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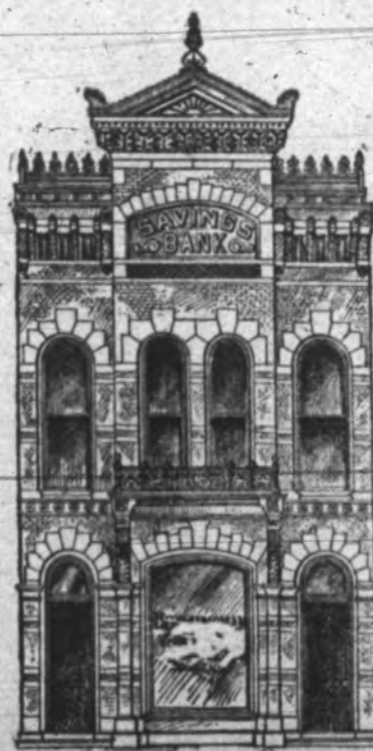
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**Mortgage Sale.**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by J. H. Emmott and C. M. Emmott, his wife, on the 13th day of September, 1902, to the undersigned mortgagee, C. T. Randall, to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was duly recorded on page 559 of Vol. 310 of Record of Deeds in the office of the Probate Court of Jefferson county, Ala., on the 1st day of November, 1902, and whereas it was provided in said mortgage that upon the failure to pay any one of the several notes mentioned in said mortgage that the entire indebtedness secured by said mortgage shall at once become due, and whereas the said C. T. Randall, mortgagee, has elected on account of the failure of said mortgagors to pay one of the said notes becoming due on the 13th day of September, 1903, to declare entire indebtedness due, as in said mortgage provided; on account of said default in the payment of said mortgage indebtedness having been made by said mortgagors, the said C. T. Randall, the mortgagee therein, in accordance with terms of said mortgage will on Saturday, the 5th day of December, 1903, before the court house door of Jefferson county, in Birmingham, Ala., offer for sale and proceed to sell within the legal hours of sale at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate situated in Jefferson county, Ala., to-wit: Begin at a point on the west line of southeast quarter (S. E. 1/4) of northwest quarter (N. W. 1/4) of Section twenty-three (23), Township seventeen (17), Range three, west (R. 3 W), 124.2 feet north of the S. W. corner of said S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 23, run

thence north with said west line of said S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 23, 131.3 feet, thence east parallel with the south line of said S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 23, 663.5 feet, thence south parallel with said west line of S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 23, 131.3 feet, thence west parallel with said south line of the S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Sec. 23, 663.5 feet to point of beginning, being the same property contained in said above mentioned mortgage.

C. T. Randall,  
Mortgagee.

Rudolph & Huddleston,  
Attorneys.

**Non-Resident Notice.**

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County. No. 3048. In Chancery, at Birmingham, Alabama, Fifth District, Northwestern Chancery Division of Alabama. George W. Griffin vs Margaret Daly Griffin.

In this cause it being made to appear to the court by affidavit of complainant that the defendant Margaret Daly Griffin is a non-resident of Alabama and resides in the City of Atlanta, State of Georgia, and further that, in the belief of said affiant, the defendant is of the age of twenty-one years, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Southern and Alabama Baptist a newspaper published in the City of Birmingham, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her, the said Margaret Daly Griffin to answer or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 5th day of December, 1903, or, in thirty days thereafter, a decree pro confesso may be taken against her.

Done this 30th day of October, 1903.  
JOHN C. CARMICHAEL,  
Chancellor

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## Field Notes

### BAPTIST RALLY

Of the Bessemer Association, at Pleasant Ridge, Nov. 28-29, 1903.

#### FIRST DAY.

9 to 9:30 a. m. Devotional Exercises—C. H. Smith.

9:30 to 11: Church Work.

I. Address by Rev. Frank Willis Barnett. 1. The Pastor's Support. 2. The Deacon's Work.

II. Address by J. C. Vines. 1. Training the Young Workers.

III. Address by Rev. A. C. Swindall. 1. Church Discipline. 2. Care of the Poor.

11 a. m. Sermon—Rev. J. L. Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bessemer.

1:30 to 2 p. m. Devotional Exercises—T. P. Waller.

2 to 4. Missions.

I. Address by Rev. A. M. White. 1. The Pastor and Missions. 2. The Deacons and Missions. 3. The Church and Missions.

II. Address by Rev. A. F. Loftin. 1. The Sunday School and Missions. 2. Womans' Missionary Societies. 3. Missions and Colportage.

7 to 7:30. Praise Service—E. J. Wilson.

7:30. Sermon—Percy C. Barkley.

#### SECOND DAY.

9 to 9:15 a. m. Devotional Exercises—W. A. Dunnam.

9:15 to 10:30. Sunday School.

I. Address by B. B. Waldrop. 1. Its Officers. 2. Its Aims. 3. Its Rewards.

II. Address by C. B. Bell. 1. Its Management. 2. How May We Increase the Sunday School? 3. How May We Increase Its Benefits?

10:30 to 11:30. Christian Education. Address by Dr. A. P. Montague.

11:30. Sermon—Rev. A. C. Swindall. 2 to 2:30 p. m. Temperance.

Address by L. P. Craig.

2:30 to 3. Ministerial Education. Address by N. L. Huey.

3 to 4. Distinctive Baptist Doctrine. 1. Why be Baptized? 2. How be Baptized? 3. Who Should be Baptized?

Short talks from volunteers on these points.

We hope that every pastor in the Bessemer Association will urge his people to attend this rally. Let every one feel that it is his or her duty to be a representative of the church, and we will have a great meeting. The Lord has promised to be with and bless his people at all times. Then, let every one come, desiring to be benefited and you return to your homes and work greater strength for the winter's

A person cannot afford to be a

laggard Christian in this district where the wicked one is rushing madly on with his mighty army to degrade mankind.

A word to those on the program. You notice the program is full. We may have to omit something if you don't do your duty. Come prepared to give the people the best you have to say in the shortest possible time.

Percy C. Barkley.

Brighton, Ala.

### NOTES FROM PINEAPPLE.

The year 1903 will in a short while be in the past. With some of us it has been full of interests, with others it has been full of sorrow and woe. To the child of God, whose treasure is in heaven, it has been full of inquiry as to how much he has laid up there. "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." How much have we helped those around us this year? We have heard of some changes in pastoral relations around here. The church at Mt. Moriah when heard from last was without a pastor. Brother Metcalf succeeds Dr. Crumpton at Buena Vista, and Dr. Crumpton succeeds Brother Linds at Belleville. Brother Majors resigned at Zion, but the church called him back, but at last accounts he had not consented to serve the church. Brethren Ramsey and Skinner continue with their old charges. We think we can see evidence of improvement in some respects at least in our own work. One church, Oak Grove, has nicely ceiled their building, and McWilliams, a mission point, has built a very neat church, that is, it is partly built.

### A VISIT.

I visited my old home Association at Stenton. What changes! The old men are all gone, nearly. Father McGew was the only one of the old men there. But what a time we had meeting the friends of other days. My visit to the Unity Association was, I believe, the most enjoyable one I ever made.

### REFLECTIONS.

1. Do ministers attend the conventions in order to extend their acquaintance so as to have a better chance to secure a pastorate when one is wanted?

2. Are there any enemies to our organized work among the Alabama Baptists? From some expressions in the paper one would infer that there were. We are inclined to think that about all the pastors in the State are friendly to the work.

May God's richest blessings be given to the work of saving lost men.

W. N. Huckabee.

P. S.—It is sad to see how flagrantly

the prohibition law is violated in this section. The writer is of the opinion that the next political campaign in this Wilcox county, will be much on the issue "whiskey or no whiskey." And I do most earnestly pray God, that the whiskey candidates may every one of them be defeated.

W. N. Huckabee.

### FROM THE ORPHANAGE.

In answer to questions often asked, let me say:

1. There is arrangement with the railroad companies by which goods shipped the Home may come without freight charges. Sometimes they are willing to give a reduced rate, and they have several times given us free rate on carlots, but when a reduced rate is desired, the arrangement to secure it must always be made at the point from which goods is shipped, and that before consignment is made.

Some friends want to know whether we can use quilts. Yes, they will be very acceptable. However, if you can sell them, and send us the money, do so, as we are apt to get others.

3. Sometimes people want to know if supplies of substantial would be acceptable. Yes, quite as much so as money.

4. How much does it take to support the Home one day? About \$19.

5. Will we take second-hand clothing? Where they are serviceable, and free from any infection, we will take them, but please do not send goods that are practically worthless.

### SUGGESTIONS.

1. Please do not send postoffice money orders on Greenville. We are at Evergreen.

2. Don't send packages in the name of the children without marking "care Orphans' Home."

3. Don't fail to put the name of donors on packages sent us. If you will also put the value on them, it will be better still.

4. If you want to make special gift, we are in great need of a yard fence.

5. The friends who so kindly pledged special amounts at Troy, will remember they were not to interfere with the regular gifts. So, if you wait till the end of the year to send it, we will expect it to be in addition to your regular gift. Very little of the pledges have been redeemed.

6. When you send that box Christmas, remember we have a larger number of very small children than we ever had before. We have half a dozen just beginning to talk. Remember also, that we have some who are larger and would be either helped or delighted with a mere trinket.

We are in good health.

John W. Stewart.

### AN ORDINATION.

On Friday evening, Nov. 13th, in the First Baptist Church at Union Springs, Bro. E. G. Fenn was set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry, by a presbytery composed of Dr. M. B. Wharton of Eufaula, and the pastor of the church.

Brother Fenn is a Howard graduate of this year's class, and came to us with high commendation from Dr. Montague. He is from Barbour county, near Clayton, and united with us by letter from Union Church. He is teaching school at Inverness and preaching to two churches near here, hence his union with us. As soon as the way is opened for him to give his entire time to his ministry he will give up the teaching. We commend him to the denomination at large and hope he may soon be able to consecrate all his talents and energies to ministerial work.

We expected other brethren to assist in the ordination, but were disappointed at the last moment. When the hour for the service came only Dr. Wharton and the pastor were present. Dr. Wharton preached the ordination sermon, from 2 Tim. i, 12, and it was characteristic of its able and polished author. A good congregation heard the sermon with delight, and if our young brother will assimilate the wholesome truth of it he will be an ornament to the gospel ministry and an honor to God.

The ordaining prayer and the charge were made by the pastor, after which the congregation extended Brother Fenn the hand of recognition and he pronounced the benediction.

A. J. Moncrief.

Union Springs, Ala., Nov. 17, 1903.

The Atlanta Journal says last Friday while seated in his engine, with his head leaning out of the window, with his eyes apparently looking down the track ahead, Daniel A. Odum, an engineer on the Central Railroad, sat without moving while a fast passenger train rapidly approached. A track hand called to the engineer to move out of the way. He did not respond so his fireman backed the engine to a place of safety.

After the track had been cleared the fireman turned to arouse the apparently sleeping man. He was horrified to find that the hand gripping the throttle was still in death.

Surrounded by swiftly moving trains, a maze of winding tracks and scores of railroad workmen death quickly and swiftly had placed its seal upon his brow. There was not the quiver of a muscle, not a movement of pain, but just the closing of the eyes and the silencing of the lips.

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**Southside Baptist Church, Montgomery.**

This new and enterprising organization was constituted on the 29th day of June, 1902. For some time that part of the city in which the church is located has been building up rapidly, for some time with a most excellent class of citizens, many of whom own their homes. The high location very naturally turned the attention of people to that section, and it has come to be one of the best neighborhoods in the city. Some of our Baptist brethren who reside in that community decided that our people ought to plant a church in this rapidly growing suburb. At this time the South Montgomery Church was about a fourth of a mile from the present location of South Side; but the location was thought not to be good; and as the church was not prospering, it dissolved; and on the 29th day of June of last year the South Side Church was organized with 120 members, and Rev. D. P. Lee was unanimously elected pastor of the new church. But this young church was without a home. Being led by their enthusiastic young pastor, they went to work, secured a most excellent lot on the corner of South Hull street and Cramer avenue. Through the untiring energy and perseverance of Deacon Charles L. Gay, a modern, up-to-date house of worship was soon in course of construction. In a short while other strong men like ex-State Treasurer

Geo. W. Ellis, cast in their lot with this little band, and it continued to prosper. While this church began its life without any home, and with only a few who were able to contribute any large amounts, it accomplished the wonderful feat of worshiping in its own new house before the close of the year; and it was built at a cost of \$5,000. One of the wealthiest laymen in the State, who does not live in Montgomery, said to the writer not long since, that the South Side Church was the neatest and best arranged house of worship that he had ever seen for the amount of money put into it. The building is modern in all of its appointments. The auditorium has inclined floor; the lecture room is so arranged with folding doors that the two can be thrown together when necessary, and add not less than forty per cent. to the seating capacity of the building. In addition to this there are class rooms, robing rooms, pastor's study, and all conveniences found in a modern church building. As soon as you enter the building, you are impressed with its neatness and compactness. The church owes \$2,000, money which was borrowed to complete the house.

