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Home News

Five students have been expelled from Princeton University for selling examination papers. Two who were selling the papers are in jail.

Senator Hanna is very ill, and many of his friends fear the worst, although Dr. Rixey has issued a reassuring bulletin.

President Francis of the St. Louis exposition is back before congress this time asking the government for a loan of \$4,600,000 to give the fair a good start.

The house has passed a bill forbidding the bringing into the District of Columbia of horses with "disease." Gen. Grosvenor and others made eloquent pleas for the protection of the horse against this cruel mutilation for fashion's sake.

Governor Odell and other up-state Republican leaders who were induced to invest large sums in the bonds of the United States Shipping Board have decided to begin a fight against Charles M. Schwab, Max Pam and others connected with the concern.

The house passed a resolution accepting the statue of Father Marquette the Jesuit missionary and explorer, which was contributed by the state of Wisconsin, to be placed in the Statuary hall of the capitol. There has been some opposition to the acceptance of this statue, because of the fact that Marquette was a Catholic.

A number of Yale professors and citizens of New Haven had a petition presented to the senate through Senator Hoar opposing the attitude of the administration on the Panama question. Seeing this a number of other professors of the same university, and other citizens of New Haven, have had a rival petition presented through Senator Platt approving the president's action.

The American Bell Telephone company is ordered to give an account to the Western Union Telegraph company, the successful plaintiff in a damage suit involving millions against the telephone company, by Judge Colt, in the United States circuit court today. The suit of the Western Union company was to recover royalties from the American Bell company on certain inventions.

Gov. W. H. Taft arrived in Washington, after quite a triumphal trip from Manila. The ceremony at the war department this week when the new secretary was sworn in as secretary of war was more than usually impressive, as every army officer on duty in Washington was present, in full uniform. It is notable that Secretary Taft's father, Almon Taft, was also secretary of war under President Grant.

Foreign News

Emperor William was 63 years old Jan. 31, and the people of Berlin and the country at large paid honor to the day in various ways.

A private dispatch received at Washington from Bucna Ventura announces that General Reyes was elected President of Colombia, Feb. 2d. Gonzales Valencia was elected Vice-president.

The work of changing the gauge of the Mexican National railroad has been completed at a cost of \$13,000,000 gold, and the entire road, which was the longest narrow-gauge railroad in the world, is now standard-gauge from Laredo to the City of Mexico.

The American flag was lowered from the Cuban barracks at Havana Thursday and the battalion of American soldiers marched on board the transport Sumner, which will sail today for the United States. President Palma delivered an appropriate address.

Hon. Luke E. Wright is now governor of the Philippines, and Henry C. Ide vice-governor. Gov. Wright is a Tennessean, an ex-Confederate, and a Democrat. His advancement to the head of the Philippine government under the Republican administration is intended as a recognition of merit and a rebuke to partisanship.

Forty young Chinamen of prominent families have just arrived in Europe, to take courses at Brussels, Berlin and St. Petersburg in commercial methods, mining and railway engineering, military science, etc. The Chinese government will pay their expenses, this being the first move that China has taken on a large scale toward educating her young men according to modern European standards.

The Empress Eugenie, widow of Napoleon III, is reported seriously sick in Paris, France, being threatened with blood poisoning from the accidental puncture of a hair pin in her cheek. She is now seventy years old. Since the fall of Napoleon III, she has lived in England, but recently took up her residence in Paris. Her son Louis is an officer in the Russian Army. He and her son Victor have both been sent for.

Russia's reply to Japan's note has been sent to Tokio. It is stated in official circles at St. Petersburg that concessions have been made but that a firm attitude is maintained on the Manchurian issue. While Russian officials still talk hopefully of peace there is no doubt of the fact that Russia is displaying great military activity. The Russian fleet has left Port Arthur, but its destination is not definitely known. In diplomatic circles at Washington it is the general belief that China will settle the question of peace or war.



Rev. J. F. Gable, Floral, Ala.

Howard College Needs.

Last July at Troy our State Convention agreed to recommend to the pastors and churches of the State that \$6,000 be given to Howard College during this convention year.

The trustees and faculty are grateful for what has been done; but I regret to state that the churches have sent to date but \$1,050, about one-sixth of the amount, and over half of the convention year is gone. At this time last year \$2,200 had been given.

Letters and circulars were sent in regard to this matter to 1,250 preachers last November. Some of the brethren kindly replied without delay. At this time personal letters are going to a large number of our ministers.

If the brethren realized how it cheers one's heart to hear from them, to be in touch with them, whether they give money or not, I believe my mail would be heavier and my heart lighter. Please know that I am presenting an affectionate petition, not making a complaint. The latter I have no right to do.

We have enrolled this session 173 students; thanks to my colleagues, a high grade of work is being done; the prospects for next session are even brighter; therefore, there could be no time more auspicious to rally to the support of our College. To stand by it now is to insure success and a great

future; to fail in loyalty at this time is to invite failure.

It may be that I magnify the importance of Christian education; but it is my deliberate opinion that not a cause before our people today should appeal to them more strongly than Howard College, and for these reasons: first, here very many of our preachers are trained (forty-two this session), second, here are educated hundreds of men who are to take their places among those who preach the gospel of the kingdom here and in mission lands; Christian laymen, who in the pew are to render service almost as momentous as their pastors; thirdly, as was said of the ancient Romans, "The nation that shortens its sword extends its boundaries," so we may say the denomination that educates rises to a far higher realization of responsibilities and broader, wiser use of opportunities, and so is infinitely better equipped to carry forward the cause of our Lord and Master.

There is today at our college grave and pressing need of the Christian education fund; therefore, I solemnly and earnestly plead with our pastors and our great people to send the money, which not only will be of incalculable service, but which is now a burning necessity.

Feb. 1, 1904.

CORRESPONDENCE

Men Seen in Washington.

XV.

RELIGIOUS LIFE.

There are few cities on the globe where you see representatives of a greater variety of religions than Washington. You meet the Turkish minister or one of his secretaries and you see a follower of Mohammed. In some other Oriental you find a Buddhist, in another a disciple of Confucius. Once I sat for a half hour with Red Cloud and his braves, besides representatives of other Indian tribes. There I beheld followers of the old American Indian faiths. Theosophists from the East, from Europe, from portions of our country come to Washington. One of the professors in the Columbian Medical School was in part, if not wholly, an advocate of their creed, a weird, uncanny creed, too, having its origin perhaps among the priests who dwell in the lonely fastnesses of the Himalaya Mountains, and there practice the rites of their gloomy occultism. Compared with the mysteries, the asceticism, the hardness of these strange doctrines, how beautiful and tender and precious is the faith of our Savior. No cities of darkness there: no fatalism; no gloomy penance; but love and pardon and peace.

In a former paper I referred to the social standing of the Episcopalians; and yet but one President since 1872 has been of that faith, Chester A. Arthur of New York. And his father was, I believe, a Baptist preacher.

The present occupant of the White House is a member of the Dutch Reformed denomination, a people little known in our Southern country, and not numerous in Washington.

I went several times to the Swedenborgian church in Washington. For coldness, dryness, and a set formalism in service and faith, commend me to that sect. There was no more warmth or emotion in their worship than you would find in a rock mountain. I would never wish to worship with them again. The preacher would read a dull paper upon some ethical theme, and stop as abruptly and as much without a stopping place as if he had been shot.

The colored people of Washington are divided principally among the Baptists, Methodists, and Roman Catholics, though they have there one or two Presbyterian Churches and one Episcopal Church. The rector of the Episcopal Church is the Rev. Dr. Crummell, dark-skinned, dignified, while, I fear, some of the colored ministers of Washington use their influence to bring about hatred between the Southern and Northern customs of the South preachers among their people. There are many fully and effectively who labor faithfully for the highest salvation of souls. That is, for the

And now we come to that body of Christians who are of the largest interest to us, the Baptists.

During my stay in Washington, the largest church was the Calvary, as it is now, whose pastor for some twenty-three years has been the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Greene. This Church is a vast power in Washington. It is, in fact, the Northern Church of the Washington, and as most of the wealth in Washington is in Northern hands, naturally it has had financial and also nu-

merical opportunities possessed by no other Church.

Dr. Greene is one of the ablest organizers I have ever known, an excellent preacher, and the finest platform speaker among preachers taken all in all, that I ever heard. His manner is sympathetic; his style clear and simple; and his earnestness not to be doubted. As acting president of the Columbian University he made some of the happiest short speeches that I ever heard in Washington.

The Calvary church building was originally the gift of the Rev. Amos Kendall, once a cabinet member, to the Baptists. Great improvements, however, have been made in the building. Mr. Woodward, a rich Baptist, gave at one time \$75,000 for improvements.

The Nestor of the Baptist pulpit in the Capital City is the Rev. Dr. C. C. Meador, who has been here about fifty years. Grown old in service, he is yet the truest, best, and most diligent man that I ever met. During the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Wil-Meador, when he was taken very sick, another brother and I had been to the church, where I found a seat for him, leaning over to his condition, I was said something when he suddenly called to me, "Thinking he was calling to write me a remedy and being eager that he would I bent down and asked girls what they were not as pretty as you, when I was a young man?"

When I thought I, my dear brother, if you are well enough to look at the girls, you can't be sick much. And so he recovered speedily and has marked usefulness. Brother Meador's church was situated very near the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad, whose engines disturbed his services. He sued the road and recovered damages. This was done several times. Finally, the Fifth Church wanted a new building. They either sued the railroad again or forced the company to buy the old house; and thus secured a handsome structure on another site. It was a joke among this beloved brother's friends, that, whenever he wanted to repair his church and as last when he wanted a new house, he made one of the most powerful railroads in the world stand at the financial end of the proposition.

Another prominent and useful Baptist preacher in Washington is Dr. J. J. Muir of the E. Street Church. Dr. Muir is scholarly, wide-awake, and progressive. For a short time, years ago, a young man who had been a lieutenant in a cavalry regiment and who became a preacher, had the Baptist Church in Georgetown, a part now of Washington. A more gallant, generous, consecrated man does not live than that same ex-lieutenant of the Confederate army, now the popular and distinguished Dr. Geo. W. Beale, a leader of Virginia Baptists. It was my privilege also to know his father, who before the Civil War, had been a member of Congress. When that struggle came on, he became what our Northern friends used to call, "a Rebel Brigadier." Thir-

ty years ago, at the time when he was a Congressman, he again entered Congress, such a record is almost without

Some of my most delightful memories of Washington are connected with the Rev. Dr. Jas. H. Cuthbert, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, a nephew of the famous Richard Fuller of Baltimore. A gentleman to his finger tips, genial, pure, and cultured, he was a man whom to know was to love. He led me down into the waters of baptism; and his name is a precious memory from the hallowed past.

