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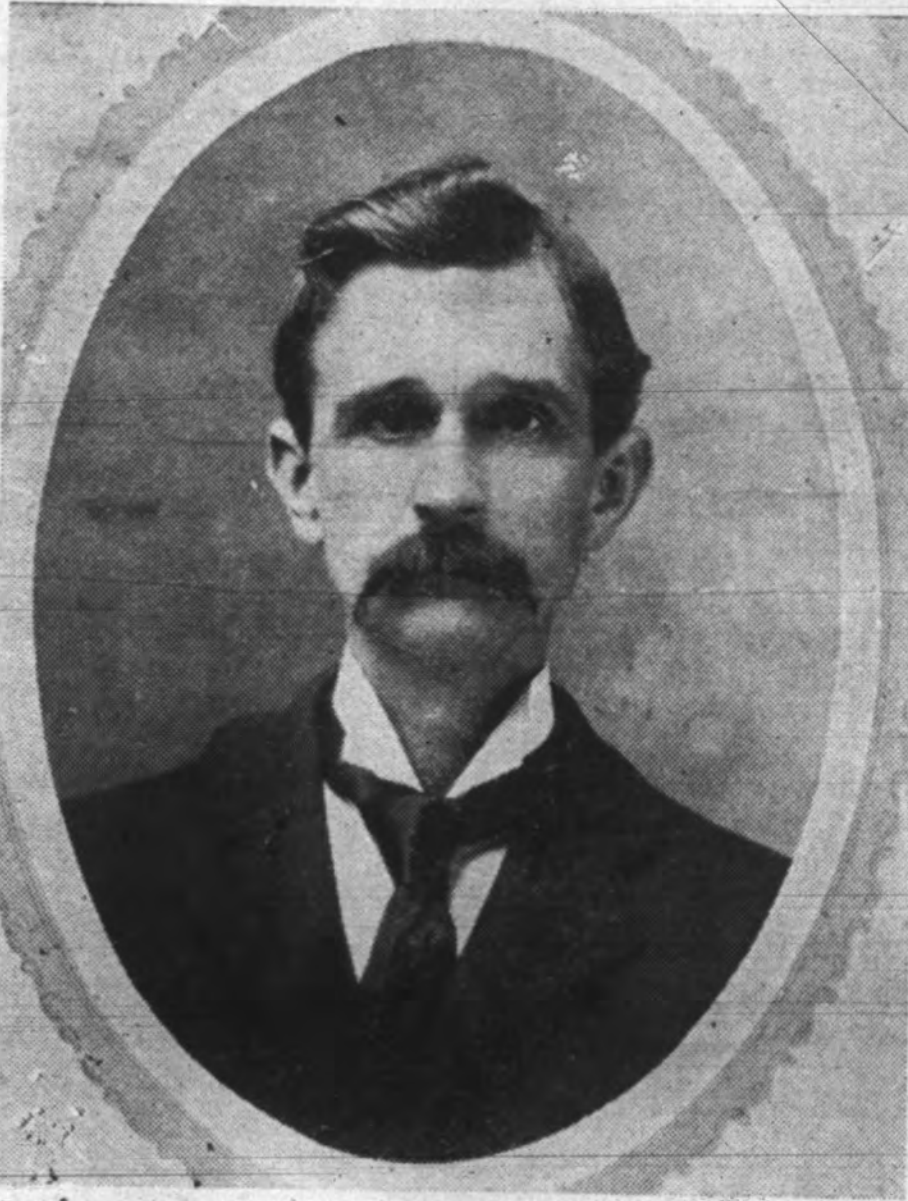
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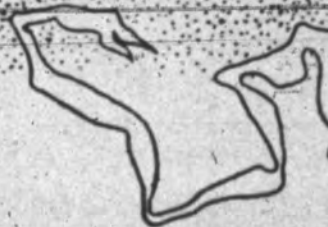
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## Paragraphs About People in The Public Eye.

Rev. J. E. White has moved from Cowarts to Clinton.

Rev. Jas. I. Kendrick has moved from Safford to Jacksonville, Ala.

Rev. Geo. W. Townsend and family of Montgomery, are spending the winter in New York.

Dr. Carter Helm Jones, who assisted Rev. L. T. Cody, pastor of the First Church in Greenville, S. C., is a successful pastor-evangelist. Forty were received by baptism.

Frank M. Wells and wife, Evangelists, Memphis, Tenn., closed meeting with the First Baptist Church, Salamanca, N. Y., Nov. 19th, with twelve accessions to the church by baptism.

Dr. John H. Sampey seems to be a favorite lecturer at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. He made such a fine impression last summer that they had to have him back again this winter for a couple of lectures.

The Baptist Argus of last week had a fine picture of Charles T. Dewing, one of the leading Baptist book dealers of the South, who began his career by selling papers on the streets of Louisville. His success ought to be an inspiration to every boy.

Hon. Joshua Levering and family, who have been making a tour around the world, are homeward bound, having reached Naples. Mr. Levering is one of our strong laymen whose advice and money is put at the service of many of our denominational enterprises.

Rev. J. O. Rust goes to the First Church at Seattle. We congratulate the brethren of the Northwest and sympathize with his flock at Nashville. Dr. Rust is a lovable man, an original thinker, and a strong preacher. May the Lord bless him in his new work.

Bro. L. P. Leavell, one of the field secretaries of the Sunday School Board, who with Brother Spillman, delighted the Baptists of this district last week with a series of talks on Sunday school work, will spend several weeks in Kentucky trying to arouse enthusiasm for the work.

Dr. Landrum made such a hit with his lecture on "How to have a good time in the Ministry" before the students of Emory College that the Ministers' Conference of Atlanta called upon him to repeat it. We wish the good Doctor would come over this way and give our union a chance to enjoy his humor.

The Chicago American says: John D. Rockefeller, the most powerful man in the world today, is really tied down by public opinion as thoroughly as the poorest man. Any one of a thousand swaggering little noblemen in France two hundred years ago might have done with impunity that which would now put Mr. Rockefeller in jail if he had forty thousand million dollars.

The Baptist Advance says: This was our first visit from Dr. B. D. Gray, the new secretary of the Home Board. He greatly charmed all of the brethren by his quiet, modest manner, by his keen, spontaneous wit, and his fine powers as a minister of Christ. We have loved and honored him for many years and shall always rejoice in his visits to Arkansas. We predict that he is going to be one of the best executives of all the secretaries that we have had in the South.

The following from the Examiner will be read with interest in Alabama, as Brother Wicker recently held a glorious meeting with the Adams Street Baptist Church in Montgomery:

The First Church at Trenton, N. J., observed the third anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Wicker on Nov. 15th. Under his efficient ministry the church has made gratifying advance. There have been 202 new members added, of whom 164 came by baptism; thirty-two by letter, five by experience and one by restoration. Of the new members 105 are males and ninety-seven females. The total membership is now 813. Three years ago there was a debt of \$7,000 on the church. Every dollar of this has been paid. The total contribution for the three years have been \$30,000.

We had the pleasure of attending the Seminary with Brother Wicker and rejoice that the Lord is blessing his ministry.

The Commonwealth says: Our genial and esteemed friend, Rev. Robert J. Burdette, whose criticisms and witticisms and words wise and otherwise have instructed and delighted so many of the people in our own and other lands, is in town renewing his acquaintance with his many friends in these parts. He seems to be as fresh as ever, and at present is full of business enthusiasm regarding the new church enterprise, which he and his people in California have undertaken. He has a great deal to say about the matter, and he will no doubt find patient and we hope profitable hearers. His son, Robert, he tells us, has taken his desk in the Burlington Hawkeye office, and boasts that he is going to make a bet-

ter paper than his father did, which the elder Robert says he ought to do, considering the superior sort of father he had.

Contrary to the Standard's prophecy, Dr. Henson goes to Boston. The Tremont Temple Church on Friday night of last week extended him an absolutely unanimous and enthusiastic call and he accepts it. We had supposed that in accordance with previous interviews, he would refuse the call. Its acceptance, coming as it does, with enthusiasm and unanimity, is something for which to be grateful and to rejoice. It closes the long period of uncertainty and division and brings new hope and inspiration.

Dr. Henson already has a large place in the affections of Boston Baptists and we are sure that he will be welcomed to his new field of labor with the open arms of all New England Baptists. That he will pack Tremont Temple from pulpit to the topmost gallery we have not the slightest doubt. That he will be a tremendous moral force throughout the entire New England States there is no question. Although Dr. Henson will be seventy-two years of age Dec. 7th next, no one who tells the truth can declare that his vigor of mind and of body shows any deterioration.

Mrs. Spurgeon, wife of Charles H. Spurgeon, who recently died, was Miss Susannah Thompson of London. She was married to Mr. Spurgeon in January, 1854. Mrs. Spurgeon had been an invalid for more than thirty years, yet took an active interest in all the work of the Tabernacle, and her husband in his great work. She leaves two sons, Thomas, the present Tabernacle pastor, and his twin brother, Charles Spurgeon, for many years pastor at Greenwich, and now of the Salem Chapel, Cheltenham, England.

At her death a notice was posted on the Tabernacle, saying: "Mrs. Spurgeon entered heaven at 8:30." It will be remembered upon the death of her husband a telegram came from Mentone, saying: "Our beloved pastor entered heaven at 11:05 Sunday night," and which was posted at the Tabernacle. The story goes that when Mr. Gladstone wrote to Spurgeon as he lay dying, Mrs. Spurgeon replied and the great preacher added a postscript: "Yours is a word of love such as those only write who have been in the King's country and seen much of His face. My heart's love to you."

One of our exchanges says: Some idea of the strenuous life Dr. Madison

C. Peters is leading may be gathered from his engagements for last week and the present: Monday, Nov. 2d, he spoke before the united Baptist Churches of Trenton, on why he became a Baptist; Tuesday, he lectured in the Broad Street Church; Wednesday, Third, Germantown; Thursday, Diamond Street Church; Friday night (his 44th birthday) in the Broad Street Church, and on Saturday night in New Jersey. On Sunday he began to speak at 9 o'clock to the Breakfast Association, conducted a men's prayer-meeting in his church, preached at 10:30, and conducted the communion service preached at Twenty-eighth street and Lehigh avenue at 3 p. m. Addressed the men's meeting in his church at 4 p. m., preached again to the usual overflowing house at night, and afterwards conducted an after-meeting. On Monday night of this week, he lectured in his church on "Why I Became a Baptist;" Tuesday night, in Camden; Wednesday night in Roxborough; Nicetown on Thursday; Norristown on Friday, and Saturday in New Jersey. Beginning with Nov. 16th, Dr. Peters will hold a two weeks' revival service in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Camden.