This noble band of workers has grown from its organization, not only in numerical strength, but along all other lines as well. It started with 120 members and has grown to 160 in the

seventeen months of its life. But the growth of a church cannot be judged alone by its numerical increase.

As soon as the church was organized it started out with a good Sunday school, with an enrollment equal to that of the church, which is something unusual. The school has grown in numbers and efficiency from the start. There is also a flourishing Baptist Young People's Union in the church with a membership of fifty-six, with an average attendance of forty-five. Very few of our larger churches can make a better showing in this department of work.

The financial report made to the last meeting of the Montgomery Association gives the following figures: Amount contributed to Missions and other benevolent objects, \$205.63; for all purposes, \$3,487.06; value of church property, \$6,000. In point of contributions and value of property, the South Side Church stands third in the Association. This is an excellent showing for seventeen months, and makes a fine record for this young organization. It also shows the wisdom of the State Board of Missions in aiding at this point in the beginning. During the present associational year the church will raise more than double the amount it was aided by the Board. Within the next decade it bids fair to be one of the best and strongest churches in the Capital City.

J. L. T.

**A Remedy for Trunk Baptists.**

The trunk Baptist is one well known to the average pastor, especially city pastor. He is the brother who secures a letter from the church of which he is a member and deposits it in his trunk where it remains sometimes for a period of many years. In the meantime he regards himself as not being identified with any church and has no particular interest in any. Such persons have often told me that they were not members

of any church, though their letters dismiss them only after they have been received by some other church. Many such people intend when securing their letters to put them in some church, but many times they are kept until those in whose names they are granted are indifferent to all churches.

How can this state of things be prevented? How can we get rid of the trunk Baptist? I believe the remedy consists in changing our method of

granting church letters. I do not believe church letters should be addressed to "any church of like faith and order," but to a particular church, and the letter should be sent to the pastor or clerk of the church to which it is addressed. I maintain that a church letter does not belong to the individual in whose name it is granted. No one would dispute the statement that ordinary letters belong to the persons to whom they are addressed and I believe

the same thing is true of church letters. Why then should they be given to the persons whom they recommend? If our churches will address their letters to particular churches and then send them to the pastors or clerks of those churches the trunk Baptist will soon be a thing of the past.

The only objection I have ever heard against such a course, which many churches have adopted, is that it is contrary to Baptist custom. It is contrary to the custom of some Baptists only. Many of our churches, especially city churches which have seen the evil of the old custom, address their letters as suggested above. Furthermore, if a Baptist custom is hurtful to Baptist people, or a hindrance to our Baptist cause, as is true of this custom, it should be abandoned and a new custom established. Some of our people seem to think that a Baptist custom is as binding as a "thus saith the Lord." Business and social customs change and so should Baptist customs if something else is better.

W. J. E. Cox.

**Men Seen in Washington—The Orientals.**

VI.

One of the most interesting studies in Washington life is the Oriental. Thousands of miles from his home, exponent of a civilization or half civilization almost entirely different from ours, curious as to our methods, modes and practices, he does not readily merge himself into our life, but remains, however long in America, to a large extent isolated and peculiar to himself. The European, coming to our shores, becomes one of us; is a part of the body politic, of the business life of his new community; enters a State Legislature and may even be found in the National Congress. The Asiatic now and then takes out naturalization papers, but he does not, for all that, become an American citizen, in the real sense of the term.

Passing one day by Lafayette Park, near the White House, I saw under the trees there, apparently examining the leaves, four or five men, dressed in long robes of several colors, mostly gay and bright and looking not unlike great birds of brilliant plumage. These men constituted the then new Korean legation at Washington. Representing a people known as "the hermit nation," utterly new to our country and in every way strangers, they were for a long time objects of marked curiosity.

A Korean, Mr. Yek Field, not directly connected with the legation, but on terms of intimacy there, was a student in the Columbian University, and hence became a visitor to our home. Kindly and pleasant in manner, he was a favorite with his American acquaintances. One evening our servant, a Virginia darkey, not used to foreign costumes or the wearers thereof, came running into the room where we were sitting and said, with a manner of amazement mingled with mirth, "Mr. Field is here, with the funniest looking thing I ever saw." "The funniest thing" that had ever appeared to her vision was the Korean first secretary of legation and acting minister, whose name I have forgotten, if I ever learned it. Mr. Field wore American clothes; his friend was dressed in the height of Korean fashion, long robes, gay in hue, wearing a hat, which he kept on all the evening, a hat which was a wonder. The part that rested on the head was somewhat like an American

hat; over this was a band of what seemed wire-netting; above this was the crown. The charge-d'affaires spoke not one word of English, but conversed very agreeably through our mutual friend. He smiled in placid contentment, which grew into positive cheerfulness when ice cream and cake were brought in. Some weeks after that evening, we were invited to a reception at the Korean Legation, and there we met members of the Japanese, Chinese and Persian embassies.

The Persian minister, a very plain man, to put it with moderation, upon being presented to a lady, said, "What a pretty hat you have on," and that was all. His English had about run out. This minister had such a long and peculiar name, that the New York and Washington papers made much, and to him, unpleasant comment upon it. So, it is said, in great indignation, he left our land and retired to Teheran, where such names are not lonesome.

Perhaps the brightest, quickest, readiest of the Orientals are the Japanese, known as "the Yankees of the Orient." Brave, many of them accomplished, quick to learn, affable and courteous, the Japanese have in the last twenty-five years made giant strides in domestic and internal development, while they have also greatly promoted and encouraged foreign relations. Several young Japanese were my pupils and more kindly, gentlemanly young men I have never met.

Best of all I knew and liked the Chinese. Through what was seemingly an accident, we became well acquainted with the Chinese legation, members of which were repeatedly in our home, and always as welcome guests and esteemed friends. Educated, refined, thoughtful of the interests of others, generous to a fault and alive to every courtesy of life, they are among the truest gentlemen and most honorable men that I have ever met. Their native intellect and courtesy, refined and broadened by residence in London, Paris, Madrid and Washington, and by training at Yale, Cornell and other American colleges, made them agreeable and fascinating men. Mrs. Wm. L. Wilson, wife of the distinguished gentleman of that name and herself a lady of taste and judgment, said of one of these Chinese gentlemen, Mr. Chung, that he spoke the most eloquent English she had ever heard.

In my next article I shall hope to tell how I met the late Minister and then something concerning the ladies of the legation and their jewels.

A. P. Montague.

## Birmingham Notes.

Rev. G. B. Stovall preached at Garnsey twice Sunday.

Dr. Montague will speak at Pleasant Ridge next Sunday.

Rev. J. V. Dickinson of Jasper, dropped in on the Pastors' Conference. Visitors are all made welcome.

Pastor P. G. Barkley was with his people at Jonesboro and at both services had fine congregations.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett preached Sunday at the Butler County Association at Georgiana.

Dr. A. P. Montague of Howard College, was at West End Church and preached a fine sermon that was very

much appreciated by all. Col. Hogan was there also and made a fine address.

Rev. C. W. Hare of Tuskegee, was a welcome visitor at the Pastors' Conference, and conducted the devotional part of the meeting.

At Wylam Pastor O'Hara had two good services. There will be a union Thanksgiving service at the Methodist Church on Thursday, Nov. 26th.

Rev. A. F. Loftin preached at his charge at Mud Creek and observed the Lord's Supper and reports a fine B. Y. P. U., and a good mission collection.

Pastor Walter S. Brown had a usually good day Sunday. The Sunday school and church are actively at work on a debt lifting campaign to close Dec. 20th. Can't you help?

Dr. J. M. Shelburne at East Lake, preached in the morning the second sermon in a series of expository sermons on Acts. In the evening the text was Deut. xxix, 29. Four additions to the church.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray was at Green Springs Church and preached at night. The church called Rev. J. G. Murphy as pastor and arranged a nice salary for him. They have the right man and if they will rally to him things will move up grandly.

Pastor J. L. Thompson at Bessemer, had his usual services and received two since last report. The new building is progressing. Dr. Thompson will go to assist Pastor Lee in a meeting at South Side Church, Montgomery, Ala., this week.

Pastor J. A. Hendricks had a good day at Pratt City. Morning sermon was on "Abounding in Giving." It will be continued next Sunday at 11 a. m. At 7:30 p. m. Dr. A. J. Dickinson gave them a great sermon on Jno. xiii, on exposition.

Pastor E. Lee Smith of Park Avenue Church, preached at both services, and had two additions by letter, a good Sunday school and a fine B. Y. P. U. Brother Smith visited Mary Lee and preached at 2:30 p. m., and received two into the church.

There will be a union Thanksgiving service of the First Church, Fountain Heights, Park Avenue, North Birmingham, Ruhama and Woodlawn at the South Side Baptist Church on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26th, at 10:30 a. m. Rev. A. J. Dickinson of the First Church, will preach.

Pastor W. M. Blackwelder at Woodlawn, preached two good sermons to two good congregations and received four into the church, two for baptism, and baptized three. The morning theme was "The Coming of the Kingdom," and the evening subject, "The Young Man's Battle."

The pastors of the Conference rejoice greatly with Editor Barnett in the prosperity and progress of his paper and gave him a round of applause as he told of what had been done present conditions and outlook for the paper and the good things they might all expect, especially if they will help by giving their best thoughts in occasional articles.

The Committee on Ministerial Education report about forty students at Howard College. Funds for ministerial education are coming in very slowly and are much needed. These young men are supplying preaching at thirty-two places. This is a fine work and ought to be generously supported by the churches.

At the Pastor's Conference Rev. J. W. O'Hara read a good paper on "The Model Pastor." It was a companion paper to "New Testament Preaching," a paper presented a few weeks ago by Brother Hendricks. The subject of pastoral visiting, provoked a general discussion and many opinions were brought out.

At the South Side Church the pastor, Dr. A. C. Davidson, preached at both services. In the morning on "God's Method of Reaching the Lost," illustrated by Matt. xiv, 34-36. At night, "The Vision that Incites to Content." Rom. viii, 18. One addition and nine baptized Wednesday night.

Pastor H. W. Provence had two good services at Ensley. In the morning the subject was, "The Mark of a Baptist Man," in the evening, "The Curse of Strong Drink." The Ladies' Aid Society in co-operation with that of the Fountain Heights Church, Birmingham, recently sent a valuable box to a frontier missionary.

The committee appointed last week at the Pastors' Conference on a pastors and deacons general meeting for this district, recommended that such a meeting be held and all the churches urged to send their official board. The following committee on arrangements of time, place and program was appointed: Revs. S. O. Y. Ray, H. W. Provence and Frank Willis Barnett.

Sunday was a good day at the old First Church. Ten were received for membership. Work on the new building is progressing nicely. We are all going to feel proud of this building and especially those who have put money into it. It is not too late to get in some more. The reception at the pastorium was truly a great time. There were over 300 attended.

## Montgomery Notes.

On Monday evening, Nov. 16th, at Adams Street Baptist Church, Brethren Allen F. Frazer and G. Bolling Barnett, who had recently been elected as deacons of that church, were ordained. Dr. W. J. E. Cox of Mobile, preached the sermon which was a very instructive and helpful exposition of the qualifications of a deacon, as set forth by Paul in his epistle to Timothy. The ordaining prayer was offered by Pastor Gregory. Dr. C. A. Stakely delivered the charge to the newly ordained deacons, and also to the church.

On Tuesday, Nov. 17th, the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention was held in the Sunday school room of Adams Street Church. There were present Brethren H. W. Provence, Geo. W. Ellis, J. L. Thompson, A. C. Davidson, M. B. Wharton, R. E. Pettus, H. S. D. Malory, C. A. Stakely, W. J. Elliott, W. G. Curry, G. G. Miles, W. J. E. Cox, W. B. Davidson, A. E. Burns, L. O. Dawson, Inn Duke and O. F. Gregory. Bro. G. G. Miles was re-elected pres-

ident; W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary and treasurer, and W. B. Davidson, recording secretary.

