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Home News.

The House of Representatives has voted for an appropriation of \$250,000 to aid in exterminating the boll weevil cotton pest.

The Chicago Council decided that it would not permit the opening of Chicago theaters until it had fully examined all plans for making the play-houses safe.

General Young, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, retired from active service, having reached the age limit. He is succeeded by General A. R. Chaffee.

The annual meeting of the Alabama State Horticultural Society will meet in Mobile, Jan. 26-7. A very interesting program has been arranged and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The House refused to sustain the committee of the whole in cutting out the civil service appropriations in the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill, and the measure was passed as introduced.

The Cabinet has decided that hereafter Government clerks in Washington must work full seven hours a day instead of six and a half, as heretofore. The law requires seven hours a day, and the cabinet wishes to comply with the law.

Dr. Arthur McDonald, in his report to Congress, says "there has been an increase relative to population of crime, suicide and insanity." He adds, "the increase in crime is greatest in those States that show the most education." He also says that crime and suicide have increased greatly among children and women.

General Rafael Reyes, Colombia's special envoy to the United States, did not sail Saturday on the steamer Allegheny for Cartagena, as he had said he would. When seen Sunday at the Hoffman house, in New York, General Reyes said:

"I decided not to sail, and I do not know just when I shall start home." He refused to give his reasons for changing his plans.

Seventeen halls and six churches were ordered closed by order of City Building Commissioner Williams, of Chicago. Non-compliance with city ordinance was the reason assigned. "I want it understood also," said Commissioner Williams, "that the building ordinance is to be enforced to the last letter so far as this department is able with its small force to enforce it. I believe that it will practically close up all Chicago to enforce the law, but nevertheless we are going to do it. Factories, churches, schools, hospitals and business establishments will come under the ban of the building law if the ordinance provisions are infringed upon.



Rev. Bryan W. Collier, Covington, Ga.

Our Seminary is Growing.

I am writing to all the denominational papers a note saying that prospects are bright for a compromise of the Bartlett will case in which the Seminary is interested in Memphis. The exact terms cannot yet be made public. We hope to get the greater part of the amount that was to come to us, though we will have to sacrifice a considerable sum. Detailed information will be furnished later. I send you this to use as you may see fit, that erroneous reports may not be spread abroad through unauthorized announcements of the dailies.

I ought to say that whatever we get from this suit will only be the merest beginning of a supply of the needs of the seminary. We ought to have \$200,000.00 all told, and \$100,000.00 in the near future. We will of course be very grateful for anything you can do to help us get this amount.

E. Y. Mullins, President.

January 15, 1904.

It is Becoming International.

The following from the Baptist Commonwealth, published at Philadelphia, makes good reading for those who love our Seminary: At the monthly missionary meeting of the students and professors of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary held December 1st, more than \$1,200 was subscribed for Foreign Missions. Dr. Robertson says that this institution is rapidly becoming international. Year before last there were twenty-five men attending from the North, last year thirty-two, this year forty-one. Also every man who has taken work at the Moody Bible Institute at Chicago, and who has taken further Bible study, has gone there.

We have just cause as Baptists to feel proud of the high stand that the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville is taking as an institution of learning.

Foreign News.

Japanese army officers have been recalled from abroad. A number were in Northern China.

The kaiser personally opened the Prussian parliament this morning, reading his speech in a clear voice.

Russian warships are reported to be following the Japanese cruisers, which left Genoa, Italy, on the 9th of January.

A considerable number of Americans have offered their service to Japan, as officers in the army and navy, but their offers have been declined.

Minister Allen cables to Washington that Korean newspapers are trying to incite the people against foreigners and especially against American interests.

The Russian government announces that it is willing to observe all the treaty rights of all the powers in Manchuria, and engages to do so. This declaration is evidently made for the purpose of weakening sympathy with Japan.

The German Government has decided, in the event of war between Russia and Japan to maintain a strict neutrality, and this course will be followed by Austria. The Russian Government has notified China that in case she assists Japan Russia will immediately occupy Peking.

France is now said to be divided on the question of assisting Russia. The Liberal Republicans and the progressive element generally sympathize with Japan, as also do the Socialists. The Catholic Reactionists, the Nationalists, the Bonapartists and the Royalists favor Russia.

The Chinese Emperor ratified the commercial treaty with the United States, opening two ports in Manchuria, on Saturday last. On account of the fear of war with Japan, Russia will probably make no objection to the nominal opening of the ports, or to the appointment of American consuls.

At the New Year's reception held in the winter palace at St. Petersburg the Czar declared that he desired and intended to do all in his power to maintain peace in the Far East. To Ambassador McCormic he said he would not interpose objections to the Chinese-American treaty or impede American rights or interests in Manchuria.

Prince Takinguki, telegraphing from on board the Japanese war ship Niasin, says that when the Niasin and Kasaga were being escorted through the Mediterranean by nine British war ships, they were approached by two Russian torpedo boats and that when the latter saw the powerful escort, they left in haste for the harbor of Syracuse. It is asserted that Great Britain is concentrating fifty-two war ships in the Mediterranean.

CORRESPONDENCE

Men Seen in Washington.

XII.

Out of the years gone by I recall this scene from among the many which I witnessed in Washington:

An ample hall, handsomely furnished; a large and distinguished audience; a platform filled with men, clad in long robes, certain garments indicating differences in rank; some of these men having faces that showed profound thought and a stern asceticism—one, especially, of marked appearance, both for garb and face; with another, whose countenance, accent, and general manner marked the foreigner, speaking in Latin to those assembled. The scene is laid in the new McMahon Hall of the Catholic University of America, whose dedication is the occasion of this gathering. The dignity of most marked appearance is James, Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore, and Prince of the Romish Church in America; the foreigner is Archbishop Satolli, now Cardinal, then papal delegate to the United States. The men on the platform are priests, bishops, monsignors, the high estate of the Romish Church in our country. While I differed with these men from the alpha to the omega of religious views, in general, yet I could not withhold my admiration for the talent which led, and now leads, these forces, for the administrative ability which massed thousands and tens of thousands for one common purpose, for the spirit which compels every Roman Catholic to give something for the cause, all of them, of their denomination. McMahon Hall, or any other church edifice, is to be erected; every Catholic must give something. Whether this be conscience, or the rule of the priest, I am not discussing. They all give something. Hence we Baptists may learn a great lesson—our duty to give something for every cause fostered by our denomination. Are we Baptists not too independent, not necessarily of set authorities, but of right and duty? "I will give to the Orphanage (that's right; give to it freely); I will not give to State Missions," says some independent Baptist. Another proclaims aloud, "I will give to Foreign Missions, but not one cent to Howard College!" My brother, is this independence—or is it slavish obedience to a small prejudice, more hurtful in the long run to you than to the cause which you condemn!

The cause of State Missions is so much bigger than you, that it is a huge mountain, looking down upon you, a mustard seed. Howard College, in the aggregate of its alumni, in the work which it has done, in the progress that it is making, in the spirit that animates its being, is so far above you, that you cannot see it, and hence are incapable of judging it.

To go back to the Catholic University of America: that institution is, in a sense, the apex of all the vast system of Romish Schools in America. It may be called the court of final appeal in Catholic education in our land. Its professors are men of marked and powerful intellect, of large and varied experience, of splendid talent. And yet even in that faculty of accomplished scholars and students, there was an example of marvelous unwisdom, if I may use that word. On the notable

day, mentioned above, a famous professor of law, one of the professors of the University made the chief address. For fifteen or twenty minutes he spoke as eloquently and attractively as I ever heard man speak; then for some forty or fifty minutes he proceeded, in a dry and dull manner, to spoil the fine speech whose end had come after the first twenty minutes. Do we men, whose work it is to speak on the platform or in the pulpit, ever do that same thing? Do we ever take one hour in which to say that which ought to be said (with a part unsaid) in twenty-five minutes? Oh! the admirable, unexcelled closing points that come for us public speakers and preachers, closing points ignored and despised to the detriment of the cause and the loss of force, interest, and effect!

One of the professors in the Catholic University was my personal friend, and he was one whom I was glad to call my friend. His scholarship was undoubted; his zeal beyond question; and his disposition was kindly, generous, and open.

It was my privilege one evening to dine with him at his home. As a secular priest, he lived in his own house, and was, in a sense, independent of the strict rules of his Church. His chief servant was a Greek, whom he had brought from Europe, to whom he gave directions in modern Greek. This friend, Dr. Quinn, I have not seen for years, and I do not expect to meet him again; but his generous hospitality I shall never forget.

Another great Catholic school in Washington is Georgetown University, a Jesuit institution, where dwell some of the most accurate scholars on our continent.

Once my old teacher, Col. Wm. E. Peters, then professor of Latin in the University of Virginia, sent me an extract from an old Swiss pact, written in Latin, accompanied by the injunction, "If you cannot make this out, take it to the professor in Georgetown University."

The three denominations that we may say, control higher education in Washington are the Baptist, Roman Catholic, and Methodist. The last named will soon have at work the American University. There is cause for gratification that our people are holding their own there in this cause of transcendent moment. There, in Alabama, all over our country, may they lead in education and in those things that make for the development of mankind and the glory of God.

A. P. Montague.

Just from Georgia.

I desire to congratulate you upon your success in the newspaper venture. Your dash, genius and hard work have won the admiration of thousands. My chief complaint against your paper has been that you wrote too little for it yourself. As you have been so busy putting the enterprise on its feet you are excusable. Many are glad in the prospect of having more from the editor in the future.

We, of Georgia, still feel that you more than half-way belong to us yet. That is because we like you and we will bring you back if we ever get a chance. Alabama, take notice!

The old First Church of Savannah,

is uppermost just now in the eyes of the brotherhood here about. At our annual meeting on the 6th inst., we had a memorable time. The Committee on Membership reported ninety-nine additions without any special meetings, present membership, 866. During the six years and eight months of the present pastorate there have been 580 additions to the Church and a net increase of 500.

The Committee on Missions and Charities reported \$2,500 contributed during the year for these objects.

The Committee on Current Expenses reported more than \$10,000 raised and expended during the year for expenses and paying off an old debt of \$4,000. All bills were paid before Christmas—even the December salaries.

Taken all together it is generally admitted that the year 1903 has been the most blessed year in the 103 years' history of the Church. In recognition of this fact the Church has set aside tomorrow night as a time for special thanksgiving and praise to God—for His blessings.

The success of our Finance Committee is due to three things: Much Prayer, A Good System, and Diligent Work. The committee is composed of three prominent and very busy men. The weekly offerings through envelopes are the ones most pressed and guarded. Every member is communicated with by letter with an envelope, stamped and addressed to the Treasurer, for reply. If an answer does not come, then a committee is sent for an answer. No one is embarrassed. Love, sympathy, and cheerfulness mark all the work.

Dr. Willingham will be with us next Sunday and we shall begin to raise \$1,000 for Foreign Missions. If the Board is to report \$300,000 paid in when we meet at Nashville, we pastors must see to it that our Churches are in line. So, brethren, let us encourage each other. Do we pastors try to encourage each other as much as the Lord would have us do? If not, why not.

Alabama has a warm place in my heart. I send love and best wishes to all of your large circle of readers. May this year be to us all one of great service in the Lord's cause.

John D. Jordan.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 12, 1904.

The Dignity and Responsibility of Church Membership.

There are in Georgia and Alabama three or four hundred thousand members of white Baptist Churches. They are gathered into great Churches, large and wealthy and influential and they are found in small, weak and scattered bodies, barely able to hold together and keep up a force of active service. They embrace every degree of culture, every grade of social position, every school of character, every stage of spiritual development. The banker, the merchant, the drummer, the professor, the farmer, the doctor, the lawyer, the mechanic, the promoter and the capitalist, are found among their number.

The thing pressing most strongly on my mind at the present moment is the fact that each one of these is a member of such an organization as cannot be found outside of its kind in the world, and that he occupies a position of the highest possible honor. He is a member of what has been well termed, "A new, original, unique organization. It is new, because there never was anything like it before in

the world; it is original, because it is direct from the hand of God; it is unique for many reasons."

It is a high honor to be a Church member, because the Church is the only organization that God Himself has established. He said, "On this rock I will build my Church." He decreed that this should be such an organization, outlined its polity, placed in its hands His commission, and laid upon it His blessing. Of no other society, order, or corporation that has ever existed on earth can this be said. There is in France a society whose membership is limited to forty. It comprises the most illustrious names in the whole range of letters. Membership in it is justly esteemed a high honor, and is eagerly sought by the most eminent, indeed by many of them sought in vain. Yet I hesitate not to say that a place on the roll of this famous Academy is a smaller honor than membership in a New Testament Church of Christ, because the one is of human origin, the other of divine.