The Baptist Standard says: There is rejoicing in Baptist Chicago in general, and Immanuel Church in particular, that Dr. Johnson Myers has decided to decline the call of his old church in Cincinnati and to remain where he is so much needed in Chicago. Much as he appreciated the invitation from Ninth Street Church, the continuance of his important present work appeared to be duty. The Immanuel people on Wednesday night of last week in a mass meeting protested most earnestly and emphatically against any change and on Sunday gave evidence of their appreciation of his decision to continue his work on Michigan Boulevard by covering the pulpit platform with flowers. The text of his Sunday morning sermon was from Phil. i, 25.

And the Journal and Messenger says: Ninth Street, which was prostrated by the declination of Dr. Myers, has recovered so far as to be able to "sit up and take notice." Still, the coming man has not made his appearance, and there are no rumblings in the air. It may be that the membership will be obliged to wait until it has got entirely over the Myers fever. It's a wonderfully prostrating disease, and leaves the patient very weak. The Chicago people were wise when they declined to run any risk.

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With Our Baptist Editors.

The pedobaptist cry that the new Revised Bible is a Baptist translation because it reads baptized "in" water is rather amusing since it is generally known that not a single Baptist helped in the final proof reading.—Rocky Mountain Baptist.

The statement that one battleship costs more than the value of the ninety-four buildings of Harvard University has been questioned, but official reports state that the Oregon, which is the most expensive battleship of the United States navy, cost \$6,575,032.76. The valuation of all the buildings and lands of Harvard University is \$5,300,000. It is not difficult to decide which will do most to maintain righteousness and peace in the world.—The Watchman.

Wealth can do much for a man, but Jesus can do more. When gold has been cut and stamped it becomes current coin. When the man of wealth devotes himself and his wealth to Christ, his wealth increases enormously in value. It was so with Joseph of Arimathea. He was a rich man yet he was a disciple of Jesus, and his wealth and he himself were glorified by that fact. You will never be all that you might be until you become a whole-hearted disciple of Jesus.—Pacific Baptist.

Dr. Day, a Methodist minister, preached for the First Baptist Church of Syracuse, N. Y., on a recent Sunday, and the deacons asked him to administer the Lord's Supper, which he did. The Congregationalist rejoiced over "this recognition of an unimmersed minister as a proper person to officiate at the communion of a Baptist church." We shall listen with deep interest to hear what the Examiner and the New York Baptist say.—Western Recorder.

The question is being discussed as to whether or not Jonah was "hard-shell." We heard a preacher in the course of his sermon caricature Jonah as a hard-shell. One thing is certain, Jonah did some mighty effective preaching. He brought a great wicked city to repentance. Most any of Jonah's critics could afford to be a hard-shell for the power to preach as he did. Show us the city you have brought to repentance, brethren.—Word and Way.

It was on a sleeping car a smart gentleman expressed his contempt for the blind credulity which could accept the Bible with its remarkable chapters of history and its record of miracles. He was emphatic, almost violent, in his condemnation of what he called the superstition of Christian faith. Then the conversation turned to other subjects, and in a few moments he was declaring that he would not think of sitting down to a table in a company of thirteen. There is hardly a skeptic but that has a rabbit or some similar piece of sentimental, superstitious, foolish furniture about his person.—Central Baptist.

Above Education and Missions and all other Christian obligations is the duty of looking after the poor. There are enough Baptists in North Carolina to save every person in North Carolina from suffering this winter. Let us see that no one suffers by want

of food, or clothing or warmth or—yes, friendship.

Let us at the same time take pains not to encourage beggary and dependence. It is as great a duty to cast off the unworthy as it is to succor the worthy poor. But whatever we do, let our churches magnify their mission of relieving real distress.—Biblical Recorder.

One thing for which every devout heart has special reason to be thankful for is that, amid all the "strife of tongues" and pens so incessantly waged since modern skeptical criticism began its war upon the Bible, the faith of the great body of Christian believers has remained unshaken. The assailants of the Word have been divided among themselves, and their counsel has been brought to nought by their own contradictory reasoning. But the Word of God is still living and powerful, and holds its place among men as never before as the unimpeached and unimpeachable revelation of the divine will.—The Examiner.

We thank God, too for the large things that our brethren of the State are doing through their gifts. But more than all these, we bless God for what these brethren are, in themselves. The greatest thing God ever gave to the world was a man. The greatest thing any man ever gave back to God was himself. The greatest need of Arkansas today, or of any other State for that matter, is unselfish, consecrated, God-like men. We are proud of those we have, but we long for many others like them. Dollars cannot take the place of these; fine church buildings cannot supplant them; schools and colleges are builded to help produce them.—Baptist Advance.

The people of Dallas are yet talking about the Convention. The impression it made upon multitudes who are not Baptists, is so evidently and deeply gracious as to fill all our hearts with the keenest pleasure. It is a happy thing for the Baptists, that they are steadily coming to be better understood by those who are not Baptists. It behooves our people tenderly and faithfully to give the reason for the hope that is in them, both for their own sake and for the sake of others. Take, for instance, the Baptist position on the Lord's Supper. The widespread misapprehension of the true Baptist view, on this subject, is something positively pitiable. Are not Baptists themselves to blame for much of this misapprehension?—By Geo. W. Truette, in Baptist Standard.

A few weeks ago The Standard chronicled a proposed action on the part of southern Baptists looking to the appointment of a commission to study the Negro Problem. We suggested the wisdom of co-operation between the North and the South in this matter. We are delighted to learn that The Standard's proposal for a joint commission, or at least the co-operation of two commissions, one appointed by the North and the other by the South, meets with approval in official circles both North and South. We, therefore, very much hope that the commission will be appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention or some other representative Southern Baptist body, and that the Home Mis-

sion Society will appoint a similar commission. It seems to us, however, the better way would be for the two organizations together to name one commission. Such an action would be in the line not only of denominational co-operation and unity but be an object lesson which would be far-reaching in its influence.—The Standard.

The Floating Baptist.

Last week I had something to say about the "trunk Baptist," and tried to point out a method by which he might cease to exist. This week I want to say a word about another kind of Baptist who is, however, a near kinsman of the "trunk Baptist." I refer to the "floating Baptist," the brother who has removed to a community remote from the church of which he is a member and gives all sorts of excuses for not moving his membership to the church near which he is now living. There are thousands of such Baptists in our towns and cities in Alabama, and they are worth practically nothing to our cause.

One of the reasons given by such Baptists for not moving their membership is that they do not feel settled though they have already been absent from their churches in some instances for years. I tried to induce a brother in Virginia to move his membership to the Staunton Church, of which I was pastor. All his family had united with that church, but he declined to do so because he did not feel settled and yet he had lived in Staunton for ten years and about five years later died there.

Another reason given by such persons for not moving their membership is that they are members of the "old home church," where they were baptized, most of their relatives, who are living, are members there and may of those who are not living are buried in the cemetery hard by. They cannot think of leaving the old church and cemetery and so they drift along doing nothing for the home church because they are absent from it and nothing for the church near which they are living because they are members elsewhere. Sometimes even pastors persuade such persons not to leave the "old church" and in doing so they do them great injury.

Often Baptists will move to a city and not let it be known that they are Baptists and then complain that they have received no attention from the church near which they are living. Sometimes such persons will let it be known that they are Baptists only when they need help and then the Baptist pastor is the first one called on. He secures help from them and often sees no more of them unless they should need help again.

I believe that pastors and churches should encourage their members who move to other communities to transfer their membership as soon as they are located, even if they are not certain their location is permanent. It is an easy thing to get church letters from the average city church as they are granted at any service. Don't encourage your members, brethren, to be floaters, but urge them to anchor as soon as they reach a new port.

W. J. E. Cox.

Thanksgiving Poem.

Dear Brother Barnett: "What I'm Thankful For" was the subject given my thirteen year old boy to read a selection upon before the B. Y. P. U. After searching and finding nothing to suit him, he came to me to select him a

piece. I asked him to tell me some of the things he was thankful for, when he readily said, "Father, mother, sister, home and friends," so that gave the basis for the enclosed lines.

R. E. Pettus.

WHAT I'M THANKFUL FOR.

I'm thankful for my robust health, 'Tis better than all Croesus' wealth, For a sound body and clear brain Cannot be bought with all his gain.

I'm thankful for my father, kind, In whose presence I always find Something to my soul inspire, And make me climb life's ladder higher.

I'm thankful for my mother's love, Which points to happier climes above, Where we shall meet and gladsome be With loved ones through eternity.

I'm thankful for my sister Ruth, Whose cheery face is full of truth, She is the dearest girl on earth. I cannot tell of all her worth.

I'm thankful for my many friends, The joy they give none comprehends, With them I hold communion dear, And their remembrance I revere.

I'm thankful for a home so blest, In which each heeds a kind behest; It is a little paradise, Because there's love and sacrifice.

I'm thankful for this land of ours, Controlled by good and righteous powers, For knowledge of the Lord, our King, Whose praises we should ever sing.

THIS TESTIMONY

Will Surely Interest Many Readers of the Alabama Baptist.

James G. Gray, Gibson, Mo., writes about Drake's Palmetto Wine as follows: I live in the Missouri swamps in Dunklin county and have been sick with Malarial fever and for fifteen months a walking skeleton. One bottle of Drake's Palmetto Wine has done me more good than all the medicine I have taken in that fifteen months. I am buying two more bottles to stay cured. Drake's Palmetto Wine is the best medicine and tonic for Malarial, Kidney and Liver ailments I ever used or heard of. I feel well now after using one bottle.

A. A. Felding, Knoxville, Tenn., writes: I had a bad case of sour Stomach and Indigestion. I could eat so little that I was "falling to bones" and could not sleep nor attend to my business. I used the trial bottle and two large seventy-five cent bottles and can truthfully say I am entirely cured. I have advised many to write for a free trial bottle.

J. W. Moore, Monticello, Mo., makes the following statement about himself and a neighbor. He says: Four bottles of Drake's Palmetto Wine has cured me of catarrh of Bladder and Kidney trouble. I suffered ten years and spent hundreds of dollars with best doctors and specialists without benefit. Drake's Palmetto Wine has made me a well man. A young woman here was given up to die by a Minneapolis specialist and he and our local doctors said they could do no more for her. She has been taking Drake's Palmetto Wine one week and is rapidly recovering.

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## Dr. Gray's Speech Before the Georgia Convention.

Rev. Sparks Melton of Augusta, read the report of committee on the work of the Home Board, commending it for what it had been and endorsing its plans for the future.

Dr. B. D. Gray, the new secretary of the Home Mission Board, was introduced by President Northen. It was the first time he has appeared before the Georgia Convention and his appearance was greeted with an unusual degree of interest. He made a favorable impression and W. D. Upshaw, when he had concluded, voiced the sentiments of the brethren when he said: "My! he's about equal to McConnell."

Dr. Gray spoke of how he had already begun to love Georgia and then told of having crossed the Mississippi six times since he has been secretary, to attend the conventions in the regions beyond. He spoke of the marvelous outlook before that wonderful country and told of what love the people had for Dr. Carroll, who was looked upon as the greatest orator in the South. And there was Truett, one of the greatest evangelical preachers of the age.

"He's a Georgian," said Landrum, who sat near by.