With the exception of a recess of one hour for dinner (which was served in the building by the Ladies' Aid Society of Adams Street Church), the Board was in continuous session from 11:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. No matter was acted on with undue haste; but deliberately, prayerfully, thoughtfully each item was considered. If the members of our churches throughout Alabama could have been present, they would have understood the need for more systematic, and enlarged liberality to the Board which is only a committee to disburse the funds supplied them. The time has come for a decided advance in our Alabama churches in giving to spread the gospel within our own State.

There is an urgent need for houses of worship, and for preachers at many points in Alabama—new towns are springing up in many sections with no church of any denomination in them, and we ought to be the first to occupy them. If we do not act promptly we shall lose our opportunity: every year's delay means that more money and greater effort will be required to achieve results. Besides this we are losing Baptists in many communities because there is no Baptist Church there, and while the parents may remain nominally members of the "church at home," their children will drift into other denominations.

The missionaries of the Board are not overpaid, but receive only meagre salaries at the best. Our noble secretary has often gone without his salary when due in order to help in paying these laborers and yet, the Board is unable to pay them regularly, either monthly or quarterly, because the churches neglect systematic collections for State Missions, or defer sending their money until the close of the associational year. If you have not yet taken a collection for State Missions in your church do it at once, brother, and send the cash to Dr. Crumpton. But do not feel content with this as your full duty. What is needed is a Committee on State Missions in every church in Alabama, who will endeavor to secure from every member something for this great work; and better still to secure pledges of so much a year from every member, payable monthly, and see that those pledges are regularly collected.

But I had no idea of writing so much on this subject. That meeting set me on fire with the determination to lead my church to do more than ever before for State Missions.

The Bazaar of the Adams Street Ladies, and the Rummage Sale of the First Church Band, were both quite successful financially.

Brother Tredway has almost raised the \$900 needed for repairing and repainting of Clayton Street Church.

South Side Church is steadily progressing, and is doing a work, under the efficient leadership of Bro. D. P. Lee that will be of permanent value.

O. F. G.

Nov. 20, 1903.

An excellent fly poison is made with one teaspoonful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful finely ground black pepper with sufficient condensed milk to make into a paste. Spread on pieces of paper laid in saucers.

## Sidelights Into Other Sanctums.

### FEDERAL UNION.

One of our pedobaptist exchanges which sends out a circular telling those addressed that it has received the sum of \$10,000, that it may send itself to 10,000 Baptist ministers for \$1 a year (though its regular price is \$3.) has an article, written apparently for Baptist consumption, on "Christ's Condition of Salvation," to which we shall try to give some attention next week. In another paragraph it quotes from the Watchman something about Church Federation, and closed with the remark: "What is wanted is Federal Union—not denominational absorption. Such a union would leave the Baptist Church as it is exclusive, of course of close communion." Space does not permit further allusion to these things this week.—*Journal and Messenger.*

### THINKS IT WAS A WISE STEP.

"The Religious Herald of Richmond, makes a most excellent suggestion. It proposes that a commission of the wisest men in the South be appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to study the negro problem and suggest some means for more effectively helping the negro. It suggests that such a step would express in an unmistakable way the genuine sympathy that Southern Baptists feel for the well-being of their black brethren. It would also bring to their attention the necessity for working in a practical and gradual way at the problem. We are greatly pleased at this suggestion. It seems to us aimed in the right direction. For historical and geographical reasons the South is interested primarily in the welfare of the negro. While the negro problem involves the whole nation, as we have frequently said, it presses for solution more forcibly upon southerners. If the problem is to be solved at all, it must be solved by Christian people. Others are not sufficiently interested to give it the dispassionate thought which it demands, and, furthermore, it is impossible to find an adequate solution unless Christianity has its part in it."—*The Standard.*

### MEDICINE AND FOOD.

In a book to be shortly published, Professor T. Harwood Pattison says of C. H. Spurgeon, "He preached nothing which he had not personally apprehended, and offered truth not as a medicine to be taken for the cure of the soul but as a food for its daily nourishment." There are so many who do the opposite thing. Religious truth is to them a medicine. They fly to it in great crisis, as, threatened by disease, we have recourse to the physician. Danger confronts us and we call on God. Punishment is feared and we resort to repentance. There is truth as well as irony in the homely couplet,

"The devil was sick—the devil a saint would be."

How much more in accord with all that is of good report and all that is suggestive of upward life to desire truth as a food. The psalmist speaks of "Truth in the inward parts." As medicine does he so speak of it? Nay, but as food. Religion is not something simply for disease and to make wry faces over, as over some nauseous portion. It is not for us to have recourse to in moments of exigency. It is rather the soul's supremest nourishment that

it may constantly receive and grow thereby.—*Baptist Commonwealth.*

### CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS.

Our denominational schools were established by Christian people who were animated by strong religious motives. For definite and sacred reasons they gave their money for these buildings and endowments. We have come into the possession of this property. It is not ours in any personal or specific ownership. It is ours to control and use to further the purposes for which it was given. We do well to consider what our obligations are in the case. Evidently it is not ours to subvert their pious intentions and defeat their purposes. Our trust requires that we keep the Christian idea and life in force in these schools. There is scarcely need for a Christian school that is not emphatically and thoroughly Christian in its spirit and action. If anybody wants a college for some other purpose, to foster some other ideas, or to strengthen some other sort of faith, they have the liberty to build such institutions and pursue their course. But these institutions which have been committed to our control are sacred as the memory of the dead and we may not accept the gifts without fulfilling the trust.—*Central Baptist.*

### ONE BUTTON LEFT UNBUTTONED.

Emperor William, the earlier, was chiding an officer for seeming carelessness in personal attire. He said that such indifference worked ruin to an army. He said: "The soldiers have never seen me with my coat unbuttoned; they never shall. It is the one button left unbuttoned that is the ruin of the army." It is well known that the German army is the most perfectly organized military system in the world; perhaps it is due to that spirit of the old Emperor, who insisted on such attention to details that even an unbuttoned coat could not be tolerated. Have you ever thought of the single button left unbuttoned in matters of living and serving? How easy in a time of stress and burden, to relax—and leave one button unbuttoned; just a slight letting down of things moral; just a little yielding in doubtful matters! It is the one button left unbuttoned that has worked the ruination of a multitude. The mighty crevasse is but a trickling stream when it first moves over the levee!—*Baptist Union.*

### SENTIMENT OR SENSE?

A preacher suggests as a cure for divorce evils, "less sentiment and more sense before marriage." This is very well, but how are you going to get people to live up to it. What are we to do with the thousands of people who have very little sense and plenty of sentiment? And sometimes people of sense are deceived by fraud. If it were universally understood that divorces could be had only in extreme cases, and that marriage must ordinarily be for life, it might awaken the little sense in the heads of some people with excess of sentiment.—*Journal and Messenger.*

### A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The Adelpian Society of Furman also signed up one of the endowment notes at their meeting Saturday night. This action will be pleasantly received

and heartily commended by the former Adelpians scattered over this and other States, and goes to show that the present members are not less loyal and heroic than those of former days. We congratulate the young men on the desire to have a part in this great work for their alma mater.—*Baptist Courier.*

### THE TEXAS WAY.

The Western Baptist says: Dr. Carver of the Louisville Seminary at the Texas Convention: "Kentucky advanced to Texas students at the Seminary last year \$480, and Texas did not pay us back but \$45. I guess it was so little that you overlooked it." George W. Truett: "I confess we did overlook it; and now let us raise \$1,000 and pay back for last year and pay for this year, too." Then came a spontaneous collection, which did not stop till it reached \$1,500.

### LIVING GRACE.

A good woman in robust physical but rather morbid spiritual health was much troubled in spirit because she feared she did not have "dying grace." "But," said her pastor, to whom she confided her anxiety, "you don't need dying grace till you come to die. What you now need is living grace." That is the important thing in every life. We have to do only with today. If we rightly use it, that will be the best possible preparation for the morrow. A saintly life here, a life "hid with Christ in God"—and that means, not a hermit life, but a life of strenuous Christian activity in the world—will bring "dying grace" when the time to die arrives.—*Examiner.*

### ROPE FURNISHED.

The Baptists are the only people in the world that furnish their cranks with plenty of rope. This explains at once why they have so few; and why these few make so much more noise and cut so much larger figure than the far more numerous crowd in other connections that have strings tied to them.—*Biblical Recorder.*

### THUNDERING DAWN AND \$1 PAPERS.

The Thundering Dawn, a new Buddhist paper, published in Tokio, Japan, makes this amazing statement as to its circulation: "This paper has come from eternity. It starts its circulation with millions and millions of numbers. The rays of the sun, the beams of the stars, the leaves of the trees, the blades of grass, the grains of sand, the hearts of tigers, elephants, lions, ants, men and women are its subscribers. This journal will henceforth flow in the universe as the rivers flow and the oceans surge." The writer of this prospectus might find profitable employment with some of the journals in this country.—*The Standard.* So are the hopes of many men who launch upon the sea of denominational journalism in barks labeled "\$1 a year," barks that are to go forth always to "meet a long felt want"—of the editors to have some place in which to speak to the brethren. The trouble generally is that too many subscribers are like those mentioned above: they do not pay subscriptions, and so the editors have to quit or starve.—*Christian Index.*

Subscribe for the Southern and Alabama Baptist.

### A New Church Organized.

A new church was organized on last Sunday evening at Compton, on the South Ensley car line, three miles west of the city. The work was begun there in October by Bro. D. W. Morgan, one of the Howard students. Since that time a Sunday school has been organized, numbering between forty and fifty. The community was thoroughly canvassed by Brethren Morgan, Providence and the writer, a week's meeting held preaching every night by the above named brethren, closing on Sunday evening last, by the organization of a church with nineteen members with as many more to join at a later date. The church elected Brethren Dorman and Davis as deacons and Brother Dorman clerk. Brother Sawyers of Ensley, has charge of the Sunday school and the church will be fortunate if they can continue him in that position. The church expects to begin the erection of a suitable building at an early day, a lot having already been given them by Sister Wildsmith and a nice subscription already secured. I trust the brethren of the city and elsewhere will give them liberal help in building their house of worship. This will soon be part of Birmingham. The church will call a pastor on next Sunday, and expect to have preaching twice each month. One of our choicest Howard boys will no doubt be selected to fill that place. May the Lord's richest blessings be upon this vine which we all trust is to be a great factor in the work the Lord has committed to His servants in this great city. S. O. Y. Ray.

### 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.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

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.

Before your winter clothes are put away, look them over when you feel generous, and give away as many as you possibly can. There is the missionary on the frontier, the settlement club, the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America, any one or all will be glad to care for them during the summer and can make use of everything you can spare, so don't fill your closets and storeroom with things you don't need.

# A Page for Thanksgiving.

## A THANKSGIVING PRAYER.

In homes that are darksome and dreary,

Where poverty, hunger and cold  
Are gnawing the vitals of children  
And breaking the hearts of the old,  
Where there's never a guest at the table,

Save want and misfortune and care,  
In these homes, there are notes of Thanksgiving

Today floating out on the air,  
For shelter in garret or basement,  
For the few scanty pieces of coal,—  
For food that we'd think with amazement,

Could scarcely keep body with soul,  
That all of the pinched little faces  
Are spared,—e'en to poverty's curse,  
The spirit of gratitude raises

Thanksgivings, that life is no worse.  
Oh hearts from the bright homes of sunshine,

Reserve to the poor but a share,  
Of all that prosperity gives you,  
And life will be tenfold more fair.  
Dear hearts, from the homes of misfortune,

From poverty, low and obscure,  
In return give the wealthy your prayers.

For "blessed are the prayers of the poor."  
And the mutual psalm of Thanksgiving,

The incense of gratitude sweet,  
Will rise like a vapor to Heaven,  
Then shower blessings down at your feet.

## THE SEASON.

How rich are these days of the year  
with its death, its life, its resurrection  
in their hours! They are full of miracles.

The year's setting is near at hand  
and November is the twilight of the  
painted leaves whose glories make  
October the sunset month. The exuberance  
of finished vegetation strikes one  
everywhere. Squashes and pumpkins  
dot the fields, orchards are full  
of apples heaps, toothsome-mellowed,  
flaunting bushes set the pastures  
and fields afire, withered vines and  
weeds lie thick on the brown earth.