This simple fact sets in an unenviable light the position of those who are wont to sneer at the Church, to underrate its work in the world, to withhold the respect due to its character and position and to speak as if it were a matter of little moment whether it has an existence in a community or not. To speak of the Church as a needless or superfluous thing is to impugn the wisdom of the God who established it. To mention it lightly or disparagingly is to treat with dishonor the spotless bride of Christ. And what shall be said of those who in their love and loyalty give precedence to some purely human society over the Church of God? There are members of secret orders who are also members of the Churches and whose devotion to their lodge far outruns their devotion to their Church. Have they forgotten that the latter is of divine origin?

On this divine origin of the Church we ground our assurance that it shall succeed in the accomplishment of its mission. "On this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." We are sure that the Church will succeed, because God put it here and gave it a mission to fulfill. Not on any "signs of the times" do we rely for this assurance but on our confidence that the tree which God has planted cannot be riven by the thunderbolt nor uprooted by the hurricane. Because of this we believe that the conquering Church shall move on victoriously until her heaven-appointed mission has been fully accomplished and all the elect of God have been gathered into the fold.

Church membership is an honor, because of the high mission of the Church. Some great societies exist for the diffusion of light and intelligence, for the advancement of science, for the promotion of sanitary and salubrious living. Others are set for the righting of some particular wrongs, for opposition to some great evil, or for the promotion of some needed reforms. Still others are actuated by high considerations of benevolence, and make it a large part of their business to care for the widow, the orphan, and the helpless. All of these are honorable purposes, and they shed honor upon the institutions that embody them. But what ideas are embodied in the conception of the Church of God? For what purpose does she exist among us? For no less an end than the salvation of

the world. Not of a race or nation, but the world. Not its salvation from ignorance, nor from disease, nor from poverty, but from sin and from resulting spiritual death. "Whosoever will" in every land under heaven is a partaker in the glory of the Church's mission.

This is a purpose great enough to glorify even a failure. It is more honorable to fall in such a purpose as this than to succeed triumphantly in anything less noble. A great southern statesman at one point of his career found himself under a cloud of unpopularity. Certain political acts of his had been met by a storm of criticism, and there came an occasion when he stood before a great audience of his countrymen to defend his course. Meeting in the faces of the people and in their outspoken expressions evidences of the severest disapproval, he boldly affirmed his own confidence in the righteousness of his position, and in protesting the purity of his motives, burst into this noble exclamation: "I would rather be the weakest of those who would save you; and die amid your curses than be the chiefest architect of your ruin and live forever the unworthy recipient of your deluded huzzahs!" Even so, it is better to be the least in the great cause of giving salvation to the world than to shine among the most illustrious in anything less great than this.

It is a high honor to be a Church member, because of the company into which it brings you. Go out to abuse the Church, and you will receive the right hand of fellowship from the bun, the gambler, the blackleg, the whiskey seller, from the scum and refuse of the earth. But in the Church you find fellowship with the noblest spirits that have ever blessed the world. You will doubtless find many of the other kind, but you will find these. Take your own community, and you will find that the names that count most for righteousness, that are most identified with charitable work, that are most clearly recognized as synonyms for honor and integrity, are names that appear on the rolls of the Churches. Run back over the long roll of those whose names have been conspicuous in Christian annals, and you will feel a glow of honest pride to know that your name could be written down by the side of names so crowned with honor.

Yet another consideration which reflects honor upon the position of a Church member, is found in the requirements for membership. There is among the ladies of the South an organization called the Daughters of the Confederacy. No woman can be a member who is not a descendant of a Confederate soldier. There is in this country another order, known as the Daughters of the American Revolution. A lady in order to join this order must be able to trace her descent from a soldier in the War of the American Revolution. Now the Church has a requirement for membership that is kindred to these. You must take your spiritual descent from God Himself. You must go back for your credentials to the throne of God, and be able to date the beginning of your spiritual life from the operation within your heart of God's Holy Spirit. You have no right to Church membership unless you can honestly avow that you are a child of God.

All of these considerations justify me, I think, in the statement I have made that it is a higher honor to be

a Church member than to belong to any other body on earth. And if this be true, then it is the position, of all others, involving the most weighty obligation. A youth who had been brought up amid base surroundings made the discovery in an accidental manner that he had noble blood in his veins. The discovery changed the whole course of his life. The consciousness of honorable descent inspired him, because it made him feel that he must reflect honor upon his ancestry. So should the Christian feel. I am the child of a King; I represent a body that stands for the noblest purposes that have ever been proposed for the efforts of human beings; I stand in line with the rarest and best of the world's noble spirits; therefore my life should be of a character corresponding to this noble position.

All the world has heard of Napoleon's appeal to his troops as they stood in presence of the enemy under the shadow of the great pyramids of Egypt. "Soldiers of France! From yonder pyramids, forty centuries look down upon you!" But to the Christian there comes from the lips of his captain a more ringing appeal than that. Yonder uplifted on Golgotha's rocky summit, is that cross, whereon hung the Son of God as a spectacle for all succeeding ages. From that cross there streams upon us through nineteen Christian centuries the glory of that light which is yet to dissipate all darkness, and to fill the world with glory. Those centuries, radiant with the lustre of great achievements, look down upon us. The great ones of the past, long since gathered to their fathers, look down upon us. Truly, "we are compassed about with a great cloud of witnesses," while Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith," looks down from His throne in glory on the struggles of His conquering Church. May the people of God, conscious of a great heritage, a great mission, and a great Commander, rouse themselves to the mighty tasks before them.

Bryan W. Collier.

Covington, Ga.

Several Things.

First, I desire, brother editor, to congratulate you on the change made in the appearance of the Alabama Baptist, a change, I am sure, most of your readers are pleased with. It seems to me to have more the appearance of a religious paper than formerly. But not only has the appearance of the paper improved but there has been decided improvements along all lines. More and more, I am sure you will bring it up to a higher standard as you receive the support of the brethren. I sincerely wish for the paper during this present year the largest possible success.

The Christmas holidays brought to me and my family much joy. We were most kindly remembered, as always at that season of the year, by our people. Many excellent and valuable tokens of appreciation and Christmas affection were received by us. No people were ever kinder to their pastor than the St. Francis Street people are to their pastor.

Notwithstanding these kind remembrances Christmas week was to me the saddest Christmas week I have ever experienced. I attended three funerals that week, one was that of deacon H. S. Stackhouse, one of the most faithful and liberal members the church has

ever had. He was always at both services on Sunday and at the prayer meeting on Wednesday evening unless sickness prevented him from coming, which was seldom. He was not a man of large means but in proportion to his means no man in the church gave more liberally than he did to the support of the church and to our benevolent enterprises. He was devoted to the church and the church had great confidence and love for him. Another funeral of that week was that of a bright, beautiful little girl, who was a sunbeam in the home. Both of these deaths were quite sudden and a shock to the friends of the families. The third was that of a young man who had been ill with consumption for several years. He was not a member of our church, but the son and grandson of members of our church. These deaths cast a gloom over the week for me, though the gloom was relieved to some extent by the assurance that all three of these persons had gone to be with God and the redeemed.

The Executive Committee of the Mobile Association, had a meeting on the evening of the twelfth of this month for the purpose of recommending to the State Board appropriations for the present year within the bounds of our association. Most of our mission work for years has been confined to Mobile county, while the county of Baldwin, the largest county in the State, has been neglected. Baldwin is being rapidly settled by a thrifty people, and some of the brethren of that county who have taken the pains to look into the situation of things, have made an earnest appeal to the Committee for a missionary. The Committee decided to recommend the appointment of missionary for the county. A brother has been suggested for the work and it is hoped that he will soon be on the field. To do this work it was necessary to recommend a reduction in appropriations to Mobile county. In addition to our regular subscription to State missions the Saint Francis Street Church is aiding by private subscription, in the support of Brother McCain at Meaherville, a most promising new church near Mobile.

Brother J. R. Curry has accepted a call to Citronelle and Vinegar Bend churches, the field made vacant by the removal of Brother Yates to Thomasville. These churches are fortunate in securing Brother Curry, and he will be given a cordial welcome to our association. Brother J. M. Kailin, of Texas, is visiting in Mobile. He is an Alabamian, as well as his wife, and a most excellent preacher. Some good church or churches ought to keep him in his native State.

W. J. E. Cox.

Resolutions.

"Father Time," in His ceaseless journey toward eternity, wields His blade severing ties that bind friends into a close union casting their lot among new friends, with new environments. Thus Bro. C. H. Morgan and his most excellent family, who have been associated with us in our social, Church and Sunday school duties during the past seven years, have gone from our midst to enter a new field of labor and pleasure at Grove Hill, and it behooves us, the Lower Peach Tree Baptist Sunday school, to express our appreciation of their residence among us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we greatly feel the

loss occasioned by their removal from our midst; and, be it further

Resolved, That we shall ever cherish in memory the many kind words spoken and the many good deeds performed by them; and, be it further

Resolved, That we hereby express our appreciation of their untiring zeal in upbuilding our Church and Sunday school; and, be it further

Resolved, That we do most heartily recommend them to the Sunday school which they now enter; and, be it further

Resolved, That we send a copy of these resolutions to the Alabama Baptist for publication and that a copy be sent to the family.

Grove Hill Democrat please copy.

J. W. Gibson,

W. H. Broughton,

I. N. Adams,

Committee.

Resolutions.

We desire to express our appreciation of the three years' service rendered to us by Elder J. I. Kendrick and wife, as pastor of our Church and leader in our women's work. Therefore, be it

Resolved first, That we know of no higher compliment to Brother Kendrick than the simple statement that he is a true and God-fearing man; an informed and progressive Missionary Baptist preacher. As for Mrs. Kendrick, who is a daughter of Dr. Chas. Manly of Virginia, we will say, that in literary attainment, the Christian graces and ability to lead in women's work, we know of few women in our association who are her equal and none her superior.

Second, That we heartily recommend them to the people of Jacksonville, Ala., whom they now serve in the Master's cause, and pray that God may abundantly bless their labor.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on our minutes and a copy be sent to the Alabama Baptist for publication.

D. S. Caine,

A. R. Oxford,

Committee.

From Columbiana.

We are proud to announce to you that Baptist interest is looking up in the city of Columbiana. There seems to be a new impetus given recently to the cause in this section. I have only been a citizen of Columbiana for some three months, but I can say, truthfully that I never lived among a better people than I find in the county seat of Shelby. Our beloved pastor, Bro. W. J. D. Upshaw, is doing a good work here and our people are very much attached to him. Our Sunday school is increasing in interest, and attendance. Last Sunday being the time to elect officers for the ensuing year, A. P. Longshore was elected Supt.; John J. Hayes, Asst. Supt.; T. O. Latham, Sec. We are hoping great things for the Baptist cause in Shelby county. We would be glad to have you pay us a visit and place the Alabama Baptist in more of our Baptist homes. This makes our people more thoroughly acquainted with the workings of our great denomination in the South and more particularly in the State.

Wishing for you and the paper the success you so richly deserve.

John J. Haynes.

Subscribe for the Alabama Baptist.

Sunday Schools.

One of the most efficient Sunday school men of the country is Prof. E. A. Fox, Secretary of the Kentucky Sunday School Association, who originated the idea of the Pastor's Sunday School Institute held last year and this and to be continued next year, at the same time with the Louisville Seminary lectures.

The fourth world's convention in the interest of Sunday schools will be held in Jerusalem April 18-20, 1904. The executive committee has chartered the twin-screw steamer "Grosser Kurfurts" of the North German Lloyd to sail from New York March 8, returning May 18. The route is via Madeira to Gibraltar and through the Mediterranean to Joppa.

A pastor in going through his Sabbath school overheard a young lady teaching a class of boys. She said: "Now, boys, about these commandments. If you keep them you will go to heaven, and that will be perfectly splendid; but if you break them, if you lie and steal and disobey your parents, why, you will go to hell, and that will be simply ridiculous."

Mr. Hight C. Moore has accepted the position of Sunday school Missionary of the Baptist State Convention, and will enter upon his work Feb. 11th. He will bring to his new office a mastery of details, a knowledge of methods, a familiarity with the Bible, an experience in Sunday school and in the pastorate, an industry and a popularity that encourage us to predict for him the highest success.—Biblical Recorder.

An infidel, who was school trustee, would not give the key of the schoolhouse to a Christian lady who desired to hold a Sunday school in it. Though his denial was rough, and even insulting, yet she nevertheless said to him: "I think I am going to get it. I am going to pray over it, and I have found out from experience that when I keep on praying something gives way." The next time she saw him, his hard heart had given way, and he not only handed her the key, but eventually himself took part in the work of saving souls. The praying that makes something give way is the praying that is worth something.—S. S. Teacher.

President E. Y. Mullins read this confession of faith as to Sunday schools at the recent Sunday School Institute in Louisville, and it made quite a hit.