"That's the reason he went to Texas," replied Dr. Gray. "Georgia was to him a pent-up Utica, and he went west to have room enough in which to display his mighty powers." This provoked laughter at the expense of Dr. Landrum.

### DROPPED INTO FOOTBALL LANGUAGE.

"Then they've got a preacher in Texas," continued Dr. Gray, "whose name is Gaddy. He is known as the praying preacher. He's as fond of baseball and football as Dr. White of Atlanta. There was a movement on in the Texas Convention to raise a large sum of money. Men's desires were keyed up to the highest notch. The president called on Gaddy to pray. He pleaded in his own eloquent way and led the brethren toward a throne of grace and then capped the climax by saying, 'Lord, oh Lord, let us make a touch-down tonight.'"

Dr. Gray said he delighted to tell those brethren he was from Georgia and from Atlanta. They, however, pitied a man who lived in such a pent-up section as the States east of the river.

**TRUTH AS WELL AS ELOQUENCE.**  
"This is a wonderful land in which we are called to work," said he. Then, pausing for a moment, he said very dramatically:

"Our country, 'tis a glorious land,  
With broad arms stretched from shore  
to shore,

The proud Pacific chafes her strand,  
She hears the dark Atlantic roar.  
And nurtured on her ample breast,

How many a goodly prospect lies,  
In nature's wildest grandeur drest.

Enamelled with her loveliest dyes,  
Great God! we thank Thee for this  
home,

This bounteous birthland of the free,  
Where wanderers from afar may come  
And breathe the air of liberty.

Still may her flowers untrampled spring  
Her harvests wave, her cities rise,  
And yet till Time shall fold his wing,  
Remain earth's loveliest paradise."

Dr. Gray called forth laughter by

saying very earnestly: "Now, that's truth as well as eloquence."

Continuing, he spoke of the magnificent opportunities that were being presented to the Baptists and yet they were not taking hold of them as they should.

### THE PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT OF THE METHODISTS.

I sometimes wish every Baptist could be filled with the same spirit of progress the Methodists have. If we could take our intelligence and the progress of the Methodists, we could turn the world over. The Methodist is a wonderful fellow. He can make more out of a little than any man on earth. He can draw a conclusion without a premise, can say "therefore" without knowing what went before, and it vexes my immortal soul to see him take his man-made policy and do more than I can with the inspired Word of God in my hand. The Methodist, you may be sure, has the corner lot in every new town and there he is on the cow-catcher of every train going to open up a new country. If he'd consent to take our learning and his progress, the country would be his.

### DR. GRAY'S OLD BAPTIST STEER

"In Kansas City," said Dr. Gray, "I went through the stockyard. I saw thousands upon thousands of cattle. As I walked I saw a magnificent steer. He was lying down. My! what a magnificent fellow he was. I touched him and said: 'Come, old fellow, let's see how big you are and how powerful.' He looked at me as if to say, 'Do you mean it? I'm doing very well. I don't see any necessity for getting up.' I said, 'Yes, get up, old fellow; let's see what you can do.' Now there are not a dozen men here hardly, who could tell how that steer got up. No, his head didn't come up first. He made a motion or two with his head and then up came his great hindquarters, he shook himself and stood locking upon me. There was motion and meat and that makes momentum. I thought of the possibilities of that great beast, if he could be led out where they could be put into play. Oh, Baptists, get up. If your head don't get into play get up, shake yourself, put forth the mighty powers that are lying dormant within you and press forward into the great work that God has for you to do."

### HE HAD NO ROOM FOR A TON OF COAL.

Dr. Gray spoke of our work among the negroes and said Cleveland had never uttered a greater truth than when he said "the man nearest the burden must lift it." The negro problem must be solved by the South, we must lift the burden. And it is a burden. I need only tell you the story of Dr. Burrows. He went to an old negro and said: 'Uncle Jack, I want to give you a Christmas present and I hardly know whether to give you a quart of whiskey, or a ton of coal.' The old man scratched his head, smiled a knowing smile and said: 'Now, boss, you know mitev well I ain't got no room 'round my house fer a whole ton ercoal.'

Dr. Gray spoke of the work in Cuba and concluded in a very forcible manner, after which Dr. A. T. Spalding led the Convention in prayer and the report of the committee was adopted.—Christian Index.

## Birmingham Notes.

Pastor H. W. Provence filled his pulpit at both services at Ensley.

Next Monday is the meeting day of the Pastor's Union at the First Methodist Church.

Rev. A. E. Wright, who was injured by a street car, is up and able to be out on crutches.

The First Church congregation worshipped at the First M. E. Church, where Dr. A. J. Dickinson preached at both services.

Pastor J. O. Hendricks at Pratt City, had an unusually crowded house at both services and gave them two good sermons.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray preached at Adger, Pleasant Ridge, Bessemer and Park Avenue. The cause is hopeful at all these points.

Rev. H. W. Provence read a very instructive and helpful paper on the parabolic form of teaching in the New Testament. It was much appreciated by all.

Pastor E. Lee Smith filled his pulpit at Park Avenue at the 11 a. m. service. Had a good Sunday school at 10 a. m. Bro. S. O. Y. Ray preached at night.

Both services at Wylam by Pastor O'Hara were up to the mark. He preached on the "More Elegant Way" in the morning, and "The Christian Race" in the evening.

At the First Church, Avondale, the preaching and congregation keep together and well to the front. The Sunday school grows. A good collection for Howard College was taken at night.

Pastor W. M. Blackwelder filled his pulpit at both hours. Morning theme: "Christ's Doctrine on Reconciliation." Evening subject "Shipwreck of Pilate." Both congregations were fine and much interest manifested.

Rev. J. M. McCord was at Remlap Sunday morning. Preached to large congregation. It was a good service. There are many Baptists in that district but no church. He attended the B. Y. P. U. meeting at New Prospect in the evening. The outlook for the Union there is bright.

The Fountain Heights Church keeps well to the front in all its departments; well organized and progressive. Pastor Walter S. Brown preached to two good congregations and received one addition. His evening talks are "A Journey in the Psalms," and has reached the eighth mile post with the interest increasing.

The committee on Pastors' and Deacons' meeting for this district made a report recommending a meeting for Thursday, Dec. 10th at 7:30 p. m. at the South Side Baptist Church. "Do the Baptist need more churches in this city?" will be presented by J. B. Gibson. "What is the wisest thing to do under the circumstances?" by Dr. Shelburne.

The union Thanksgiving service of the Baptist Churches of the city and

suburbs was well attended at the South Side Church, filling the auditorium. The music and singing was fine and all the speeches, though impromptu, fitted well into each other and took high ground, making all feel grateful and that each had much to be deeply thankful for as citizens of the most Christian nation, as Christians personally, as individuals and as enjoying special providences.

Dr. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board of Missions, spoke at the Conference about the pressing need of money for State Missions in this district. The apportionment for this Birmingham field made by this Association is \$2,200. The missionary and the students that assist, need and must have their money monthly. It is not in the treasury. The Board cannot borrow. There is no way to get it unless the pastors and churches raise it regularly and send it in promptly. If they don't, the missions and missionaries suffer in consequence.

### Impure Blood.

Almost every one is a sufferer from some disease caused by impure blood, but here and there one recognizes that in his blood lurk the seeds of disease, ready to manifest themselves at the first opportunity in some of the innumerable ways so dreaded by everybody. Every neighborhood has its afflicted, many seemingly incurable, with complaints that have gradually made their appearance, growing a little worse with each change of the season until Chronic Ailments, such as Stomach, Liver and Bowel Troubles are well developed. Each takes one or more forms peculiar to such diseases, but all are due to impure blood, to the absence from the blood of some necessary vital force, or the presence of some foreign element, which impairs its power to faithfully perform its duties, causing a long list of complaints which yearly drag thousands to the grave.

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We hope to make December another record-breaking month for the Alabama Baptist as the receipts for subscriptions in November were more than 50 per cent. greater than in November, 1902.



## CORRESPONDENCE

## Men Seen in Washington.

VII.

One evening I was in my study, in my home in Washington, when my wife sent me word that a gentleman, who wished to see me, was in the parlor. Going there, I found with my wife, a Chinaman, of medium height, thickset, of a strong and firm countenance, clothed in the regulation Chinese dress. He proved to be the then new Chinese minister, Mr. Wu Ting Fang, commonly known as Mr. Wu. He stayed some little time and showed much interest in American affairs, as well as considerable knowledge thereof. Before I came down, he asked Mrs. Montague whether we owned the house, how much we paid for it, and various other questions of a personal nature. That was not at variance with Chinese etiquette, but rather a mark of friendly and complimentary interest. When I returned his visit, he asked me what American of my acquaintance I deemed the greatest man. Nonplussed somewhat, I replied, "Well, I suppose, Mr. Blaine." "Oh! no," he said, "he is dead; I mean what living man." In despair of recalling on the spot the man who seemed to me our strongest force in public life, I replied, "I reckon Justice Harlan is." I then asked him to attend the approaching commencement of the Columbian College. He said at once, "Why should I attend? You will have only your students and professors present." I answered, "Yes; these, and some 1,000 in addition." So he agreed to come, and sure enough, on commencement night, there he sat, in a private box with his staff, forming a singular and unique spectacle, all of them in Chinese dress and far different in appearance from the rest of the crowd.

This diplomat was, and properly so, regarded as one of the strongest men in the foreign contingent at Washington, thoughtful, resourceful, shrewd, fearless. As a public speaker, he attained an enviable place in our country; as a statesman he took high rank; as a man, he was strong and clean. He held his position, and with credit, through the trying time when Peking was besieged and taken by the allied troops, when China was at war with the civilized world, when the wrongs inflicted upon the missionaries evoked the sympathy and indignation of the Christian nations of the earth. I reckon it a privilege to have known such a man.

When I left Washington to go to South Carolina, he wrote me a letter, which I preserve, in which he expressed his regret at my leaving Washington, coupled with the very kind statement that he had hoped that he and I would draw around us a circle of literary men, whose acquaintance would prove very helpful to him.

He has now been recalled to China, and holds a post under the imperial government.

Among our closest friends in the legation was the second secretary, one of the gentlest, kindest, and most worthy men I have ever met, Mr. Hoo. At a period of life deemed very young in China, he had passed his examinations for the civil service, examinations which many men of seventy years have not passed. Among his ancestors, a long way back, had been an emperor of China. When the celebrated Chinese statesman, Earl Li Hung Chang, vis-

ited this country, our friend acted as his private secretary, and secured us the autograph and picture of that famous Oriental leader.

Among the Chinese ladies, our best friends were Mrs. Hoo and Mrs. Ho. Both were kindly, considerate, and generous. The little son of the former, whose English name was Victor Hugo, was much in our home, a dear, patient, attractive child of some two years.

On one occasion my wife showed to Mrs. Hoo the picture of her sister and her husband. After looking at them some time, this Eastern lady said, "Melican ladies dress very much pretty. Melican man dress no too much pretty." Evidently the garb of the American gentleman did not appeal pleasantly to her Oriental taste.