At night, solemn and stately, the  
harvest moon gives a gray glitter  
to the landscape, objects bristle, for  
the air is clear and cold, and shadows  
stalk before and stretch out behind.  
Every sound is crisp, and barn and  
farm-house show the twinkle of  
harvest lights.

The mellow flavor of the harvest  
seems to pervade the whole farm-  
house. Strings of peppers, bunches of  
herbs, long-necked squashes, braided  
seed-corn, all the summer forage of the  
field, hang thick upon the kitchen  
beams. The farmer by his own hearth-  
stone is a homely picture of content.  
As he sits with the glow of harvest  
peace upon him, the eternal glory of  
the outlying landscape comes in  
through the windows.

## THANKSGIVING DECORATIONS.

Beautiful indeed is the country home  
for this great American festival.  
The feathery golden-rod and the  
berry-studded fire-bush, and the richly-  
colored autumn leaves are more appro-  
priate to the day than the costliest hot-  
house blossoms, the small ribbon-tied  
sheaves of grain set up in effective cor-  
ners give the house a look of harvest

cheer that enters at once into  
the blood with the pleasant warmth of  
the great fires in the open fireplaces.

Barrels of apples and nuts, the  
fattest turkeys, chickens and ducks,  
the best pumpkins and squashes, are  
elementary parts of the celebration.  
What a squawking of fowls, what a  
flying of feathers, what a chopping of  
fruit and beating of eggs, what a  
thumping of pastry, marks alike  
Thanksgiving in the spacious country  
kitchen, or in the tiny complete cui-  
sine of the city flat!

A well-laden table belongs to the  
day, and its most charming center-  
piece is the old Greek and Roman sym-  
bol of plenty, the cornucopia, horn of  
fruitfulness and abundance.

Fill it to overflowing with fruits  
and flowers and put in it grapes,  
pears, apples, nuts and oranges. A  
unique centerpiece may be made by  
scooping out a pumpkin, as a vase for  
chrysanthemums, gold, red, brown, and  
bordering the opening with a spray of  
blackberry vine.

Yellow chrysanthemums, golden-rod,  
wheat and dried grasses are always  
artistic as decorations for this day. At  
each end of the floral centerpiece place  
flat bowls of bright red apples, and there  
upon the table, small receivers of pop-  
corn, home-made molasses candy and  
cracked nuts.

## AN AWFUL POSSIBILITY.

A prophecy for Thanksgiving dinners,  
in relation to the youngsters of the  
family, is evident in George Herbert's  
Li'l Verses for Li'l Fellers (Harpers)  
from which the following, on "Tommy's  
Sunday Dinner," is taken.

Turkey! turkey! such a lot!  
'Nen putturnips, steamin' hot,  
An' potatoes; stuffin', too,  
Celery, and dess a few  
Limer beans—but 'ey was great!  
An' I ate, an' ate, an' ate.

Maw dess gave me everything!  
Firs' a drumstick, 'en a wing;  
'Nen some dark meat, 'en some white;  
Paw said 'at it wasn't right,  
I was feelin' des firs rate,

So I ate, an' ate, an ate.  
'Nen we had plum puddin' too,  
Maw she said I'd have to do-  
Wif four slices; Paw said, "My!  
Hate to be you by an by!"  
But at mince pie dess was great!  
An' I ate, an' ate, an' ate.

'Nen bimsey I fell asleep,  
Firs' thing chased me was sheep;  
'Nen a lion chased me too!  
'Nen a tagger says, "Say you!  
Des- I'll start in wif your feet,  
Li'l boys is good to eat!"

'Nen a big, black snake it came,  
Says to me, "Say, what's your name?"  
Told it Tommy, snake says, "Oh!  
Dess I'll eat ou awful slow!"  
'Nen I cried a drefful lot,  
Snake says, "Eat you, cry or not!"

'Nen I woke up an' I saw  
'Ere was maw and 'ere was paw,  
An' the doctor shook his head  
"Indigestum!" doctor said;  
"Get him all right by and bye!"  
Oh! my tummy hurts.—my, my!

## THANKSGIVING GAMES.

Perhaps the one most appropriate to  
the day is the game of "Thanks." to  
be played at table at the close of the

dinner. From oldest to youngest, let  
each name some one thing he is thank-  
ful for this year. A great deal of fun  
may be had at the game, as for in-  
stance the man who said he was thank-  
ful that his wife knew nothing more  
to cook for Thanksgiving, and the  
youngster who declared his thankful-  
ness for having grown so much during  
the year that his older brother's clothes  
could no longer be made over for him.

Late in the afternoon when every  
one has eaten and feels comfortable,  
is a good time for guessing games.

Young people are generally fond of  
acting tableaux, and some very fit  
ones may easily be arranged. A series,  
each representing some scene that has  
happened in the life of some one present  
is interesting. For example a son and  
daughter may present a tableau of their  
father's and mother's first meeting, or  
a youth may give his neighbor's first  
day at school, or a grandchild represent  
her grandmother as bride.

These are as a matter of course  
more suitable for the family circle,  
but for a large gathering a much more  
elaborate entertainment, called "The  
History of Thanksgiving" is pre-emi-  
nently fitted to the day. This set of  
tableaux vivants may be made very  
beautiful and instructive with a little  
study and preparation beforehand.

No. 1 should portray the Jewish  
Feast of Tabernacles, fully 3,000 years  
ago. The house in which the people  
lived during the festival should be de-  
corated with flowers, fruits, olive  
branches, myrtle, palms and pine.

No. 2. The Greek festival of Deme-  
ter, the goddess of corn fields and har-  
vests.

No. 3. Roman Harvest Feast of Ce-  
realia. A boisterously mirthful pro-  
cession dressed in white, crowned  
with oak leaves, corn, leaves and pop-  
pies. Let some one recite from Virgil,  
"To Ceres bland, her annual rites be  
paid."

No. 4. Harvest Home of England.  
The gathering of the last sheaf under  
the harvest moon. The young girls  
wear wreaths of grain and flowers.

No. 5. Period 1621. The Pilgrims  
and the first Thanksgiving in America.  
Of course the good old favorite,  
"Blind Man's Buff" must have its turn.

## THE SEASON'S BERRY.

It is perhaps not generally known  
that the cranberry is both a good food  
and a good medicine, the acid being  
cooling and purifying, the sugar nu-  
tritious, and the seeds laxative. It is  
a most wholesome fruit and many  
physicians recommend it for eruptive  
skin diseases. The juice makes a fine  
drink for people in fevers.

The berries form an appetizing  
sauce for all kinds of game, fish, fowl  
and meats, and cranberry sauce and  
roast turkey have come to be an ac-  
cepted part of Thanksgiving and  
Christmas menus. It should be pre-  
pared the day before using.

Always cook cranberries in an earth-  
en crock, or in porcelain or granite-  
lined dishes, for if iron, tin or brass  
utensils are used, the acid of the  
fruit will dissolve some of the metal  
and render the sauce discolored and  
unfit for use.

## CRANBERRY PIE.

Stew a quart of berries in very little  
more than a half pint of water. When  
they become soft rub them through

a colander to free them from the skins,  
then add sugar to taste. Line your  
pie plates with thin paste, fill them  
and lay strips of paste across the top.  
Bake in a moderate oven.

## HOME AT THANKSGIVING.

Lewis Worthington Smith in the No-  
vember Everybody's

Dreams of the soldier, statesman,  
Of scholar and lord of trade,  
Grew in the quiet shelter

Of that fair elm tree shade;  
And while our thanks may gather,  
Joy-misted in our eyes,

For this returning hand-clasp  
And these November skies,  
Somehow the calm abundance

Of our ripe-fruited days  
Calls not so much for offering

Of song-voiced prayer and praise  
As those far hours together  
When raptly you and I

Saw, through our young ambitions,  
The pride of earth go by.

## CRANBERRY JELLY.

Boil a quart of cranberries with just  
enough water to keep from burning.  
Strain, add sugar to taste, and again  
boil till thick, when it can be poured  
into a mold and set aside till cold  
enough to turn out. If it will not jell,  
a quarter teaspoonful of gelatine, soak-  
ed soft in cold water, will set it.

A conference on work among young  
people will be conducted by Marion  
Lawrance, General Secretary of the  
International Sunday School Lesson  
Committee, at the Moody Bible Insti-  
tute, Chicago, December 8th to 11th.  
He will be assisted by other Internation-  
al Secretaries including Mr. J. Wood-  
bridge Barnes, primary and junior  
superintendent, of Newark, N. J., Mrs.  
Foster Bryner, field worker of Peoria,  
Ill., and Mr. W. C. Pearce, field worker  
of Chicago. During the course of the  
conference, Mr. Lawrance will deliver  
eight addresses on these topics: The  
20th century Sunday school, the un-  
reached masses, classification and grad-  
ing, the use of objects in teaching, the  
Sunday school at work, Sunday school  
week and decision day, the teacher pre-  
paring, the teacher teaching.

The Moody Institute, recognizing the  
opportunity afforded by the presence of  
so many Sunday school experts, is mak-  
ing arrangements to receive delegates  
to this conference at the rate of 1.00 per  
day. Delegates who desire to spend  
a week at the Institute in order to stu-  
dy its methods and hear Dr. A. T.  
Pierson of Brooklyn, and other regular  
lecturers, can secure a rate of \$6.00  
for a week. Fuller details can be se-  
cured by writing to A. P. Fitt, 80 In-  
stitute Place, Chicago.

If you can indulge in an extravagan-  
ce during the summer, even through  
sacrificing some cherished plan, unless  
you have a full-length mirror in your  
bedroom, get one to cover the door. To  
a woman or girl desirous of appearing  
well dressed, this will be an un-  
failing aid in keeping the bottom of the skirt  
and the shoes, true and trim, two very  
important items in the make-up of a  
well-groomed woman.

## For Over Sixty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been  
used for children teething. It soothes  
the child, softens the gums, allays all pain,  
cures wind colic, and is the best remedy  
for Diarrhoea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

# THE EDITORIAL PAGE.

## The Alabama Baptist.

At last we have arranged to drop a part of the paper's name and from now on it will be the Alabama Baptist. It took considerable trouble and quite a little expense to do so, but we believe the brethren will rejoice that the old familiar name has been retained. The Alabama Baptist has been a household word in Baptist homes for years and we are going to do our best to make it better from week to week. We have already arranged for a series of illustrated articles which will appeal to all in the home, and a number of our best pastors have promised to send us special articles from time to time. We feel that the paper is growing in every

### We are Thankful Because.

Because we are printing over 8,000 papers weekly.

Because we are adding a number of new names daily.

Because many in arrears are paying up and renewing.

Because the pastors are saying kind things about the paper.

Because our new "Field Glass" covers much territory.

Because our Corresponding Editor is busy writing receipts.

Because our Business Manager is back at his post.

Because we will have more time for editorial work.

### You Ought to be Thankful Because.

Because it is now the "Alabama Baptist."

Because Dr. Montague will continue his series on "Men Seen in Washington."

Because Dr. Gregory will furnish us interesting Montgomery Notes.

Because Dr. H. W. Provence will keep up his Book Reviews.

Because Rev. Walter S. Brown will cover the Birmingham Ministers' Conference.

Because Dr. W. J. E. Cox will contribute a number of articles.

Because Dr. Chas. A. Stakely promises some Sermon Outlines.

Because Brother Crumpton's Trip Notes will be resumed.

Because Mrs. Malone will continue to edit the Woman's Page.

Because Mrs. T. A. Hamilton will delight the Sunbeams monthly.

Because we are planning to make the paper better in every way.

### The Spirit of Thanksgiving.

Three thousand years ago, the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles at the end of the harvest was an important one to the Jews, with its picturesque festivities, magnificent rituals, and melodious choirs.

D'Israeli gives a glowing description in his Tancred of the glory of this great Hebrew festival which suggested our historic holiday of Thanksgiving.

The Feast of Demeter, referred to in Theocritus, was closely allied in spirit to this day; also, the harvest festival of the Romans, called Cerealia, to the rustic ceremonies of which Virgil alludes, also the Merry Harvest Home of the English Fatherland, under the full moon of September, and in the late Indian summer, the red men of our for-

way and we thank all those who have helped us in any way. The way to make a good State paper is for those living in the State to co-operate with the editor. Our Mail Bag shows that pastors and laymen are giving us their prayers as never before. We have passed the 8,000 mark and are steadily climbing up to 9,000 weekly. Let every one help us to reach it before Jan. 1st. The Alabama Baptist is a part of the organized work of Alabama and when it prospers it shows that our cause is prospering. If you like the change in the name tell your friends about it and drop us a line. We like to know when we please our subscribers.

ests held a wild-wood carousal of eating and revelry.

