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Baptist Brethren

James Colgate died Feb. 7, 1904, at his home in Yonkers, N. Y. Mr. Colgate is well known for his connection with educational interests, in Christian beneficence. At the age of twenty-one he was baptized, and joined the Tabernacle Baptist Church. He has always been closely allied with the Baptist denomination, and has been a regular contributor to its missionary and benevolent societies.

A gift of \$1,000 to the Tichenor Memorial Fund, for aiding weak churches in building houses of worship, has just been secured by Dr. J. S. Dill and comes to the Board through the W. M. U. How fitting that the first substantial contribution on the \$20,000 which our Baptist women have undertaken to raise in connection with the memory of the beloved Dr. Tichenor should have been secured by one who had occupied such a large place in his confidence and affection.—Ex.

Gov. A. J. Montague, of Virginia, is one of the most widely sought after public men in our entire country. For banquets, commencements, political assemblages, and literary occasions he is in constant request. The governor is a Baptist and did not lose his Baptist convictions during that political career which put him in the Gubernatorial chair of the Old Dominion. All denominations covet his services on all occasions and he is open to all appeals, but to the Baptists he turns a warm side and keeps his colors flying every day in the year.—Argus.

Richmond Baptists have greatly enjoyed a brief visit of Rev. Cornelius Woelfkin of Brooklyn, N. Y. He preached at the regular service at the First Church Sunday morning and at night preached the annual sermon before their Young Men's Missionary Society, of which Mr. E. Leslie Spence, Jr., is president. Both occasions were of unusual interest, and Mr. Woelfkin's temporary ministry was greatly enjoyed. He remained for a day or two and it was pleasant to many of his brethren to meet him socially. Mr. Woelfkin also made a very pleasing and helpful address before the students and faculty of Richmond College on Monday morning.—Religious Herald.

Rev. W. L. Pickard, D.D., has just entered upon the third year of his pastorate of the First Church, Lynchburg, Va. In his anniversary sermon, preached from Matt. xxviii, 19 and 20, he gave a survey of what the denominations are doing to extend Christ's kingdom in the world, and especially dwelt upon what Baptists are doing. The sermon was unusually inspiring and listened to with deep interest. In the



First Baptist Church, Sheffield, Ala.



Rev. E. M. Stewart.

We print on this page a picture of the First Baptist Church of Sheffield, which shows that Brother Stewart's work in Sheffield bore good fruit and that his people there rallied to his support. The Reaper among other things said recently:

two years of his ministry with the First Church 147 persons have been added, making the present membership 978. There was raised during the last year for all purposes \$10,000. The Sunday school numbers 500. Dr. Pickard has made more than 1,000 visits and has prepared and delivered 174 sermons and addresses.—Examiner.

A. J. Miller, Columbus, Miss.: "The Argus says: "Gen. Stephen D. Lee, who succeeds General Gordon in the Confederate Vetran organization, is a Baptist." Please allow me the following

"Rev. Mr. Stewart came here about a year ago a stranger among us, but it was only a little while until he had won the love and affection of his Church people, as well as the members of other denominations, and was held in high esteem by the young men of the town, there could always be found more young men at his services than at any other Church in town. One at any other United to the Reaper, 'he young man said to the Reaper, 'he had more good common sense young minister, than any I ever knew. Many regret the step, and hope that there may be a way yet open that he can be induced to stay and continue in his good work, and to help build that new church building. The Reaper called attention to the fact that there was danger of his being called away, several Churches have been after him ever since he came here, and made him very flattering offers to come to them."

Brother Stewart accepted a call from the Columbia Baptist Church and we pray God's blessings on his work in South Alabama.

in addition: Gen. Stephen D. Lee, our distinguished fellow-citizen, is not only a Baptist by profession of faith, but is a useful member of the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss. He is a faithful and efficient deacon, also the highly competent teacher of the Bible class in Sunday school. He leads in public prayer and enjoys greatly the mid-week prayer-meeting. He is a regular attendant upon the services of the sanctuary, is loyal to all the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, a liberal supporter of the church and a true friend of the pastor."