These ladies wore a great quantity of jewelry, some of the rings being of immense value. Their pearl rings are not made of one or several pearls, attached to a gold ring, but are all pearls, surrounding the finger and fastened to a wire or some other strong metal. Their gold is about twenty-four carats, without alloy, and very heavy.

It was pitiful to see these women walk. Their poor, bound feet hardly supported their weight; and they walked with difficulty and seemingly with pain. Madam Yang, the wife of the minister who preceded Mr. Wu, was a Manchurian, and her feet were not bound. She dressed with elegance and was often seen at the most fashionable receptions of Washington.

Some of our Chinese friends went with us to church, always attending the church whose pastor was the beloved Stakoly, now of Montgomery. They listened with evident pleasure to his great sermons, and one or two of them even joined in the singing.

One of the members of the legation, one of the most accomplished of that charming circle, was a Mason. My brethren of this order will know what that meant for a Chinaman.

Just before we left Washington a member of the new legation arrived there from China. It seems that he was the possessor of some very ancient and valuable pottery, vases, and such like. Fearing to leave this property in China, he brought it across the Pacific, from the West to Washington, and finally to the legation building. Unwilling to trust it in a storeroom, with a view to its perfect safety, he had it taken to his room and placed under his bed. Congratulating himself upon the safety of his family possessions, he went to bed with a feeling of great satisfaction. Soon after a noise of broken vases and ruined pottery, resounded throughout the building. The Chinese gentleman had broken through his bed and smashed the pride of his heart to the very last piece!

A. P. Montague.

## Is It Right.

Is what right?—right to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage. Legally it is—morally it is not! Some of man's laws are based on principles of right and some on principles of might—some on justice and some on injustice. But the Judge of all the earth shall do right.

If the legality of all acts are right then the Catholics are right in selling indulgences for revenue to "the faith-

ful," and in administering the "water cure," and fire cure too to the Baptists.

The painted places of shame exist by the sanction of human law—but not by the Divine. And so the saloon and dispensary. But Holy Writ says: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on his nakedness. Thou art filled with shame." But some man will say that the object of the dispensary is to decrease the sale of liquors, and not to make men drunk with the view of looking upon their wretchedness.

But you are engaged in evil that good may come of it. All admit that it is an evil. Can good be a result of evil? Then all men should do evil; for evil becomes a cause and good an effect. Behold a new law under the sun; an evil tree bringing forth good fruit! "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," is not true. Paul in mistaken! And the adage that "a bad beginning makes a good ending," is true. "Like begets like," is false. Logic is at fault. Scripture is untrue. Figures lie. The law of cause and effect in the blaze of the 20th century has passed away. Whatever may have been the original purpose of the dispensary the results are the same as those produced by the guilded saloon and the mangey dogery. At present the warmest advocates of the "expensary," as the sager called it, are those who want it for revenue—nothing more nor less. The drunkard is not expecting revenue—whiskey is what he wants.

The school teacher wants his big salary—the patron the drunkard's money. The law of the State is violated every day. Minors and habitual drunkards buy all the whiskey they want.

People are encouraged to buy. In my own town I have heard the dispenser call from his stand: "You boys had better come over and get what you want. I am going to close directly. And then you will be mad and say I closed before the time."

That was a peculiar accident in Montgomery when that little boy died of starvation. And the good people of the city were deeply grieved over the sad circumstance. But I will obligate myself to bottle all the tears shed on earth by the dispensers and their coadjutors of the liquor traffic—tears for the wretched, starving children, whose parents are dispensary-made drunkards! But in hell some one else must do the bottling!

1. If it is right for one Christian to sell whiskey it is right for any other, for, "things equal to the same thing are equal to each other."

I am a Christian; therefore it is right for me to sell whiskey. But some one will say, no, a preacher should set a good example. So shall all other Christians. And this is a good example, for a dispensary, is a good thing. Yes, a good thing. And I am sure preachers should lead in good things. Therefore the preacher should be the dispenser. But no, you cannot get a preacher to advocate in the State to sell it. He leads up to the door—pushes his follower in and he walks on—wipes his mouth and says, "I have done no sin."

But you say, "I do not advocate the traffic. But whiskey will be sold, so we want to do it in a decent way." Surely! there are some thugs who are going to kill a man by cruel torture. Therefore let the Christians rescue him and kill him in a decent way.

So I notice again that if it is

right to sell whiskey in one place, it is right to sell it in another. Morally right I mean. It is right to sell it in a dispensary, therefore it is right to sell it in a saloon. But you reply that you do not favor the dispensary only as a measure of expediency—a milder or better way of selling liquors. Then the men who are opposed to murder, or adultery, or theft being done in an indecent way may favor it, provided there is a better way. Then those who vote for the dispensary are blameless, because it is a creature of little harm. But it matters not what phase it may present—it is either sin or not sin. It cannot be both. The omnipotent God himself cannot make a thing to be and not to be at the same time.

3. Therefore I conclude that I will not vote for others to sell it; neither will I sell it myself nor look upon it when it is being sold either by saint or sinner. And though I knew that the dispensary system would decrease crime yet I could not vote for it, for in doing so, I should sin. For if I knew that by my killing one man I might save the life of a hundred I would not willingly do it; for the murder of one man makes me guilty of homicide.

R. M. Hunter.

## Simple Evolution Made Complicated.

By Anna Temple Whiting.

I do believe with all my heart  
That dogs as little puppies start;  
That tiny kittens cats will make  
If they the proper method take;

That eggs change into cock or hen,  
And baby-boys turn into men;  
And apes now swinging on the trees  
Had parent apes for centuries.

But oh, confusion worse confounded!  
This theory wise men have sounded:  
That dog and cat and cock and hen,  
And little apes and great big men,

Were all one time mixed up together,  
And knew not which was which, nor  
whether

The dog would be a crowing hen,  
Or man an ape, or apes be men.

—"The Independent."

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**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR THOUGHTS.**

Annie W. Armstrong.

"Be strong!  
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;  
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.  
Shun not the struggle, face it,  
'Tis God's gift."

The making of a Christmas offering for foreign missions and the observance of the first week in January as a time of united prayer, are customs bound up in the very life of Woman's Missionary Union. Throughout the year, General Officers, Central Committee Officers and others faithfully endeavor to answer the daily prayer, "Thy Kingdom come." It has seemed very appropriate however that at the Christmas-tide special emphasis should be placed upon some phases of missionary truth, and that opportunity be given for the making of special offerings of money and prayer.

It will be remembered that "half a million for missions" is the rallying cry of the Southern Baptist Convention for this year. Of this amount \$90,000 has been set as the goal for the women and children, and we are hoping that the Christmas offering and week of prayer may become important factors in helping to reach it. The memorial and festival days of the Jews commanded of God were the veins and arteries of their national life; and, though we do not know the exact date of Christ's birth, most unresponsive must be the heart which does not catch something of the spirit of Christmas. Few are those who do not, though sometimes unconsciously, commemorate the gift of God's only begotten Son, by special effort towards the happiness of loved ones in the home, and of friends. But as laborers together for God, having before us a definite amount needed for His work, shall we not plan for Christmas, 1903, to be a time when the first thing to be done shall be to join the company of the wise men and bring gifts to our Lord and Saviour? In the past appeals have sometimes been based upon the sweet privilege of much offerings at Christmas, or upon a contrast between the peaceful, joyous, saved lives of Christian women, and those in China who have not heard the "good tidings." But, this year, with a higher financial aim than ever before, we would emphasize the highest motives which should actuate each one for co-operation, not only at special seasons but throughout the year.

Above all others, should we not put love to God, which is the first and great commandment, such love as desires His glory? Our Creator, the sustainer of our lives, the forgiving Father who for our sakes sent His son into the world, has not placed us here to "play, to dream, to drift," but to live nobly, that men may see our good works and glory-

fy our Father which is in heaven. Kindred to the first is the second motive, gratitude to Christ. Do we truly realize the terrible cost of our salvation? Then in what better way can we attempt to show our appreciation than by bringing souls to Him? Love is the third motive, inspired by personal love for Christ, which sees in every sinner of whatever condition a means whereby God may be glorified, and a possible star for the Redeemer's crown. Finally, we would mention the binding obligations resting upon every Christian to "Go, disciple all nations," the "Go" including the sending, for "how can they preach except they be sent?"

Let us therefore accept this call to service as an individual opportunity to share with our Redeemer in the hard work to be done, the loads to be lifted for the world's salvation. Precious to many will be the thought that the scales of Him who sees the heart, tip not with the weight of silver or gold but with the pressure of sacrifice. On the other hand, will not the women of large means consider "Can the Master say of my gift 'she hath done what she could?'" But to all classes, giving is far easier than praying, the latter being the holiest work to which we rise, depending upon right relationship with God. Because our Lord's life was one of prayer, because "our substitutes" continually say "pray for us," because with God is all sufficiency for all things and the promises wait upon prayer for their fulfillment, the kingdom for its coming, with great earnestness of heart we appeal to Southern Baptist women not only to make a Christmas offering of money, but to consecrate the opening days of the new year to the ministry of intercession.

**EAST FLORENCE.**

We enjoyed exceedingly a visit recently from Mrs. Hamilton, our State organizer, her presence was like a ray of sunshine, making us feel we are not working in vain, and the little mites we are giving goes to help make the great work our ladies are doing in Alabama.

Our work is in better condition than for the past two years—attendance larger and interest greater. Still we are not satisfied, and expect to put forth greater efforts this year. We would be glad to have Mrs. Hamilton come again, for it is inspiring to have one so filled with the mission spirit with us. And our little Sunbeams would be glad too, to have her tell them more about the dear children in China, they have already begun stringing the fish left with their leader, Miss Leona Dalton—and also to punch the stars on the card around Miss Wille Kelley's head.

We had nearly forty present at our last meeting, and are busy now preparing for Bible day service.

Mrs. J. W. Vessey.  
Florence, Ala.

**BUTLER COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The first ladies meeting of the Butler County Association was held in the Methodist Church of Georgiana, on Saturday afternoon, the 21st of Nov., at 2 o'clock.

The following societies were present: Georgiana, Butler Springs, Durham, Forest Home, Greenville. Mrs. Beeland, the associational vice-president, was in the chair. After the stirring hymn, "Work for the night is coming," Mrs. Murphy read the 41st chapter of Isaiah, and Mrs. Knox prayed for God's richest blessings upon the meeting. Mrs. Vinson in her cordial manner, welcomed the visiting ladies, and made each and all feel at home; assuring them of the pleasure it afforded the ladies of Georgiana to entertain the first ladies meeting of the new association.

Mrs. Taliaferro, in her inimitable way, responded on behalf of the visiting ladies. Next was an elegant address on "The Great Work before us," by Mrs. Beeland. The subject of "Missions" was then taken up, and Miss Goodwin read a fine paper on "Home Missions."