The first Thanksgiving service held in North America was observed by religious ceremonies conducted by an English minister named Wolfall, in 1587, on the shores of Newfoundland. This reverend gentleman accompanied the expedition under Frobisher, who brought the first English colony to settle on these shores.

The Puritans rejected Christmas as a relic of Popery, but in its place instituted Thanksgiving. No preaching the whole year was so impressive as that morning's sermon, full of gratitude for blessings received and expected.

Virginia always made much of Christmas, but New England reverences the memories and traditions of Thanksgiving. Its first appointment as a national holiday was made by Washington in 1789, but every day may become a thanksgiving for those who seek out the hungry in body and spirit to feed, and the naked to clothe.

The significance of the day is maintained, though from fasting and thanksgiving, it has become feasting and thanksgiving. The full storehouses and well-garnered harvests, make a day of joy in reality as well as one of seeming, and upon those who cannot say that they have much to be thankful for, to whom the year has brought hard paths, uphill roads and stony places, Thanksgiving must not be forced. The minor key must have its melody this year, but the future holds for them unknown Thanksgivings.

Life is too great to make it possible for us to judge it from day to day, and God's purposes are too vast for us to trace and read them year by year.

The sting which goads a man into heroic action is worth more to his character than the ease which lures him into idleness. Our times are always in God's hands.

Every blessing we possess is in itself a suggestion of another's privation.

It is a time for meditation and gratitude.

Thank the Lord for all sweet and pleasant passages in the great story of life.

### Cut Out the Buckshot.

We have heretofore refrained from writing anything in the Alabama Baptist about Mr. Rountree, his friends, or those who are opposing him as we were waiting to have our say later, for the whole thing ought to be thoroughly

threshed out at Bessemer, but now we feel that it would be wrong for us to remain silent after reading the following editorial paragraph from the Sheffield Standard:

The Montgomery Advertiser's hounding of Rountree reminds one of the Gonzales-Tillman affair with the tragic features omitted. If Rountree would re-establish himself in popular confidence, let him proceed at once to vaccinate Editor Glass with sixteen buckshot.

The Press Association of Alabama is indeed in a sad way when an editor can pen such a paragraph about a brother. We sincerely hope that the author of it will see that he made a grievous mistake and will do the honorable thing by apologizing and confessing that it was written without due thought for we are loath to believe that any man connected with the Association would deliberately advise one of the craft to kill a brother. There has already been enough bad blood engendered and we pray that all the members will "come to themselves" before the annual meeting and be ready to act in a firm, conservative and brotherly way.

### Another Hold Up.

A press despatch from Chicago, says: "John Alexander Dowie, general overseer of the Christian Catholic Church, has issued a call for \$2,000,000. The head of the Zion industries does not make the call in the form of a request for money or advice to his followers to take up that amount of additional stock which he is attempting to float.

"This is not my advice to you—whom God has committed to my care—it is my 'command' as God's messenger and your leader," says the letter which is published in "Leaves of Healing." "Realize by immediate sale the cash proceeds of all your property, invest in Zion properties or Zion land and come with all your house to Zion City," is the command.

The "assessment plan" seems quite mild in comparison with the "command" of the self-called Elijah II. The "voluntary way" of the Baptists is the best way after all for it is the Bible way.

### EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

"The best thanksgiving is thanks living."

"Earth with her thousand voices praiseth God."

"Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."—Psalms.

"Stand up on this Thanksgiving Day, believe in man, believe in your own time and place. There is not, and there never has been, a better time or a better place to live in."

"There is a little matter to which the Advance begs to call the attention of some of its subscribers. We really hate to speak of it, but some have seemingly allowed it to slip their minds. To us this is a very important issue; in fact, it is necessary in our business. We won't speak further on the subject. Perhaps you have already guessed the drift of our remarks."

The Advance seems to need \$.

could use a few, so please send us some and we will say "thank you."

Mark Twain's Christian Science articles in the North American Review have aroused the caged poet of London Punch, who expresses his view in the following stanza:

"WHO KILLED MRS. EDDY?  
("Written after reading Mark Twain's article on Christian Science in the North American Review.")

"Since poison is bane,  
And blows give us pain,  
Who killed Mrs. Eddy?  
'I,' says Mark Twain,  
'With laughter—not pain,  
In the N. A. Review,  
With jokes that were true,  
And wit that was ready,  
I killed Mrs. Eddy.'"

Thanksgiving day should close with merry-making and fun, but the deeper lessons that it brings must not be forgotten. Gratitude is not a characteristic of childhood, which accepts what is done for it as a right, but even the very little ones can be told in simple language the meaning of the day, and that true thankfulness should prompt us to share our blessings with others. The blessedness of giving is in itself a wonderful education.

At the Sunday School Institute for Pastors, Theological Students and Sunday School Workers, held at Wycliffe College, Toronto, Ont., Rev. E. Y. Mullins, D.D., delivered addresses on the "General Relations of Theological Colleges to Sunday School Work," "The Training of Theological Students for Normal Sunday School Work," and "The Promotion of Bible Study in the Homes of the People, Its Necessity, Possibilities and Methods." We feel sure that the President of our Seminary was a feature of the Convention for he has a way of illuminating any subject which he touches.

The Word and Way says: The daily press gives out the information that Rev. I. O. Dawson of Tuscaloosa, Ala., has been tendered the pastorate of the First Church, St. Joseph, Mo. It came to our ears some time since that negotiations were pending between the officials of the church and Mr. Dawson, the noble Alabamian. We judge the church has some assurances that he will accept. If he comes Alabama and the South will lose one of its best known and most gifted preachers. The First Church is a great force and St. Joseph is a great field. Both church and pastor are to be congratulated.

We are glad to learn that Brother Dawson will remain at Tuscaloosa, where he has under the Lord done such a great work. The "noble Alabamian" is loyal to his people.

Harpers Magazine for December is a work of art. It is without doubt the most beautiful issue of a magazine that we have ever seen, and we take pride in the fact that such work can be done in America, and believe it will create a sensation wherever men and women care for the artistic. It is impossible to describe it, and we can only say if you are a lover of the beautiful buy a copy and enjoy it.



PERSONALS.

Dr. E. O. Taylor of Boston, recently delivered a series of lectures on American Citizenship at Wake Forest College, N. C.

Dr. J. L. White, who led the fight against gambling in Macon, was absent from the Georgia Convention, as he was engaged in a meeting at Macon. Dr. White is a fearless gospel preacher.

Rev. Joe Wynne of Gainesville, Ga., helped to create the sentiment that caused a number of leading citizens to put the blind tigers out of business.

Rev. E. J. C. Dickens, editor of the Baptist Observer, published at Indianapolis, was called to Georgia on account of the illness of his daughter and the last issue of the paper was gotten out by the corresponding editor.

Dr. W. O. Carver, who addressed the students of Baylor University last week, is one of the coming young men. His work as professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is of a high order.

Rev. H. M. Quisenberry of New Orleans, who was called to the Lafayette Park Baptist Church, declined the call, but accepted the care of the College Street Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Rev. E. A. Cranfill, M.D., father of Dr. J. B. Cranfill, of the Baptist Standard, who recently died, Nov. 8th, had been a Baptist fifty-five years and a preacher fifty years. We extend to Brother Cranfill our heartfelt sympathies.

Judson Notes.

The two Faculty Concerts which took place on the 9th and 16th of the present month were largely attended and greatly enjoyed by the music-loving citizens of Marion. The Music Faculty has become so large it seemed best to give two recitals instead of having all appear on the same night as this would have made the exercises too long. It is not too much to say that these recitals by the faculty this session have surpassed all former efforts, and it must be remembered that the Judson has a reputation in the Music Department unexcelled by any college in the South.

The distinguished Director of Music, Prof. Edward L. Powers, has grown in popular favor with the music critics each year since he took charge of the department, and he surprised his most ardent admirers by his superb playing at both of these recitals. Mr. Powers has a big and certain technique and plays with the soulfulness and discriminating intelligence of the true musician. This is Mr. Powers' sixth year at the Judson and under his management the Music Department has grown until there is no room for more pupils.

Mrs. King added fresh laurels to her already peerless reputation as the masterful organist and ideal accompanist. There was a breadth of view and cordial appreciation of the great productions of the masters in her playing that delighted every one present.

Mrs. Gurganus greatly pleased her audience by the exquisite rendering of the classic numbers she presented, and excited the admiration of the best musicians of Marion by her faultless singing of some very difficult numbers, among which was Johann Strauss' "Voices of Spring."

Miss Dorothy Dasch, the new member of the Voice Faculty, at her first

appearance chained the attention of the people with her beautiful and artistic singing, and if possible the audience became more enthusiastic in the rendering of the two subsequent numbers. Miss Dasch comes to us direct from the best conservatories and her beautiful voice gives evidence of the most thorough and careful training.

Misses Battelle and Robson are both Judson graduates, and they are two excellent examples of the high grade work done by the Judson. Miss Battelle has been in the faculty for some years, and played all her numbers with the ease, confidence, musical feeling and abandon characteristic of the best pianists. It was Miss Robson's first appearance, and it is not too much to say that she surpassed the highest expectations of her friends by the delicacy and the beauty of her technique and the sympathetic and appreciative interpretation of the classic numbers she presented.

Miss Manly represents the highest type of the broadly cultured musician, and the two numbers she rendered were characterized by the most scholarly and profound appreciation of the meaning of the classic productions. She so charmingly interpreted these to the audience that she held their attention and received the most enthusiastic applause.

Miss Fannie Marks, the Violinist, enraptured her audience by her exquisite playing both in the solos and as accompanist, and, as always, was heard with the greatest enthusiasm and delight.

The Judson Faculty has set a new standard, even for the classic Judson, in their work the present session.

The Conversational Club has given two high grade entertainments—Mr. Kellogg's Bird Lecture, and Mrs. Bertha Kunz Baker's dramatic recital of Justin McCarty's "If I Were King." She is perhaps the leading artist in her line among the women of America. After the recital she was received by the young ladies of the club and their friends in the handsome and spacious parlors of the Judson.

Write for a Catalogue.

The F. D. Johnson Jewelry Co., of No 1 Maiden Lane, N. Y., has gotten out a handsome jewelry catalogue which will be forwarded to any one enclosing five cents to pay postage. This firm is perfectly reliable having the endorsement of some of the best preachers in the denomination. Those wishing to buy jewelry for Christmas gifts will do well to send for a catalogue. See their advertisement in this issue.

It is not absolutely necessary to polish the kitchen range every day this summer. Crumple a newspaper, rub any spots on the stove with a bit slightly dampened, polish with two or three rubbings with dry paper, and the iron will be bright enough that you can close the door behind you with a clear conscience.

If your grandmother has a bit of pewter tucked away in the attic, bring it to the front—literally—for at present the woman who can have a pewter ewer, plate or porringer on her shelf or tea-table, is the envy of her friends. For the woman without ancestral plate a visit to the "rummage sales" may supply that deficiency.

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E. O. WARE,  
Cor. Sect'y La. Bap. State Con.

HAZLEHURST, MISS., March 9, 1902.

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B. D. GRAY,  
Pastor Baptist Church.

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OBITUARIES.

EARNEST.—William Cunningham Earnest was born Jan. 13, 1891, died July 10, 1903, age 12 years 5 months and 27 days. Son of W. B. and H. A. Earnest. A precious one from us has gone.

A voice we loved is still  
A place is vacant in our home  
Which never can be filled.  
God in his wisdom has recalled  
The boon his love had given  
And though the body slumbers here  
The soul is safe in heaven.  
We miss thy kind and willing hand,  
Thy fond love and care,  
Our home is sad without thee;  
We miss thee William, dear.

W. B. Earnest.



The Season

is near and the Thanksgiving dinner should be daintily served.