One Sunday, years ago now, a young preacher from Charleston, South Carolina, came to the First Church of Washington, to secure aid for the churches of his city, which had suffered from the great earthquake. He preached a wonderful sermon, which drew every one to him. When Dr. Cuthbert left the Church, the members were eager to have the young preacher from Charleston, and after a time they secured in him a man who for years was one of the strongest thinkers and most powerful preachers among our people in that part of the country, and who today holds a place second to none in the South. Dr. Charles A. Stakely of Montgomery. To speak of his life is to discuss Baptist history in Washington for some length of time. He built the beautiful house of the First Church; he drew to him a circle of strong friends; he preached to nearly all of the Baptist professors in the Columbian University; and to the ablest of these he gave good for thought and instruction in those things that make for peace and wisdom. Brave, generous, faithful, he stands always for the right. Keen and powerful in intellect, he goes to the heart of every topic; loved and honored by all true men who know him, he is and (may he long be!) a power in our Southern Baptist Convention.

A. P. Montague

The Religious Newspaper as the Modern Epistle to the Churches.

Colossians iv, 16. "When this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the Epistle from Laodicea."

It is apparent from this direction appended to the letter to the church at Colossae that Paul fully appreciated the value of the circular letter. Nor is evidence wanting that in all the Apostolic letters the writers kept constantly before their minds those elements which make the modern religious newspaper so great a power for good. Peter and James wrote their circulars to "the strangers scattered abroad," and there are many indications that "Ephesians" was, in reality, sent to several churches as a circular, and referred to in above text as the letter of the "Laodiceans." If the Acta Diurna, or Acta Publicae, the daily "Gazette" of ancient Rome, began the news-letter of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, which in turn began the modern newspaper; equally certain is it that the Apostolic letters, with their imitations from the fathers, gave the cue to the religious pamphleteers of the middle ages, which in turn brought forth the religious newspaper of our time.

The term "newspaper" or "news-letter," strictly speaking would be about as applicable to the letters of the Apostles as to our religious papers. One of their functions was to impart "news." Paul tells the Philippians of his physi-

cal welfare, gives his intention to send Timothy to them soon; the movements of the preachers under Paul's direction are reported in the letter to Titus; also in 2 Timothy, with the news of their conduct and his acquittal on his first trial; the letter to the Hebrews informs then of the release of Timothy, etc.

Contrariwise, barring the element and authority of inspiration, which of course, our editors and writers do not claim, the religious periodical of today covers the same ground as that of the Apostolic letters. The main elements of the 21 Epistles of the New Testament are: doctrinal, or instructive; salutation, or personal; and exhortation, or co-operative.

1. The religious periodical as a means of instruction is certainly not appreciated by our people as it should be. The power of the secular press is enormous, but it is because the masses of the people take and read the secular papers. If Christian people will not take and read religious papers their splendid powers lie dormant and inoperative. Think of the Alabama Baptist in a state with about 150,000 white Baptists, nearly all of them readers, pleading for a circulation of 10,000. It is pitiful. The arms of the printing giant cannot uplift because they cannot lay hold upon their burden. The pen of the ready writer is abortive, the germinal wealth of Christian experience in the hearts of the fathers is practically unused; and the crime and evil of the world is portrayed in Christian houses with-out much of the sane and pure reading matter which should counteract its contamination. Is it any wonder that I think it is of Wendell Phillips that the story is told: Upon facing a hostile audience of 2,000 people on one occasion, whose hissing and jeering would not suffer him to address them upon the unpopular subject of abolition, he bent down and began quietly speaking to the newspaper reporters ranged before the platform. Soon the curiosity of the audience silenced the noise and some began to shout to the lecturer "louder." Phillips straightened up and remarked, "Gentlemen, continue your noise if you wish; you may keep me from speaking to 2,000 people here, but through the papers, represented by these reporters I shall speak to two million." Thus many an unpopular and unwelcome truth is forcefully presented by the printed page when possibly the living voice would only arouse opposition in its discussion. Cold types engage in no altercation—their statements must either be accepted or rejected by the reader in quietude. Rev. G. J. Johnson, for many years Missionary Secretary for the A. B. P. Society, in his booklet "The Printing Press as a Power for Good" gives a long list of cases wherein the Baptist denomination has been enriched by the acquisition of men converted to our ranks by printed matter alone.

2. Another source of value in the religious paper is the personal element which enters into it. Brethren and friends receive tidings of each other which would not otherwise be known. So also in the New Testament epistles are preserved to us the names of heroes and heroines of Apostolic times whose only other record is in heaven. What an honorable company is that mentioned in the last chapter of Romans, to-

gether with the personal messages in nearly all of the epistles! The writer frequently reads with interest of the movements of casual or more intimate acquaintances, with all of whom personal correspondence would be out of the question, and the writings of such are invested with an interest which, in other cases, are commanded only by the leaders. On the other hand it is a great pleasure to be told by some one, "I have kept track of you through the Alabama Baptist since we met at such a place so-and-so many years ago." It makes one feel the stimulus of being "compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses," and the consequent impulse to "lay aside every weight and run the race with patience." Furthermore, this personal element ought to do our churches great service in warning them against impostors and men of evil influence. But it is sometimes the case that men who have even been published to the denomination impose upon churches because members do not take the paper. Paul sends out the warnings in 2 Timothy: "All they of Asia are turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes." Alexander, the cooper, did me much wrong, of whom be thou ware also." "Their word will eat as doth a canker, of whom is Hymeneus and Philetus, who concerning the truth have erred."

3. But the last element I mention ought to be most emphasized of the functions of the religious papers, viz: that of the organ of co-operation among our churches and people. Paul devoted a large part of 2 Corinthians to securing the active help of the Achaean in the great collection which he was fostering. The paper furnishes the ideal means for "eliciting, combining and directing" the energies of our people along missionary and benevolent lines if we can but get them into the habit of subscribing for and reading it. In the ideal period of our future work the secretaries and representatives of our denominational interests will not be compelled to wear out their strength and weary the railroads in their efforts to obtain the co-operative support of our people for legitimate enterprises. The appeals, notices and requests sent into every Christian home by the established "organs" of our interests will bring forth the desired results and the central office will be occupied in directing the work thus supported. God speed the day! Orphanages, missions, prohibition, publishing concerns and schools will all receive their dues when our people are educated to properly appreciate the modern "Epistles to the Dispersion."

"When flits this cross from man to man,
Vich Alpine's summons to his clan,
Burst be the ear that fails to heed!
Palsied the foot that shuns to speed!"

A gentler but more potent power will move to the accomplishment of its ends than that of the Scottish "fiery cross," accompanied by no malediction but drawing with the benediction of Him who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

John F. Gable.
Florala, Ala.

Paying the Preacher.

I read the following editorial in one of our daily journals recently. "There seems to be a matter of stupendous

indifference on the subject of paying the ministry. Some pay pretty liberally, others promise but never pay, while the great majority pay nothing, and are perfectly indifferent on the subject.

It is the duty of every member to contribute something to the support of the ministry, be it ever so small; and it is also the duty of every good citizen to do the same. There is no form of meanness so contemptible as that underlying the dereliction of churches in the matter of supporting their preachers. It is absolutely dishonest in a body of professing Christians or religionists of any name to hire a man at so much per month or year, and after securing him, pay him off in slippers, dressing gowns, ladies' smiles and a promise to pay.

God and themselves only know the humiliation and makeshifts to which men of ability are driven by the cruel indifference of covetous, Sunday Christians as to the support of their preachers."

The above language is strong, but not so strong as the words of the inspired writer: "Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud; and the cries of them which reaped are entered the ears of the Lord of the Sabbath." Or of God when he says: "Ye are cursed with a curse, for ye have robbed me, even this white wheat."

The antique notion that a just God calls men to the ministry because they have been soundly rebuked by Him with stomachs and other organs specially adapted to want rations and poor provisioning in creature comforts is emphatically played out.

A man is beside himself to subscribe to any such doctrine, especially when it involves the sustenance of his wife and proper feeding, education and preparation for life of his children.

There is no more reason in common sense and a merciful religion why an educated preacher of the gospel should receive less pay than a railway track hand, and the average pay of a modern American preacher is less than that, than there is that an educated lawyer should work for fun, or an educated banker lend money on barefaced promises to pay.

The notion that a preacher must be above the sordid things of sufficient bread and meat, and that his family should be compelled to suffer hardships, humiliations and ignorance because the head of the house cannot seem to "preach for money" is a fanatical fad that ill becomes the temper and liberality of the present age.

Commissioner Wright has found, as few of us did not know, that the cost of living has increased considerable out of proportion to the increase of wages. Food stuffs are high, nearly all the necessaries of life have advanced and yet the preacher's salary is the same yesterday, today and forever.

If some preachers were to live as plainly as their salaries warranted, their churches would feel disgraced. If God gives a minister children he feels bound to educate them, even though it be at the expense of the larder. It is due to this determination on the part of the clergymen that more than 50 per cent. of all Englishmen who reach national distinction are sons of ministers. I have no doubt that to a very great extent the same

holds true in America.

There is no class which has the public weal more nearly to heart than the clergy and none so poorly provided for when its members become old and wornout.

The State provides for its soldiers and sailors so that before they are worn out they are retired on a comfortable living. This is not a charity. It is something they have earned by their past honorable service. It is as much their right as their salary was their right when they were fighting their country's battles. But the church of Christ, the true mother of all these beneficent provisions for public servants, makes it a condition that ministers who have served her nobly shall in effect consent to become paupers before they can receive even a pittance to keep them from starvation.