Mrs. Taliaferro was asked to speak a word for the orphanage, which she did, and told of the great work being done for the orphan children of Alabama, and urged each society to help them in a material way. Mrs. Beeland then spoke of the helpfulness of the week of prayer and thanksgiving, and asked that each society make an effort to observe same.

Pledges were then called for, for Home and Foreign Missions, and each society determined to make greater efforts than ever before to spread the glad tidings of "Jesus and His love." After the singing of another sweet hymn a resolution of thanks to the ladies of Georgiana for their royal hospitality was offered. The Vice-President in a few chosen words dismissed the meeting.

Eula McMullan, Sec.

**HARRIS ASSOCIATION.**

The first meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Harris Baptist Association, was held on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1903, at Hatchchubbee, Ala. The associational Vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Nuckolls presided.

Mrs. H. T. Joiner, who was elected secretary, conducted the devotional exercises. In a short but appropriate address Mrs. C. H. Ingram gave a very warm welcome to the visiting ladies of the Union, which was responded to by Mrs. Arthur Allen. Quite a number of delegates were present, and a good deal of interest manifested in the work. A society recently organized at Pittsview was enrolled.

Mrs. Nuckolls gave a very earnest talk, in which she encouraged the societies to greater efforts. The foundation work being entrusted to us, she very forcibly impressed the importance of training our women and children in mission work.

Mrs. G. L. Sallas read an interesting paper on sending boxes to Frontier Missions, and spoke feelingly of the appreciation manifested by those to whom the boxes were sent. It was her opinion that if those who had never sent a box should read the appreciative words received from those on the frontier, they would send one immediately, and continue in this good work. Mrs. T. M. Flournoy made a very tender and loving appeal for Miss Willie Kelly,

our substitute in China telling of her great work, and our duty to pay our pledges promptly and regularly, especially since she is depending on the women of Alabama for her support. Mrs. L. F. Allen made a good talk on woman's work in the church, taking in all the ways and means of accomplishing it. For quite a while the Vice-President of the Harris Association wanted the women to attempt to raise a thousand dollars for benevolence. Two hundred and fifty dollars of this will be strictly for missions. Thirty-five of this mission fund was pledged by the sisters present for Miss Kelley. We are quite sure of raising our apportionment and more. Mrs. F. B. Nuckolls and Mrs. Boyken, the committee on resolutions extended a vote of thanks to our sisters at Hatchchubbee for the cordial greeting, and to our Methodist brethren for the use of their church.

Mrs. Arthur Allen.

Oswichee, Ala.

**CULLMAN ASSOCIATION.**

Dear Mrs. Malone: I feel I must say something through our dear good paper in regard to the Cullman County Association, which was held at the Concord Church. I had the pleasure of attending the Association and I find that the missionary spirit is taking hold of the women stronger each year. The brethren showed their appreciation by taking up a collection which resulted in \$3.09 to supply me with stationery and postage. I held one meeting in school house and talked to the ladies on our duty and work. They seemed interested and invited me to come again. We need the prayers of our sisters that we may not grow weary in our Master's vineyard. I find the harvest white, but the laborers are few. The brethren and sisters of Concord Church entertained us royally. Everybody returned to their homes strengthened by having met with these good people. God's blessings ever be with them is the humble prayer of

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# THE EDITORIAL PAGE.

## Prayer.

"The next day I devoted to fasting and prayer; found special outgoings of heart and encouragement to pray from many Scriptures. I scarcely remember such a day for tenderness and importunity in prayer in my life." "I spent this day in fasting and prayer, in conjunction with several of my brethren in the ministry, for the revival of our churches and the spread of the gospel." "Devoted this day to fasting and prayer in conjunction with several other ministers, who have agreed thus to spend the second Tuesday in every month, to seek the revival of religion, and the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world."

These are extracts from the diary of Andrew Fuller. They are strange words to this generation. Yet they are the words of the man and the action of the men who sent Carey to India and gave, under God, the impulse to the missionary operations which have been one of the distinguishing features of the past century. Born in fasting and prayer was that great movement. It can be continued only, in its spirit, and power, by men of prayer.

Carey and his associates transferred this spirit to the fields of labor in India when they adopted as the basis and motto of their work the following: "Let us look at Brainerd in the woods of America, pouring out his very soul before God for the perishing heathen without whose salvation nothing could make him happy. Prayer secret, fervent, believing prayer lies at the root of all personal godliness."

"Consider secret prayer as one of the three great works of thy life. Arrange thy affairs if possible so that thou canst leisurely devote two or three hours every day, not merely to devotional exercises, but to the very act of secret prayer and communion with God. Endeavor seven times a day to withdraw from business and company and lift up thy soul to God in private retirement. Begin the day by rising after midnight and devoting some time amid the silence and darkness of the night to this sacred work. Let the hour of opening dawn find thee at the same work, let the hours of nine, twelve, three, six, and nine at night witness the same. Be resolute in this course. Make all practicable sacrifices to maintain it. Consider that thy time is short and that business and company must not be allowed to rob thee of thy God." Extravagant, fanatical directions do you say, originating in the cell of some superstitious and ignorant monk. No, no; these are the words of that devoted Baptist missionary of the nineteenth century, whose prayers and faith laid the foundations of God's kingdom imperishably in Burmah. Adoniram Judson, D.D., whose wisdom, devotion and scholarship makes him the peer of the noblest and the best. He said to his wife: "I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything but it came at some time—no matter at how distant a day—somehow in some shape—probably the last I would have devised—it came!" When we can pray like Adoniram Judson did, and get answers as he did and make and shape great things and small things by praying as he did, then we will know the pre-eminence of prayer and estimate it as he

Carolina from  
Let us see that no one

"I have intimated my fear that it is visionary to expect an unusual success in the human administration of religion unless there are unusual omens; now a most emphatical spirit of prayer would be such an omen; and the individual who should solemnly determine to try its last possible efficacy might probably find himself becoming a much more prevailing agent in his little sphere. And if the whole, or the greater number of the disciples of Christianity, were with an earnest unalterable resolution of each to combine that heaven should not withhold one single influence which the very utmost effort of conspiring and persevering supplication would obtain, it would be a sign that a revolution of the world was at hand." Visionary and fanciful prophecies the above will be thought; yet they are the words of a Baptist preacher, John Foster, who stood among the first in the ranks of literature and cultured intelligence.

The Scriptures warrant these strong views of prayer, its efficiency and vital connection with the success of the gospel. No individual Christian life has ever ranked high in piety, nor has ever been eminent in influence for Christ in which prayer has not been pre-eminent and conspicuous. No movement has ever conserved vital godliness, nor made it aggressive which has not been inspired, rooted, and grounded in prayer, and which has not been inaugurated, shaped, and directed, at every point, by persons remarkable for the prayer spirit and prayer habit. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive." This is the all inclusive, all comprehensive, illimitable limitations of prayer as laid down by the Son of God.

## "Help These Women."

We the women of the W. C. T. U. of Birmingham, having received information which we believe to be true, that whiskey, beer, wine and cigarettes are being constantly sold not only to young men under twenty-one years of age, but to children and youths much younger, by the saloons of this city, do present this our protest against this reckless violation of law.

We are before the public entreating the police department of our city government, and the State officers entrusted with the enforcement of the laws, to examine into this matter and enforce the law. Our action is not based upon any malice towards any one, but upon the love we bear the youth of this great city, for whose safety the laws on this subject have been enacted.

For the information of those not posted on this subject, we state briefly the law on this and kindred subjects—Section 5078 of the State Code, provides for the punishment of persons who sell or give liquors to minors—Section 5080, prohibits the employment of minors to sell liquors—Section 5336, prohibits the sale of cigarettes to minors. These laws are in the State Code of 1896. The city laws on this subject are just as stringent as to selling, see City Code, Section 536, "under the provision of this law liquors must not be sold to a minor, or student, or pupil of any school."

Section 539 reads as follows: "Any minor or person under twenty-one years of age, who enters, engages in conversation in, drinks or plays pool, billiards

or any other game in any bar room, billiard saloon or pool room in this city, where spirituous or vinous or malt liquors are sold, shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$100. Sections 548 and 543 also relate to this subject.

It will be seen that the law makes every provision for the protection of the young against the early formation of the habit of drinking, punishing them as well as the man who sells or gives it to them.

This, our protest, is made because of the love we bear for our boys, and the anxiety we have for their safety, and we earnestly call upon all, who have the future of young men at heart, to aid us in causing a vigorous enforcement of the laws on this subject.

Mrs. R. D. Johnston,  
Mrs. John White,  
Mrs. James Weisel,  
Committee.

(These good women who are trying to save our boys ought to have the prayers and active sympathy of all Christian men and women in Birmingham. The evils they point out are a blot on Birmingham.)

## EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The State B. Y. P. U. Convention of Mississippi, which recently held a successful meeting at Meridian, will meet next year at Columbus.

Sunday morning we preached at the Elyton Baptist Church. Brother Gross is doing a fine work and has some splendid workers helping him. The church recently installed electric lights.

Rev. Len G. Broughton has a strong hold over his members as shown by the great sacrifice they made to raise the \$16,000 to pay off the debts of the Tabernacle and keep him from going to the Clarendon Street Church, Boston.

We congratulate Rev. J. Curry of Athens, and his faithful workers on being able to look at the beautiful memorial windows as they have been put in position. They are six in number and add to the beauty of the church.

It will be good news to many that Brother Crumpton will get out a Missionary Edition of the Alabama Baptist in December. We can generally tell when the time is drawing nigh for him to take hold of the shears for he gets stingy with his own writings.

We rejoice with the saints at Biloxi on paying off the indebtedness on their new house of worship. Dr. J. B. Searcy has served them faithfully and well for nearly five years. We remember the good Doctor most pleasantly as the host of the Southern Baptist Press Association last winter.

We extend to Dr. W. H. Geistwert, the beloved editor of the Baptist Union, our sincerest sympathy in the loss of his dear wife, Mary E. Geistwert. We feel sure that Baptist young people everywhere will follow him with their prayers that God may draw very nigh unto him in his great sorrow.

Dr. F. O. McConnell, our own beloved

McConnell, who is helping Pastor Everhardt in a series of meetings at Liberty, according to President Williams, is doing some "regular old-fashioned preaching." We know McConnell well enough to know that wherever he preaches, he preaches Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Zion's Advocate, the State paper of the Baptists of Maine, has had its 75th anniversary. The Advocate has served well the Baptists of Maine and has had an honorable history. We extend to the present editor, Rev. Henry S. Burtage, D.D., our warmest congratulations and felicitate his subscribers on having such a scholarly editor.

The annual course of Sunday School Lectures before the Seminary will be delivered by Dr. S. H. Green of Washington, D. C., on Dec. 14-18th. The subjects are: (1) "The Book," (2) "The Man," (3) "The Organization," (4) "The Institution," (5) "The Incentive." The fund which makes these lectures possible is a gift of the Sunday School Board to the Seminary.