- Our Silver is the correct thing.
- Oyster Forks, 6 in set, sterling \$9.50, best plate, \$2.50.
- Soup Tureen, fine quadruple plate, \$10.
- Baking Dish, covered, quadruple \$8.
- Bread Tray, sterling \$15, quadruple, \$3.50.
- Water Pitcher, sterling, \$35, quadruple \$4.50 to \$10.
- Waiter, round, 14 inch, quadruple \$5, square \$6.
- Tea Set, 5 pieces, sterling \$100, quadruple, \$18.
- Coffee Set, after dinner, sterling \$40, quadruple \$15.
- 6 Coffee Spoons, sterling \$4, plated \$1.
- Fern Dish, removable pot, quadruple \$4.

H. RUTH, Optician



Montgomery's Great Jewelry House.

Notice of Sale.

Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth J. Echols, dec'd. Under and by virtue of an order of sale made on the 8th day of October, 1903, by the Probate Court of Jefferson county, Alabama, I Francis M. Lowe, Administrator of the estate of said decedent, will sell at public outcry, for cash, within the legal hours of sale, at door of the court house of said Jefferson county, in said State, on the 23rd day of December, 1903, the following personal property belonging to said decedent, to-wit: Six waive notes, Nos. 5 to 10, inclusive, of fifteen dollars each; and fifty-two waive notes, Nos. 11 to 62, inclusive, of ten dollars each; all payable to Francis M. Lowe, Administrator, and given in payment for lands of said decedent, on February 10th, 1902, by S. M. Moore and Allen Gordon, as makers.

FRANCIS M. LOWE, Administrator.

### Preaching to Win Souls.

By Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

"How far do your chief American preachers aim at the conversion of souls?" This question, once addressed to me by that master-workman, Charles H. Spurgeon, is pertinent yet; it showed his estimate of the highest purpose of the Christian ministry. Certainly, the chief aim of our Divine Master was to seek and to save the lost; His first text of which we read was the word "repent!" To win souls to Jesus Christ by the aid of the Holy Spirit was the main purpose of the apostles. Paul struck the keynote when he declared that he was determined to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified; and he ceased not to warn sinners night and day with tears. The great Reformation in the sixteenth century was far more than a protest against prevailing errors; it was a direct bringing of souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. When a spiritual famine prevailed in Great Britain, the Wesleys and Whitefields rose at once to the demand of the times; they addressed their fellow-countrymen as exposed to the "wrath to come," and their one aim was to lead souls to the only Savior. Out of these wise labors grew the mighty Methodist Church with its world-wide labors and philanthropies.

The question which my beloved British brother addressed to me is pertinent to every minister of the gospel: "How far do you aim mainly at the conversion of souls?" No minister is likely to succeed in what he undertakes with only half a heart; certainly he can never do what he never even attempts to do. If your whole heart is not bent on the glorious work of converting sinners by the help of God, you will never accomplish it. You may produce many able discourses freighted with valuable thought; you may wax eloquent over social evils and plead for reformatory measures and philanthropies; you may say many good things, and true things and helpful things; but if you stop short of leading immortal souls to Christ, your ministry in one vital point will be a failure. There is much talk about "saving the mass; they must be reached and persuaded Christward one by one. Men may go to perdition by the regiment; they must be led to Jesus individually. A single soul was audience enough for the Master at the well of Sychar and in the "inquiry room" of Nicodemus.

Aim, therefore, to make your preaching pointed and individualizing. You are not to be a pulpit scold; but you may so present God's truth pungently and lovingly that every unconverted person in your audience may be made to feel "that means me." "Thou art the man," sent David's arrow into Nathan's heart. Pray God to help you love every sinner before you so fervently that you will tell him plainly that if he does not repent of his sins and accept and obey Jesus Christ, he will be lost forever! Don't be afraid of the word "Hell" any more than of the word "Heaven." The too common assertion that the faithful, tender and solemn presentation of the divinely revealed retributions of sin is an attempt to "scare people into religion" is utterly preposterous. As the ambassadors of Jesus Christ it is our bounden duty to "declare the whole counsel of God," and we have no right to conceal or to belittle any great revealed truth. If Noah had not been "moved with fear" of a predicted deluge, he never would have

prepared an ark for saving himself and his household. It is a criminal cruelty to conceal from the transgressors of God's law and of God's love that the "wages of sin is death."

There is much truth in Mr. Gladstone's weighty declaration that "the decay of the sense of sin against God is one of the most serious portents of these days." Preach, therefore, my brother, most plainly and lovingly the guilt and the doom of sin, and pray that every impenitent soul before you may be convicted by the Holy Spirit. Nobody is likely to flee to the Lord Jesus Christ until he or she feels the need of Him. Deep convictions of sin usually produce deep conversions; shallow convictions produce shallow conversions and half-way Christians. Go down to the roots. When you have made a sinner see himself, then point him to the all-sufficient Redeemer whose atoning blood cleanseth from all sin. This was Peter's style of preaching at the time of Pentecost when 3,000 souls were convicted and converted in a single day. When you are preaching repentance you cannot be too pungent; when you are offering salvation through the Lord Jesus you cannot be too winsome and beseeching.

It goes without saying that only a part of your soul-winning is likely to be done in the pulpit. Much of it is to be done by personal interview. Seize opportunities. Keep your doors open to all who desire to converse with you. Pastoral visitation (which is going too much out of fashion) will give you opportunity to discover those who are anxious about their soul's welfare, and you will rejoice to converse with them, and to urge an immediate acceptance of Christ. Once when during my afternoon visits I discovered three or four inquirers, I summoned my church officers, and special services were appointed every evening. They resulted in the conversion of nearly 100 persons. Watch for the presence of the Holy Spirit! Listen for the first drops of the blessing; and then gird yourself for the happy work. There is no ecstasy this side of heaven comparable to that of winning souls to a new life and to the life everlasting. "It is my heaven on earth," said Samuel Rutherford, "to spend my days in gathering in some souls to Christ."

I hear some people talk about "modern methods" of evangelization; but I have not yet discovered any improvements on the methods of Paul and of Peter, of Wesley and of Whitefield, of Spurgeon and of Moody. We have not yet outgrown the Bible, or the need of the Spirit, or the power of prayer. God never means that this world shall advance a single inch beyond the Cross of Calvary. Plant yourself beside that Cross! Preach Jesus Christ right there, and He will "draw all men unto Him." This method of soul-winning is no more obsolete than yonder sun blazing in the mid-heavens.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

### The Tables Turned.

A Thanksgiving Transformation.

"Oh, dear," sighed Mildred. "I don't see any fun in having to spend Thanksgiving with Grandma Brown! Silverfield is such a lonesome place, and grandma gets older and more wrinkled every day!"

Papa looked grave, and mamma troubled, and Master Hugh, who was a year and a half older than Mildred

and who always thought it was his duty to assist his mother and father in correcting the other children, cried out.

"I don't believe Grandma Brown's wrinkles are half so deep as yours, Miss Mildred. Ain't you ashamed of yourself, when she's done such oceans for you, more'n for any of the rest of us?"

Mildred's eyes shot dangerous glances.

"Shame on yourself!" she retorted, "it's all very well for you to talk, you'll all stay home and have a good time, and I shall be cooped up in the house with an old woman; great fun, I suppose you think!"

"Mildred! Mildred!" said mamma, sternly, and four-year-old Lilian burst out with:

"My Drama isn't a wrinkled old woman! You're wrinkled this very minute, yourself."

"Hugh told you to say that, you little silly," exclaimed Mildred, as she left the room.

"Did not—" began Hugh, but stopped suddenly as he caught his mother's look, for Hugh was never wilfully disrespectful to his parents.

"I must tell mother that Mildred doesn't wish to spend her holiday at Silverfield," said Mr. Brown somewhat sadly. "I am sorry, for mother loves her so much."

"Hugh might go," suggested mamma.

"Yes, but mother doesn't care so much for boys. Lilian and Jack are too small, so I think it must be Mabel."

"Perhaps Mildred will feel better tomorrow. It's her birthday, you know."

"Yes, I knew," answered her husband, "but if she doesn't go for love of her grandmother, I wouldn't urge it upon her."

Mildred went slowly up stairs in the pretty white room she occupied with her sister Mabel. The set of white furniture in it had been a gift from Grandma Brown, so, too, were most of the pretty books in the low book shelves, for Papa Brown was not yet rich enough to afford many luxuries for his little brood.

Mildred was a very pretty little girl, and the reflection of her face in the muslin-draped oval mirror was wont to give her much satisfaction. What it showed her usually was a pair of beautiful brown eyes and rippling chestnut hair, a clear pale face and lips like a scarlet rosebud, but today she noticed a deep furrow that had plowed its way resolutely over the fair young brows and taken up its abode as if to say:

"I shall soon belong here, so I might as well make myself at home." "How ugly!" thought Mildred, "that is Hugh's fault, boys are such tormentors."

But she straightened out her face and the sweet natural expression of childhood came back with the smiling eyes.

Just then her father entered, bearing in his arms a large oil painting in a heavy rich old-fashioned frame. He stood it carefully against the bed while he arranged to hang it, Mildred looking on with surprise.

"I am glad to see you feel pleasanter, daughter," he said as he noted her changed expression, "tomorrow is your birthday, isn't it?"

"Yes, papa."

"And how old will you be?"

"Twelve years."

"Just the age of this young lady," said papa, as he placed the portrait to his satisfaction.

Mildred started eagerly.

It was almost as if her own face looked down at her from the painted canvas, there were the same perfect features and creamy complexion, only the dark eyes were larger and softer, the mouth was even more warmly red, and the pale brown wavy hair seemed woven with stray threads of gold.

It was the picture of a little girl more beautiful than Mildred, even in her vainest moods, had ever thought to be.

"Papa Brown!" she exclaimed, "wherever did this come from?"

"It was taken 65 years ago," answered her father.

"Years and years before I was born," broke in Mildred.

"Yes," he continued, "It is your Grandmother Brown when she was a little girl like you. Your Aunt Mabel gave it to me a few months ago, and I have kept it for your birthday present."

"Papa, papa!" cried Mildred with a burst of self-reproach, "after what I said this morning I don't think I ought to have it."

"I thought it belonged to you by rights," replied her father, "as you are her namesake and the only one of the children who resembles her. All of your looks, my dear, you have inherited from your grandmother."

"It is very beautiful, papa, and very kind of you to give it to me."

"Do you remember the old cradle in the attic?" continued Mr. Brown. "She was not more than four or five years older than you before she began to rock that cradle with the first of her twelve children. She alone can tell you how many nights in her long life she has rocked it for her own and her children's children. The lines in her face that you spoke of this morning mark long nights of watching over sick beds, long days of planning and anxiety, long years of work and trouble. Still this picture here is as fresh-looking as you are, Mildred. If you live, you will some day be as old as she is."

Mildred was silent.

"I have told her," went on her father, "that you had rather spend Thanksgiving at home."

"You didn't tell her what I said?" asked Mildred in remorse.

"No, dear, I am not needlessly cruel. She was much disappointed, for you are her favorite grandchild, but I presume Mabel will do as well."

Mildred crept softly down stairs and peeped into the back parlor where grandma sat knitting mittens in the sunshine. There was a tear stealing feebly down the wrinkled cheek and Mildred seeing it, fled to hide her own. "I am a heartless granddaughter, she said to herself," supposing grandma should die!"

That night she nestled close to the old lady's feet upon the rug before the fireplace, watching Hugh whittle industriously at a long thin stick.

"What are you making, Hugh?" she asked drowsily.

"A coffin," said Hugh.

"A what?"

"A coffin for Lilian's doll," laughed her brother, and then all at once while Hugh whittled away, Mildred felt her self getting older.

Older and older she grew, and

strange to say the cradle in the attic was down before the fireplace, and seemed filled with children.

Mildred rocked away lovingly, and one baby tumbled in as another tumbled out, and then all at once the rocking stopped, and the babies grew up before her eyes like Jack and the Beanstalk, and then other children came and the cradle commenced to rock again, and all this time Mildred kept growing older and more wrinkled, while Hugh, provokingly young as ever, whittled on at his long thin stick.

"Most ready, Uncle Hugh?" inquired the pertest of the grandchildren, one Thanksgiving night, a little girl aged twelve, who looked much as Mildred remembered to have looked when she gazed into her white, ruffle-trimmed mirror many years past.

"What is that for?" asked Mildred, in a high, weak voice that quavered at times.

"Why, grandma," answered the little girl, "you are so old and wrinkled and fussy that we don't want you any more. You are in your dotage and so disagreeable that we are going to bury you alive."

Hugh approached, dragging the coffin, and poor Mildred strove with wild frightened screams to rush away from him, but her feet refused to move.