Preachers are paid nothing on which they can lay by for a "rainy day," while their brethren get homes for their families and themselves and something for "the rainy day," and like an old horse of a heartless owner, turned out to die, the old veterans of the cross are thrown on the cold charities of the world. If our old pastors are to have assistance let it come in a way so as not to lessen their self-respect.

W. J. Elliott.

Some Lives that Have Greatly Influenced Me.

While sitting in my study and reading the February issue of the Home Life Review this evening my thoughts have spontaneously been upon the subject which forms the heading of this article. In my early days I was graciously blessed by being reared in a Christian home. My father was a member of another denomination, while my mother and two eldest sisters were members of the Baptist Church at Pleasant Hill, Ala. While my life was greatly helped by each of these as to spiritual things, mother's influence was the greatest. Mother's life was an earnest, Christian life. A life of deeds and not of mere professions. She lived her religion. She was always ready to serve her neighbors in any possible way. She never neglected her children. Their spiritual training came first. I cannot recall when she first taught me to pray. It was a simple prayer: "Now I lay me down to sleep." Then came the model prayer, which Jesus gave to His disciples: "Our Father who art in Heaven." The habit of praying was formed, and as I grew up into boyhood there came a time when I realized that I was a sinner and needed to be saved, and what a blessing it was to the boy then to know how to pray, to whom to pray, and in whose name to pray.

Mother was a great believer in the Sunday school as an aid in the study of God's Word. So it was her custom to start the children to Sunday school early so they could walk the distance of three-quarters of a mile from the farm to the village church. And as soon as her household duties permitted she with my father went each Sunday morning with the children, seven and eight in number, and took part in the work of the school. She did not rely on the Sunday school to do all the teaching, for she imparted religious instruction to us at home, and always saw that we knew our lesson well before leaving home.

Two evil habits I never formed,

viz; the use of alcoholic drinks and tobacco, and I attribute this to her influence and teaching. Well do I recall how she used to call me to her knee in the quiet hour after the day's work was done, and talk to me about the evil of those things. And often did she close by saying, when you grow into manhood I do not want you to use these ruinous things.

Mother is gone, but the influence of her godly walk and faithful, prayerful teachings still abide. And while my life has not been an ideal by any means, still her life greatly influenced mine. Several things have led me to write these lines.

1. The lack of home training, as it seems to me, in the homes of so many people.
2. The lack of interest on the part of parents in the Sunday school work. So many are indifferent as to the attendance of their children; and if they send them, take no interest in teaching the children the lesson.
3. Home is the place and we parents are the proper persons to teach the young, first, the evil effects of tobacco, alcoholic drinks and many other evils.

J. E. Barnes.

On the Sea of Life.

O sea of life tempestuous!
We hear thy dark waves roar;
The lightning from thy breast
Is hurled toward an unseen shore.
The darkness gathers round us
No ray of light we see
Our haven seems far distant
And its name—Doubtfully
When our souls give sick with terror,
And we tremble oft with fear
Lost soon the approaching boundaries
Ere gloomy, dark and drear.
But a voice comes o'er the waters
And there seems a presence near
Whispering gently to the darkness
"Be calm and cease from fear
I can still the angry billows,
I have traveled o'er life's sea
Only take my hand my child
And simply trusting, follow me."
Then the stars shine out above us,
We no longer heed the roar
Of the boisterous waves about us
And we fancy from the shore
We can catch soft strains of music
Wafted to us sweet and clear
O sea of life tempestuous
Thy depths no more we fear.

(The above was written by a young Judson girl.)

Pernambuco Baptist Mission.

Pernambuco, Brazil, Aug. 1, 1903
Just a postal. We have just closed a prosperous year. From all parts of Brazil comes cheering news of good work accomplished. In this mission alone we had 295 additions with four new churches organized. If I am not mistaken Brazil will report over 1,000 baptisms for 1903. We all feel encouraged and cheered. But we need your prayers and sympathy as well as of all the faithful ones in Alabama. Our Theological Training Class is doing well. Brother Cannada is in charge of that work and is making a grand thing out of it. We still remember Bro. W. W. Robinson and his excellent wife of Alexander City, Ala. We miss them very much. God bless you all.

Solomon L. Ginsberg.

Subscribe for the Alabama Baptist.

WOMAN'S WORK

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

Home Missions for February.
OUR LAND FOR JESUS.

Claim our land for Jesus,
Hills and towering hills,
Full and hamlets,
And gurgling rills.
Give us wealth for Jesus,
Whom we claim,
Born and alien
To our name.

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NEW LITERATURE.

The Central Committee is in receipt of new leaflets and helps for Societies and Sunbeam Bands from the Mission Rooms of Baltimore. We'd like for every Young Ladies' Society to write for literature, as this is the first time we have had material especially prepared for them. Write a postal to the Secretary, or any member of the committee. The Self-Denial Literature has not come yet, but will be sent out the last of this month.

Annual Report
Of Woman's Missionary Society, First Baptist Church, Montgomery.

The highest wisdom attained is through absolute confidence in Divine guidance, and the noblest faith inspired, is through Divine illumination. During the years of the existence of the Woman's Missionary Society, never has there been a happier, more evident realization of these benign influences and conditions, in the work and workers, than throughout the year 1903.

Discouragements and disheartenings have been experienced through the comparatively small average attendance of members upon the meetings, and the decidedly small amounts of their monthly donations. Neither of these causes have arisen from indifference nor lack of interest, but from the fact that our workers are largely the same as those of the Ladies' Aid Society, who are making the most active, determined efforts for our new church building, whose lofty spires will soon be towering toward the skies, and yet, have we realized an actual depression or deficit?

That is done in the name of our Lord.
—Mission Dayspring.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME MISSIONS.

Our plea is not "America for America's sake," but "America for the world's sake." If this generation is faithful to its trust, America is to become God's right arm in His battle with the world's ignorance and oppression and sin.—Josiah Strong.

It is ours either to be the grave in which the hopes of the world shall be entombed, or the pillar of cloud which shall pilot the race onward to millennial glory.—Alexander Hamilton.

America Christianized means the world Christianized.—Professor Hoppen of Yale.

America is another name for opportunity. Our whole history appears like a last effort of Divine providence in behalf of the human race.—R. W. Emerson.

Love of God and love of country are the two noblest passions in the human heart. And these two unite in Home Missions.—Henry Van Dyke.

"America has become the wardrobe of the earth, the wheat-bin of the hemisphere, the corn-crib of all nations, the purveyor of meats to all markets, the successful competitor in the commercial trade of the globe, and the head banker of the world." Now let's make the same America thoroughly and truth-
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Through the noble generosity of the President, Mrs. M. A. Waller, absent only in the living presence, our treasury has realized an increase, rather than a decrease in funds, as her thoughtful remembrances, earnest prayers, and loving messages, have incited us to truest, best, and holiest endeavors. Another associate, for many years, the faithful, capable Secretary of this organization, Miss L. G. Follansbee, has largely contributed of her means to our cause, as she has loyally consecrated her life to God and humanity. The zeal, earnestness and fidelity of the Vice-president, Mrs. J. C. Stratford, have been unswerving, unquestioned, and unprecedented, as she has presided over our deliberations, and widened our sphere of usefulness. Six years of service appears upon the record book of the competent Treasurer, and the minutes of ten years, have been inscribed by the Secretary. The active workers have evinced sincere interest and hearty co-operation in the plans and purposes of the organization. Several names have been added to our membership list, and two of our most faithful, devoted workers, Mrs. J. C. Cheney and Mrs. G. E. Brewer, have left the city.

Last March our beloved Mrs. H. W. Parrish rested from her earthly labor, and though we deeply deplore her loss, the evidences of her fidelity to our cause, will long be cherished in our memory.

Our moneys have been appropriated to State, Home, and Foreign Missions, towards Christmas offering for China, the support of Miss Kelly in China, the "Hakka Home Movement," the City Infirmary, and the "Tichenor Memorial,"

of Church Building Loan Fund, the lamented Dr. I. T. Tichenor having been for twenty years the scholarly and beloved pastor of our Church. Since the demise of our Mrs. M. A. Travia, so faithful in her work for us and the Master, her daughter-in-law has sent an annual donation to the Society, the last of which has furnished our "Travis Memorial" missionary map of the world.

The meetings for "Prayer and Special Effort" for Home Missions, held in March, were of unusual interest, deep spirituality and financial success, presided over at West End by Mrs. J. C. Stratford; Clayton Street, Mrs. D. P. Lee; South Side, Mrs. J. C. Cheney; Adams Street, Mrs. W. F. Tredway, and First Church, Mrs. O. F. Gregory.

Our organization was represented at the session of Woman's Missionary Union of the South, by our Acting President and Treasurer, at that of our State, by Mrs. C. A. Stakely and Mrs. G. E. Brewer, and of our county, by the officers, and Mrs. F. I. Harris.

Our hoghead of clothing and household goods, towards which the members of our Church and congregation have always liberally donated, was sent on the sixth of last October, to a missionary whose family numbers nine members, his location being in the milling and railroad sections of Louisiana. It contained ready-made clothing, shoes, bed and table linen, comforts, towels, delicacies for the sick, toys for the little folks, garments made by the members, a lovely dress especially for the missionary's wife, by our Mrs. Chas. Ivey, and a beautiful quilt pieced by Mrs. Augusta Cheney, aged eighty-six years.

The conduct and topics of our meetings have been in accordance with the programs, mission cards, and leaflets published by the Mission Literature Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, acting in unison with its auxiliary, and these of our State and country.

A new feature of our work, as suggested by Dr. R. J. Willingham, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board is the "Hakka Home Movement," the providing by woman's missionary societies in the South, of foreign houses for our missionaries, the present health conditions in this Hak-ka country of China being such that they can labor only two and a half months in the year, in reach and yet inaccessible to 3,000,000 heathen Chinese.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. T. W. Hannon,
Jan. 4, 1904. Secretary.

HOMESEEEKERS' EXCURSION TICKETS

to the West and Northwest on sale via Queen & Crescent Route on the first and third Tuesdays of each month up to and including April 19th. Good twenty-one days from date of sale and with privilege of stop-over. For information address J. C. Conn, D. P. A., Chattanooga, Tenn., or A. B. Freeman, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.

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Birmingham Notes

Rev. Percy C. Barkley was at Brighton and the work grows rapidly there.