Foreign News

The Albanians who were besieging 2,500 Turkish troops at Babajihosi have been routed, with 800 men killed and wounded. The Turkish loss is said to have been heavy.

The Japanese Minister has appealed to the United States to secure the release of a hundred Japanese who were at Port Arthur at the outbreak of the war, whom Russia has refused permission to leave.

The rebels in San Domingo are reported to have invaded the American Consulate at Smana and taken possession of two refugees. The State Department at Washington has advised Admiral Wise to take all necessary measures to protect the Consulate.

It turns out that the Russians fired the first shot in the present war, beginning by firing on the Japanese at Chemulpo, while a few hours later the Japanese made their attack on the ships at Port Arthur. Both sides seemed to have understood that the period of talk had passed.

Secretary Hay has been informed that the Russian Government will not grant an exequatur to Edwin Morgan, United States Consul to Dalney, and the matter is a subject of great consideration at Washington. It is explained that Russia's reason for its action is purely military.

A correspondent of a London paper asserts that Japan has landed 120,000 troops in Korea. Another London paper prints a rumor that Russia has several thousand troops in Central Korea. The report that Viceroy Alexieff has left Port Arthur is regarded as significant of Russia's fear of her weakness in sea fighting.

It is stated at Washington that Secretary Hay will not further pursue with the Powers the subject of the neutralization of China. Having induced the acceptance of the general principle of neutralization, Mr. Hay feels that the chapter is closed. Answers have been received from all the Powers that were addressed except Russia.

Japan's greatest warrior is General Viscount Katsura, who became prime minister of the country two years ago. The viscount, who has been called the Lord Roberts of Japan, began his military career in 1867, during the civil war which overthrew the old order of things and resulted in the adoption of Western civilization. He was a lieutenant then and so good was his record that at the conclusion of the war the government sent him to Germany to study military affairs.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Howard College Faculty.

Perkaps there are many in Alabama and some beyond its bounds who will read with interest of the men who are teaching and lecturing in Howard College, men thoroughly allied with our Denomination, men who in their work are affecting the lives not only of 173 young men during this session but who have touched and, who God willing, will touch hundreds of other lives, and through these multitudes who have been influenced and who will be influenced. A professor instructs a pupil; that pupil as teacher or prea other vocation imparts what he has learned; and so through the years ences, never lost go, on, stirring, moving, directing hundreds and even thousands. We may well ask "where does the teacher's influence end?" This is a solemn thought and one that should lead him, day and night, year in and year out, to mould his life according to monitions and teachings that come from a source far beyond this world, even from the greatest Teacher that the conturies ever saw.

tute the Faculty of Howard College, the colleagues of the writer, are discharging their duties according to a standard as high as can be found any where no one who knows them would deny; and I reckon our Institution d in having these men.

With this introduction, I shall proceed to write briefly of the gentlemen who are my esteemed and honored as-

ROBERT JUDSON WALDROP, A. M. Professor Waldrop, son of the Rev. Andrew Judson Waldrop and Sarah Hood Waldrop, was born in Jefferson county, Ala., on the 18th of August, 1846, and came to Ruhama when four years of age. Entering the Confederate service when sixteen years old, he nained in the army until the close of the war, when he attended Prof. Lovett's Academy for four years. He then became a student in the University of Virginia, the alma mater of hunds of Southerners in those days.

In 1872 he married Miss Luida Wood, a daughter of Wm. H. Wood of East Lake. Joining the Ruhama Baptist Church in 1873, he soon became a deacon, then superintendent of the Sunday school, holding the latter place until 1901. Upon the death of his father in was chosen moderator of the Birmingham Association, and remained in this position until 1903.

He taught school at Trussville and then at East Lake, resigning the latter to assume a professorship in 1887 in Howard College. He has been sec-retary of the Board of Education of Jefferson county and chairman of the mocratic campaign committee.