"Now," said Hugh, with a mocking laugh, "we'll get rid of her."

Mildred felt herself drawn towards the terrible object that shone in the firelight, but she determined to make one last attempt to save herself.

Clutching the old cradle firmly, she gave one gasping shriek and then—

"Mildred, Mildred, dearie, what is the matter?" questioned a loving voice, "wake up, child, wake up!"

Mildred sat up on the rug and looked stupidly around her.

Papa and mamma were out, but Mabel was hurrying to her with frightened face and Hugh the coffin finished, sprawled before the fire playing with the kittens. She had nearly pulled off the rocker of grandmother's chair in that hateful dream. And somehow she had never seen anything kinder or more tender than the wrinkled face bending so anxiously over her.

"Oh, Grandma Brown!" she cried, snuggling down on the old lady's shoulder as she used to do when a wee child, I do love you, Grandma Brown!" And grandma clasped her to her heart with soothing caress.

Mildred and Mabel both spent Thanksgiving at Silverfield, and it seemed to Mildred that the old place had never been such a storehouse of treasures. Grandma appeared to know just what pleased little girls, and both children agreed that they had never had so good a time.

There were old trunks full of bygone fashions, in which they robed themselves and played at lady; there were wonderful bits of faded silks and brocades and yellowed laces that changed owners; there was plenty of old-fashioned molasses candy and raisins, a long afternoon sleighride over crisp country roads, and the evening saw the pretty worsted work for papa's Christmas begun, while grandma told some of her rare stories.

After a time Maria, who had lived with grandma for many a year, went upstairs with the warming-pan, and the children undressed and said their prayers by candle-light and went to bed in the great four-posted bedstead. "Girls, girls!" called grandma from

the foot of the stairs, as she had done many a time to her own girls, "go right to sleep, it's awful late!"

"Yes'm," answered Mildred, as they cuddled under the warm sheets, and then she whispered confidentially:

"Do you know, Mabel, I would love to live here all the time with Grandma Brown?"

But Mabel was already asleep, and although Mildred tried hard to keep awake and think over the day, in a few moments she had followed her sister's example, while the tall clock in the hallway ticked a lullaby and the November winds chased each other around the old farm house.

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## Birmingham and the Baptist.

It is safe to say that there is 135,000 people in the Birmingham District. In the city proper there are 50,000 more or less. In this territory we have two strong churches, South Side and the First Church, with a membership of 1,300, Fountain Heights with a membership of 100, a total of 1,400. In this same territory the estimate is made that there is at least as many more Baptists not affiliated with these churches. In the whole district there are perhaps twice as many Baptists as are in our churches. The great problem is how to handle these people. Without question we need now three other churches in the resident portion of the city, with two chapels, five vigorous Baptist Churches would not supply the demand made on our people now, in addition to what we already are doing. In this same territory the Methodists have seven churches and I have no idea there are any more Methodists in the city than there are Baptists, but as a matter of fact this state of things cannot long exist—if we do not occupy the field they will. I am glad to say that our great city churches here are getting in better shape to take hold of this problem than they have ever been before. South Side has just begun a vigorous mission, and the old First who is now erecting the handsomest house of worship in the city, will soon be in shape to bear her part in this work. Oh, if these two churches would "swarm out" soon and build these waste places, and who knows but in the interest of the Savior's cause they will do it. What a noble example the Methodists of this city have set us along this line. One thing is settled beyond all question, this work cannot be done unless these churches do it, and they can do it, by the grace of God if they will.

At Avondale, Woodlawn, East Lake, Pratt City, Ensley, Wylam the Baptists are in great shape and doing well the work they have in hand, and in this connection I want to say that Howard College has never been in a more prosperous condition than at this time, and has never been more enthusiastic and more hopeful for the future than they are at this writing, and things are coming to pass here more rapidly than the most hopeful of us had anticipated and in a few years more with the rapid increase along all lines as we have it now, no one of us dare prophecy what the future will be. Here is something of what the college is doing for this district and while you read it you will see something of this great city and vicinity as a mission field, and what the college means to the situation here. Here is the churches and stations they supply: Gate City, Wauhama, Packer Memorial, Kingston, South Side Mission, Green Springs, Oxmoor Church, Oxmoor Furnace, Ishkooda, Powderly, Hillman, Shades Valley, Compton, Tuxedo Park, East Thomas, Sayreton Mines, New Castle, Jefferson Mines, Graves Mines, Warner Mines, West End, Adger, Adamsville, Dolomite and perhaps others about which I am not informed. All these points are supplied with preachers, many of them every Sunday, several twice each month, and only a few once a month, and all at a cost of less than \$500 to our Board. More than half of them without any cost at all to the Board and it is gratifying to say that much of the work done by these boys has been of a high grade, and the fruits of their labor has been abundant. The situation here

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could not be handled without these young men and many of them could not attend the college were it not for the work they get here by which they are enabled to pay their way. A happy solution of two of the gravest problems before the Baptists of this section. I must not close till I have said that the Alabama Baptist has an opportunity in this field that comes to but few for doing untold good and the editor has said that he intends to meet this demand, and I believe with the help of all of us he will do it. Let the brethren stand by him.  
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### Household Hints.

New dust beaters are made of a dozen long, round leather thongs set in a flat handle.

Partly worn pillow cases, washed and ironed and cut in various sizes make excellent bread and cake cloths.

White linen, dimnity, madras or gingham is most desirable for cushion covers during the summer months, light-colored wool goods will be found very serviceable, not requiring laundering so frequently. Very effective covers can be evolved from challis, crepe and nun's-veiling gowns "that have seen better days."

Delicately carved sandalwood fans and boxes are again in fashion, though the fans are not for actual use, being simply decorative adjuncts to a dressy toilette or more frequently, like the boxes, put in the dressing table to impart the delicate Oriental fragrance to one's belongings.

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## Paragraphs About the Georgia Convention.

Rev. C. G. Dilworth, of Tifton, presented the report on the work of the Sunday school board, which showed much progress during the year.

The educational commission made a report to the effect that Monroe college received the active support of the convention and of Georgia Baptists until July 1, 1904.

The report of the Young People's Union, made by Rev. J. S. McLemore, showing a great increase in this work, was adopted after a stirring speech by Mr. McLemore.

The report of the committee on woman's work was made by Rev. J. M. Long and was discussed by himself, Rev. C. E. W. Dobbs and Rev. E. B. Pendleton. The sense of the report was that the women were more orthodox than the men.

A committee of five was appointed with Dr. Kilpatrick as chairman to examine into the negro question and report at the next convention upon the feasibility of working with the negro Baptists.

Rev. John D. Mell, of Athens, in a most appropriate manner, extended a warm welcome to the visiting messengers; and the address of welcome was responded to by Rev. John D. Jordan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Savannah.

We give paragraphs about the Georgia Convention taken from committee reports, the secular press, and things seen and heard on the floor, in trains and around hotels believing that in this way our readers will enjoy it better than if we tried to give a detailed account.

Columbus was chosen as the place for the next meeting. The time was changed from Thursday to Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in November. Rev. Alex W. Bealer, of Thomasville, was appointed to preach the convention sermon, with Rev. A. B. Vaughan, of La-Grange, as his alternate.

E. Y. Mallory presented the report of the trustees of Mercer university, which showed the affairs of that institution to be in fine condition. The report of the trustees of Monroe college showed that \$32,000 are yet to be raised toward the dormitory fund for that college and the committee was granted further time to raise this money.

Dr. Kilpatrick read a communication from the Missionary Baptist convention of Georgia, an organization among the negro Baptists, asking for help from the Baptists. Rev. S. A. McNeal, a negro corresponding secretary of the board, was heard on this question and the convention gave him \$50 in a collection.

Will D. Upshaw, who is engaged in the work of raising money for Monroe college, made a splendid talk to the convention, in which he remarked that he had personally pledged enough money to take care of forty girls at Monroe college.

On motion of W. D. Upshaw, the convention unanimously resolved to send

the following telegram to Bishop Key, of the North Georgia conference of the Methodist church, at Griffin:

"The Georgia Baptist convention, now in session, sends its Christian salutation. May the guiding spirit of our Savior refresh your work with His presence at your every session."

Dr. Jameson gave an interesting account of some of the work done by the missionaries. During the year they have held 7,348 meetings, have preached 4489 sermons, made 1,544 addresses, led 2,292 prayer services, baptized 1,233 persons, received 1,134 letters, traveled 45,000 miles, visited 16,875 times in families, aided in the construction of seven churches, had under their charge 482 conversions and collected \$2,192.22 of mission money.

It was recommended that during the present conventional year \$40,000 be raised for foreign missions; \$30,000 for state, \$25,000 for home, \$12,000 for current expenses for the orphans' home; \$3,000 for ministerial relief; \$2,500 for ministerial education and much for Monroe college as is needed to make up the \$40,000 which is about \$25,000, making a total of \$140,000 in round numbers.

In the report of the executive committee an interesting point was made in the recommendation that the permanent educational fund be hereafter known as the Adiel Sherwood fund for ministerial education, in honor of the leader in the Baptist educational affairs of the State, who was the moving spirit in the first of all the Baptist institutions of the State that finally merged into Mercer university.

Addresses were made by Professors W. H. Kilpatrick and Dr. W. W. Landrum on the Mercer University report. The remarks of Dr. Landrum were especially strong in reference to the duty of Georgia Baptists and the people of the state generally to go down into their pockets and put up the money for the education of the white people of the state and not to be relying on others from a distance to do the work for them.

A great debate came upon the question of allowing Monroe college at Forsyth to place a mortgage on the property. The trustees have contracted for a new dormitory and work is already progressing. Mr. W. D. Upshaw has been out among the churches raising money for the college, but although he has raised quite a goodly sum, not enough was in sight to complete the building. The proposition created quite a discussion.

Dr. Jameson reported that there was one church in Georgia whose contributions to foreign missions were enough to take care of four missionaries; one church gives enough for three missionaries, two churches enough for two and a half each; three churches enough for two each; two churches enough for one and a half each and ten churches enough for one each. These nineteen churches give over \$16,000. There are ten other churches equally able to provide for one missionary each.

A beautiful incident here took place, a brother arose and stated that Rev. L.

B. Norton, one of the delegates, 84 years old, had fallen and injured himself very badly yesterday. He was now laid up at his hotel and had no money to pay his bill. Men went down in their pockets and were preparing to pour out their money to help him, when a member of the Athens church from the rear of the house arose and said there is no need of money, Brother Norton is already the guest of the Athens church.

Dr. B. D. Gray, secretary of the Home Mission Board made his first appearance before Georgia Baptists since his election and captured the convention. He told about the greatness of Texas, where they had Dr. Carroll, a man of great eloquence. Dr. George Truett, a Georgian, who had gone out in Texas to get room for his burning spirit, and Gaddy, the praying preacher, who is as fond of football as Dr. White, of Atlanta.

Dr. R. J. Willingham addressed the convention as to the work of foreign missions. He spoke on the imperative command of the Lord and how Christians ought to heed it.

He said the great need was for men, and urged the brethren to pray for more laborers to go into the harvest. He said that since he had been to this convention there was one college president who had pledged himself to give enough money to support a native worker, and one woman had promised him \$500 to support a missionary in the foreign field.

The report of Professor A. W. Van Hoose, for the temperance committee, was an interesting document. It declared that there was less drinking now than there had been in twenty-five years.

It suggested as the best way in which to promote the cause of temperance a continued effort to win souls to Christ, emphasizing the power of the gospel, the purging of the churches of all liquor dealers and drunkards, the refusal of the followers of Christ to vote to legalize the sale, not using wine as a beverage in the homes, and a state law on the subject.

At the last convention the matter of Baptist schools receiving and using a part of the state school fund precipitated a great deal of discussion, and it was referred to a special committee, of which Dr. E. J. Forrester was chairman.

Dr. Forrester made a majority report for the committee to that effect, and a minority report was filed by Judge George Hillyer, of Atlanta. There was a spirited discussion and the leaders of the convention took part in the debate on the two sides of the question.

On the vote, however, the majority report went through by a vote of 101 to 60, and the opponents of the using of state money achieved a distinct triumph.

Dr. E. C. Dargan, of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, of Louisville, addressed the convention on the subject of "The Place of the Preacher in Modern Life." He said there had been preachers since the day of Noah, and that they would be here until Gabriel blows his trumpet, which would

be the last sermon preached on earth. "There is a place for the preacher. If there had not been, long ago he would have been run out of the pulpit by novelists, newspaper criticism and those who failed to heed his message. The preacher's place is a place of power, a place of peril and a place of promise."