1. The supreme need in our country today is that the forces which make for character shall control the forces which make for intelligence.

2. One of the greatest of the forces which make for character is the Sunday school.

3. The factor of the Sunday school most potent in the development of character is the teacher.

4. The supreme lack in the present day Sunday school is the lack of thoroughly equipped teachers.

5. The chief teacher of the teachers and trainer of the trainers of the Sunday school is the pastor.

6. The chief trainer of the pastor is the theological seminary.

7. In view of the absence in the past of any adequate co-ordination and guidance of the departments of the teacher, the pastor, and the seminary there ought to be an opportunity for an educational committee to do a great work for the kingdom.—Baptist Argus.

Men in the Public Eye

There are a number of living major generals, ranging between the venerable ages of General Hoke, who is 66, to General French; now in his 85th year. The list compiled in 1900 showed the following to be then living who held the rank of major general at the close of the war: William B. Bate, Tennessee; M. C. Butler, South Carolina; John H. Forney, Ala.; S. G. French, Florida; Thomas J. Churchill, Arkansas; Robert F. Hoke, North Carolina; E. M. Law, Florida; G. W. Custis Lee, Virginia; L. L. Lomax, Washington, D. C.; Fitzhugh Lee, Virginia; Matt W. Ransom, North Carolina, and F. T. Rosser, Virginia. Since then the list has been reduced.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has hardly done a better thing in the bestowment of his great wealth than in the provision which is said to have been made for the relief of workmen who may suffer, or die, in connection with the great steel plants with which his name has been connected. It is said that he has set apart \$4,000,000, the interest upon which is to form a perpetual fund to relieve workmen injured in the Carnegie plants, and to aid the heirs of those killed while at work. Married men injured will receive \$1.00 daily, idle and single men, 75 cents, while children under sixteen will receive 10 cents daily. In case an employe is killed while at work, \$500 will be given to his family, and \$100 will go to the family of any child under sixteen who meets death while at work.

Herbert Spencer's will is a curious document. It directs that his body shall be placed in a coffin with a loose lid and cremated and the ashes buried, all without any species of religious ceremonies.

All rights and property in his books and investments are given to the trustees, Hon. Aburen Herbert, Dr. Henry Charlton Bastian and David Duncan with instructions to employ the yearly revenue "in resuming and continuing during such period as may be needed for fulfilling my wishes, but not exceeding the lifetime of all descendants of Queen Victoria, who shall be living at my decease and of the survivors and survivor of them and for twenty-one years after the death of such survivor, the publication of the existing parts of my 'Descriptive Sociology'."

Rochester Theological Seminary has two new professors, Rev. Joseph W. A. Stewart, D.D., and Rev. John H. Mason, D.D. Professor Stewart, as dean of the seminary, began his administrative duties in September, and will take up his work of instruction as professor of Christian ethics in January at the opening of the second semester. Professor Stewart is a Canadian by birth, a graduate of the University of Toronto, and of Toronto Baptist College, and has held successful pastorates in Hamilton, Ont., and for seventeen years in Rochester at the First Baptist Church. Professor Mason is a graduate of Brown University and of Rochester Theological Seminary. He has been the efficient pastor of churches in Brookport, N. Y., New Haven, Conn., and Batavia, N. Y. He is to occupy the professorship of the English Bible, and will be the first incumbent of the chair. He will not assume the duties of his professorship until September, 1904.

B. Y. P. U.

At the request of the Missouri B. Y. U., Rev. H. E. Truex, pastor at Mexico, Mo., has in preparation a brief history of Missouri Baptists.

Rev. Louis B. Warren, of Ocala, will continue to write for the B. Y. P. U. department of the Baptist Witness, which was recently moved to Jacksonville, Fla.

A day of prayer for students has been called by the Y. M. C. A. for February 14. It is held to be the only day on which the students of Christian organizations of all countries can unite.

Rev. Walter Calley, D.D., the general secretary of the B. Y. P. U., seems to get as much joy out of his mail bag as we do. It is a help and inspiration to have these known and unknown to us to write us cheering letters or call upon us to advise or help them to become more useful in the Master's service.

The students of Mercer University turned over \$208.21, the amount contributed and solicited while at home during the holidays, to be used in furnishing Sellman Hall, the beautiful Y. M. C. A. building just completed. Dr. Pollock announced that the furnishings ordered would arrive in a few days, and as soon as it is put in, the evening Y. M. C. A. meetings will be held in its auditorium, which will be used exclusively for this purpose.

The "London Baptist Times" gives a summary of the figures reported in "The Baptist Handbook for 1904," which has just been issued. The following excerpt will be of interest to us all: "The total number of churches included in the statistics is 2,875, showing an increase of 72. The membership of the churches has grown from 377,747 to 388,887; the number of Sunday school scholars from 542,396 to 567,685. The number of chapels is 3,977, affording seating accommodation for 1,368,666 persons, an increase of 24,132 for the year. The number of accredited ministers in charge of churches is 2,117, as compared with 2,072 in 1902. We are glad also to notice an increase of 1,081 teachers in our Sunday schools, and of 411 local preachers connected with our churches." We rejoice with our brethren in England over this splendid showing. May their hopes for the future be abundantly realized.—Baptist Union.

The General Committee of the World's Student Christian Federation hereby appoint February 14, 1904, as the Universal Day of Prayer for Students. For several years the corresponding date, the second Sabbath of February, has been observed in this way, and year by year an increasing number of universities, colleges and schools have united in its observance. All the Christian student movements belonging to the World's Student Christian Federation, namely, those of Germany, Great Britain, the United States, Canada, the Scandinavian countries, Holland, France, Switzerland, Australasia, South Africa, Japan, China, India and Ceylon, and of lands without national organizations have officially endorsed and adopted this day for united intercession on behalf of students. These movements embrace over 1,600 separate Christian student societies with a total membership of 89,000 students and professors.

Our Mail Bag.

Your paper came to hand today, and was a fine number. Keep on doing that way and there will be no complaining.—W. B. Crumpton.

I hope you will have a successful year and that your subscription will soon reach the coveted 10,000 and go beyond it. May God bless you and yours.—John B. Appleton.

Enclosed find \$2. We call our baby Frank Barnett. You know by that we like the paper.—J. M. Yates.

My little boy, Alonzo Lloyd, tacked up the calendar with your picture. We will do our best for you this year.—Rev. G. R. Vickery.

Glad you've adopted the old name "Alabama Baptist." The other always seemed kinder "unwieldy." May your grand work through its columns be crowned with abundant success and abiding joy.—C. C. Lloyd.

The paper ought to be in every Baptist home in Alabama. I think the paper much improved within the past twelve months.—L. C. DeWit.

A good sister writes: Enclosed find \$2 P. O. M. O. for renewal to the Alabama Baptist. My subscription expires today, Jan. 1st, and I had thought much about it, and as I am sick and require so much medicine I just thought at first that I could not afford the paper any longer, but as I counted up the good I had gotten out of it during the past year and especially since being confined to my room, I decided I could better afford to pay the \$2 and still have the paper, than I could afford to do without it, for I fully realize the need of spiritual food.

Enclosed please find \$2 for the paper another year. I wish for you a prosperous year. If all in the State felt as I do about the paper it would be in every Baptist home.—Belle Sparrow.

Let me congratulate you heartily on your first issue in the new year. You have made great improvements in it. Here's my hand and with it my very best wishes for 1904. May God bless you and make the paper a greater power than ever.—H. W. Provence.

I send you under another cover a sermon for the Alabama Baptist in the hope that it may give comfort and encouragement to its readers, among whom are many of the dearest friends I have on earth. Congratulating you upon the steady improvement of your paper and wishing for you the utmost success in all your undertakings for the Master's kingdom.—J. B. Hawthorne.

Dr. S. H. Ford has prepared a biography of his son, Hon. Rochester Ford, which will soon be published in book form. It is "The Story of a Successful Christian Lawyer." It will be printed on fine paper, illustrated and well bound. It will be sent forth with the earnest prayer that it may be helpful to all readers, especially to young men, a class in which Mr. Ford was always greatly interested and which he ever aided when applied to. To these as to others though dead, he will yet speak in words of encouragement and wise counsel. His was a noble, useful, influential life. His death was one of triumphant faith. Our hearts are deeply sorrowed at his going from us, but we are assured he is with our Lord, whom he loved and so faithfully served. Yours with Christian love and esteem.—S. H. and S. R. Ford.

Birmingham Notes.

There was no paper read at this week's Ministers' Conference.

Two fine congregations were out to hear Pastor Walter S. Brown at Fountain Heights Sunday. Had one addition. All departments of the Church are growing.

The First Church, Avondale, had the largest attendance, both of the Sunday school and the B. Y. P. U. this week. Sunday services were well attended and many asked for prayer.

The interest shown in Pastor Smith and his services at Park Avenue Church increases. All departments are improving and the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are better than ever.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett preached for Pastor Blackwelder at Woodlawn at the morning service. At 3 p. m. Bro. L. P. Leavell gave an address on Sunday School Work and again at the evening service.

At Pratt City Pastor Hendricks had fine congregation and Sunday school still growing as a result of the discussion of the subject of the Sunday school last week. Their Home Mission collection comes next week.

Rev. J. M. McCord had a good day at New Prospect. A fine congregation met him at the morning service. Their Sunday afternoon prayer meeting has long been known as always fine, was fully up to the mark last Sunday.

Bro. L. P. Leavell on next Sunday, will lecture on Sunday School Work at Wylam in the morning and at Pratt City at the evening service. On Jan. 31st he will speak at Brighton to the Fifth Sunday meeting and at Avondale at night.

The Brighton Baptist Church had the best day Sunday, they have had under Pastor Barkley. The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Bessemer Association will be held there Jan. 30-31st. They are making preparation for large attendance.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray preached at Compton Hill Church at both services. Pastor Ware is away at his father's home with a sick family. A large congregation, a good Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were out and the work grows. They contemplate building at an early date.

Pastor Dickinson of the First Church, was happy in having his people at home in their own new building. A good congregation met him in the morning and had five additions. The acoustics of the building are just fine and they can easily seat 500 in the annex.

The East Lake Church had Brother Leavell with the Sunday school and Church in the morning. Everybody enjoyed it as a most helpful day. Pastor Shelburne preached at the evening hour, subject: "What the conversion of Saul of Tarsus was worth to the world." The interest manifested was fine.

At the South Side the morning

theme, "Training for a Godly Life," 1 Tim. iv, 7, was handled by Pastor Davidson in his own attractive way. There was no service at night because of the fire on Saturday, which damaged the Sunday school room. It will be speedily repaired, they hope to be in it by next Sunday.

The Ensley Church had the best day this winter Sunday. Large Sunday school, and two good congregations. Pastor H. W. Provence preached in the morning on "The Making of a Missionary." Gal. i, 15, and in the evening on "The Baptism of Jesus." The B. Y. P. U. has inaugurated a series of regular missionary meetings.

Pastor J. W. O'Hara was met by two large congregations at Wylam, the Sunday school also was better than usual. He preached in the morning on "The Greatest in the Kingdom." Matt. xx, 26-28; and at night, "Jesus Lament over Jerusalem." Matt. xxiii, 37-39. Last Friday night the B. Y. P. U. reached high water mark, the subject was Temperance. The Ladies' Aid Society are going to have the building painted.

Anti-Saloon League.

At the Convention of the American Anti-Saloon League held in Washington, D. C., last December, a committee of three, consisting of Rev. G. W. Young, D.D., of Kentucky, Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of Blackstone, Va., and Rev. Edgar E. Folke, D.D., of Nashville, Tenn., were appointed to cooperate with the General Superintendent in organizing the Southern States along Anti-Saloon League lines. After corresponding with these brethren it has been thought wise to call a meeting of a number of representative ministers, editors of Church papers and interested laymen in two groups for a two days' Conference at each place and plan for an aggressive, uniform movement throughout the States.

For the States comprising Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Mississippi and Alabama, Atlanta is suggested as the best meeting place. With this group, representatives from Kentucky and Virginia will also meet. For Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma, Texarkana is thought to be the best meeting place. The most convenient dates for these meetings are, for the first group, April 19th and 20th and for the second group, April 21st and 22nd. Your name has been given me by the committee as one who, in their judgment, would be interested enough to make the effort to be present at the meeting on the 19th and 20th and give us the benefit of your counsel and co-operation in getting this movement well started throughout the South.

Rev. P. A. Baker,
General Superintendent.

Church Marriage.

Miss Emma Smith and Mr. W. C. McGraw, a much admired and beloved young couple, were united in marriage at Gilead Church, Abercrombie, by the Pastor, Rev. P. G. Maness, on Sunday, 10:30 a. m., Jan. 10th inst. The occasion was altogether a beautiful one, and scores of friends wish them abundant happiness. Miss Smith is one of the most beautiful, accomplished and ardent Church workers to be found anywhere, and Gilead Church is glad to add her name to its list.