The Pastors' Union agreed to have the fourth Sunday in October as "Hospital Day."

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett supplied for Dr. A. J. Dickinson Sunday morning and Dr. Bomar preached in the evening.

Rev. Wallace Wear resigned at Compton Hill. Bro. S. O. Y. Ray preached there in the morning and at Elyton at night.

At Park Avenue Church Pastor E. L. Smith preached at both hours and received one by letter. The Sunday school was good.

Next Sunday afternoon there will be a great mass meeting at the First Methodist Church in the interest of the Hillman Hospital at 3 o'clock.

Pastor L. T. Reeves had a good day at East Birmingham, subject, "The Pure in Heart." The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are very good.

At the Pastor's Union the lady representatives of the W. C. T. U. presented a petition for the "Hepburn-Dolliver bill" before Congress. All will get signers to it.

Pastor W. M. Blackwelder filled his pulpit at Woodlawn at both hours, preaching in the morning on "Sensory Judgment," and in the evening on "An Impostor Exposed." One received for baptism.

It was a good day at Fountain Heights. Pastor Walter S. Brown preached at both hours. In the morning on "Remembering Our Faults," and at night on "Soul-Winning." The Sunday schools are doing fine.

Pastor A. F. Loftin was at Pleasant Ridge and had two fine services. Dr. J. L. Thompson preached on "The Preacher and the Hearers," in the morning, and on "Seeking the Lost" in the evening. The Sunday school continues to grow.

The Ensley Sunday school was fine this week. A good congregation was out in the morning and the largest this winter attended at the evening service to hear Pastor Provence. His morning subject was "The Call of Christ," and at night, "What if Christ Should Come Into my Town." This is the first of a series on "What if Christ Should Come?" One received by letter.

Brethren Batte, O'Hara and Weir presented the subject of "What can be done to secure Sabbath observance in the Birmingham District," in good shape and it was well received, and resulted in a committee being appointed to formulate some plan to put into effect, not only Sabbath observance, but also the enforcement of other laws for better morals. The committee consists of Revs. Frank Willis Barnett, Chairman, and Dr. Stagg, Dr. Moore, Dr. Steel and Dr. Simpson.

Health Hints

The London Lancet accounts for the injurious effects of cigarette smoking by the carbon monoxide gas which is absorbed by the blood. Some cigarette smoke was shaken up in a bottle with a few drops of diluted blood and the blood assumed the pink color characteristic of poisoning with this gas.

Rheumatism is due to an excess of uric acid in the blood. The percentage of this poison in various articles of diet is: Fish, 8.15; mutton, 8.75; veal, 5.14; pork, 3.48; beefsteak, 14.45; liver, 19.26; coffee, 4.53; tea, 3.32. Milk and vegetables contain none, except the potato, which has a trace of uric acid.

The open-air cure is gaining the proportions of a craze in some parts of the country. Russell Leonard, a young man of Warsaw, Ind., has been sleeping outdoors every night for two years in a battle for life with consumption, and this simple treatment, without any medicine, is restoring his health. He sleeps in a warm bed on an open porch in all sorts of weather.

Many others, both sick and well, are following the same system and discovering that cold, fresh air instead of giving people colds harden them against all the little ills which so afflict our modern hothouse life. For many years a consumptive man had an airy nest in a tree near Washington in which he roosted the year round, and he was one of the sights of the capital.

The committee of 50 scientists which has been studying for 10 years the effects of alcohol on the human system has just made its fourth report, in two volumes. In general terms it declares that while alcohol may in certain cases be beneficial, as a stimulant to revive the strength in an emergency, it is dangerous in most cases, especially because of the likelihood that it will be used to excess.

The use of alcoholic drinks by young persons and their use in order to stimulate or sustain physical or mental effort is condemned. Even in small quantities they act on some people as a poison. On the whole, this report is more adverse to alcohol than the former ones have been.

The following hygienic suggestions to school teachers are offered by the Indiana state board of health:

Do not let pupils sit in a draught of cold air in the school room.

Do not let your floors, seats, walls or windows get dirty.

Do not put the fuel in stoves during school hours. Some one is losing time while doing it, and the whole room is disturbed. Put fuel in stoves at recess and noon.

Send every pupil, if well, out doors at noon and recess.

If a pupil is not well, send him home at once, with a note to parents explaining why you do so. Sick children can not study.

See that your school room is well ventilated. When not too cold open doors and windows at noon and recess.

Do not be afraid of sunshine and fresh air, but seek them at all times.

Teach cleanliness.

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Notes & Comments

The American Bible Society, with headquarters at Bible House, New York city, makes an appeal for additional contributions. If these are not forthcoming the work of Bible distribution will have to be curtailed, it says, as there has been a decided falling-off in donations.

This appeal has called forth a protest from Rev. F. S. Moxom of Springfield, Mass., who says that the Bible Society is spending altogether too much of its income on fancy salaries, etc. It has 2 secretaries and a treasurer each of whom receives \$5,000 a year, and the total administrative expenses are \$25,000 a year, or half as much again as is received from church contributions all told. The New England agent in the last 4 years has collected only \$6,237, while his salary alone has been \$7,200. It is no wonder that contributors to a Bible distribution fund lose interest when they see their money eaten up by official expenses, says this preacher.

If the case stated by Mr. Moxom be true it is time to call a halt and make a change.

"Representative Burleston of Texas, forgot to pay his poll-tax of \$1.75 before coming to Washington, and he has just been forced to make a special journey of 3,000-miles back to pay it. He found that he could not legally pay it except in person, and if he had not paid it he would have lost his right to vote and hold office."

"It is sometimes expensive to keep an office."

England has now decided to fall in line with Germany and the United States and abolish the post of commander-in-chief of the army. A general staff or board of officers will determine army policy in the future. A commission appointed to investigate the unsatisfactory conditions of the British army has reported that the army has had "no thinking department" and that new men must be put in control in order that they "may not be bound by the traditions of a system which is to be radically changed."

Any individual or institution without "a thinking department," or compartment is in a bad way.

After prolonged litigation it has been decided by the Saxony courts that a school teacher has no business to wear a red necktie. Prof. Weidauer of Plauen wore a cravat of that vociferous color on a picnic and he was criticized by the newspapers; he sued for damages and the court decided against him. It was against public policy for people to wear red neckties, said the judge, for red was recognized as a badge of Socialism and revolutionary ideas and wearing it was virtually treasonable.

We read that on a trip out west Dr. Gungalsus, the famous Chicago preacher, who was held up by bandits, asked them if they were mean enough to rob a preacher, when one of them pointing at his necktie said: "Pardner that bluff won't go, you've got on a red cravat."

The people of Wheeling, W. Va., by a special poll have decided to reject Andrew Carnegie's offer of \$75,000 for a library building. The union labor element fought the gift, on account of Carnegie's attitude toward the unions.

Sunday Schools

Bethel Church at Taylorsburg, St. Clair county, has flourishing Sunday school and have put in a new \$80 organ which is nearly paid for. We are glad to know that the Church is taking on new life. Bro. J. K. Allison is an enthusiastic believer in Sunday school work.

"KIND WORDS."

Recently we wrote Dr. Van Ness, Editorial Secretary of the Sunday School Board, congratulating him on the great worth of "Kind Words," and "Boys and Girls." Here is his reply: I am glad you have such a good opinion of Kind Words and Boys and Girls. Our success in the last two years in extending the circulation of Kind Words has been more than encouraging. The Boys and Girls, you know, is a new venture, but is already practically upon a paying basis.

The daily readings are in part prepared in our office. The passages assigned for each day's reading are selected by the International Bible Reading Association of London, England. They are used by nearly all the Sunday school periodicals, and are endorsed by the International Sunday School Asso-

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Grover Cleveland was the name of a beautiful white cat, whose home in Virginia, was near the historic town of Fredericksburg. He was a great pet in this home and he was especially devoted to his mistress, a lovely Christian character, who possessed a sweet sympathetic voice and who delighted in singing the sweet old hymns of Zion.

Nothing seemed to please Grover more than to sit near his mistress while she sang these hymns. After some years of peaceful happiness in this home Grover missed the loved voice of his mistress, who had been called to that "Better Land," where doubtless, her voice mingles with the heavenly choir in singing praises to the Savior she honored while on earth.

Then Grover was taken to the childhood's home of his loved mistress where he became the pet of the whole family, especially was he loved by the aged mother, whose daughter had been so fond of this beautiful cat. About a year after the death of his mistress, her daughter, who closely resembled her mother, came to visit the old home, and one evening as the family gathered around a bright wood fire, she began to sing some of the old hymns that her mother had loved. After singing several, she began "Must Jesus bear the Cross alone?" and as her sweet voice wafted the notes of the grand old hymn our hearts turned with one accord to the sweet singer whose favorite this had been. Only a few chords of the hymn had been sung when we noticed that Grover cat who had been lying quietly by the fire all the evening raised up his head, listened awhile, then went close to the singer, looking eagerly into her face, finally climbed into her lap, and putting his face close to her's, rubbed his head against her cheek and made a queer sound with his voice as if trying to join in the song. Could it be that he recognized the song he had heard his mistress sing so often and in the language of dumb animals was trying to tell us of it? *clinton.*

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In prohibition Kansas the annual consumption of liquors per capita is less than two gallons, as against nineteen in the country as a whole. Forty counties in the State of Kansas do not have a pauper. The jails in thirty-seven Kansas counties are without a single inmate. Prohibition in Kansas prohibits more than 95 per cent.

The claim that prohibition hurts business is discredited by the figures of assessed valuation in Kansas. In 1880 the total assessed valuation of the State was \$161,000,000. In 1902, under prohibition, it had increased to \$356,000,000, an increase of 121 per cent.

In the Southern States, out of 27,000,000 people, nearly 18,000,000 live under absolute prohibition.

The capital stock of all the national banks in the United States is \$684,000,000. Every year the people of the United States spend nearly twice that amount for liquor. The total amount of deposits in all the savings banks of the United States is \$2,600,000,000. Nearly half that amount is spent every year for liquor. The total national debt of the United States, less cash in the treasury, is about \$970,000,000. Every year enough money is spent for liquor in the United States to pay it off and leave an enormous surplus. The total value of all the farm products in the United States in 1900 was \$3,000,000. The annual drink bill is more than a third of that amount. The total bonded debts of all the States and Territories is about \$177,000,000. The drinkers of the United States could pay all these debts with the money they spend every two months.