The annual convention sermon was preached by Rev. P. A. Jessup, Tifton. It was a plea for more godly living in the home. He said the family altar was kept up in too few of the sixty thousand Baptist homes in Georgia. This had led to God being neglected and to a lukewarmness in the churches, augmented by a neglect of the reading of the Word of God. It had also caused an alarming increase among the criminals in this country. In 1850 there was one criminal for every 3,442 of the inhabitants; in 1860, one for every 1,647; in 1870, one for every 1,021; in 1880, there was one for every 837; and in 1890 one for every 715. The remedy, he pointed out, was not in the law, not in the supremacy of the political party; not in more reading, not in more education, not in the Sunday schools, but the remedy was to be found in putting the Word of God into the hearts of children in the homes.

### PERSONALS.

Rev. A. W. Bealer, pastor of the Baptist Church at Thomasville, is to preach the next convention sermon. He is regarded as one of the strongest of the young ministers in the convention.

Rev. John D. Mell, son of the late Dr. P. H. Mell, who for more than thirty years was president of the Georgia convention, is one of the ablest young ministers in attendance upon the convention.

Rev. J. M. Frost, secretary of the Sunday school board, who among other things told of the intention of the board to publish a new hymnal at an early date, containing many of the old-time hymns.

President P. D. Pollock, of Mercer university, attended the convention the first two days, but was compelled to return to Macon on account of his health. Dr. Pollock is considerably better than he has been, but still quite weak.

Dr. J. H. Kilpatrick, of White Plains, is one of the veteran messengers attending the convention. He is one of the oldest preachers in the convention, having filled the pulpit at White Plains for more than half a century.

Dr. J. E. White, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Atlanta, is one of the striking figures of the convention. He is greatly interested in Monroe college, and made a strong fight on the floor of the convention for a more perfect recognition of that college by the convention.

Dr. W. W. Landrum, corresponding secretary of the state mission board, impresses one with the fact that he is as active a man as is in the service of the convention. His report showed up splendidly. (This taken from a daily paper, must no doubt cause the pastor of the First Church much amusement.)

## Letters from Sunbeams.



Florence, Ala., Nov. 3, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: We have at last, succeeded in finding two excellent young ladies as leaders of the Sunbeams. Miss Josie Jamison has undertaken the general supervision of the band, and Miss Maud Ray the music. Although it was pouring rain at the hour appointed for the organization on last Sunday, there were a good number present, and they elected their officers. Agnes Bellamy president, Annie Jones vice-president, Rosa Staggs secretary and treasurer. We feel this is a fine beginning. Hope you will write when you can to encourage them.

Mrs. Lizzie A. Jones.

Sulligent, Ala., Nov. 9, 1903.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I wish you could have been present Sunday night, Oct. 25th, when the Sunbeam Band observed Missionary Day. The children did their parts well and every one present seemed to enjoy the exercises. After the program two of our little Sunbeams took up the collections, which amounted to \$4. We felt very grateful for this amount and divided it between Home and Foreign Missions. I am very much encouraged in the Sunbeam work. We have six new members, making seventeen in all, instead of eleven. The children are so interested and ready to do anything I suggest. This makes me feel my responsibility more and I pray I may lead them aright. We had a good meeting with the ladies at Carbon Hill on Saturday morning. How we wished for you. I explained the work, and we organized a society. I think they will go right to work for they seemed enthusiastic. I will write you later about your visit to us. I want to talk to Mr. Barnes about the best time and he is not at home. We want to arrange the time for your coming so that we may have a good meeting together and that you may meet all of our women workers in this part of the State. I shall always be glad you were with us at Carbon Hill and had such a good meeting with the children. I was only sorry I could not be with you more, but that could not be helped.

Mrs. J. E. Barnes.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Oct. 30, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Your letter came a short while ago and I was indeed glad to hear from you and that you had been to my home, but was sorry that I could not have been there with you. Am so glad that you gave the lecture to my little Sunbeams. I guess Mrs. Harris told you about the work. There isn't many of them, but they are the best crowd of little folks, always willing and anxious to do something for their Master. I found it harder than I expected to have to leave them,

but realize that God knows best, and will guide us in our separation.

We have just come from prayer meeting. We have one of the best prayer-meetings in the college, conducted by Miss Jaynes (our English teacher.) We meet every night in the college hall. Tonight Miss Jaynes was absent and Addie Cox lead. There was about sixteen girls, and the lights went off. We sat in the darkness and quoted Scripture and gave some good talks until the lights came back and then she finished reading, etc.

You ask me about the "Krishna Pal" Society. I can't tell you very much about it. It was re-organized and I joined it. We have not met but once. Miss Addie Cox is president. We meet once a month.

Well I will have to close and go to the study hall and get to work. Will write you again about the work of the "Krishna Pal" when I learn what they are doing. Let me ask you again to remember me in your prayers? Hoping to hear from you in the near future.

Edith Borland.

Midland City, Ala., Oct. 8, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: According to promise and appointment we organized the Sunbeam Band Sunday afternoon, with the number of thirteen. I will send you the report of the organization. I think we will have a nice band; shall expect to hear from you before our next meeting, which will be the first Sunday afternoon. You can send me such literature as I will need. Would write more, but haven't time.

Tessie W. Perkins.

East Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 8, 1903.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I am very glad to say that our Sunbeams are getting along so nicely. We have in membership forty-nine. We had our missionary exercises Sunday, Oct. 4th. The collection was \$6.66. Our officers are: President, Grace Gardner; Vice-president, Hattie Sue Halbert; Secretary, Lillian Pullum; Corresponding Secretary, Ida E. Wingate; Organist, Kathleen Leonard. We have only been organized two months and have turned over to the church treasure \$24.50 for church aid and hope to do much more for the benefit of our church.

Ida E. Wingate,

Secretary East Birmingham Sunbeams.

Pinkard, Ala., Sept. 8, 1903.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: It is with a sad heart that I write you this time. It has pleased the All-wise Providence to remove from our midst one of our brightest little Sunbeams, little Mary Kent. She had been a member of our Band ever since February. When the cold frosts of earth stilled her heart in death on Sept. 1st, we know that by her death the Sunbeams have lost a little Christian worker, and one who was always ready to do her part. We know that she has joined that Band where there will be no more separation, and we commend her as an example though short her life was here. We also commend her sorrowing ones to that God whom she loved and trusted. May God in His infinite mercy bless the bereaved Band, and may we live so that we may join little Mary, who has gone on before. Our Band is doing nicely at present.

Edith Borland.

Florence, Ala., Oct. 24, 1903

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton. We wish to thank you for the programs sent us sometime ago. The children are busy preparing service for Bible Day. We would like for you to share in our good news second Sunday in October. We had fourteen conversions in our meeting. Our hearts were made to rejoice for we felt that they were to be Sunbeams indeed. We feel that your visit has been a great help to us and the children. And invite you to come again. Any literature you can send us from time to time we would appreciate. We would be glad to have some more fish—the children have begun stringing them; also they are punching the little stars around Miss Willie Kelly's head.

Remember us continually in your prayers. We feel we need to be upheld by them.

Leona Dakton.

### "Why Interest the Children in Missions?"

(Paper read at W. M. U. Auxiliary to the Newton Association, by Mrs. Lillie McLaney of Newton, Ala.)

"Why interest the children in missions? is a subject that should interest every Christian father and mother, and every missionary Church in our Christian land. The young is the hope of our country. If on the side of right, then for the Lord, if on the side of wrong, then for Satan.

God the Father, looking down upon a sin-cursed world, sent Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, from the shining portals of heaven to die for sinful man, "that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish but have everlasting life. Hence—this world, the first foreign mission field, and Jesus Christ, Himself, the first foreign missionary.

Being born of a woman, He was flesh and blood, like as we, and was taught the "temple law" by Christian parents from his earliest infancy. At the age of 12 years, we find Him in the temple disputing with the Doctors—saying unto His earthly parents "Wist ye not, I must be about my Father's business? Years rolled on, He ever doing the will of Him who sent Him, preaching, and teaching repentance for remission of sins.

After laying the plan of salvation and completing His work in this world He went back to His Father and left the work to His disciples with the express command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned.

He came not so save man alone, but every creature, which includes children, and having been a child Himself in this great work, He now gives the command: "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

Again, train up the child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Save the boy and you save the man. Save the girl and you save the woman.

A child is the most teachable object on earth. Teach him that he is a part of this great creation. Teach him that he has a two-fold part in the great commission, that of being saved himself, and in sending the gospel to save others. Teach him about the foreign fields; the needs of those lost, superstitious people; serving idols and false gods. Teach him if he can't go and engage himself in the work as a missionary, he can

give of his means to support those who have gone. Teach him God creates no drone for his kingdom, every child has his work to do, and is held accountable for doing or not doing. Teach him "temperance," giving emphasis to the fact that no drunkard can enter heaven.

Above all, teach him his own soul is either to be saved or lost. Teach him what it is to accept Christ, and the horrors of rejecting the Christ who died that he might live after death. And to my mind there is no better place to teach all these things to the children, than in what is known to our denomination as the Sunbeam band.

The ideal Sunbeam band is the stepping stone into the church. Here we have the tiny "twigs," with minds and hearts as flexible and susceptible as twigs themselves. Begin with love and prayer, teach them the things that I have mentioned, ever holding before them the love of Christ who died for them, and you win your band for Jesus. Teach your band to give systematically, require something of each member if only a penny or an egg, impress upon them that they are giving unto the Lord. He requires it of them, that every penny goes into the mission work and they themselves are little missionaries following in the foot prints of Jesus, who himself was a missionary at the age of twelve.

Talk missions until you have the subject indelibly stamped upon their minds, knowing missionary boys and girls make missionary men and women, for "as the twig is bent the tree is inclined."

Then another matter of great importance in teaching missions to children is when you begin instructing them about the lost heathen children, their ignorance of God's free grace, and that they must be lost unless we send them the gospel. We at once begin a home mission work. Our own children seeing the importance of the heathen accepting Christ, begins at once to see themselves unsaved, and you soon find them seeking Jesus, whom to know is life everlasting.

Now a few words to our band leaders: we should be untiring in our work, always have pleasant words or smile for our children, either at home or on the street. Never come before our Band unprepared, try and interest every child either by recitation, song, reading or class catechism. Always have a program prepared and ready for the next meeting. And let us never forget to instruct them in prayer. What prayer is, and how to pray, and often have them recite in concert the "Lord's prayer." And above all things let us ever remember them at a throne of grace, remembering they have been placed in our hands by the highest institution on earth, the church and we are largely responsible for them. Our work must be accomplished by prayer, love, gentleness, meekness, and with an eye of faith "ever looking unto Jesus as the author and finisher" of every good word and work.

Mrs. Lillie McLaney.

Newton, Ala.

We had the pleasure of attending the Butler County Association which met with the Georgiana Church, and preached at the morning service on Sunday morning and made a talk on Christian Education in the afternoon. We believe Butler County Association is going to be a great factor in the spiritual development of South Alabama.

OBITUARIES.

**HARMON.**—Myrtle Harmon, the subject of this sketch, was born Aug. 11, 1900, near Haysop Church, in Bibb county, Ala. She was the pride of her parents, John and Hattie Harmon. She was the only child that God had given them and was, therefore, the light of the home; but alas! that light was withdrawn too soon, for on Aug. 22d, she was called home to heaven to suffer no more. She was too pure to stay here. She was a flower that budded on earth to bloom in heaven.

Sweet Myrtle, farewell!  
How we miss thee none can tell.  
Just two months since we laid her to rest,  
And folded her hands on her breast;  
In meekness she suffered, in patience she bore,  
Till God called her home to suffer no more.

W. G. H.

**MILLER.**—Mrs. Fannie Miller, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goode, and wife of Mr. J. L. Miller, died at Berry Sept. 16th. She professed faith in Christ and was buried with Him in baptism in her sixteenth year, and was a member of Union Grove Baptist Church, near which she was laid to rest to await the resurrection day.

She was a lovely, sweet-tempered daughter, an affectionate, beloved sister, true companion and sincere friend.

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Second, That his constant attendance and great faith in God and his work endeared him to all.

Third, That we extend to his bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy and commend them to the comfort of an All-wise Father.


Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, be spread on the minutes of the church, also sent to the Southern and Alabama Baptist.

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