Thus reads the sketch of one of the mose useful lives in our State, a life full of labor and as full of kindness, a life that has influenced for good hundreds and yet hundreds more of young men. Professor Waldrop is a brave man and yet, true to the history of courageous men, as tender and gen-tle as he is brave. Genial, bright, poskindly humor, he never enters a circle without bringing sunshine. Beloved of colleagues and students, he has for ing an unfailing fund of cheer and

years been a force in Howard College, a force for sound work, for justice, for right and truth. As a teacher, he is sympathetic, earnest, enthusiastic, and therefore successful. When sternness is necessary, he can be stern; but his government of boys is rather that of a kind friend, and yet one who must be obeyed.

As Chairman of the Faculty last session, he was alert and vigorous, sacrificing self, as he has ever done, for the weal of the Institution. Hundreds await with pleasure the return of this faithful teacher and true-hearted Christian to his work in Howard College.

EDGAR POE. HOGAN, A. M., son of Rev. James Hogan and Mrs. Margaret Marshall Hogan, was born November 4th, 1872, at Bibbville, Bibb county, Ala., and moved with his parents in 1883 to Birmingham. Before coming to Birmingham he attended the school in his native village, an in Birmingham the public schools. While a boy, he arose between three and four o'clock in the morning and carried "The Iron Age," and in the evening he served "The Chronicle." For three and in the evening years he remained out of school and worked in the three largest mercantile establishments of Birmingham. Finally entering Howard College, he grad-uated in 1903. While a college student he was chosen captain of Company B, elected president of his class in 1893. and selected to represent his class in an oratorical contest.

After graduation, he accepted a position in the public schools of Pratt City, from which he came to a professorship in Howard College in 1897. In our College he has served as Professor of Chemistry, Biology, and Physics, as well as Commandant of cadets. In 1901 he was elected professor of Chemistry and Toxicology in the Birmingham Medical College, in which he still serves. As the hours are in the evening, there is no conflict with his duties in Howard College. In 1902 he became a stockholder in the Medical College, and head of the department of Chemistry and Toxicology, having the assistance of several instructors. He did special work, in the subjects which he teaches in the Medical College, and in the vacation of 1898 pursued his studies in the University of Chicago.

In 1895 he became a deacon in the South Side Church, where he has erved also as assistant superintendent, Bible class teacher, and member of the B. Y. P. U.

The energy and unceasing which marked the life of Colonel Hogan as a boy and a very young characterize him today. In college, in church, everywhere, he is in the forefront, not of place-seekers, but of earnest, progressive, tireless workers, finding in whatever place in which he serves the interest and the incentive to make his work an unqualified suc-Possessing sound judgment, mind which weighs with just discrimination, a sense of fairness which looks at both sides of a subject, he is essen tially a just, reasonable, and safe man. As Chairman of the Faculty of Howard College he has to meet stern prob lems. He faces these with courage and wisdom, and the result is successful conduct of affairs.

lege; he loves the profession in which he serves; he is especially fitted by nature and training to deal with young men, whom his kindly disposition, his ability, and his tactful managem bind to him. He has in him the material out of which an admirable college president may be made; but I wish to serve notice on those seeking such an officer that Howard College can not spare this excellent gentleman and accomplished professor. He is a necessiin the great development which we believe lies before our Institution, in which his marked ability and sterling worth will, year by year, count for more.

To men like Col. Hogan Christians must look for the preservation in our colleges of all that is best in the blended training of brawn, brain, and soul; and we should rejoice that such men, declining larger salaries for other work, remain in our institutions to labor for the growth of Christian education.

A. P. Montague.

What My Correspondents Say.

From Brother Crumpton.

A. J. Cagle, Mountainboro.- "Since I have returned to my work again, the people are asking, 'where are the little books you gave us when you used me among us? I tell them I reckon Brother Crumpton has forgotten me, so if you will be so kind as to send me some tracts, you may rest assured I will distribute them to the people. am thankful to the good Lord that He has enabled me to return to my work again. Dear Brother Crumpton, pray for me that I may be a humble servant. in the hands of the Lord, and that He may use me as He sees best."