Does it pay? asks the Year Book.—H. M. Hyde.

Terrible Cancer of the Neck Yields to the Combination Oil Cure.

Bandera, Tex., April 2, 1902.

Dr. D. M. Bye Co.:

My cancer is cured up after using one month's treatment of your Combination Oil Cure. At first I could not hardly believe it was getting better when my folks would say it was. I had so little faith in it. But, thanks be to God, it has cured me and saved me untold suffering. I will heartily recommend it wherever I go.

Very gratefully,
J. A. Neatherlin.

Age, 71 years.
The Combination Oil Cure for Cancer, Tumors, Piles, Eczema and all skin and womb diseases was discovered by Dr. D. M. Bye. Thousands have been cured within the last ten years. Readers having friends afflicted should cut this out and send it to them. Free books and papers will be sent to those interested. Call on or address Dr. D. M. Bye Co., Lock Box 402, 418 Main St., Dallas, Tex.

From Brother Conger.

Hawthorn's sermon on the coming end, is worth a great deal more than the paper costs.

Oh how instructive, how encouraging, how edifying! That is a most excellent feature of the paper, to have a sermon that God has impressed upon the heart of His devout servant, instead

of being preached to one congregation to have it preached in a thousand homes. Many a woman like my aged mother, as well as many a young mother that didn't get out to Church, read them and receive new inspiration, and many a man is caused to form higher purposes for life by reading them, that you never hear a word from.

May God give you editorial wisdom, and every other qualification that will make you a good editor, filling your heart with an irrepressible desire to do good in the world by every publication going out from your office.

I expect to try more and more to swell the number of readers of your paper. I think it is growing in usefulness.
J. R. Conger.

Happiness.

What is your opinion of happiness? What are the essentials upon which you think it depends? Money, love, health—nine out of ten persons would say. Reserve the order of the three and you'll have them as they should be. You cannot be happy if your health is bad. Neither can those around you. Ever notice how grouchy a man or woman is who has dyspepsia or any form of stomach trouble? They cannot help it. It's the result of weakened nerves. Don't judge him too harshly. You cannot expect to find a sunny disposition where pain is gnawing away the body, mind and nerves.

Some of them try to get cured—try hard, but finally give up in despair. Vernal Palmettona (formerly known as Vernal Saw Palmetto Berry Wine) has restored more of these people to health and happiness than any other remedy on earth.

It is a purely vegetable remedy which rputs out the cause of the trouble at the very start. It is a positive and permanent cure for ailments of stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys, heart and blood. It doesn't act like harsh purgatives and cathartics. It does its work gently, thoroughly and with no shock to the nervous system. We want you to try this grand remedy at our expense. Write for a free sample bottle today. Gladly sent postpaid. Learn for yourself what it will do, before you buy. We know what it has done, what it will do. You do not. We take this way of showing our confidence in it. Address, Vernal Remedy Co., 548 Seneca Building, Buffalo, N. Y.
On sale at leading drug stores.

C. L. Ruth and Son.

Diamonds, Watches, Silverware, Cut Glass, Manufacturing Jewelers and Opticians. Mr. C. L. Ruth established this business in 1873, and about four years ago admitted his son, Mr. H. Ruth, into partnership with him. This is the oldest house of its kind in Montgomery, and has the perfect confidence of the people of the State. They sell Jewelry of known reputation and anything bought at Ruth's is always worth the price paid and the quality exactly as represented. Their optical department has no superior in the South, and is personally managed by the junior partner, who is an accomplished graduate optician of great skill. He has examined and fitted to glassed the eyes of 5,000 people. The repairing department has every improved mechanical device and does difficult work with the highest character of excellence. Another department is a line of Eastman Kodaks, Films and Chemicals for amateur photographers.

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every 572 people. The same table, as
printed in the prohibition Year book,
shows that in St. Louis, with its large
number of saloons, there were made
during the year only 4,068 arrests
for drunkenness, while in Boston, with
less than half the number of saloons,
the number of men and women arrested
for drunkenness during the same period
was 19,511, or four times as many as
in St. Louis. The Year Book fails to
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Field Notes

ALABAMA CITY.

On the 17th inst., at 8 p. m., a presbytery consisting of the pastors and deacons of Dwight Baptist Church, Alabama City, and the First Baptist Church, of Gadsden, together with Revs. J. M. Solly, J. M. Chadwick of Gadsden, and J. E. Smith of Lindale, Ga., met at the West Gadsden M. E. Church, South, to organize the Second Baptist Church of Gadsden. The presbytery was organized by naming Rev. J. M. Solly, chairman, and deacon J. R. Nowlin, clerk.

The presbytery proceeded in a very solemn and impressive manner to organize sixty-six (66) brethren and sisters into a church. Most of this magnificent number of magnificent Christians came out of Mt. Carmel Church, of which this scribe was pastor for more than three years.

This, of course, weakens the old church very materially, but the new church seemed to be an absolute necessity. Gadsden is building very rapidly, due to the great steel mill which is being built here, and other important industries which are constantly being located in this immediate section.

The new church has already secured a lot in a strategic position, in the very heart of the growing section of the city.

It does not take a prophet to see that, under God, this church has great possibilities before it. It was a sight to make the Christian's heart rejoice to see those sturdy Christians banding themselves together to fight in the Master's cause, and giving to each other the right hand of fellowship in token of their purpose to walk together in Christian love, to comfort, encourage, and help one another. May God help them to be faithful and true.

The new church extended a unanimous call to Rev. W. S. Griffin, of Alexandria, for half his time. They will worship in the house in which they were organized, through the courtesy of the Methodist brethren, until they get a new house built.

E. B. Moore.

A TOUCHING LETTER.

Evergreen, Ala., Jan. 5, 1904

Mrs. J. C. Condon, Opelika, Ala.
Dear Friend: As this is the beginning of a new year, and you have clothed me for nine long years, I feel like it would be imposing on you to ask for another box of clothes. I have work in the home by which I can secure means to buy my clothes. You ladies will never know how much I appreciate what you have done for me since I have been here. I hope I can do some kind deed for you in the future. Everybody in the home seems to be well at present. I can't say when I have been sick, and I am so thankful that I am in good health. Our school work begins today. We have had the last week for holiday, and I have spent a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I received three presents from my sisters, which were real pretty. I thought of you and wished that I could have sent you a little token of remembrance, but couldn't. I hope some day in the future to visit you all again. I am getting along nicely in music. I am learning to play right well. How is little Adel and Josh? Kiss them both for me. I also

send love and best wishes to you, Miss Florie and Mr. Candon. As I am in a hurry I will close: again thanking you for what you have done for me since I have been here.

Your sincere friend,

Ellen Watson.

We publish this as a tribute to the grateful heart of the dear girl who wrote it, and to the Orphans Home for cultivating her natural graces.

FROM PRATTVILLE.

I greatly enjoy reading the cheering reports from the brethren over the State. I wish I had something of interest to write. But we are just moving quietly along in the old way. We have an interesting Sabbath school. Bro. Will Anderson has been elected superintendent, and has taken a vigorous hold of the work. Last Sunday was a very disagreeable day, but we had present at Sunday school 193. We expect to reach 250 when spring opens. We also have an interesting B. Y. P. U. Brother Eugene Ballard is president. Our congregations are generally good. Quite a number of our members moved away last fall, but others are coming in to take their place. The brethren say that our church is in better condition than ever before.

Our Ladies' Missionary Society is doing well. Sister S. A. Smith is president. She is an earnest Christian and thoroughly missionary in faith and practice. She is a most excellent leader. We also have a live Aid Society, which is doing fine work. Sister E. E. Gresham is president. She was raised a Presbyterian, but she makes a fine Baptist, and judging from the remarkable success of the Aid Society under her direction, no better leader could possibly be found.

Fraternally,

A. J. Preston.

FROM WEDOWEE.

We are having some cold weather that is hindering us some. It takes Summer for Baptist folks in these parts. We have made some progress in the past two years. Several of our churches have doubled their contributions for missions, and are paying more for all purposes than ever before. I am glad to say that at Wedowee we are keeping pace with the spirit of progress. We have nearly doubled our membership in two years, and more than doubled our contributions for missions, and have made a nice increase in pastor's salary. Two years ago the Board was helping pay the pastor. Now our church is paying its own way, and will give forty or fifty dollars for benevolence. God has surely blessed us here. I have two other churches that have doubled their pastor's salary, and also their contributions for missions. Then I have two that I hope to see develop into strong working forces. They are already doing good work. At our fifth Sunday meeting in November we decided to help Brother Shaddix go to school. So we took a collection for him and got on subscription nearly one hundred dollars.

Bros. T. J. Lovorn and J. T. Kaylor gave twenty-five dollars each. Brother Shaddix is in school at Roanoke. He will appreciate all the help anyone may contribute. He has a family.

Bros. Holladay and Wright have moved to Roanoke. From which place they are serving churches. Preachers are scarce in this territory.

C. T. Culpepper.

FROM FLORALA.

I entered upon my work here in Florala about the first of December. It is a wide open field for evangelistic work as relatively few of the people are professing Christians, and many are here backslidden from their former state in other places. The "Used to bes" are numerous. There are about 3,000 people within easy reach of our church. These are in the town of Florala and in three or four sawmill villages surrounding it. I came here under agreement with the church to preach three times every Sunday, and have such other meetings during the week as I saw fit. The people have been uniformly kind and thoughtful toward us, and our church work is prospering reasonably well. The members are pretty badly scattered as is natural since there is much moving about. We have received three or four into the church since I have been here. I look for a good ingathering during summer. Our people are showing a generous disposition toward missions and general benevolence and I hope for solid development along this line. The paper already has quite a number of subscribers here and I hope to secure more in the near future.

Fraternally,

John F. Gable.

FROM BROTHER UNDERWOOD.

I am very much pleased with my new place. I had been so long with the people at Brundidge, and they had been so kind to me, and I had learned to love them so well, it was hard to leave them. But I am sure that the people here will be as kind to us, and I will love them. So it is all right. The prospects for this year are bright. I think the paper is just splendid. And so we go. The Lord bless you in your work.