Literary Notes.

Note—In the work which shall be done from time to time during the year in this department of the Alabama Baptist it is the purpose of the editor to make it more than ever helpful to the pastors and other thoughtful readers. Chief emphasis will therefore be laid upon such of the new books as the average pastor ought to have. While opinions will naturally differ to some extent, an honest effort will be made to give the readers of the paper a fair idea of the character and value of the books reviewed. If anyone desires information concerning special books, a letter addressed to the Alabama Baptist will secure such as it is possible to furnish.

H. W. Provence.

THE SINLESS CHRIST.

By Geo. T. Purves, D.D., LL. D. Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia. Pages 186.

This is a book for those who delight in strong, clear thinking. It consists of eight sermons, the first of which gives the name to the volume. Dr. Purves was a brilliant scholar and a speaker of remarkable power. He had a notably successful career for eight years as Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in Princeton Theological Seminary, and had hardly more than entered upon a pastorate of the brightest promise at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York, when he was stricken down in the prime of life.

The subjects treated in this volume, besides the first, are "The Crisis of a Soul," "Samson's Riddle," "Peter's Shadow, or Unconscious Influence," "The Way, the Truth and the Life," "Earthly and Heavenly Lights," and "The Waiting Dead."

One cannot read these sermons without feeling the glow of the preacher's mind. The thought moves forward steadily, pausing little for illustration, yet too bracing to be heavy.

H. W. P.

THINGS FUNDAMENTAL.

A Course of Thirteen Discourses in Modern Apologetics. By Charles Edward Jefferson. Thos. Y. Crowell & Co., New York. Price, \$1.50 net. Postage 15 cents.

We have had occasion more than once to refer to Dr. Jefferson as a writer of remarkable clearness and vigor. Indeed we never miss an opportunity to read what comes from his pen. This volume is his latest and most important work. As the sub-title indicates, it is a series of thirteen discourses on great fundamental themes of the Christian religion. In the very happy introduction to the first sermon and to the series in general the author says: "The sermons are for the man who, although a member of the Church, does not really know what the foundations of the Christian faith are." The style is therefore popular and free from technical terms. But it is limpid and strong. We cannot refrain from quoting just this paragraph: "And it ought to be further understood that the members of the Christian Church today who depreciate doctrine and dogma, and who sneer at theology, are not the creditable representatives of the Christian faith. Young people say sometimes quite enthusiastically: 'Oh, come on, and let us do a lot of good. What do we care for the doctrines?' And off they go quite jauntily. But alas! their enthusiasm has all evaporated before the sun reaches

noon. The only men and women who are able to bear the burden and the heat of the day and who are found at their work when the sun goes down, are the men and women whose Christian faith is rooted and grounded in reason."

Among the subjects treated are "The Nature and Place of Faith in the Christian Life," "The Nature and Place of Reason in the Christian Life," "How the Old Conception of the Scriptures Differs from the New," "The Deity of Jesus," "The Miracles," etc. This is an admirable book. Many of us would have taken a different view of the Bible, but his discussions are in the main eminently satisfactory.

H. W. P.

AFTER THE RESURRECTION.

By Alexander Maclaren, D.D. American Tract Society, New York. Price, \$1.25.

The announcement of a new volume of sermons from Dr. Maclaren is always one of interest. He is perhaps the greatest preacher living today; certainly as an expository preacher he has no equal. His recent retirement from the pulpit, after a notable pastorate of some forty years in Manchester, was an event of international interest.

The volume before us is a collection of twenty-five sermons and a memorial address on Queen Victoria. The first ten sermons deal with events in the life of our Lord which occurred after the resurrection, hence the title of the book. Other subjects are "Risen with Christ," "What Passes and What Abides," "The Divine Ideal of Salvation," etc. The sermon on "Lowest Thou Me?" is alone worth much more than the price of the volume.

Dr. Maclaren's felicity in style and thought may be seen in such paragraphs as this: "The worst thing that a man can do when disbelief, or doubt, or coldness shrouds his sky, and blots out the stars, is to go away by himself and shut himself up with his own, perhaps morbid, or, at all events, disturbing thoughts. The best thing that he can do is to go amongst his fellows. If the sermon does not do him any good, the prayers and the praise and the sense of brotherhood will help him. If a fire is going out, draw the dying coals close together, and they will make each other break into a flame."

Every preacher ought to read Maclaren's sermons; they are models of exposition. No thoughtful person who really desires to know the meaning of God's Word can fail to enjoy this book.

H. W. P.

THE LESSON OF LOVE.

By J. R. Miller, D.D. Thos. Y. Crowell & Co., New York.

There is no more popular and helpful devotional writer than J. R. Miller. He has written a large number of books adapted to the culture of the Christian life, and this is one of his best. The preface strikes the keynote of the volume: "To learn how to love is to learn how to live. The lesson is a long one, but it is the great business of life to master it. The Master not only taught the lesson in words, but also set it down for us in a life, his own life. To follow Christ is to practice this great lesson, learning more of it day by day, until school is out and we go home."

This is a dainty little volume and would make a very appropriate gift for a friend. It is a good book for the quiet hour, a book to cheer and sweeten one's life.

H. W. P.

WOMAN'S WORK

Send all Communications for this Department to Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake, Ala.

A New Year's Resolve.

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do anything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do."

Importance of Training the Young in Mission Work.

Paper read before the Birmingham Union, Jan. 8th, and requested for publication.

If one were asked to consider the subject of training young people in educational work, the first step would be to analyze the term "educational work." Mission work is educational work in the broadest sense—hence when we consider the importance of training the young in mission work we have one essence of the whole matter.

A writer said in ages past "train up a child in the way he shall go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." In this twentieth century, the child is the conspicuous figure in the foreground of the world and for the first time the world is awakening to the possibility of a broad scope of opportunity for the young in the line of drawing out and developing dormant faculties to the enrichment of the individual, while fitting him to be a factor in social service. The secular schools have discovered this secret, and great religious bodies are giving it expression in the young people's movements that are so popular all over our country.

This assembly today is a committee, or segment of a committee, of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is the feminine side of the great Baptist family, for we are a part of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Convention.

Our purpose as an organization is to promote the spirit of missions, and to fill our hands with offerings to carry on the business of our King. One subject to engage our earnest thought is this question: "How to train the young people in the work of missions?" If we look first at the Baptist hosts of the South, then at the size of our treasury, the disproportion as to numbers and dollars is appalling, the sum, per capita, being infinitesimally small. The startling fact confronts us that many church members give no thought to the missionary enterprise, consequently contribute nothing. Can there be a more eloquent commentary on the "importance of interesting the young in this work?" It may be an uncertain task to mould anew the older constituency, but the young people are the hope of the church. We see the urgent need of utilizing this force, and the method is at hand, by which a thorough change may be wrought in our ranks.

Our denomination has planned a distinctive work for young people and in the Baptist Young People's Union has sought to place upon them, as a body, dignity and responsibility. The entire history of the Christian Church is gemmed with the beauty of service rendered by the young. It brought to light gentle spirits like the Hebrew maiden, who led Naaman to the healing waters. There

have been found those like the lad with the five small loaves and two fishes, typifying the small opportunities when multitudes have been blessed. There are brave young men like Paul's nephew, ready to thwart the schemes of evil, and noble souls like Timothy to teach and to preach. All honor to those young people in the Birmingham district, who are engaged in the delightful work of the local unions as "Pastor's Aids," or under any name that signifies helpfulness. This however, is only a part of the duties devolving on the members of a Baptist Young People's Union. The corner stone of this structure, the basic principle is an earnest study of the Scriptures as is indicated by their motto "Culture for Service." Some of our most scholarly men have prepared courses of study, and with such leaders the Baptist young people of today have access to a school greater than that of Gamaliel. Such superb training in Bible lore was never before the privilege of any people. How shall we train our young people to love mission work? Here is the plain, practical method—how are the young trained for work in any line of endeavor?—by information. We, too, must obey the command that our Savior gave to the Jews, who needed instruction: "Search the Scriptures"; "they testify of me."

If our young people will enter the school of Christ they will find that the Bible is a mission volume all the way, that there is in reality no such division as foreign missions and home missions. They are the same thing from different viewpoints. Our Savior taught this in the parable of the sower. The field is the whole world. From the time of Pentecost when the disciples scattered every where the Gospel seed, through even the dark ages, up to the present, there have been men who have grasped God's purpose in sending his Son to save lives from dominion of sin, and who so identified themselves with the interests of the spiritual kingdom, that long before the days of Cary and Judson the knowledge of the Creator had been spoken to China, India and to other places without the true light.

The Bible is our authority for what is termed "foreign missions." Take the case of Jonah. He was a Jew, a member of the nation chosen as a channel to convey to the world a knowledge of the true God. He, a Jew, was sent to preach to the Ninevites who were Gentiles. We see in this the lesson that God is no respecter of persons, but accepts the worshiper who brings the sacrifice that the Father Himself provided—the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." Just as Abel was accepted not because he was a better man than Cain, but because his offering had a meaning in it:—Even in the Old Testament we see that God loved every body, for he intended the entire Jewish nation to be his army of missionaries: witness the divine provision in tabernacle and temple, where a place was made for Gentiles and strangers. Isaiah said in his prophecy: "I was found of a people that sought me not," and when the aged Simeon, a Hebrew, saw the infant Christ at the temple in Jerusalem, he gave the emphasis first to the fact that He was to be "a light to lighten the Gentiles,"

and secondarily "the glory of thy people Israel."

Then take the "Acts of the Apostles," which as some one says is but "a record of what Jesus continued to do on earth in the person of the Holy Spirit." After Pentecost, those Jewish disciples, Peter, James and John (the home missionaries) heard that a Gentile church at Antioch were worshiping God just as they, the chosen people, and they sent Barnabas up there to see about it. Barnabas found the signs of God's presence and approval to be the same as in the home missionary church in Jerusalem. What did he do? He sent for Paul, and for two years these Christians (young in experience if not in years) studied with him God's Word, the Old Testament, (all that was then written of the Scriptures) with the result that this Gentile church sent out on the foreign field of Asia and Macedonia these two Jewish preachers, later Paul and Silas, then Paul himself preached the Gospel in Rome. We are familiar with the story of their triumphs and know that Timothy and Lydia were among the converts. Almost the entire New Testament is a record of the fruit of missions among the Gentiles, or, as we would say, a record of the success of foreign missions.

Our own fore-fathers on the continent and in the British Isles, long before Columbus ever dreamed of a new world, were as much without the knowledge of the true God as the men whom Paul addressed at Athens, or Corinth—until missionaries with some of the love of Christ in their hearts brought the good tidings of a free salvation to those shores. And these men had to learn to talk in a new language and then translate the Greek New Testament into Anglo Saxon before they could begin their work, just as Miss Kelly, our missionary to China, had first to learn to speak and read Chinese before she and the people could stand on common ground. A recent paper states that "missionaries to the Philippines are allowing no grass to grow under their feet," a ton of Bibles have been translated into the various dialects. The "Epworth Herald" a young people's paper and the organ of the Epworth League contains this pertinent paragraph: "The missionary enterprise is the business of the church to make—to send, to support and reinforce missionaries." The question is asked:—"if this is not the church's business, what is?"

"If the young of this generation should become earnest seekers for the whole of Scripture truth, in the next, they would be leaders in our churches, and teaching a new generation that the missionary enterprise is indeed the business of the church. Then would speedily come to pass the words of our Lord to his disciples, saying that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations," and "ye are witnesses of these things."

The home thrust with each of us is what is our duty in this matter? We are members of Missionary Baptist Churches, they are the younger element with boundless possibilities if thoroughly aroused and at work. Do we, by example, say to them "the love of Christ constraineth us?" American civilization has been made by Christianity. The Christianity in America is the fruit of missions and any other civilization or people must be helped by Christianity being introduced into

their countries by missionaries. If the Baptist churches can but harness their hosts of young people in this crusade not only will the treasury be full to overflow, but there will be multitudes to follow the example of Mr. Snook, who responding to an appeal to contribute to foreign missions, said: "I give myself."

Mrs. D. H. Montgomery.
Woodlawn, Ala.

Address of the Vice President of the Newton Association.

It is with great pleasure and with deepest sense of gratitude to God that I come before you this morning as your vice-president, feeling it an honor to stand before a band of such noble women, whom I consider the very "salt of the earth." I know there are those so much better qualified than I, in heart and brain, for this grand work—in fact, with Paul, I am made to feel that I am the very least among you, and yet when I think of Christ's precious promises to the weak I am made to feel strong, and trusting Him I begin in my feeble way the work assigned me.