Sam H. Campbell, Dothan,-"I thank you most sincerely for the great gift made me Christmas. My delay in expressing my appreciation was intentional. It is not due to a lack of appre ciation, but to the fact that I wished to read the book before thanking you for it, and I have just found time at this late date to have that delightful privilege. I read it, talked about it, and re-read it, and shall do my best to make its truths live in the hearts of my people. You did me a great service and I sincerely thank you for it. am going to do my best to make this the greatest year of my life, and the most blessed year of this church's history in the cause of Missions and soul saving. Pray for us that God may bless our labors and save souls in Dothan, and through these souls reach others 'to the uttermost part of the

H. H. Blackman, Enterprise .little booklet you sent me as a Christ mas present was thankfully received, together with your sweet letter enclosed therein. The little book was read and re-read with delight. It is a gem. It certainly unfolds and defines the duties of all Christian people with clearness and simplicity. I prize it much, and will be admonished by your dear letter to use it to the best advantage. Please allow me to thank you very kindly for the present and more for the letter which manifests such an interest in my welfare. It is so nice to be remembered in the prayers of a dear, brother. May God bless you abundantly for the interest you manifest in me as well as all others. Since

Professor Hogan loves Howard Col- reading that book, I feel like I have never done my duty as I should have done, and intend to do it in the future, God being my helper. Again thanking you for the two prizes, I am your brother in Christ."

> A Sister writes:- "Mrs. Hamilton wrote us that it was her wish to visit our Society-that she was employed by the Board for such work. Please write what will be expected of us financially, as we are few in number and must know just what is before us.'

No collection is taken by Mrs Hamilton. Her expenses are provided for.

J. E. Herring, Sumterville.-"I want to thank you for that splendid little book 'Every Creature.' I don't know when I have found so helpful a treatise on any subject. I feel my responsifor the souls of men deepen as I read, and the failures I have made appear all the more unpardonable. It is sure to do great good wherever it goes."

F. C. David, Hartselle,-"When I read your earnest appeals sent to me to raise money for Missions, and especially at this time to raise money for State Missigns, my heart grows sick. have worked with cotton factory people, but was never in a mining camp before this one. John, in counselling the seven churches of Asia, addressed one—Pergamos—and said: 'I know thy works and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is.' The devil seems to sit in my station. The company has for the men a large saloon, and for all sexes a dancing hall; and both are well attended. Comparatively few of the miners attend services and hence give nothing except to their various orders, to which all of them belong. It is slow work building up a membe ship. Some go off every month and others come in for a while. Some members come without church letters and will not send for them, nor will they attend church. The Methodist preacher last year left the field for want of a support. I have among the women, boys and girls a right good hearing, and a fair attendance in Sunday school. I am giving those who hear me the gospel of Jesus Christ. I am not building much. Two good contributors I had pulled up and left. Most of the operatives are a set that will give to appetite and the cause of Satan liberally, but don't see how it is that the cause of Christ can't get on without money. All the race of mankind need the gospel and I give it to all who will come. A Baptist is at the head of the large commissary, but works on his books all day Sundays and gives nothing. A thousand like him would not make a church worth Were it not for the little help I get from the Board I could not go another time to that station. Some women and a few men, with a sprink-ling of young folks, seem to enjoy the services, but they claim to have no money. And yet some of the old miners say there is more church going at that station than any mine they ever worked in. The good Lord pity the mining camps of the land. I am profoundly ashamed of what is accomplished in that camp in the way of finances, but I am doing my best. I can see comparatively few of the men in my rounds of visits. In the day they are digging away under the hills for On Sundays they are rambling over the country around.

The most faithful ones among the

en and women are very poor and are always behind with their bills in the ommissary. I am doing my best to bring them up to do something, and night succeed if they were a fixture in the camp. But so many of them come

"God bless those in all the land who are doing something for the Cause. God bless you in all your labors."

F. Hatcher Watkins, Russellville .-"I took my collection for Missions yesterday and it amounts now to two hundred and fifty dollars. How is that? Let me know just when you can arrange to come and spend Saturday night and Sunday with me. I want you. If I don't see somebody occasionally I'll dry up."

A Brother writes:-"I received yours with 'Every Creature.' Have read it and bought ten copies more for use brethren. I have been preaching the same thing for many years. Obtained this same thought from Brother J. B. Hartwell, returned missionary from China, whom I had in my home one week, more than twenty years ago.