The Trustees of Richmond College, who recently erected a granite monument shaft, fourteen feet high, on the campus, in memory of Dr. Ryland who was for so many years the distinguished president of that famous institution, did a handsome thing and set a good example. The memory of our worthy college presidents by suitable memorials is a most appropriate thing.

Sunday night we had the pleasure of preaching at Deatsville and spent the night with Bro. Henry R. Schramm in the new parsonage. He had many good things to tell of the loyal way in which his people were standing by him. Monday morning we made a talk on education before the Deatsville High School. Professor Walker expects to accomplish great things. He will soon erect a comfortable home for himself near the spring on the school grounds. The location of the school is fine.

We had the pleasure not only of meeting Senator William D. Dunn, who is a candidate for Solicitor of the First Judicial Circuit at the Baptist State Convention, but also in Montgomery where he did all in his power to help us defeat the iniquitous "Pool Selling Bill," which was framed in order to make it legal to sell them at the Birmingham Fair. Senator Dunn dares to do right and we can easily see why the people of his district have trusted him. The State needs upright men in public office.

Thanksgiving services of Congregation Emanuel and First Baptist Church were held here Friday evening, Nov. 27th. Dr. A. J. Dickinson preached on the "Goodness of God." It will be remembered that the synagogue was used for quite a while by the congregation of the First Church before going up to the High School building. Dr. Morris Newfield, Rabbi of Temple Emanuel is quite fond of Dr. Dickinson and in introducing him he took occasion to pay a high tribute to his accurate scholarship.

We congratulate the Birmingham



## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

Ledger for devoting a page each Monday afternoon to "The Word of God as Expounded by the Birmingham Pastors." We note with pleasure that our Baptist pastors are being given a place and that the synopsis of their sermons show that they are men of high ability. We have some talented as well as deeply consecrated Baptist preachers in the Birmingham District. It speaks well for the Ledger and the community that the Sunday sermons are a feature of the Monday paper.

We wish to express our disappointment and regret that the Thanksgiving Frontispiece was so "sporty." We ordered a turkey decorated with chrysanthemums, but the artist wove in the head of a football player. The cut arrived too late for us to suppress the devotee of the pigskin and we let him remain hoping that our subscribers would conclude from his hair that he was a new variety of chrysanthemum. While a number of our subscribers are opposed to football yet they manage to do a good deal of "kicking." However, we don't blame them in this instance.

The Journal and Messenger says: "The Baptist Congress, which met week before last in Philadelphia, was somewhat peculiar, in that it did not undertake to create a revolution in Baptist doctrines and practices. It was characterized by remarkable harmony and conservatism. The wild mustangs of former years were either absent, or had been tamed. The topics discussed were rational and their treatment practical."

We are glad to know this as we understand they want to meet next time at the Broadway Baptist Church, Louis-

ville, and Dr. Carter Helm Jones has the matter under advisement.

We are feeling mighty good over the way the brethren are paying up and renewing. It makes us want to do our level best to give them a good paper. Be patient a little longer, and you will be rewarded for we are planning some big improvements. It will take money, but we are willing to spend it now, that we see our way clear. The pastors have stood by us nobly and we want to make a paper that will make their work easier. Our hearts are filled with thanksgivings. We believe that the work of the Lord is going to prosper in Alabama during the coming year, and we want to have a part in it.

Isaac S. Barr, one of the oldest newspaper men in the State, and a life member of the Alabama Press Association, who died recently at his home in Florence, was born in 1829 near Centre Star, in Lauderdale county, and when a boy went to Florence to learn the printers trade.

In 1858 he and his brothers Silas G. and William Barr, bought The Gazette, which they edited until he enlisted in the 4th Alabama Cavalry in the fall of 1862. Mr. Barr returned to Florence after the war and was at different times editor of The Gazette, The Lauderdale Times and The Banner. He was a Royal Arch Mason and an officer in the Florence Lodge for more than thirty years. He attended the Confederate reunion and the meeting of the Press Association, held in Birmingham recently, and brightened our office with his cheery greetings. We will miss his genial face at the next Press Association.

### What's in a Name?

We are beginning to believe that the name "Alabama Baptist" is dear to the Baptists of Alabama for many are the congratulations we have received on dropping "The Southern, etc." One brother said it was worth the price of a year's subscription, another remarked that it was the best thing we had done since moving the paper from Montgomery, another that it showed we really meant to improve the paper, etc. We are so glad that we made a hit by going back to the old name and pray that we make each issue better and better so that it will carry sunshine into every home it enters. We hope every one who is now taking it will say a good word for it and not only send in their renewal, but add to their name that of a new subscriber. Any new subscriber sending \$2 will receive the paper from the time his remittance reaches us until Jan. 1, 1905. We are printing 8,300 papers a week and last week we didn't have enough to go round. This week we will print 8,400. With the continued help of the preachers and a stronger effort on the part of each subscriber we could soon reach the 10,000 mark for which we are striving. The paper is "booming" and most of the letters received are filled with kind words and sympathy. Every now and then we get one filled with unreasonable criticism, but more often some friend points out a real defect, and we try to remedy it, for we are anxious to make the Alabama Baptist a paper of which all Alabama Baptists can be proud.

#### NOTHING IN A NAME.

Baylor University is to issue a theological journal—"The Southwestern Baptist Review"—The Seminary at Louisville is also to issue one, or rather will merge their present magazine into one—"The Baptist Review and Expositor." This will be good tidings to all Southern Baptists. We could wish, however, that the names might be so changed as not to be so much alike—let one be an "Expositor" and the other a "Review" since "there's nothing in a name" anyhow according to our good friend Shakespeare.—The Baptist.

#### GIVEN A BAD NAME.

At the close of the passion-play I sought out some of the principal actors, and found them kindly and interesting. To the Christus I gave a commission for a carved picture frame, and this he afterward executed beautifully. With the Judas, who was by far the best actor in the whole performance, I became still better acquainted. Visiting his workshop, after ordering of him two carved statues, I said to him, "You certainly ought to have a double salary, as the Judas had in the miracle plays of the Middle Ages; this was thought to be due him on account of the injury done to his character by his taking that part." At this the Oberammergau Judas smiled pleasantly and said, "No; I am content to share equally with the others; but the same feeling toward the Judas still exists;" and he then told me the following story: A few weeks before, while he was working

at his carving-bench, the door of his workshop opened, and a peasant woman from the mountains came in, stood still, and gazed at him intently. On his asking her what she wanted, she replied: "I saw you in the play yesterday! I wish to look at you again. You look so like my husband! He is dead. He, too, was a very bad man!"—Andrew D. White, in the Century.

#### WILL CHANGE THE NAME.

Editor Frank Willis Barnett of the Southern and Alabama Baptist, of this city, has determined to change the name of his paper back to the Alabama Baptist. In discussing the matter today Mr. Barnett said:

"When I bought the Baptist Herald, the Baptist Evangel, and the Alabama Baptist and consolidated them with the Southern Baptist, I thought it would be a good idea to adopt the name of Southern and Alabama Baptist, but after two years trial with this week's issue the name will be simply the Alabama Baptist, as it was established in 1874 and is a household name in Alabama. The name Southern and Alabama Baptist somehow never caught hold of the people and it brought about much confusion at the convention, associations and Baptist rallies, not to mention the manner in which letters were addressed. They came to the 'Alabama Southern Baptist,' the 'Southern Alabama Baptist,' the 'Alabama and Southern Baptist,' the 'Southern Baptist,' the 'Alabama Baptist,' but rarely to the 'Southern and Alabama Baptist.' But the greatest confusion came about by my office being near that of the general offices of the Southern Railway. Daily people came in for their pay, or passes, or rates, or other railroad information, until I almost felt that I was connected with the operative department of the Southern. Don't ever get it into your head that there is nothing in a name even if Shakespeare did make a love-sick maid ask 'what's in a name?' and want her lover to 'doff it.' Why, a Baptist brother in the backwoods wrote that it was not Baptist for me to write my name in full Frank Willis Barnett, but according to Scripture it should be F. W. Barnett. I asked him to give me the chapter and verse, but up to date he has not furnished them. He just stopped his paper."—Birmingham News.

#### More About Birmingham Baptists

I want to take off my hat to the brethren of North Birmingham and Park Avenue Churches for leaving them out of the list of churches of the city and suburban towns. I do not know why I did not put them in, only I didn't, but it may be that they deserved special mention and I forgot them on purpose; anyway, they are doing a fine work. The North Birmingham Church has never been in better condition than at this time and the Park Avenue Church is rapidly forging to the front. Their new house of worship is about finished and they are arranging to build the pastor's house soon and are receiving members every meeting. These churches can't be left out of our work here and do justice to the cause.

S. O. Y. Ray.

December is a good month in which to pay up and renew. It will make Christmas pleasanter for both the editor and the subscriber. If you don't believe it just try it.



### LOOK OVER

These suggestions, if you don't see your Christmas gift here write for it.

Thimbles, strong and good, with initials engraved, solid gold \$3.50, silver top, gold bottom \$1, all silver 50c.

Cuff Links, new style, solid gold, \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50.

Scarf Pins, pretty ones set with stones, \$1, \$1.50 \$2.

Brooches, ladies, solid gold and pearls \$3, \$5, \$8.

Baby Pins, solid gold, in pairs, \$1.50, with stones \$2.

Rings, solid gold, plain or carved band, small \$1, large \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, stone set, small, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, large \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5.

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#### Notice to Non-Resident.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, City Court of Birmingham. In Chancery.

Lila Busby, Complainant, vs. John A. Busby, Defendant.

In this cause it is made to appear to the Judge of this Court in Term time by the affidavit of J. M. Russell, solicitor for Complainant, that the Defendant, John A. Busby, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, and reside in West Point, Mississippi, and further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in The Southern and Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Defendant, to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 18th day of January, 1904, or after thirty days thereafter a Decree Pro Confesso will be taken against him. This 30th day of November, 1903.

C. W. FERGUSON,  
Judge of the City Court of Birmingham.



## B. Y. P. U.

### DR. MONTAGUE TO B. Y. P. U.

To the Baptist Young People's Unions of Alabama: At the last meeting of your State Union, held at East Lake in the spring, the sum of \$1,000 was pledged for the new dormitory.

Up to the present time the various unions have paid of this amount \$108.25, the Ruhama Church of East Lake paying \$58.25 of that sum. Recently the union of the Pleasant Ridge Church, in Jefferson county, agreed to pay \$10.

The unions that have taken part in meeting the obligation of the State Union are those of Ruhama, the Parker Memorial of Anniston, the St. Francis Street Church of Mobile, the First Church of Huntsville, and Bro. J. C. Williams individually.

There are, I learn, 120 unions in Alabama. Five of them have discharged the obligation entered into by their general assembly!

Whether some members of the State Baptist Young People's Union approved of the promise made has nothing whatever to do with the point at issue. This is a solemn obligation incurred by Christian men and women, duly accredited representations of the unions of Alabama, and as such it should be discharged. We say sometimes of a worldly man "His word is as good as his bond." Shall we not be able to say this of Christians also.