I said I felt honored—yes, I feel that each of us should feel honored to be a member of this great Woman's Missionary Union, and more especially to be co-workers together with God, and in behalf of our Union I will say to the sisters of Mt. Zion Church that we have looked forward with great pleasure to our meeting with you, and we return our heart-felt thanks to you for favors already shown.

'Tis true this Union of ours is only one year old, but with the progress it has made in this year, may we not look forward to the work of another year hoping that each W. M. U. worker may recognize the force of individuality! In nature every individual element performs its part in the success of the whole. Every twinkling star adds beauty to the night. Every grain of sand adds its part to the general equipose of the universe. Every tiny insect fills its place in the zoological realm. Of the highest of God's creations is it written, "Every one of us shall give an account of himself to God," and in the great work to which, as members of the W. M. U., we have been called, success will be largely dependent upon personal fidelity.

Our W. M. U. is worthy of all the enthusiasm we can put into it. Let us not regard enthusiasm as a mark of shallowness, for it was exemplified in the life of Christ. Paul, pleading for Israel, willing to be scourged for its sake, was an enthusiast. Adoniram Judson, who, when asked what promise he had of ultimate success, replied "As much as that there is an almighty God who will perform His promises—this and no more." This work committed to us is not ours but God's, and never in the history of the work has there been greater opportunity for our workers; never has there been such an open door for usefulness; so

"Let none hear us idly saying

There is nothing I can do,
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls you."

If we would be wide awake to our opportunity, we must get out of our old "ruts" and take for our watchword, "Enlargement." Inspiration and encouragement by the memory of God's dealings in the past and by the

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Field Notes

Last Sunday was the first anniversary of Rev. M. M. Wood's pastorate of the Baptist Church, and at the morning service a report was given, which indicates a successful year's work. During the year 775 visits were made to 242 families, 186 sermons were preached, twenty-six addresses made, nine funerals conducted, two marriages performed, 1,209 miles traveled, twenty-three members received, \$848.90 was raised here on the field of which the Ladies' Aid Society raised \$163.98. This is a fine record for a membership of only eighty-four, most of whom have very small incomes. The pastor thanked the membership of the Church, and the public generally, for their hearty co-operation, and begged to assure the people that their thoughtful and kindly treatment was fully appreciated by every member of the Church.—Fayette Banner, Jan. 7, 1904.

FROM BROTHER CONNELL.

We are at Merrimack, our new field. The kindness of brethren and friends is exceedingly great. They meet us with open doors, hearts and pocket-books.

The superintendent of the works kindly placed us in a splendid new home, right near the church. The noble young Bro. Thomas Tyler, pastor of the M. E. Church, and his congregation came to our Church Sunday and added much to the service by their good spiritual singing.

The Ladies' Aid Societies of the First and Dallas Avenue Baptist Churches of Huntsville, gave us a pounding that overflows our pantry with a great variety of necessaries and luxuries of life. Language to express our gratefulness for all these favors is not at our command. Suffice it to say we are indeed grateful. May He, who is able, amply reward them all for their kindness. W. H. Connell.

FROM SHEFFIELD.

I have resigned the pastorate of the Sheffield Baptist Church and in a few days I shall begin work in Columbia, as pastor of the Church there.

The Lord has blessed my ministry during the time so happily spent in this field. Indeed He continues even now to smile upon the labors of His children here. Last Sunday seven were added to the Church and the spiritual condition of the members is very inviting to the new pastor, whom I trust God will send right away.

As I go from this place I shall from the depths of my soul ask God's richest benedictions upon this band of noble Christian workers who are faithful and true to their pastor to the last. Eldred M. Stewart.

FROM HUNTSVILLE.

Notwithstanding the very gloomy day we had fine services at First Baptist Church, Dallas Avenue, and our new Baptist Church at Merrimack. Brother Murray occupied his pulpit morning and evening; had very good congregations. The B. Y. P. U. of the First Church, is in a flourishing condition. Yesterday was annual election day. Mr. J. T. Jones, an exceedingly zealous worker, was re-elected President by acclamation, as all of the officers.

We had unusually good services at our Church, Dallas Avenue. Brother Rice preached to well filled houses both

services. As had been announced for several weeks the noon sermon was to old men. Leviticus xix, 32. One received by experience. Many came forward for prayer, and a general hand shaking followed. Sunday school better attended than usual, had such a fine lesson, and so many little bright-eyed boys and girls, who knew their lessons.

Our big-hearted Bro. F. J. Tyler, the Methodist preacher at Merrimack, showed the right spirit, and mustered up his forces and marched them straight forward to our pretty little new church, where Bro. W. H. Connell preached to a crowded house. Then at 7 p. m., Brother Connell, with his happy little band, joined Bro. F. J. Tyler at his church, where Brother Connell preached to all that the church could seat.

I am delighted with your paper now, and may you never change the name again. W. E. Pettus.

FROM KENTUCKY.

If your first number is a fair sample of what your readers are to have during this year I predict that 1904 will produce the best paper in the history of the Baptists of Alabama, and will mark its most prosperous year. I like your new form and dress. It is simple, yet attractive. I wish for you unmeasured success. I send renewal subscription.

Our work at Midway is in good condition. The Church is surpassing its good record. The pastor was made happy New Year's Day by a present of \$100 from the Church.

J. F. Watson.

REV. E. LEE SMITH.

The Baptist and Reflector prints a picture of Brother Smith, the pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church of North Birmingham, with the following interesting data:

Mr. Smith was born Jan. 23, 1866, in Sullivan county, Tenn. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Smith. He was converted in 1889 and entered upon an active Christian life. In 1892 he was ordained to the ministry, having previously attended school at Liberty Academy, Tennessee; Hamilton Institute, East Virginia; Centenary, Palmyra, Mo.; Zollicoffer Institute, Tennessee. He afterwards took a course of theology from Dr. Ryland at Southwest Virginia Institute and at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He has had the following pastorates and work: New Hope, Bluff City, River Bend, South Bristol, Erwin, Memphis Trinity (served a while as missionary in Holston Association under the Executive and State Boards), Ewing, Ky., and at present pastor of Park Avenue Church, Birmingham, Ala. His labors were greatly blessed in each field, and in each pastorate he has been ably assisted by his noble companion, nee Miss Adelia, only daughter of Rev. J. H. and Elizabeth Crouch and niece of Col. T. H. Reeves, to whom he was married Oct. 10, 1893, in the Bluff City Baptist Church. Their home has been blessed with two children, Tommie Lee (deceased) and Jessie Barnett, now six years of age. He has had about fifteen hundred conversions in his work, and is in full sympathy with all organized work for the promotion of Christ's cause.



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For Whom to Pray.

Prayer ought to be specific and personal. We ought to burden our hearts with special cases. Some have a list for whom they pray. This is well if the list is not too long so as to induce superficiality and mechanicalism. We cannot go on an evangelizing trip and take down 10,000 names to pray this is professional and heartless. God's providence and God's Spirit will make out a list for us. They will be on our hearts by God's writing.

To pray for others broadens our praying, broadens our sympathies, broadens our faith. We may be as selfish in our praying as in anything else, and religious selfishness is the worst kind of selfishness.

There are those who hold a primacy in our hearts, to these we are linked. They live in our hearts and we could scarcely pray without our prayers being heard by these deep and tender heart affections. Such were Paul's praying for Timothy. How pathetic and tender. "I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy.

What a benediction to Timothy to live in the prayers of Paul! To Philemon also Paul writes: "I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers."

To the front in our personal praying must be put, our enemies. If we pray only for our friends, what do we more than others? It is no high type nor strong test of religion to pray for our friends, but to pray for our enemies belongs to the purest form of piety.

It is nothing against a man, in a world like ours that he has enemies. The obituary eulogy, "None knew him but to love, none named but to praise," is a questionable compliment. Christ was hounded to his death by enemies. His brave forerunner died by the hands of those who hated him. He who is valiant for truth will face many a foe and arouse enemies bitter and relentless. But the Christian will sanctify every battle and put every foe by name in his praying calendar. Love your enemies, pray for them. To these high behests of his religion the Christian will readily come. Praying for enemies will soften asperities, sweeten, and deepen love, and win them, if won they can be.

Christ sets us the example of praying for those who are specially exposed to temptation. "And the Lord said,

Simon, Simon, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Brave, impulsive Peter how he needed prayer! And his peril drew forth the Lord's prayers personally. The Rulers in high official places are to be prayed for. Pray, says Paul, "For Kings and for all that are in authority." Our prayers must not be the servant of our politics. We must pray as Christians and not as party men for those in authority in Church, or State, of whatever politics or Church. Good praying and plenty of it will make good rulers out of bad ones and good saints out of poor ones. The praying must be in secret, not simply on State occasions. Preachers ought to be prayed for by name, strongly, lovingly, and often. More praying for preachers and less criticism and fault-finding would improve the quality of the preaching, greatly, and add immensely to the quality of our sainthood.

No demand is more urgent, hearty, and authoritative than the Bible call to pray for the preachers. Apostles with apostolic commission, apostolic grace, and apostolic gifts were intensely solicitous for prayers. The crowning grace conferred on Apostolic ministry was the fervent prayers of the Christians. "Pray for us," was the clarion call and preparation for apostolic warfare. It was the beginning and the end, the salutation and farewell of apostolic greeting.

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men:

For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem, may be accepted of the saints;

That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.

Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you;

And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith."

These will show the heartiness, the importance, the intensity of apostolic demand in the matter of praying for their preachers.

The Revised version changes the expression on the last quotation, "Free course, and be glorified" to "Run and be glorified." A metaphor taken from runners in a race to go fast, to propagate rapidly. The gospel moves fast by prayer. It moves slowly when saints are tardy in their praying for their preachers. Pray for all saints everywhere.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

And for me, that utterance may be

given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

This was Paul's directory and vade mecum.

He who does not bear the burdens and trials of God's family on his heart can lay no good claim to belong to the family of God. He who does not pray for victory for the army of God is not in the ranks of God's warring ones, and he who does not feel and breathe in prayer the struggles and longing of God's saints, can scarcely be in the realms of sainthood. He is not moved mightily to prayer by deep love and tender sympathy for the brotherhood has never felt the rich, warm, divine flow which belongs to the brotherhood in Christ.

Preachers and Pastors.

A secular paper in Philadelphia in reporting a recent meeting of the Ministerial Union in that city, reported one of the speakers as saying: "The revival most needed is a revival of the pastors of the churches. The pressing need is not for great preachers in pulpits, but earnest pastors in the field to shepherd the flocks committed to their care. There is too great a tendency on our part to become so engrossed in other matters that we do not give much heed to the wanderers who are forming a growing class. The difficulty with us is that we make more of preaching than of ministry."

Is it true that our city preachers are placing more emphasis on ministerial study than on ministerial labor? Are they seeking literary achievement rather than pastoral activity? Some may be doing this, but the great majority of those known to us divide their time between studies and their flock, and are both effective preachers and sympathetic pastors, trying to reach the man in the street as well as to inform the man in the pew.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

A man who is not a Church member sent in his subscription last week and also the name of a Baptist preacher in his vicinity, who is not taking the paper so that I could send him a sample copy.

In the issue of Dec. 9th Bro. J. B. Kilpatrick is made to say, "I resigned the care of my four churches in good faith." It should read thus: "I resigned the care of one of my four churches in good faith."

The Baptist Standard contains an account of the work of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, printing pictures of Rev. Geo. W. Truett, the pastor, Col. W. L. Williams, the senior deacon, R. H. Coleman, the pastor's assistant, and Dr. Bush Jones, superintendent of the Sunday school. It raised for missions last year nearly \$10,000.

We are indebted to Rev. Lansing Burrows, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., for the following copies of associational minutes: Cuba, Cleburne, Newton and North River. Dr. Burrows evidently reads the Alabama Baptist.

Saturday about noon the South Side Church had a narrow escape from be-

ing burned to the ground as a fire in the basement had gotten a good headway before the engines reached the ground. We rejoice with the members that the beautiful edifice was saved.

Rev. J. R. Jarrell, pastor at Mill Town, Ala., and president of the school at Mill Town, Ala., died suddenly at midnight on Sunday night, 10. This is the second time in less than a year that death has claimed a young pastor in East Liberty Association.

It gives us great pleasure to announce that Prof. J. L. Murfee of Marion, will tell the story of the Alabama Baptist in its columns. We have wanted some one who knew all the facts to set them forth ever since the paper came into our hands.

We note that Rev. E. Y. Mullins, D.D., the able President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, is to supply the Englewood Church, Chicago, for one Sunday soon. Dr. Mullins is a scholarly preacher whose learning only intensifies the gospel message.