"If these Baptist preachers in Alabama do not begin to instruct the churches on the distinctive Baptist principles right soon, there will be but few Baptists in Alabama to get money out of for missions. I find but few real Baptists in any of the churches."

W. A. McCain, Mobile.-"I have made my best effort and am glad to say to you the Lord has blessed it. Last year the church gave \$10.54 for State, Home and Foreign Missions. On yesterday they gave \$26.52 for State. I am glad to say God is to say God blessing my work in this association.

"Now permit me to thank you for the little book. I have read it carefully and I find it to be a complete revelation to me. I thank God that the book has come to me at this time. I find that I have failed in all my work, and this book has shown me my mistake. I hope to profit greatly by it. Shall make it my study."

R. H. Gilbert, Abbeville,-"I don't emember ever seeing a happier hit than is made by the writer. It is destined to do good, and you was very wise in placing it in the hands of the preachers in Alabama."

W. W. Howard, Scottsboro .- "I appreciate the book you sent me, 'Every Creature,' and I read it through without laying it down. It is fine and I am sure it will be worth a great deal to me in my ministry."

F. H. Watkins, Russellville.-"Please accept my deepest gratitude for Every Creature.' I have read it again and again, and the spirit of it is getting hold of me. O how far short I come to it all. I am talking it to my people every night this week.'

J. W. Vesey, Florence.-"Never saw a little book so filled with good things. It has helped me already. I believe it will do great good for Christ and missions.

My Dear Brother: Three generous ethren have enabled me to make a Christmas present to three hundred preachers.

Some time ago this little book, "Every

Creature," fell into my hands. As I tent, to fill every office within the gift glanced carelessly through it, my eye lighted on the words in itslic in the 13th page: "Only six cases for themselves" and "twenty cases were brought to Christ by others." I immediately turned back and began to read carefully. When I reached the 3rd chapter and read in the text, "unto the work of ministering," I saw instantly where the "mischievous error" had crept in. I confess, I had never understood that Scripture. My interest grew to the end of the reading. I am going through it

My reflection was: if the thought of this book had impressed me when I was entering on my work, how different would have been my ministry! My brother, we are not reaching the people and we never will after the old plan. We must go back to the older plan-the New Testament plan. Our people must carry the Word to the people or bring them to hear the Word. Like skillful generals, we must organize our forces and send them out. The preaers have undertaken an impossible task; they must have help or the Cause is Our dead churches will be quickened into new life the moment we get them into this hand-to-hand, heart-to heart work.

I beg you to read and re-read the little book until you are saturated with the truth it unfolds. Then get a few brethren together, read and discuss it. Then introduce it into the prayer meeting. Ask the Woman's and Young People's Societies to take it up. Then preach about it for six months.

I know it will bear rich fruit to the glory of God, if read. Accept this from one who loves and prays constant-

Fraternally yours, W. B. Crumpton.

(This letter will explain the frequent references in the letters of Brother Crumpton's correspondents. Ed.)

Vote for Christian Men.

I am not a politician in the general acceptation of the word, but I am a citizen, and as such I feel bound to use my influence just as any other Christian man for the good of my country. In becoming a minister I did not forfeit my citizenship.

According to Webster, a politician

"one versed or experienced in the science of government-a statesman." In this sense, it would be well for every minister to be a politician. Our word politics" comes from the Greek word "polites," which means "citizen." Paul said to the assembled Sanhedrim, "In all good conscience have I been a citizen before God unto this day." Acts xxiii. 1.

A minister is a Christian man, who has been called of God to preach the gospel. He should not shun to declare all the counsel of God. He should reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. We would do well to teach our people as did Paul, to "act citizens according to the gospel of Jesus Christ." In other words, we should teach our people to let polities be according to the gospel of Jesus Christ. But, you say, "that would ruin the professional politician, whose chief concern, is first, midst and last, to reach some political goal, without regard to manner or means." I answer we can get along without such politicians. I thank the Lord that we have enough good men, who are fully compeof our people."

