt, and must keep a stub or duplicate thereof, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board or any person appointed by the Board.

4. The Board is to have the right and power to expend the three-dollar fund in keeping up and maintaining the dirt roads and bridges thereon and in opening new roads; and the right and power to work and maintain the dirt roads by letting out the same or any part thereof by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, or may employ as many persons and overseers as it sees fit and may work the roads by employing labor.

5. The Board may divide the county into as many road districts as it sees fit and may change the same from time to time, or it may have no road districts. It may purchase such live stock, tools, machinery, etc., as may be necessary in working and maintaining the roads and bridges; and may sell such property or any part thereof at any time it sees fit. It shall have the power, at the expense of the road fund raised by taxation, to keep up and maintain and extend macadamized roads and bridges, and may let contract or contracts to keep up, maintain or extend the same or any part thereof to the lowest responsible bidder, or may, in its discretion, keep up, maintain and extend macadamized roads and bridges by purchasing material and by working the same at the expense of the fund in the employment of hands and overseers the same as is authorized in regard to the dirt roads.

6. It is made discretionary with the Board whether it will consider any petition or application to establish, change or discontinue roads in the county. If it considers such petition, the proceedings are to be in the manner provided by general law.

7. It is made the duty of every person or corporation carrying on business in the county and employing in its service two or more persons to furnish the Board, or

any persons designated by it, as often as requested, a list of all persons in her, his or its employment liable to road duty. And any person or corporation who fails, neglects or refuses to furnish such list are made liable to a penalty of Ten Dollars for each person in her, his or its employment liable to road duty whose name is not furnished,—to be recovered on suit in the name of the county for the benefit of the road fund.

8. All persons who have not exempted themselves from road duty living within three miles of any new road are liable to work for a period of ten days in opening a new road. Persons liable to road duty who have not exempted themselves by payment of the Three Dollar fund cannot be required to work at a point more than six miles distant from their place of residence. And all such persons liable to road duty shall work under any contractor, overseer or person designate by the Board at such time subsequent to the last day of March of each year as they are warned to work.

9. The Board may appoint a person or persons (as many as may be necessary) such persons to be paid out of the road fund such compensation as the Board may agree to pay, to warn all persons liable to road duty who have not exempted themselves to work upon the public roads at such time and place and under such overseer or person as the Board may direct. The person giving the warning must give two days notice to persons liable to road duty in person or in writing to be left at his residence. If the person warned fails to attend or send a substitute with proper tools agreeable to the notice, or fails faithfully to perform his duty he is liable for each day's default the sum of One Dollar, to be recovered at the suit of the county before the Justice of the precinct of the residence of such person, for the benefit of the road fund, and to collect the judgment process of garnishment may issue in the manner prescribed by law. In any contract let the Board of Revenue shall require the contractor to account for the value of the services which may be performed by any person liable to road duty who works under such contractor in pursuance of warning; the value of such services to be fixed in the contract. All contractors are required to give bond to the county with a guarantee to keep the road or bridge in safe condition or repair for the passage of

travelers for a stipulated time. Any person injured before the expiration of said period may sue in his own name on the bond and recover damage for injury. If the Board take such bond, the county shall not be liable for any damage or injury which may occur by reason of any defect in such bridge or road either during the period of liability under the bond or subsequent thereto. The Board shall not be restricted in the expenditure of the Road fund to precinct lines or road districts, but may expend the money on the roads as the Board may deem to be to the interest of the county. Any person liable to road duty who wilfully refuses after legal notice to work thereon, in person or by substitute shall be subject to and punished by the criminal laws of the State as is provided by the general law.

10. Any person who comes into the County at any time after the commencement of the road year and resides therein for thirty days shall be liable to road duty to the same extent as if he was a resident at the commencement of the year; provided, however, that if such person moves into the county subsequent to the 1st day of July, such person can exempt himself from liability to road duty by paying one-half of the amount required to be paid by persons who were residents of the county at the commencement of the year; and provided further that any person who becomes a resident of the county subsequent to the commencement of the year where he has already performed road duty in another county of the state during the year, shall be exempt from road duty in Jefferson county. The Board of Revenue shall have full authority to do all acts and make all contracts necessary to carry out the purpose of this act.

11. No member of the Board or the Chief Supervisor or person appointed as overseer or any person who has been a member of the Board within six months from the time of making of any contract shall be directly or indirectly pecuniarily interested in any contract or the profits of any contract made by the Board; nor shall they be interested in furnishing tools, material or supplies directly or indirectly, or in the sale of any material to be used on the roads.

All laws, general and local, in conflict with the provisions of this Act are repealed.

A. J. TARRANT,
President of the Board of Revenue.