If you expect your news items to get in the paper promptly they must reach us not later than Saturday morning. Our Monday mail is heavy with letters from correspondents asking us to be sure and get the items in the next paper. It means a wait of ten days. The paper goes to press at Monday noon unless unavoidably delayed.

We hope Rev. Bruce Benton and Rev. D. E. Lawrence, who have purchased the Baptist Chronicle, much success in continuing the State paper of the Baptists of Louisiana. We had the pleasure of meeting Brother Benton and his charming wife at the Southern Baptist Press Association at Biloxi, and since then have watched with interest the paper he has so well edited.

Rev. Bryan W. Collier of Covington, Ga., whose picture is on the first page and whose article on the Dignity and Responsibility of Church Membership, is on page 2, is one of Georgia's most scholarly young ministers. He is not only a preacher of ability, but a writer of great promise, whose career promises to be one of great usefulness. We pray God's blessing on his work.

We have received the following minutes. Please read the list and if you have any numbers not put down forward at once as we need them for our files: Bethlehem, Birmingham, Cahaba, Calhoun, Colbert, Cleburne, Conecuh, Coosa, Cullman, Etowah, Eufaula, Florence, Haw Ridge, Harris, Judson, Mobile, Montgomery, Muscle Shoals, Mud Creek, Newton, New River, North River, Pine Barren, Salem, Tuskegee, and Unity.

A railroad man writes: In your last issue I note some articles about Sunday rest for railroad people, which I most heartily endorse for railroad people, but for all who are employed by enterprises requiring their employees to work regularly and without necessity on Sunday and at night. Such compulsion is cruelly wicked and belongs to the dark ages. I sincerely pray that the Christian Public may take this matter in hand and use their good influence in restraining these evil and in-

human practices as early and as much as possible.

The Florida Baptist Witness is issued this week from a new place, in a new dress, by new men, but we know it will stand for the old things. W. H. Hobson, editor; C. S. Farris, associate editor; W. L. Mahon, field editor; and D. H. McMillan, business manager, make up the staff. We extend to them our congratulations on the great improvement in the Witness and thanks for the kind invitation to be present at the State Baptist Convention.

Rev. J. M. Carroll, corresponding secretary of the Baptist Education Commission, on Jan. 1st, turned over to the trustees of the University \$70,000 in cash, which amount was raised in Texas, and John D. Rockefeller contribution of the \$19,000 more, making nearly \$90,000. This is a great achievement. We congratulate Baylor University and hope it won't be long before we can report something doing on our own field for Howard.

The second half session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will begin on Monday, Feb. 1, 1904. The courses of study are so arranged that they can be taken up with advantage at that time and the regular course pursued with a view to graduation or not as the student may desire. Students should be in Louisville on Saturday, Jan. 30th, if possible, so as to begin with the classes the first of the following week. Dr. E. Y. Mullins will be glad to correspond with any who desire further information on the subject.

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Some of our subscribers still send us letters containing money addressed to the Alabama Baptist, Montgomery. Now, of course, we would rather it would go by Montgomery than never to start, but it would get here so much quicker if addressed to Birmingham.

Dr. Montague's earnest appeal to the Baptist Sunday schools of Alabama, in behalf of the new dormitory of Howard College, in last week's paper, was, I am sure, read with interest by a great many. I trust it will receive the attention it so richly deserves. Why should not every Sunday school worker in the State take hold of this work and lift the burden from Dr. Montague's shoulders by paying the \$3,000 at once.
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PERSONAL.

Rev. S. J. Ingram now gets his mail at Delta, Ala.

Rev. S. W. Doster has moved from Charlton to Daleville.

Rev. Eldred M. Stewart's postoffice is now Columbia, Ala.

Rev. T. E. Williams has moved from Pleasant Hill to Meridian, Miss.

The Church at Abbeville has extended Rev. R. H. Gilbert an indefinite call.

Rev. N. L. Clarke, editor of the Mississippi Baptist, has moved from Newton to Decatur, Miss. The Lord bless him.

Rev. W. G. Curry, D.D., has accepted a call to the Central Baptist Church, New Decatur, Ala. Correspondents will address him accordingly.

The movement to make Richard Olney of Massachusetts, the next Democratic nominee for President of the United States was endorsed by the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee. Mr. Olney is a Baptist.

The response of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, to the charges made against him, was presented to the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, Jan. 9th, by Senator Burrows, chairman of that committee. The document was in printed form.

Rev. T. W. O'Kelley, D.D., of Little Rock, Ark., who has been called to the First Church, St. Joseph, Mo., is one of the biggest hearted and levelled headed young men in our denomination.

The Examiner says: "Mr. Andrew Carnegie has offered to pay one-half of the cost of the pipe organs that are to be built for the new houses of worship of the First Church, McKeesport, and the Hazelwood-Glenwood Church, Pittsburgh, Pa."

We got the idea somehow that Mr. Carnegie would not give anything to be used in any way for Church purposes.

Dr. H. Allen Tupper returned to his pulpit at the Fifteenth Street Church, Brooklyn, on Sunday, after spending the Christmas holidays with his family in his "Hut-in-the-Bush," as he calls his winter cottage at Pine Bluff, N. C. Dr. Tupper presented, on Sunday afternoon, copies of the Oxford Teachers' Bible and his book "Uncle Allen's Party in Palestine" to a large number of pupils in his Bible school who missed no session of the school last year.—Examiner.

Hon. Francis Wayland, LL. D., formerly dean of the Yale Law school and professor of English constitutional law in the university, died Jan. 9th, in New Haven, Conn., at the age of seventy, was the son of Francis Wayland, who was a tower of strength to the Baptists while President of Brown University, of acute bronchitis. Professor Wayland's connection with the university as professor of English constitutional law extended over a period of thirty years.

The Baptist Union of last week has a fine sketch of Joseph W. Folk, the young Baptist lawyer, who has made such a fight for civic righteousness in St. Louis. It gave a good likeness of him, and prints a picture of the home in Brownsville, Tenn., where he was born and reared. Mr. Folk is a brother of Dr. E. E. Folk, the sweet spirited but fearless editor of the Baptist and Reflector, who has wrought such a work for temperance in Tennessee.

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"General Order No. 2.

"Death, who strikes with equal hand at the door of the cottage and the palace-gate, has been busy at his appointed work. He has this time invaded the precincts of the federation of United Confederate Veterans, carrying off its chief executive, the noble, gallant, chivalrous and patriotic John B. Gordon.

"Yes the most honored and beloved of all our comrades is no more. He has passed over the river and now rests with his comrades on the other side. No announcement could cause more poignant sorrow to the survivors of the Confederate armies than the brief statement that Gen. John B. Gordon is dead.

"Skillful in command, with ability second only to the immortal Lee, brave in action beyond comparison, shirking no responsibility and fearing no danger in battle, he was an ideal soldier, in civil life ever looking to the welfare of the people of the state of which he was chief executive and which he represented in the senate of the United States; constantly laboring for the improvement of the condition of those with whom he was associated, he was a model citizen.

"As the commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans organization from its birth to his death, he ever threw his powerful influence to the betterment of the affairs of his old army associates, or those dependent on them. Full of love for all, pure in mind, heart and behavior, a consistent follower of his Maker, he was possibly the greatest representative of the old courtly southern gentleman, and his place cannot be filled.

"His military career is an open book, known and read of all men, and no words of the commanding general can add aught to it.

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"Adjutant General and Chief of Staff."

"Special Order.

"Major General Clement A. Evans, commanding the Georgia division of the United Confederate veterans, is hereby directed to assume command of the army of Tennessee, department of United Confederate veterans, as provided in section 3, article 3 of the by-laws of the United Confederate veterans' organization. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

"Lieutenant General Evans will instruct the ranking brigadier general of the Georgia division, United Confeder-

ate veterans, to assume command of that division, or recommend to these headquarters a suitable officer for that position as he deems best calculated to promote the objects of the federation.

"By command of

"STEPHEN D. LEE,

General Commanding.

"WILLIAM E. MICKLE,

"Adjutant General and Chief of Staff."

To Our Readers.

We wish to call the attention of every reader of the Alabama Baptist to the advertisement of the Dr. Blosser's Catarrh Cure, which appears in this issue on page 11. We have every assurance that the Dr. Blosser Company, 352 Walton St., Atlanta, Ga., who are advertising this remedy, are men of such character that their claims for this remedy and their promises may be relied upon in every particular.

As they offer an absolutely free trial sample of the Catarrh Cure, it is certainly well worth the while of every sufferer to write to them and give their remedy a trial, at least to this extent. Their willingness to submit the remedy to this test before selling it is a demonstration of their faith in it. It is evident that unless the remedy was a good one, they could not afford to make this offer. It.

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From Brother Swindall.

My work is progressing nicely both at Dolomite and Clanton. At Dolomite they made us a fine Christmas present. Gave me a real good overcoat and a box of many good things, such as we needed. The box was worth \$20 at least. We cannot forget soon such a people. They have treated former pastors in the same way, and I have never heard of one becoming offended. May the Lord graciously bless them. I look for this people to do much for the Lord this year.

January 31st and State Missions

This is an important date for State Missions. Unless we have good collections for our Alabama missionaries between this and Jan. 31st, they must suffer for three months. February, March and April are given wholly to Home and Foreign Missions. We must not allow anything to come in the way of collections for those Boards during these months. Will the pastors help? W. B. C.

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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed to John L. Powell and R. A. Powell by A. J. Bryant and wife, Zilpha Bryant, the undersigned will proceed to sell on Monday, February 8, 1904, between the legal hours of sale in front of the Court House door of Jefferson County, Alabama, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said mortgage to-wit: A portion of Lot Number 1 in Block Number 3, McDaniel's Birmingham Addition to the City of Birmingham, Alabama, less the triangle of 17 1/2 feet of the southwest corner to be added to Center Street, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point of the South line 17 1/2 feet East of Southwest corner of said triangle (cut off to Center Street) thence East 68 feet to the corner, thence North 65 feet to a portion of a lot sold to William Hall, thence West 85 feet to Center Street, thence South 47 1/2 feet, thence Southeast to the point of beginning. A portion of said lot number one in block number three purchased from Hiram A. McDaniel and Cornelius McDaniel on the 29th day of January, 1886, recorded in Volume 68, page 27 in the office of Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, being situated in Jefferson County, Alabama.

Default having been made in the indebtedness by said mortgage, this sale is made under and by authority of said mortgage. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29, 1903.

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Some Notes from Bro. Crumpton. "OUR REVIVAL IS TO BEGIN."

A brother adds that charming piece of news to a business letter. The brother had in mind a protracted meeting, he said "Revival." There is a great difference between the two. He hoped the "revival" would begin with the protracted meeting; but it does not always turn out that way. We can begin a meeting and close a meeting; not so with a revival. A meeting may promote a revival and the close of a meeting may seem to us to be unfortunate; but if a genuine revival is on the close of a meeting cannot stop it. We can appoint a meeting; but we can't appoint a revival. "When will your revival begin?" or "who will help you in your revival?" are questions very frequently asked. What makes preachers talk so?

HOW TO DISTRIBUTE TRACTS!

It is an art. Why not learn it? Giving out tracts after any fashion, is better than not giving them out. Indiscriminate giving is not the best way. Some times it is almost "casting pearls before swine." But even then, God may overrule the indifference of the readers, or their treatment of the tracts, to the furtherance of His cause. It is like preaching to the multitude; we must preach whether they hear or forbear. If they reject the message, it will stand at the last as a witness against them. So of the destroyed leaflet given by one of God's workers with prayer to God for His blessing. Sometimes this scattering like the leaves of autumn ought to be done. At times it is all that can be done. But the thoughtful and careful reading of the tract ought to precede any kind of distribution. The distributor will often get a blessing in this way. Then, he knows so much better how to deal them out "giving to each his portion." One of my New Year's resolutions is this: "I will study tracts and people more this year, and try to put in the hands of each just the leaflet which is suited to his case. If tracts are put in my hands for distribution, I will not stick them away in some dusty corner to be forgotten; but put them in the hands of the people as soon as possible after I receive them."

A SECRETARY'S COMPENSATION

You pastors with your poundings, spare-ribs and backbones at hog-killing, turkey at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and a new suit to go to the convention and all expense paid, think you have all the good things and the secretaries have nothing. When you read the following you will change your mind.

"I have a case that I want to state to you in brief and want your opinion, judgment and counsel on the same, knowing you as I do to be an old, prominent Baptist, and one looked upon as being authority on Missionary Baptist principles, practices, precedents, rules, customs, usages, etc." When was a pastor honored like that?

WHY SEND THIS!

"He never answers me in any way"—I often think when I direct a circular letter to certain preachers; but, hoping for the best, I continue to send and finally I move him. Here is a letter with a contribution from one of these. It has cost five times more for postage than he sends, but I take it this is only the breaking of the ice.