N. C. Underwood.

A NEW FIELD.

Forest Home, Mt. Moriah and Butler Springs have formed a new field, and purchased a pastorium located at Forest Home, the most central point. The outlook is bright, and we hope to secure a preacher well suited for the field. Forest Home will take two Sundays and the other churches one each with salary \$650 to \$700. In forming this field we regret to lose our former pastor, Rev. W. J. Ray, who has faithfully served us for the past three years. The new field extended him a unanimous call, but he declined feeling that he was directed elsewhere.

Any church securing his service will be fortunate, and the prayers of the members of Forest Home will ever follow him.

The committee, J. G. Reynolds, E. G. Donald and W. C. Carter are looking for a good, available man for the field. Who can we get?

FROM HUNTSVILLE.

Please let me say a few things to the beloved saints about the people in and around Huntsville, Ala.

In this section are some of the noble of earth. The Churches and pastors seem to compare favorably with other portions of Alabama. One thing commendable is very prominent among

the town churches, viz: They have untiring energy, which gives want to lovable spirits. Much of their time and means are given to the evangelizing the great masses of people constantly coming into the community. We have here at Merrimack thousands of people. Few of them attend Church and Sunday school. The many are in the current that carries men, women and children to immorality, trouble and death. Many of them, perhaps half of them or more, are Church members. They have no little influence against the salvation of their own loved ones that are unsaved. A few of us are making special prayer for the quickening power of God to fall upon all of His children here; for the indifference is alarming. May we not feel the influence of yourself, dear brother or sister. Will you not bring our sad, lamentable condition before your Church and prayer-meeting and Sunday school, and all other Church meetings, and ask every one to join us in praying for the mighty awakening that can come alone from God. I am sure that our beloved will be entreated in our favor. Don't simply pray, but believe and continue to invoke the hallowed benediction until the answer shall come. As pastor, I feel a part, at least, of what called forth the deep emotion of the great heart of the Apostle when he uttered the memorable words, "Having care of all the Churches."

Brother Pastor, I know you can feel my need at this trying period. If you go with us, you can carry many with you. God bless you and your people to help us.

As I write nature trembles. I pray for the ascendancy of the Spirit, even though my flesh feels the weakness and inability to enjoy its pleasure in sin. Beloved, I am not equal to this emergency; will you not bear with me in my weakness, till I can prevail with you to join us today? Today is our day to work for the salvation of sinners. I don't know whether there is any tomorrow in your lives or mine. Let us feel you today.

Consider, will you not: Here are powers of mind, heart, muscle and money in abundance all slumbering, for these saints are not using what God has so graciously given them, for their good and His glory. Again here are idlers from several States. Here are the objects of many prayers that are bottled up in heaven. Let's pray that the holy influences of those whose hearts have long been burdened with the interest of the souls of these, their loved ones, may be poured out in rich effusion upon them here and now, and save the unsaved, and enlist them all in ranks of righteousness.

May heaven's sweet benedictions rest upon all who are of the household of Faith, and salvation come to many who are now exposed to eternal vengeance.

If I could show you this little struggling Church of about thirty members with all of its needs, and then show the great numbers standing aloof from the work, and then get you to see hundreds of unsaved souls, and the foolish whims and the isms, schisms and divisions of our town, I am sure you would withhold nothing from us that is at your command.

I am sure you think I believe in the doctrine of importunity. Don't forget to importune in our behalf.

W. H. Connell.

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Duels and Murders.

There were 6,000 duels in Germany last year, with a mortality of twenty-two, as shown by official reports. We read Mark Twain's account of the duels among the students before we entered the University of Berlin and thought of course it was merely the story of a humorist to find that it was a pen picture drawn by a master. In Berlin we often sat by some student with his face covered with sticking plaster looking consciously proud because he had drawn swords with some fellow student on slight provocation. It always seemed a foolish and useless custom. In reading that twenty-two were killed out of 6,000 duels last year, we were surprised at the mortality for generally a little flow of blood stops the fight. Unfortunately our Birmingham District is in bad repute for the number of murders committed each year. We haven't the statistics, but venture the assertion that more people met violent deaths in this district last year than were killed in the 6,000 duels in Germany. Public sentiment can do away with duelling in Germany and murder in Birmingham.

Worldly Amusements.

The disciplinary rules of the Methodist Church declare as plainly as the English language can state it, that members who, after being pleaded with, persist in "imprudent and un-Christian conduct" such as "indulging tempers of words, buying, selling or using intoxicating liquors, dancing, playing games of chance, attending theaters, horse races or circuses," etc., "shall be expelled."

Recently the question of repealing this prohibitory clause has been taken up and it is now being vigorously discussed. The matter will come up at the General Conference at Los Angeles in May.

It is said that two Methodist ministers and nearly 100 other Methodists were among the victims of the Chicago theater fire, and this has stimulated discussion anew.

The Methodists are not the only ones who are thinking about compromising with the world for in all churches there seems a growing tendency to let the members do as they please. We Baptists are weakening. It ought to weigh heavily upon the hearts and consciences of all those who feel that they were bought with a price and that price the blood of Jesus Christ. We wonder how many who read this are guilty of indulging in worldly amusements which hinder their spirituality.

Long Pastorates.

The Baptist Union says: Several long pastorates are noted in recent exchanges. It is of interest to cite some of them. Rev. H. C. Bitting, D.D., has been twenty years with Mt. Morris Church of New York; Rev. C. C. Brown has served at Sumter, S. C., twenty-nine years; Dr. J. M. Weaver recently celebrated his fortieth anniversary as pastor of the Chestnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky.; the members of the Church at Sedalia, Mo., are planning to make the twenty-fifth anniversary of their pastor, Rev. J. B. Fuller, a jubilee, by entering upon enlarged work and cancelling all indebtedness, and Rev. O. H. Woolston, D.D., has celebrated his seventeenth anniversary with the East Church of Philadelphia. The membership of this Church is 1,365, and the Bible school has an average attendance of 890 pupils. Of course the work and long service of Dr. Russell H. Conwell in the city of brotherly love will be remembered in connection with these long pastorates.

It would be of interest to learn about those in Alabama whose pastorates have extended over ten years. Let us hear from the brethren or let some brother who knows write it out for the readers of the Alabama Baptist.

A Subscription List.

An exchange truly says: "The most important part in the publication of a paper is the maintenance of a full subscription list, which for various reasons is subject to constant change. In order, therefore, that it may not only continue to exist but that its circulation may grow larger, it is necessary for the friends and supporters of a paper to continually aid it, not alone by taking the paper personally, but also by urging others to become subscribers."

If all the Baptists who ought to and who could take the Alabama Baptist would do it, then the paper could be more independent of the advertisers, while now we are dependent on them to supply a part of the money necessary to make the paper a financial success.

A Veteran Missionary.

Dr. R. H. Graves addressed the McFerran Memorial Church on "Personal Experiences in China." What an inspiration it would be if all of our Churches could have the privilege of hearing him.

Rev. Wm. Harrison Williams says of his visit to the Seminary:

"When Dr. Graves came to the platform and stood before us as a living example of faithful service, the large audience voluntarily rose to its feet and stood, as Dr. Mullins presented the speaker.

"And what shall we say of the address? It was the heart cry of one who had given his life to China, for more men of strength, ability and consecration to give their lives to glorify Christ, the country in which he has labored for some forty years."

This thought of Dr. Graves ought to burn itself into all hearts: "We need men who are impressed with the idea, 'I belong to the Lord, soul and body I am His.'"

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Friday we had a pleasant visit from Dr. E. E. Bomar, Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Brother Bomar is a great believer in his

work and he never loses an opportunity to present the needs of his work to a pastor or an editor.

We have received a copy of "Gems from Many Minds," compiled and published by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church, Athens, Ala. It is an attractive booklet filled with well selected quotations and is well worth 25 cents. Those wishing a copy can get one by enclosing the above amount to Miss Mary Benagh, Athens, Ala.

The Seminary students reported the following preaching and religious services during January: The report of preaching and religious services is as follows: One hundred and sixteen sermons preached; 14 additions made; 3 conversions; 13 received for baptism; 5 baptized. There is no place in the Seminary for drones. There is always something to do.

Are you getting ready to attend the State B. Y. P. U. Convention at Huntsville? If not, you will miss a great meeting. A trip to Huntsville will prove delightful. It is worth time and money just to see the big spring and the welcome of the Huntsville B. Y. P. U. will be as bubbling and bounteous as the flow of water from beneath the rocks on which Huntsville is built.

We publish some articles concerning the Chicago University. It, like the Columbian University, may pass out of Baptist hands or become non-sectarian, but we feel that our institutions like Howard, Mercer, Furman, Wake Forest, William Jewell, Baylor, Richmond College, and other State Baptist Colleges will stand for our Baptist cause. We take pride in the history of our Baptist colleges and call specially on Alabama Baptists to rally around Dr. Montague, our gifted and great President of Howard, who is a scholar and a Baptist and give him an opportunity to make it one of the most potent factors in our denominational work.

A considerable number of our subscribers have not paid us one cent for the paper although we have sent them copies each week for two years. They have not even notified us to discontinue, but have continued to take the paper from the postoffice weekly. This is not fair. The sum of money owing to us on back subscriptions if paid, would enable us to make decided improvements. If we were to strike them off our list they would get mad; if we were to send them a statement they would get madder, and if we were to place the accounts in the hands of a lawyer they would be maddest of all. We never expect to sue a subscriber for back dues, we don't like to drop one from our list and it is expensive to send out statements. Please simplify the matter by paying up.

Gospel mission work in the Tombs Prison, in New York City, is thus described by an exchange: "No larger field for missionary enterprise can easily be found. During the past year nearly 16,000 prisoners passed through the Tombs. At the gospel service Sunday morning out of a population of 400 prisoners, about one hundred attend the Protestant service. As the gospel is presented it is not infrequently that tears flow down the cheeks of men and boys not yet hardened in crime, in prison awaiting trial, perhaps guilty, perhaps innocent of any crime. Upon such the influence of the chaplain is all-important. His duties include visit-

ing and aiding the poverty-stricken families of men in prison; advising and counseling young men and women, and where they are first offenders, endeavoring to save them from criminal lives, communicating with parents and guardians, writing letters, and where we find worthy cases, appealing to the authorities for clemency. Such a society deserves ample support." The chaplain is Rev. J. J. Monroe.