A. P. Montague.

### FROM LAFAYETTE B. Y. P. U.

I notice on the editorial page of this week's paper, two editorials, one headed, "we are thankful because," and "you ought to be thankful because." I fully agree with you that these cover many things for which we should all be thankful, indeed for which we are thankful. We need them all. There is one very important part of our denominational work left out of these lists of "Because's." I allude to the B. Y. P. U. department. It makes our hearts sad to think that this is to be neglected. The work is of such vast importance that it should be given a prominent and permanent place in the paper. It is the training school for our young people, and every one should hover around and support it. Many say since the department was discontinued in the paper, that the "cream of the paper" was gone. It should be resumed at once and kept alive all the time. Nothing should prevent it from having at least a full page each week. Brethren we need. We owe it to our young people. Let us rally around and revive it.

At the last session of the East Liberty Association the B. Y. P. U. was recognized for the first time in the history of the Association, and best of all given a place among the "standing committees" to report at all future sessions. If all the Associations throughout the State would do this, the work would and could grow. It will stimulate the young people to have recognition. Let us give it to them, not temporarily, but permanently, and help to "train them up in the way they should go, and when they get old they will not depart there from."

It is to be hoped that the Executive Committee of the State B. Y. P. U. will see that the department is again in the paper, and kept weekly.

Let us see

Our Union is doing a fine work here. Attendance and interest good. We are arranging to have a "special service" on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1903, and have invited several of our sister churches to send delegates. We hope to organize many unions after the meeting. Have recently organized a very promising one at Center Church. Let us all praise God for the good the union has done in the past, and trust Him for the future prosperity of same.

Many have expressed their delight at seeing the name "Alabama Baptist" again. We all love the good old name, and give it a most cordial welcome.

G. E. Burnett.

### Some Things About Brother Crumpton.

#### THAT HOWARD COLLEGE SUBSCRIPTION.

Brethren will call to mind the occasion at Decatur, which led to an appeal for a subscription for five years to the salary of the Howard College President, whomsoever he should be. I think it was something over \$1,900 we secured. At the same convention it was resolved to ask the denomination for \$6,000 a year for the college. Some brethren have merged the former into the latter. That is, they have given in the general collection for Howard College and left the subscription unpaid. I want to say, whatever others may do, I am resolved to keep my promise at Decatur. I look upon that as sacred obligation. See what it did. But for that, the board of trustees would not have dared to make a bid for our splendid president. The plan ought to have been adopted years ago and the November collection for Christian Education ought to have been undertaken too.

Let the Decatur pledges be paid and the November collections be pressed. I want to beg the pastors and brethren not to turn the cold shoulder to either. The prospects for the college were never brighter. The brighter they become, the more enthusiastic should be our efforts in its behalf.

The College and the Alabama Baptist are the great arms of our power. If these are crippled, for any cause, the cause suffers everywhere.

#### A GREAT BOARD MEETING.

One of the brethren writing back says: "I am constantly thinking this morning of what a delightful day we had yesterday. I have never attended a board meeting where such a fine spirit prevailed. The prospects before us are bright indeed. May we wisely use our opportunities."

Brethren who had never been present before were delighted. For five solid hours the closest attention was given to every detail.

The dinner served by the sisters of the Adams Street Church could not be surpassed by the finest hotel in the city.

Now listen, brethren: The amount appropriated was larger than ever before. It could not be helped. Every case was urgent—and the end is not reached. I know of other appeals that will be made.

After discussing for some time the question: Shall the local Board be authorized to borrow money and settle with the missionaries monthly? it was decided in the negative. A brother said: "There is but one way; we pastors must put the money in the treasury of the Board to meet these obligations." I want to beg the pastors to remember that. It is wrong to ask the

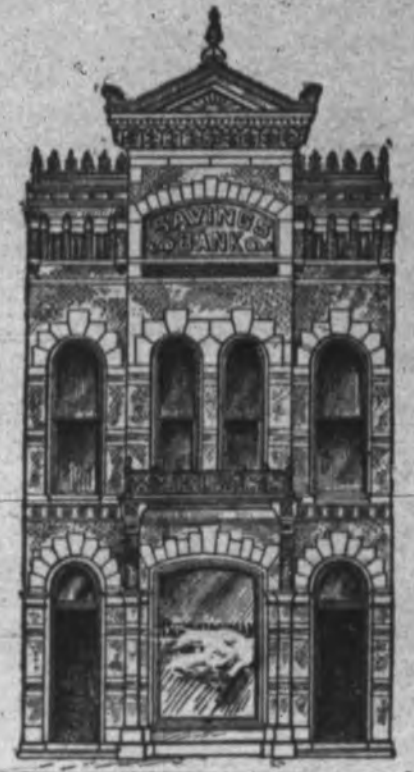
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poor missionaries to wait; the local Board cannot be expected to go into the banks on their own personal paper and borrow the money for the Board. The difficulties will all disappear when the pastors patiently, persistently press systematic collections in all the churches.

I turn my face hopefully to the new year, which practically opens with the annual meeting of the State Board of Missions. May heaven smile upon our efforts and breath fresh courage into all of our hearts.

W. B. Crumpton.

Montgomery, Ala.

### For the Southern and Alabama Baptist.

The first Sunday in November marked my seventh anniversary as pastor in Talladega. The church celebrated it by paying off a debt of \$400 on the parsonage. One of my good deacons was kind enough to say, "we hope we may have you with us seventy times seven."

On the second Sunday in November we had the pleasure of having with us Dr. Chas A. Stakely of Montgomery, who assisted in ordaining three deacons: Brethren J. H. Hayden, W. M. Graham and Chas W. Stringer. Dr. Samuel W. Welch who was elected the same time these three were elected had previously been ordained while a member of the Alpine Church. Dr. Stakely preached a scholarly and eloquent sermon on "The Ministry of Light," which produced a good impression on the large congregation. He also preached an able sermon at night on "The Functions of the Holy Spirit."

We appreciate the courtesy of the First Church of Montgomery in lending him to us. We are beginning to lay plans for the coming year, and trust that under God we shall be enabled to accomplish greater things than ever before.

T. M. Calloway.

#### From Vincent.

On Wednesday, Nov. 18, the writer solemnized the rites of matrimony between Mr. J. C. Russell and Miss Osye Wilson of Fayetteville.

It was a beautiful church wedding, and the decorations were lovely. A great concourse of people witnessed the ceremony, and many beautiful presents attested the high esteem in which they were held.

Mr. Russell is a young man who is well liked, and whose habits of industry will tell out for their mutual good. Miss Wilson is a member of the Baptist Church and a young lady of superior

qualities of heart and mind.

May the guiding hand of Providence lead them into paths of peace and prosperity.

O. P. Bentley.

## What Will Cure A Bad Catarrh

A Noted Doctor-Preacher of Atlanta Seems Able to Permanently Cure This Disease by an Entirely New Home Method That is Attracting Attention.

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Those who have all along doubted whether there really was a permanent cure for catarrh will be glad to learn that an eminent southern doctor-divine, J. W. Blosser by name, has discovered a home method whereby catarrh can be cured to the very last speck without regard to climate or conditions, and so that there shall be no misgiving about it he will send it free to any man or woman without expecting payment, for while others are spending fortunes in advertising Dr. Blosser uses his money to build up his discovery, and therefore he can afford to send a trial package free and let the results speak for themselves.

The doctor's discovery is radically different from the schemes that the country has recently been flooded with, and the results he has achieved seem to mark a new era in the scientific cure of chronic catarrh, foul breath, hawking and spitting, stopped-up feeling in the nose and throat, coughing spells, difficulty of breathing, catarrhal deafness, scratching in the throat, asthma, bronchitis and the many other symptoms of a bad case of catarrh. The first day's use will clear the nasal passages and the lungs, and then the catarrh germs are dispelled and you are forever freed from this annoying disease.

The doctor is willing to rest his case on the free package he sends you, and the fact that his company now occupies four large floors would seem to prove that his discovery is genuine; so send your name and address without delay to the Dr. Blosser Co., 352 Walton St., Atlanta, Ga., and you will receive the free package, illustrated book, etc. The least you can do is to find out what the doctor has got, as you can't be anything out, one way or another, and you surely should be cured.



FIELD NOTES.

FROM FLORIDA.

A little more than a month ago I left Prattville, Ala., to make my home in the "land of flowers." It was with profound sorrow I bid farewell to the people I had known and loved so long, and especially to the Sunday school and church, with which I had labored and worshiped for more than fifteen years. For seven years I had tried to fill the place of superintendent. The Lord wonderfully blessed me during all these years. By His help we were enabled to build a large and commodious house of worship. Never did anyone have the co-operation of a truer band of Christian teachers. I shall never forget the parting scene on my last Sunday with them. After presenting me with a beautiful set of silver spoons they sang "God be with me you till we meet again," and the entire school came forward with tearful eyes and bid me good bye.

I shall always think of these dear people with the tenderest of feelings. I have found a splendid people down here. Our church is not very large, but is composed of good workers, if they were properly united. We have a regular Sunday school and prayer meeting. We are at present in need of a pastor. A young energetic, up-to-date preacher that is willing to do hard work could do a great work here. We have a splendid climate, plenty of fish and one of the healthiest places in the State. The freeze of 1894 crippled the orange industry considerably, but the groves are being built up again, and confidence is being restored. The people have found that other things pay well, and all kinds of vegetables and melons are being raised for northern market. As a rule the people are contented and prosperous. The country, as the name indicates abounds in beautiful clear water lakes. The dear old Alabama Baptist finds it way down here.

R. M. Anderson.

CULLMAN ASSOCIATION

The Cullman Association held its Twenty-first Annual Session with Concord Church, Oct. 20-22, 1903. Rev. C. A. Owen was elected moderator and the writer was re-elected clerk, and Mr. C. W. Whaley was re-elected treasurer.

Our Association went above high-water mark on missions. The State Board of missions was most ably represented by Rev. W. A. Parker, Sr. Our next session will be held at Goodhope Church, five miles west of Cullman, Oct. 18, 1904.

J. E. Creel.

Hanceville, Ala.