W. B. C.

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Dr. Blosser has for many years made the treatment of catarrh a special and constant study. He has demonstrated that the usual treatment with sprays, douches, snuffs, ointments and the ordinary inhalers, cannot possibly be applied so as to reach all the diseased parts, so that even if they were composed of curative ingredients they could not cure. Neither can the blood be made so pure that a deep seated old chronic catarrh will get well without local treatment applied directly and thoroughly to the ulcerated surfaces. An old catarrh, with its foul discharge and burrowing microbes, will continue to eat its way into the tissues in spite of all the blood remedies that the sufferer can swallow. You had as well try to cure the corns on your toes by swallowing calomel, as to try to cure chronic catarrh by medicine that is taken into the stomach. Catarrh begins as a local disease in the mucous membrane of the nose and head, and this is always the home and stronghold of the disease, and it is there that the battle for its extermination must be fought by medication that can be applied directly to the disease. This is the way that Dr. Blosser's Catarrh Cure eradicates

the disease. No other remedy can be applied so directly, thoroughly and effectually to every diseased spot. Dr. Blosser's Catarrh Cure will destroy the catarrhal microbes and at the same time is healing to the mucous membrane, and is applied in such a way that it reaches every part of the diseased membrane. WHY WE GIVE SAMPLES. We give sufferers from catarrh a sample of Dr. Blosser's Catarrh Cure that each one may see for himself how the remedy takes hold right where the disease is located. This is the best argument we could use to convince any one that this treatment, if continued a reasonable length of time, will effect a cure. Nearly every one who tries the sample becomes our customer. No matter how many remedies you may have tried to no effect, write us, and we will send you a sample, which we believe will please you so well that you will give it a further trial; or, if you wish to give it a more thorough trial without being delayed, send us \$1.00 for a trial month's treatment, which we send postpaid. Address: Dr. Blosser Company 22 Walton St., Atlanta, Ga.

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Editorial Fraternity.

The Southern Baptist will move from Gainesville to Jacksonville, Fla.

Since the Baptist Witness of Florida has changed to the regulation size the Zion's Advocate of Maine is the only Baptist exchange we receive that clings to the old blanket form, but Dr. Burrage, the able editor, keeps up to date in other ways.

Rev. D. F. Lawrence of Andalusia, who becomes one of the owners of the Baptist Chronicle of Louisiana, will be greatly missed in Alabama, where he has made many friends. We hope that the Baptists of Louisiana will be good to him and subscribe for his paper, for while a pastor in Alabama he was a good friend of the Alabama Baptist. We know that he will be a power in the organized work in Louisiana.

One of our Exchanges says: "We want more money to make a better Baptist paper. We need more brains, and we cannot hire brains without money. We keep promising our brethren a better paper. The promise has long been made and its fulfillment long deferred. This deferment must not last. Will our subscribers take the hint? Look at your label and see that your figures are right."

We have the same needs and we have made the same promises and we hope our subscribers will consult their labels and remit to justify us in pushing their dates forward.

The Montgomery Journal says: "There are editors and editors. Fine writing is one thing, sensible writing is another. An editor ought to be able to know what to say and when to say it. He ought to know what not to say, and when to keep silent. He ought to have judgment, discretion, the happy faculty of being able to parry a blow, no matter how well aimed; he ought to have a judicial temper; to be firm, consistent, aggressive, without being offensive, and to be shrewdly observant and intelligent." And yet there are some who feel that it is an easy job to be an editor.

The Baptist Argus of last week comes out with a unique feature. It gives the Baptist world outlook for 1904, saying: Noted Baptists from all over the world meet this week in the Baptist Argus, bringing noble visions and prophecies regarding the present and future of Baptists. They have brought messages which will kindle the hearts and give joyous assurance to every loyal Baptist.

We congratulate Dr. Prestridge on his enterprise and we don't blame him for saying with pride: Before this no Baptist paper, so far as we know, has ever succeeded or ever attempted, to father into one issue authoritative statements of the conditions and prospects of the Baptists of the world.

The Baptist Witness of Florida, has changed hands. W. L. Mahon, for the Florida Baptist Witness Publishing Co., among other things, says:

To the Baptist press we make salutation, and ask professional courtesies only so long as we are courteous. We love our brethren and greatly enjoy their fellowship and shall therefore try to be worthy of a place among them.

And now, "with malice toward none, and charity for all," we take our seat, wishing for our readers, and all mankind, a happy New Year. "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity."

It is due the retiring management to say, "well done, good and faithful servants." Brother Porter and his good wife have given to the Witness the best years of their lives.

Program

Baptist Rally at Brighton, Ala., Will be Held Jan. 30-31, and a Full Attendance is Urged.

FIRST DAY.

From 10 to 10:30 a. m. Devotional Exercises—Rev. J. E. Wilson.

10:30 to 11:30 a. m. Church Work—Address by Rev. A. F. Loftin, followed by volunteers.

11:30 a. m. Sermon—Dr. J. L. Thomson.

1:30 to 2 p. m. Devotional Exercises—Rev. O. J. Waldrop.

2 to 2:30 p. m. Pastor's Support—Rev. A. C. Swindall.

2:30 to 3 p. m. Training the Young Members—J. C. Vines.

3 p. m. Missions—P. C. Barkley.

7 p. m. Devotional Exercises—W. J. Curl.

7:30 p. m. Sermon—Rev. L. M. Bradley of First Church, Avondale, Ala.

SECOND DAY.

9:30 to 10 a. m. Devotional Exercises—C. H. Smith.

10 to 11 a. m. Sunday School Work—J. P. Leavell.

11 to 11:30 a. m. Ministerial Education—Rev. S. O. Y. Ray.

10:30 a. m. Sermon—Rev. Frank Willis Barnett.

2 to 2:15 p. m. Devotional Exercises—W. A. Dunnam.

2:15 to 2:45 p. m. Temperance—Rev. J. C. White.

2:45 p. m. The Necessity of Mission Work in the Bessemer District—Rev. S. O. Y. Ray.

We hope that every pastor in the Bessemer Association will urge his people to be present at this rally. Let every Baptist in the Bessemer District weigh his or her responsibility and then you will feel it your duty to be a representative of your Church to plan the Lord's work.

I call the attention of Sunday school superintendents and teachers to the fact that Bro. L. P. Leavell will be with us Sunday to discuss Sunday School Work. I think this a grand opportunity for our workers to hear a man who is giving his life to Sunday School Work. We have noticed that he was with Dr. Spillman at the Sunday School Institute held at South Side Church, Birmingham, last year and did good work. He is spending this month in the Birmingham District in the interest of his work.

Percy C. Barkley.

Brighton, Ala.

From Sylacauga.

Officers Sylacauga Sunday school for 1904: W. O. Peace, Supt.; J. W. Langley, Asst.; Rush Gross, Secy.; Henry Foster, Asst.; Mrs. J. W. Langley, Organist; J. W. Batson, Treasurer.

Church has called Rev. C. J. Bentley of Lanette, Ala., who has accepted a call to this place. Fayetteville and Shelby, and will move his family here about Feb. 1st.

Childrens' Column.

ACCORDING TO HIS FOLLY.

A young Japanese compositor employe on a Japanese paper in New York was riding downtown in a city hall train the other morning. He was engrossed in his morning paper, and paid little attention to the other passengers.

But a fresh-looking young man who sat next to him, and who had been eyeing him all along, suddenly asked:

"What sort of a 'nese' are you anyway? A Chinese or a Japanese?"

The little Jap was not caught napping. Quick as a wink he replied:

"What sort of a 'key' are you, anyway? A monkey, a donkey, or a Yankee?"

The fresh young man had no more to say, and left the train quickly when city hall station was reached.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

There are things I'll never do

When I'm all grown up, like you—

Send my little girl to bed

When her story book's half read;

Call her in to practice scales

When she's hunting Indian trails;

Make her keep an apron on

When she wears her best pink gown;

Give her just out meal and bread

When the rest have cakes instead;

Comb the snarls out twice a day

When the hair gets rough in play—

Wes your hair so hard to curl

When you were a little girl!

—Lucy Heald, in the Kindergarten Review.

AN ESSAY ON HENS.

A boy who was required to write an essay on hens produced the following: "Hens is curious animals; they don't have no nose nor no teeth nor no ears. They swallow their whittles whole and chew it up in their crops inside of 'em. The outside of hens is generally put into pillers and into feather dusters. The inside of a hen is sometimes filled with marbles and shirt buttons and sich. A hen is very much smaller than a good many other animals, but they'll dig up more tomato plants than anything that ain't a hen. Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum puddings. Hens have wings and can fly when they get frightened. I cut off a hen's head with a hatchet, and it frightened her to death."

NEVER THANKED HIM.

A gypsy boy lay dying in one of the hospitals in England. A Christian nurse bent over him and repeated, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The boy gazed intently into her face a moment, then with his dying breath said: "And I never thanked Him." Oh, the forgotten blessings that have so noiselessly come into our lives! We have used them to make our own way in the world, instead of making God's way into the hearts of men; never once thinking of, or even thanking the One from whom all blessings come; seemingly taking it for granted that since God created us, it is His bounden duty to give us His greatest blessings. Is it any wonder that our spiritual growth is slow! No, the wonder is that His Spirit still hovers over us. Let us give thanks to Him.—Ex.

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Order of Publication.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson county: City Court of Birmingham, in Chancery. Daisy Chatman, complainant, vs. Peter Chatman, defendant.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this court in term time by the affidavit of Daisy Chatman that the defendant, Peter Chatman, is a non-resident of the State of Alabama and his whereabouts is unknown, 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 Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Jefferson county, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring him, the said Peter Chatman, to answer, plead or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 20th day of February, 1904, or after thirty days therefrom a Decree Pro Confesso may be taken against him.

This 14th day of January, 1904.

CHAS. A. SENN,
Judge of the City Court of Birmingham.

Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County Probate Court, 18th day of January, 1904. Estate of E. J. Echols, deceased.

This day came F. M. Lowe, administrator of the estate of E. J. Echols, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of same.

It is ordered that the 18th day of February, 1904, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES, Judge of Probate.

Howard Collegians.

The Christmas number of the Howard Collegian was most creditable. The editorial staff is as follows:

Editor-in-Chief, J. T. S. Wade; Literary Editors, J. H. Sams, P. P. Burns; Exchange Editors, A. J. Gross, Howard Montagus; Local Editors, T. A. Gunn, T. M. Smith; Alumni Editors, R. C. Crumpton, L. T. Reeves; Athletic Editors, McCain Robinson, W. T. Nettles; Y. M. C. A. Editor, B. S. Huggins; Business Manager, J. D. Colley.

"OUR PREACHER BOYS."

(The following personals are selected from the Alumni Department of the Howard Collegian. R. C. Crumpton and L. C. Reeves edit this department.)

J. L. Jackson, A.M., '02, is now at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He was adjutant during his last year and performed the duties of this office with credit to himself and the college.

W. R. Hood, A.M., '01, is now at Newton Center Theological Seminary. Hood was first honor man of his class and well deserved the honors which were given to him.

J. A. Hendricks, A.M., '02, after several years of successful labors in other States, returned last summer to a field near his Alma Mater. He is now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pratt City.

F. H. Watkins, A.B., '01, has accepted a call to the Russellville Baptist Church. While in Howard he won every contest in which he spoke and was very popular with his schoolmates. We only await his success in his chosen work, and will rejoice with him.

J. D. Ray, A.B., '00, is now pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Selma, having graduated last year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is one of our most popular alumni and he will be one of the strongest men of his denomination at no distant day.

E. G. Fenn, '03, has been called to the Baptist Church at Inverness, Ala. Fenn was the first of his class to take unto himself a better half. It is rumored, however, that some of the others are about to follow suit.

H. R. Arnold, A.B., is now at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He is the only member of his class who went immediately from college to the Seminary. Ross is destined to be a great preacher and we are just waiting for his success to come, and then we will rejoice with him.

P. C. Barkley, A.B., is not surpassed by any alumnus in love for his Alma Mater. He spent five years in Howard College and left with great reluctance after graduating. He was Howard's representative last year in the State Inter-Collegiate contest at Montgomery. He is now pastor of Brighton and Jonesboro Baptist Church near Birmingham, and comes to see us right often. He has a good field and we predict for him great success.

W. T. Davis, A.B., is one of the philosopher and logician. The coming years will know him as one of Howard's most loyal alumni, and one of our country's most valuable citizens, as well as one of the wisest leaders of the Baptist denomination. It would not surprise his old college associates, however, if he should develop into a foreign missionary. Mr. Davis is at present pastor of the Baptist Church at Carbon Hill, Ala.

A GREAT INVENTION

And Discovery—A Genuine Cure for Catarrh and Deafness.