Expiring Subscriptions.

Editor Joseph William Bailey of the Biblical Recorder, devotes a column editorial to the subject "When your subscription expires." We feel that we will help our delinquents and ourselves by publishing the greater part of it.

Our last notices, kindly put as they were, were responded to in some instances with such evidences of ruffled spirits, that we are moved to state frankly our side of this business matter.

First, when your subscription expires we invite you to renew.

Second, we want you to renew promptly. We must make prompt and sure collections in order to get along. We must pay bills.

Third, we do not prefer to send out notices. It costs us \$500 a year to send them out. We could use this amount to better purpose. But we must send out notices or get out of business. When 3,000 subscribers fall behind, it is a serious matter. Remember the fable: For want of a nail a shoe was lost. For want of a shoe a horse was lost. For want of a horse a man was lost. For want of a man a kingdom was lost. Have you the nail?

We usually wait a month before sending out notices. But that is as long as good business will allow. Then we send one every month until something happens. It is costly and troublesome; but we must. If you can think of any other way, tell us and we will reward you with a life-time subscription.

Fourth, we can wait longer on a few individuals. We can make allowances; but on your part do you not think it becoming to write and request an extension of time—only a postal card? It is all we ask, a word of hope. There is no reason to fall out about it.

Fifth, Accidents will happen. Our list is 9,000 strong and will soon be 10,000. The young lady that keeps it is a Christian and she expects to become an angel after 1970. Meantime she makes a mistake now and then. Do you ever, or have you undergone mental sanctification? Then when you overtake her, write us a postal card and all will be well. There is no reason to fret. If you do not get your paper, let us know.

There is no reason to become angry about one's subscription to a religious paper. We mean rather to provoke you to peace and sweetness of spirit and good works.

Now to sum up: (1) We invite you to renew; (2) to renew promptly; (3) to renew voluntarily without a notice; (4) to inform us if it is not convenient and you wish for an extension of time; (5) to inform us of mistakes and to take them calmly.

We have a fine outlook for the year just ahead. Be sure to go along with us.

This is a lot of space to give to this subject. But it is important. It may save a temper from spoiling, not to mention the welfare of the Biblical Recorder and the work it has been set to do.

Chicago University.

One of the most important facts with regard to Chicago University is that with so many newspapers, religious and otherwise, criticising it, thousands of fine young men and women continue to enter the institution. The critical attitude toward the University has been brought on by the general and by no means groundless feeling against its founder and chief benefactor, Mr. Rockefeller, whose methods no one feels called upon to approve. This has been aggravated by the extreme utterances of certain members of the faculty. But seeing that the faculty of the institution is so numerous (several hundred, all told) one should not wonder that here and there a foolish speech is made. The scholar's language is not the average man's, and their respective points of view are widely apart. Very likely there are a hundred men in the Chicago faculty against whom nothing can be said—such men as Professors Matthews, Manly, Henderson, Small and Wilkinson; and one should judge the institution by these as well as by Messrs. Triggs and Foster. But we hold no brief for the University. We were prompted to write so much by way of introducing an extract from a letter of a North Carolina Wake Forest boy in the institution.

We refer to Mr. W. E. Woodruff's description of the work of "The Evangelistic Band of the Divinity School," of which he is business manager:

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 12, 1904.

"We are organized to go out and preach the gospel. We all go together. We go out once in two weeks to a town and then hold a series of meetings, lasting from Friday till Monday. We preach, pray, sing and do personal work. We have a fine cornetist and a fine clarinetist; so the music goes off nicely. Our methods are those commonly in vogue amongst sane revivalists. In the meetings of three nights and two days which we have just held in Michigan City, Indiana, the Lord gave us not fewer than seventy-five professions of faith in Christ. It was a glorious meeting. The band held about seven meetings Sunday. In a fortnight we go to Hammond, Ind., and next after that place to Beloit, Wis., where there is a large college. I wish I had time to take the "team" on a four of the United States! The unique feature about it all is that we charge nothing but railroad fare and entertainment. Would this band idea not be a suggestion to the ministers at Wake Forest? If you will watch the Chicago "Standard," you will see my report of the band from time to time. God is wonderfully blessing the school here with what I call a revival of religion."

That remark that the Divinity School is undergoing a revival of religion will be in certain quarters as pleasing and refreshing as it is ingenuous.—Biblical Recorder.

It will be recalled that last year Chicago university forsook its policy of co-education to the extent of keeping the boys and girls separate during the first two years of college work. The dean reports that this system has proved a success and that the students of both sexes attend to business better than when they were closely associated.

The other day President Harper delivered a lecture in which he gave his idea of what a college professor should be. His specifications were these:

1. He should be a church member. 2. He should mix with his students outside the class rooms. 3. He should have a doctor's degree. 4. He should be willing to work hard 11 months in the year. 5. He should be in sympathy with the public, and take an active interest in public affairs.

The head of Chicago University declared in an address to the senior class that that school was no longer denominational. Most of the students and professors alike were non-Baptists, said he, and most of the gifts to the university, excepting those from Mr. Rockefeller, were from non-Baptists.

"Religious denominationalism in universities," he said, "is narrow-mindedness; it may apply to small colleges, but not to large ones."

The secular papers are having much to say in regard to the announcement made to the students of the University of Chicago that said University is not a Baptist institution. These papers are about ten years behind the times.

The Interior of Chicago, some ten years ago, rejoiced greatly it had been officially informed that the University was not a Baptist institution. We published this statement of the Interior and were promptly and sternly denounced for it. We wrote to the editor of the Interior telling him that his statement was vociferously contradicted, and asking him to give us his authority. In reply he sent us the official note he had received from the Secretary of the Faculty.

As the statement was made officially by the Secretary of the Faculty years ago, we are at a loss to know why it should be made with a parade now, unless the President thought it was his turn to get free advertisement in all the papers.—Western Recorder.

Members of the University of Chicago faculty may criticise at will, favorably or otherwise, the actions of John D. Rockefeller, the institution's most liberal benefactor, without fear of dismissal. This announcement was made by President Harper to the senior class at the university today in response to a question. It was asked by one student:

"Would any professor be dismissed for criticising John D. Rockefeller in relation to the Standard Oil Company and public affairs?"

President Harper replied:

"The members of the faculty have a right to say what they please. The university stands for free speech. No professor has ever been dismissed for expressing his opinion on any subject. When Dr. von Holst was here the University received numerous letters from all parts of the country, insisting on his dismissal, accusing him of uttering seditious sentiments. At that time the University issued a statement that each man was entitled to free speech. The university is above such things as interfering with a man's right of speech."

The "Louisville Times" last Thursday had the following dispatch: "Chicago, Jan. 28.—The University of Chicago is no longer a Baptist institution. Almost in so many words, President William R. Harper announced to the senior class that the university had outgrown its denominational character. He declared that in the nature of its faculty, its students and its methods, it had spread beyond its allegiance to the Baptist church. Most of the stu-

dents and most of the professors, he said, were non-Baptist.

"All the buildings on the campus were paid for by people of other creeds, he continued, and \$99 out of every \$100, except that given by John D. Rockefeller, who was a Baptist, were contributed by people not members of that church.

"Religious denominationalism in universities," he added, "is narrow-mindedness, and the fact that the University of Chicago has broken away from this class is an evidence of its mental progress. Denominationalism may apply to small colleges, but not to large ones."

We have no means of verifying this dispatch. About a year ago, President Harper, in answer to a direct question from the "The Baptist Courier," said that he did not expect then to change the University from Baptist control. He did not, however, say that he would never do it. We fear that President Harper is correctly reported and that before long the requirement that two thirds of the trustees shall be Baptist will be altered. It will be a great pity for Baptists to lose this great property. We do not here enter into the causes that have led to this state of things. We may say in passing that if the denomination has not responded to the affiliation plans of the University of Chicago and if there has been harsh and even unjust criticism of the University at times, on the other hand, it cannot be said that President Harper has seemed concerned whether he held a Baptist constituency or not. We earnestly hope that this report in the "Louisville Times" may be untrue.—Argus.

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Recently Dr. William Francis Ireland, the converted actor, delivered his sermon on "From the Stage to the Pulpit."

During the course of the sermons Dr. Ireland said in part:

"Now we come to the theater, what are we to do with it, or what is it to do with us? I started life as a young boy in a puritan home in New England, a member of a stylish church, that has everything but Christ, a high steeple, good organ, fine orator, and a big church debt. Our pastor struck upon a unique plan of cancelling this church indebtedness, that of having his young people play in amateur performances twice a week in the city opera house. We succeeded in cancelling the church indebtedness, but at the price of putting five of our young people in the theatrical profession and three young ladies in the slums of the city, a terrible price to pay for the church.

BECOME POPULAR AS AMATEURS.

"I played a part with such a degree of success that I became very popular as an amateur performer. At this time I was offered by the Davis Stock company, that wished to tour me as the boy actor, a situation, which I accepted. After that I got regularly into the profession.

Continuing he said: "Let me take you with me behind the scenes. First we come to the stage entrance, here we meet generally a ruffian, put there to keep all intruders from off the stage. Next we will meet the manager who will stage anything to make the dollar. We meet then the stage manager who takes his performer as an instrument to make money by. Very little consideration is given to him unless he occupies a leading part. The scene shifters are generally men of immortal turn of mind. As we step into the dressing room, we come across the actor and actress, generally people enthused with the teachings of free love. They drink, which becomes a necessity as a stimulant to help them keep up with the great physical tasks upon their bodies.

"An actor, to play his part successfully must be able to so far forget his own personality to believe that he really exists in the part he plays. Unless he can do this he will not be a great success in his profession. The character of the villain which by the way, is the leading and heaviest part in the drama, is bound to lower me in character. It takes a good actor to bring the hiss from every lip, and unless he can do it the hero will get but few applause.

VILLAIN HAS HARDEST WORK.

"Put a good actor in the place of a hero, the poor one in the place of a villain and your play will fall short. Put a good actor in the place of the villain, never mind if the heroes' place is filled by poor actors the contrast between the bad and the good will make your play successful.