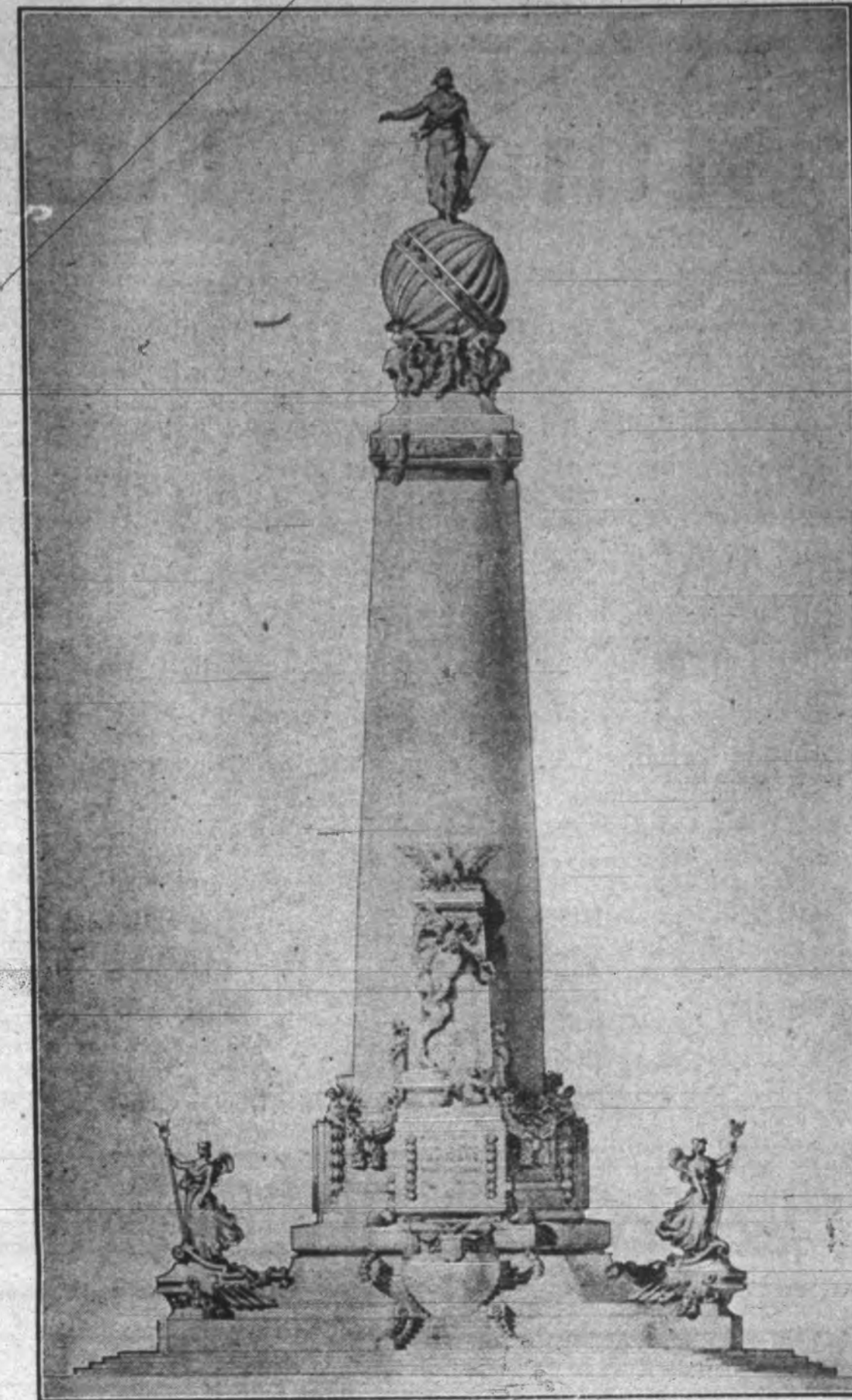
A VOTE OF THANKS.

Rev. F. W. Barnett, Birmingham, Ala.  
Dear Sir: At the request of the Faculty of Howard College it gives me pleasure to inform you of the vote of thanks tendered you at our last meeting for your kind offer concerning a reading-room for the benefit of the students. We certainly do appreciate your sympathy and manifested interest, and in behalf of the faculty I extend you our cordial thanks.

Yours truly,  
G. W. Cunningham, Sec.

A PROMISING MISSION TO THE JEWS.

We as a denomination have just one mission to the Jews in the United States. It is in Brooklyn, N. Y., and is called the Brownsville and Williamsburg Christian Mission to the Jews.



Louisiana Purchase Monument.

This very graceful and beautiful monument, emblematic of the Louisiana Purchase, will stand in the broad boulevard which bisects the main group of St. Louis Exposition palaces. It is 100 feet high, the shaft being 17 feet in diameter at the middle. The base is 55 feet in diameter. The crowning statue is Peace, calling nations of the world, together in friendly competition, the Exposition being one of the triumphs of the purchase. Peace stands upon the world which in turn is supported by four giants representing the forces of the universe. The signs of the Zodiac appear upon the broad equatorial band. At the base of the column on two sides are allegorical figures mounting the prows of Indian canoes, representing the conquest of navigation on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers. On the north the base is a rostrum from which representative men will make their speeches upon ceremonial occasions. On the south side, facing the main lagoon is a magnificent group typifying the transfer of the Louisiana Territory by France to the United States. Upon the summit of the Obelisks which surround the base of the great shaft American eagles are perched, and upon the cartouches on the obelisks are base-relief figures of fame. The Monument was designed by Emanuel L. Masqueray, chief of the Department of Design, of world's Fair, and all the sculpture upon and surrounding it is by Karl Bitter, the chief of Sculpture.

Rev. Leopold Cohn, a converted Jewish Rabbi, is the superintendent. In Brooklyn the Jewish Ghettos are situated in two quarters of the city. One, Brownsville, contains about 30,000 Jews, and the other, Williamsburg, has a population of 60,000 Hebrews. Mr. Cohn has established a branch in both sections, thus reaching practically nearly all of the one hundred thousand Jews in Brooklyn. A dispensary is connected with the missions and much good is done by means of medical assistance rendered to the poor in this way.

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ye first the Kingdom of God and all the other things shall be added unto you." The missionary had many severe trials and for the first two years labored alone without any assistance whatever, using his own funds to meet the expenses. At the end of this time the Baptist brethren of Brooklyn, having become convinced of his sincerity and ability, came forward and offered their help to Mr. Cohn which he accepted, knowing it came of the Lord. In token of gratitude to God for His token of approval, Mr. Cohn then opened the mission in Williamsburg, which is supported by His children everywhere, of all denom-

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Revival at Huntsville.

Evangelist T. N. Compton began a series of revival meetings at the First Church here Sunday. Brother Murray, the pastor, says, "A protracted meeting is an easy thing to have, but it cost something to have a revival of religion."

The prayers of the denomination are requested on behalf of the meeting.

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Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Honorable J. J. Mitchel, Judge of the Probate Court of Lauderdale County, Alabama, I, C. W. Ashcraft, as administrator of the estate of Janie Dunklin Ashcraft, deceased, will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, in front of the court house door of Jefferson County, Alabama, on Monday, the 28 day of December, 1903, within the legal hours of sale for one third cash, one third December 1st, 1904, and one third April 1st, 1905, deferred payments to bear interest from the date of sale and to be secured in the manner provided by law, the following described real estate, belonging to said estate, to-wit:

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**Butler County Association.**

("By special request we print the following from the Enterprise.")

The first session of the Butler County Baptist Association convened at the Baptist Church in this city at 10 o'clock last Friday morning.

The citizens of our town for sometime have looked forward to this occasion with marked pleasure and the entire citizenship came together as a unit and gave to the delegates and visitors alike a warm hearty welcome. Many of them declared unto us that nowhere had they been more royally welcomed and better entertained.

The business of the Association began with the preaching of the introductory sermon by Dr. D. W. Ramsey, pastor of Pine Apple Baptist Church.

At 2 o'clock p. m., devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. T. Sims of this city.

The Association then went into temporary organization.

J. G. Reynolds of Forest Home, was made Temporary Moderator and G. H. Bryan Temporary Clerk.

Letters of the various churches were read by Revs. A. T. Sims of this city, and W. A. Taliaferro of Greenville.

After the reading of the letters delegates were assigned to homes.

The Association then elected officers which resulted as follows:

J. G. Reynolds, Moderator; G. H. Bryan, Clerk; Daniel Harrison, Treasurer.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev. A. B. Metcalf, pastor of Georgiana Baptist Church.

Response to the address of welcome was delivered by Rev. W. A. Taliaferro, pastor Greenville Baptist Church.

The following visitors were recognized, and given seats in the body:

Dr. D. W. Ramsey, Pineapple; Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of State Board of Missions; Rev. W. C. Avant, Montgomery; Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen.

Rev. J. W. Stewart was then appointed to preach Friday night.

On Saturday morning after the devotional exercises conducted by Prof. J. E. Cheatham, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Rev. A. B. Metcalf made a motion to invite Revs. B. L. Selman, J. L. Mathison, W. I. Powers and Judge Carthel.

The report of committees then followed:

State Missions, by Rev. A. T. Sims.  
Home Missions, by Rev. W. A. Taliaferro.

Foreign Missions, by D. M. Powell.  
Discussions of Missions were then taken up by Rev. W. B. Crumpton leading, and Revs. John W. Stewart and W. A. Taliaferro.

On adoption of reports on Missions a motion was carried to have the Sunday school subject taken up at 2 p. m. Report adopted. Discussed by Judge Carthel, who is one of the foremost Sunday school workers of the State. It was a splendid talk and will do much good for the Sunday school cause in this section.

Report on Orphans' Home read and adopted. Discussed by Rev. John W. Stewart of Evergreen.

On motion of Rev. A. B. Metcalf, J. B. Byrd of Ozark, was invited to a seat in the Association.

The body adjourned to 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. N. Baker, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

A collection of \$15.05 was then taken for the Orphans' Home.

Report on Districting the county read and adopted.

Distinctive Baptist Doctrine was discussed by Dr. Ramsey, Rev. W. B. Crumpton and Rev. W. C. Avant.

Sunday morning the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Alley Shell. After reading and correcting the minutes a motion was made to make the Association meet regularly on Wednesday after the fourth Sunday in October each year. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. A. Taliaferro W. F. Herndon of Gravel Hill, D. H. Rouse and Henry Gamble of Greenville, be given seats in the Association. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. A. B. Metcalf, Messrs. Jas. Head and Hilliard Shreve were given seats in the body.

A motion was carried that Rev. Mr. Taliaferro and Prof. J. E. Cheatham were to report on Christian Education.

Report on Temperance read and adopted. Discussed by Rev. A. T. Sims and Rev. N. Baker and Mr. Kerkendall.

Report of standing committee adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks be and the same are hereby tendered to the people of Georgiana, for their Christian hospitality during our stay with them.

The resolution was passed by a hearty rising vote.

A motion was then made that Rev. Frank Willis Barnett of Birmingham, editor and proprietor of the Southern Baptist, be given a seat in the body. Carried.

Report of the Committee on Christian Education was read and adopted. Discussed by Rev. F. W. Barnett.

At 11 o'clock Rev. Frank Willis Barnett preached one of the finest sermons ever delivered in this city. The church was crowded, many had to stand during the entire service. Mr. Barnett is one of the best preachers in the Baptist Church and every utterance of this learned man was listened to with deep interest.

With this sermon the first session of the Butler County Baptist Association came to a close.

The next session will be held at Butler Springs next October.

Dr. David William Gwin requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of his daughter, Gertrude, to Mr. Julius Waverly Thomas on the evening of Wednesday, the second of December, at seven o'clock, The Piedmont, Atlanta, Georgia.

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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.

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