A great advance has been made in the successful treatment of catarrh and deafness by the discovery of Rhinol, the catarrh specific, and the invention by Dr. J. R. Blosser of Philadelphia, of a device or appliance (to be patented) which for the first time makes it possible to apply an effective remedy to all parts of the head and the external and internal ear.

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A sample of Rhinol, to demonstrate its splendid effect, together with full particulars as to the ear appliance, will be sent absolutely free to any sufferer who will write to Dr. J. R. Blosser, 415 Hood Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW SERVICE TO SHREVEPORT.

Queen and Crescent Route trains will leave Birmingham at 5:45 a. m., and will be solid vestibuled with buffet and parlor cars running through. This will give double daily service between Birmingham and Shreveport. Direct connection is made at Shreveport for Texas and Oklahoma points.

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WOMAN'S WORK.

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Program

Baptist Rally in Central Association at Shiloh Church, Jan. 29-31, 1904.

FRIDAY, 10 A. M.

Devotional Exercises.
11 a. m. Sermon—Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw.

1:30 p. m. The Sunday School—Opening Address—Rev. C. C. Heard, (1) Its Officers; (2) Its Management; (3) Its Aims; (4) Its Rewards. Short talks from volunteers on these points.

2:30 p. m. Church Work—Opening Address—Rev. Arnold S. Smith, (1) The Meeting House; (2) The Pastors' Support; (3) The Deacons' Work; (4) Training the Young Members; (5) Care of the Poor; (6) The Church and Temperance; (7) Church Discipline. Short talks from volunteers on all these points.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional Exercises.
9:30 a. m. Distinctive Baptist Doctrines—Opening Address—Rev. W. R. Whately, (1) Why be Baptized? (2) How be Baptized? (3) Who Should be Baptized?

10 a. m. Christian Education—Opening Address—Rev. J. D. Hughes, (1) Teachers of our Children; (2) The School for our Children; (3) Ministerial Education.

11 a. m. Sermon—Rev. C. C. Heard. Subject: Parental Responsibilities.

1:30 p. m. Missions—Opening Address—Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw, (1) The Pastor and Missions; (2) The Deacons and Missions; (3) The Church and Missions; (4) The Sunday School and Missions; (5) Women's Missionary Societies; (6) Missionary and Colportage Work in our Association.

Opening addresses should not consume more than thirty minutes; volunteer speeches, ten minutes.

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Ar. Elba.....	12:00pm		6:00pm
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Ar. Montgomery.....	9:30pm	10:50am	6:30pm
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Now that the revival spirit has been thoroughly discussed in the press of the country for a year or more, let us all as editors and preachers and Christian workers generally begin the new year with an earnest determination to make the revival a living reality. We have no higher wish for this paper, than that its columns may be crowded each week of the coming year with news that souls are being born into the kingdom and that the revival spirit is sweeping our great State.—Baptist Advocate.

Many people, say the words, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth," who have not the slightest conception of what the will of God is. There would be a great change in the prayer, saying, and doing of a large number of professed followers of Jesus, if they will search the Scriptures to find out the will of God for themselves, and at the same time pray as David did, "Teach me to do Thy will; for Thou art God; Thy Spirit is good; lead me in the land of uprightness."—Pacific Baptist.

A Philadelphia court has decided that a marriage engagement or contract to marry made on Sunday is not legal. The decision was rendered in a breach of promise suit, where a young lady was suing for a breach of promise. The young man did not deny the engagement, but set up the plea that it made on Sunday and therefore as a business contract it was not binding, and the courts so ruled. But what about the morals of a man that trifles with a woman's love over a mere technicality?—The Baptist.

One church is reported as having paid the pastor in full, and something over, for the year 1903. It would be very interesting reading if we had a full list of all the Baptist churches in the State that have paid their pastors in full and met all obligations for 1903, and that begin the New Year without any debt. If all the churches would do that it would be an easy matter for the Baptists to raise \$100,000 for missions and benevolence and in addition support the schools and colleges handsomely.—Baptist Courier.

Some men who are bold as lions in the prayer-meeting are timid as sheep in the marketplace. In the place of prayer they unctuously sing,

"And shall I fear to own his sway,
Or blush to speak his name?"

but on Change or in the counting-room they do fear to acknowledge Christ's lordship over them, and would blush if charged with being his friends. Why this difference? Perhaps it is due to the consciousness that their manner of speech and of conducting their business is not in harmony with the professions of the prayer-meeting. If so, what shall be said of their profession?—Examiner.

The editors of the Herald, one of

whom is now turning into his thirtieth year of continuous service, while the other is well on in his sixteenth, beg leave to acknowledge with hearty thanks the kindness of the brethren, without which they would have long ago fainted by the wayside. Next to the sustaining grace of God has been the support of the brotherhood. To one and all of these dear friends we make the salutations of the season! May the New Year be radiant and blessed, and if sorrows shall come may our Heavenly Father give His abounding comfort! (The Lord bless Drs. Dickinson and Pitt and their co-workers in our prayer. The Religious Herald deserves its great success.—Ed.)

The Anti-Saloon League Convention, which meets in Richmond on January 12-14th, is to be congratulated upon having as one of its speakers Hon. Charles Littlefield, the brilliant Congressman from Maine. Among the other speakers are such forceful men as Judge Mann; Dr. Blackwell, of Norfolk; Professor R. H. Bennett, of Randolph-Macon College; Rev. J. C. Holland, of Danville; Rev. M. L. Wood, of Staunton, and Rev. M. Ashby Jones. In view of the unprecedented strides that the temperance cause has made in Virginia during the past year, it is natural to expect that the coming Convention will be the most representative gathering of the kind in the history of the State. The sessions will be held in the Second Baptist Church, of which Dr. W. E. L. Smith is pastor. No temperance worker in the State can well afford to miss this notable Convention.—Religious Herald.

Dr. Ira Landrith, editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian, left on Wednesday night of last week for Chicago to begin his work as Secretary of the Religious Educational Association. Before leaving he was given a farewell luncheon by the Anti-Saloon League, of which he has been the Secretary since its organization, and always an honored and active member. This was an informal but very pleasant affair. The Y. M. C. A., the chairman of whose State Committee he has been for some years, gave him an elaborate banquet on Tuesday night. Dr. Landrith's departure from Nashville has caused general regret—except among the saloon-keepers and gamblers. Few will miss him more than we. We have been closely associated with him in temperance work for some eight or ten years, and we shall miss his wise counsel and unflinching courage. We wish him much success in the new and important position to which he has been called.—Baptist and Reflector.

Two notable figures and striking personalities have recently passed away from earth: Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull, editor of the Sunday School Times, and Herbert Spencer, the distinguished scholar and author. The one represented the best type of Christianity, the other was a representative agnostic. If Clay Trumbull believed in a God who has revealed Himself to men in His word and through His Son, through whom sinners may be reconciled to God, Herbert Spencer, wrote about "great first causes" and a "power unknown and unknowable." The one man was a warm-hearted proclaimer of God's grace; the other a proclaimer of the chilling negations of intellectual skepticism. In the final

summing up of the results, of life's work, it will be no surprise to find that the little book of Dr. Trumbull, called "Individual Work for Individuals," far outweighs the ponderous volumes called "The Data of Ethics," in the influence for righteousness, and the betterment of men.—Ex.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Program of Fifth Sunday meeting of the Montgomery Association to be held with Bethel Baptist Church, Ft. Deposit, Ala., Jan. 29-31, 1904.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29, 10 A. M.

- Devotional Exercises—Bro. Schramm
- 10:30 a. m. Organization.
- 10:30 a. m. The best way to develop the spiritual growth of a Church—Brethren Windom and Birdeshaw.
- 11:30 a. m. Preaching—Bro. Lee.
- 1 p. m. Adjournment.
- 2:30 p. m. Devotional Exercises—Brother Hudson.
- 2:50 p. m. Influence of the Gospel of the Son of God upon the world.
- 1. In Civil Matters, and Laws—Brother Coker and Dr. Gregory.
- 2. In Ethics and Morals—Brother Bell and Dr. Stakely.
- 3. In Human Destiny and Religion—Dr. Cilly.
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment.
- 7 p. m. Preaching—Dr. Gregory.

SATURDAY, 30 A. M.

- Devotional Exercises—Dr. Boyd.
- 9:30 a. m. Testing and training converts—Brethren Elliot and Preston.
- 10:30 a. m. The necessity of a regenerated Church membership—Brother Cody and Brother Treadwell.
- 11:30 a. m. Sermon.
- 1 p. m. Adjournment.
- 2:30 p. m. Devotional Exercises—Brother Wood.
- 2:50 p. m. Scriptural form of Church Government—Brothers Davidson and Hudson.
- 3:30 p. m. The Christian Sabbath—Dr. Boyd and Brother Lee.
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment.
- 7 p. m. Preaching by Dr. Stakely.

SUNDAY, 31 A. M.

- Sunday School Methods—Brethren Cody, Davidson, Priestler, Birdeshaw, and Stewart.
- 10:30 a. m. Missionary Rally.
- First. Our Pioneer Missionaries—William Cary, the consecrated cobbler, and Judson in their impress upon missions—Brethren Treadwell, Preston, and Schramm.
- 11:30 a. m. The work and sacrifices of the three Mrs. Judsons—Brethren Elliott, Lee, and Wood.
- 12:30 p. m. Collection for missions.
- 12:50 p. m. Adjournment.
- 2:30 p. m. Our present missionaries and their work:
 1. Our Workers in the Roman Catholic Countries—Brother Treadwell.
 2. In Heathen Fields—Brother Schramm.
 3. Our Laborers in the Home Land—Brother Hudson and Brother Preston.
- 3:30 p. m. Why should we give the Gospel to the heathen?—Brother Lee.
- 4:30 p. m. Adjournment.
- 7 p. m. Preaching.
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Many pleasant comments are being expressed by the Baptists and friends of the Alabama Baptist in North Alabama on the new arrangement of the paper. At the mast head appears the old familiar name, "The Alabama Baptist," which is more appropriate and seems more "home-like" than the double name. Brother Barnett knows how to meet the expectation of his friends and readers, and if they will now do their part the Baptists of Alabama will have a paper few other States can equal. The success of the Alabama Baptist should appeal as strongly to us as it does to its owner, for when it succeeds our cause in the State prospers and good results are brought about for God. Let us all pull for the Alabama Baptist.

One of the good deeds done by the First Church and the Dallas Avenue

Church during the past week was the filling of the Merrimack Baptist pastor's pantry with a dray load of nice things to eat. The ladies of each of these Churches did themselves proud in this effort.
J. E. Pierce.

Wash Day at the Orphanage.

Monday is wash day at the Orphanage, and as the day's work looked rather large last Monday I asked that the pieces be counted, and it was found that there were 1,682 pieces and if you count the nineteen quilts and four blankets it makes altogether 1,702 pieces. This was a big day's work, even at the Orphanage, but in addition to this the floors were all scoured and there is more than a quarter of an acre of surface in them. The printers were busy, and I do not know how much Mr. Pittman had done on the farm. The girls rested the



remainder of the day.

John W. Stewart.

The Snow Prayer.

A little girl went out to play one day in the fresh, new snow, and when she came in, she said: "Mamma, I couldn't help praying, when I was out at play."
"What did you pray for, my dear?"
"I prayed the Snow Prayer, mamma, that I heard in Sabbath school."
"The Snow Prayer! What do you mean, little one?"

"I mean that beautiful Snow Prayer in the Bible, mamma; you know it says, 'Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow!'"—Ex.

Bulgarian bands are again invading Macedonia, and fighting is reported at several points. In one place a hundred men were reported killed.

With best wishes for you and yours is my continued prayer, and may God guide you and the great work that you are engaged in.—M. Z. Gamble.

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An Instance of Growth.

It is a pleasure, in this day of great industrial combinations, to note an instance where an independent concern has attained to mammoth proportions, and has grown steadily but surely for years from a small beginning into the fullness of the present time. Such an institution is cited in the seed business of D. M. Ferry & Co., which for nearly half a century has gone forward each year, constantly adding new customers and retaining its old ones, until it is to-day the source of seed supply from which the great crops of this country spring. Seed houses have come and gone—some survived and flourished for years, but finally succumbed for one reason or another—while Ferry's kept growing all the time. Thousands of farmers, gardeners and flower growers look to them year after year for the seeds from which the prosperity of their fields and gardens is to grow, and the fact that they are never disappointed in Ferry's seeds is the wonderful expansion of this popular firm. You can buy their seeds in every city, town or hamlet of this land, and you are always certain that they are fresh, true to name and sure to grow. Their 1904 Seed Annual, a valuable guide in the selection of the proper seeds to plant, will be sent free to all readers of THE ALABAMA BAPTIST who apply to D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich.

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