"How does an actor look at Christians patronizing the theatres. As he looks over his audience he sees nearly every Christian organization represented before him, and he wonders as he sees the clergymen, if he knows the story of the drama, which started in Athens, Greece, two hundred years before Christ, in defence of the teachings of false gods against the teachings of Moses. Forty-seven years before Christ the drama came into Rome where it made light of

the coming advent of the Son of God. After the crucifixion of Christ, when the Christians were captured, and gored by the bulls, this took place at the applaud of the people. After this the Catholic church attempted to give the theatres its support, but was compelled to throw it aside, as harmful to the organization. Knowing this, the actors wonders how the preacher could patronize the theatre.

IS IT NECESSARY?

"If Christian people are to patronize the theatre and to look at it as a necessity to their happiness, the actor asks himself the question. 'If I am a necessity to their happiness, am I not all right in my chosen profession with all of its wrongs, it being necessary to the Christian's happiness.'

"The teacher generally is above the scholar in knowledge and the actor being an entertainer considers himself above the one being entertained. Seeing so many Christian people in my audience I had lost all confidence in my former teachings and being surrounded by supporting people, after the play, I was invited to the clubs, where champagne ran like water; others invited me to the race track. Such influence constantly around me robbed me of all confidence in Christian teachings, made me a rank materialist. I had played the part of Paul DeVane in the Soudan, the character of the villain, which had been applauded by press and public as a historical drama, showing the opening of the Soudan to civilization. The play was considered to be a moral play, but still two former actors who played in my part were made drunkards by the part they played through its forced stimulation.

AS TO "MORAL PLAYS."

"To touch on the moral plays, I would ask which are the moral plays, for I know but very few. These are Ben Hur, with its character of Judas, who is willing to sell his God and religion in open shame; Quo Vardis, with Eunice, living in shame with her master; the Christian with games of chance and dancing in the church, laid by the pastor the plot is for the ruination of the character of a young girl. In Bonnie Brier Bush, the drunkard is compelled to make light of the church of God, and place disgrace upon the preacher. These cannot be upheld as moral by Christians.

"The greatest harm of all is that when young people patronize theatres they are apt to become fascinated with what they see. That fascination soon turns them into stage struck individuals with but one thought and that is to become an actor. When they find their fondest ambition crushed they become outcasts and ruined for the future, therefore it becomes our duty as Christians to sympathize with the actor, for it is his profession that makes him what he is, and I plead with you in the name of Christ and the name of the actor to stay away from the theatres and to be an example of truth and loyalty to the teachings of Christ."

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The Alabama Baptist is a welcome visitor in our home. It always brings us a feast of good things. Brother Hawthorn's sermon on "The End Cometh" was indeed a soul feast. May the good Lord bless the Baptist and its writers.—Rev. W. J. Watson.

The 1904 numbers of the Baptist show a marked improvement both in form and matter and I want to congratulate you upon it. I trust that its subscription list and finances shall grow and improve even as the paper is doing.—A. J. Moncrief.

I can't give up your good paper. I wish you great success in the future for your splendid paper.—Miss H. S. Cook.

I think I can see a decided improvement in the paper, especially since the New Year has set in. Wishing you much success.—Wm. C. Jordan.

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A LIBRARY FOR THE SOCIETY.

Every young people's society ought to have a consulting library. A small book case could be provided and placed in one of the class rooms, where it would be accessible to members of the society. The library ought to contain a dictionary, a Bible dictionary, a concordance, a cyclopedia of missions, books on mission work, and helps on the Christian Culture Courses.—Walter Calley.

THE CIGARETTE AND THE COMING BUSINESS MAN.

By Chas. H. Stowell, M. D.

I give the following reasons for opposing the smoking of cigarettes by boys:—

1. It lessens the natural appetite for food and injures digestion. The boy who smokes has a bad digestion and a poor appetite. Because of this interference with appetite and digestion, the food is not properly digested and assimilated, cellular activity is checked, and the growth and development of the body seriously interfered with by this early poisoning.

2. It seriously affects the nervous system. We often hear about the "tobacco heart" of the adult. If tobacco is strong enough to affect the beating of the adult heart, how much stronger must be its effects on the heart of a young person, long before tissues have become fixed. The rush of blood to the head, the dizziness, the unsteady beating of the heart, the distressing dreams—all show how seriously is the nervous system affected. This effect on the nervous system is sufficient to produce the most marked changes in the mental activity. Recent statements from the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, Yale College, Union College, together with scores of other institutions, and hundreds of the most eminent teachers of the country, all testify to the fact that cigarette smoking interferes with scholarship. If it interferes with the scholarship of young men over twenty-one years of age, how much more seriously must it interfere with the mental activities of those under this age!

3. It lowers the moral tone. Boys who would not tell a lie on any other matter, not for a fortune, our best and noblest boys, not do seem to hesitate a moment to tell any kind of a falsehood in order to keep from their parents the fact that they are smoking cigarettes. They hide the cigarettes. They smoke them away from home. They try in every way to conceal the truth. Indeed, they will do all manner of things in order to deceive those who are nearest and dearest to them.

4. It creates a craving for strong drink. The hot smoke from the cigarette tends to make the mouth and throat dry, and creates a peculiar sinking sensation in the stomach. Water may temporarily relieve this dryness, and may temporarily check the sinking sensation. But with the moral tone lowered and the mental power

weakened, the desire to yield to the first temptation is strengthened, because of the flimsy excuse that the boy must have something to wet his throat. And so it goes on, from bad to worse. In other words, the boy who smokes more easily accepts an invitation to a treat than one who does not smoke.

5. It is a filthy and offensive habit. No matter how stealthily the boy may do his work, sooner or later his clothing becomes saturated with the odor of tobacco. One of the most inexplicable things in this world is that a well-dressed, highly-accomplished young lady will sit by the side of a young man in carriage or street car, or will walk by his side in the street, and submit to inhaling this most offensive odor—bad at all times, but, of course, increased a thousandfold when the smoking machine is in full operation.—The Epworth Herald.

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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, 30th day of January, 1904

Estate of Katie Pearl Mehaffey, Minor. This day came Elmira Duncan, Guardian of the estate of Katie Pearl Mehaffey, Minor, and filed his accounts, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 28th 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.

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An old time service for old time people was held yesterday forenoon at the Dallas Avenue Baptist Church. Pastor Rice preached one of his plain, touching sermons from Leviticus 19th chapter and 32nd verse: 'Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old men, and fear thy God.'

He spoke of the work of some of the pioneer workers of the Church in this part of the State, and how few of them were still spared, but those that were, were an inspiration to the minister of the day.

Old time songs were sung with zeal and earnestness by the old saints present to the tunes used in their early Christian life, such as "How firm a foundation," "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound," "Did Christ o'er sinners weep?"

When the parting hand was given during the singing of the last song glad hallelujahs were heard from happy men and women shouting forth God's love and praise.

There was one addition to the church by experience. The pastor will preach an appropriate sermon in the near future to the young people.—Tribune.

Elyton Church.

Rev. A. J. Gross filled his pulpit at Elyton Sunday morning after being absent some time on account of illness. Superintendent Reese deploras the small Sunday school attendance lately, but feels sure it is due to the bad weather. The B. Y. P. U. meets regularly every Sunday afternoon. Prayer-meeting every Sunday night.

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In dealing with those who control by the power of money, Dr. Broughton did not spare even those whom he claimed did as they pleased in the Churches because they had money. In his remarks he had something to say about the failure of Baxter & Co.'s exchangers.

Dr. Broughton said:

"Money is the most powerful force this world knows. Legislatures, society, courts of justice, preachers and the Churches are all more or less dominated by money. We talk of Washington as the seat of this government, whereas the seat of this government is Wall Street. It makes no difference who is president; he has got to face a subsidized congress. When the money power speaks congress goes off and lies down. Everybody knows that the men who pay the freight for the party are going to control its policy. So far as I am personally concerned, I do not care a snap who is president. Until there is complete change in the law-making power, Greed, Gouge & Co. will continue to sway the land. Society is controlled by money. Rich people can do as they please and still be 'the best people in town.'

"Preachers and Churches have to a great extent become the slave of the money power. A rich man in the Church can do what he pleases and still be 'the most leading man in the congregation.' Our Churches are controlled in many cases by men whose lives are religiously rotten. They give big money and stand high in religious councils while all sorts of license is allowed in the membership to those that are 'the best to do.'

"We need a revival of the Christ and the whip cord. Men and women whose money controls the Church must be clean. A Church member who gambles on the stock market must be put out. The man who rents his property to a saloon must be shown his place with the rum seller himself. The woman who gambles for a prize in a game of euchre must be put by the side of the crap shooter and the blackleg. The renter of property for licentious purposes must be shown his place by the side of the black-hearted villain who conducts the business. The heartless money shark who takes the advantage of weakness and adversity must be looked upon as a highway robber.

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"A great revival of honesty must come before we can expect a revival of Holy Ghost power. The Churches today are slaves. Money rides in the saddle and preacher and Church is governed accordingly. If this is an awful indictment it is because I am facing an awful fact. Thinking men grow disgusted as they look upon the Church fawning before money corruption. The Master's Church must have the Master's spirit. The aim of the Church must be man. Human stations and human preferences must have no part in church methods; with Christ all men are equal. God give us liberty!

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Brother Spillman is one of the best Sunday school specialists in America, and those who are interested in Sunday school work will find his lectures exceedingly helpful. Arrangements are being made to have these Sunday school institutes throughout the State as soon as practicable, and we feel sure that great good will follow and we shall have a Sunday school revival in Florida.

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The movement to put Sunday school specialists in the field in different places is a manifestation of the increased interest being felt. The experiment of the Teachers' College will be watched with interest, and its results may have a broad influence in shaping the Sunday school work of the future. We see nothing essentially wrong in paying a Sunday school teacher for his work, provided always he is devout and orthodox as well as bright and expert. Still it will be a long while before our Baptist churches will take favorably to the pay-plan. To most of our people receiving a salary for teaching a Sunday school would seem about as cold-blooded as for a pastor to take a fee for conducting the funeral services of a member of his Church. Still, we believe careless, slipshod teaching, done gratis, is far more reprehensible than it would be to accept pay for thorough, faithful teaching.—Baptist Courier.

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