Let us teach our people to vote conscientiously as before God, and to make the use of the franchise a solemn duty to be prayerfully performed. I do not believe that we should introduce partisan politics into our sermons, as great statesmen have bidden us to do, We know just about as much, and often just as little, about party politics, as other people. But we should teach honesty, sobriety and morality, and condemn bribery, drunkenness, social evile, gross injustice or glaring wickedin law or its administration, Paul taught Timothy to pray for those in authority (eminent places). "That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and bonesty." If we are to pray for those who hold office, we not seek to put into office those who pray for themselves? We are to seek to purify the centres of power. This we can do by voting for, and putting good men-into office. Our homes must be protected or else weakness becomes the prey of strength. The purpose, then, of God, ordaining government, is that we may enjoy a quiet life. Our people need good government to preserve them from the violence of the lewd and lawless. We desire to lead peaceable lives, for home without peace is misery. But can peace live in a home where the husband and father is a drunken fiend? We also desire moral loveliness. But this cannot exist spart from godliness and honesty. This scripture implies that our quietness, peaceable ness, godliness and honesty depends to some extent upon our rulers. If this is true we ought to put men in office who are not a terror to good works, but to the evil.

I like that word godliness. It means God-likeness. Some speak and write of "seraphic holiness" and sing "I want to be an angel." Better sing I want to be a godly man-a true patriotic citizen. Let us pray for honest, sober, godly men to rule over us,

and then vote as we pray. Let every Christian citizen in our State go to the polls at our coming election with a full purpose of heart to vote for good competent men, and only good men, and thereby show their disapproval of drunkenness, immorality and lawless wickedness. Let every preacher condemn all kinds of dishonesty and unfairness in politics, as well as in everything else, and thus let the world know that the mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ is to "overcome evil with good."

A. J. Preston.

Judson Notes.

The departments of music and elocution at the Judson are very full this year, and so when the time came around for the Annual Pupils' Recital it was thought best for the pupils in each department to render separate programs instead of combining them as has been done heretofore.

The pupils in elocution gave their ntertainment on Monday evening, February 8th, and it is perhaps not too much to say that no recital ever given in Marion was more heartily enjoyed. The program was opened with Ruth Stuart's "Moriah's Monin," which was admirably presented by Miss Ethel Salter. In the reading from Henry IV Act I, Scene III, the following young ladies appeared: Miss Pitts as King, Miss F. Stakely as Hotspur, Miss McKenzie as Blunt, Miss S. Wilson as Worcester, and Miss M. J. Davis as Northumberland. These young ladies showed fine appreciation of the spirit and meaning of the play and ple the audience with their good reading.

Miss Mabel Schoepfel in excellent then recited John Fisk's "Bounding The United States." haps no number of the evening was more perfectly rendered than the scene from Romeo and Juliet by Misses Meadows and Bessie Lena Ellis, both of whom have unusual talent and have enjoyed excellent training. Misses Mamie Gaillard and M. L. Hudson made a hit in the rendering of "Patsy's Visit" by Kate Douglas Wiggins. Miss Bessie Lena Ellis moved the audience by her recitation of "The Old Man" by Eugene Field.

The last number of the program, Scenes from Rip Van Winkle, elicited the enthusiastic applause of the audience. While all of the young ladies did their parts remarkably well, Miss Salter as Rip Van Winkle and Miss Mary Jones as Gretchen received special praise for the artistic way in which they presented these characters. Miss Essie Hall as Derrick Von Beekman, Miss Mabel Shoepfel as Nick Vedder, and Miss Ruth Hopson as Meenie, did their parts perfectly. The audience laughed from the beginning to the end of these amusing scenes and were loth to leave when the curtains had been

The Department of Elocution is in charge of two trained specialists, Miss Anne Kirtley and Miss Lucy Lull, and this recital gave evidence of the high grade of their work.

The Music Department gave a most delightful pupils' recital on last Monday evening. The program consisted of eighteen numbers, choruses, part songs, piano, violin and vocal solos and a violin duet, all of which were given with the artistic finish and soulfulne which characterizes the work of this department. From the opening chorus sung by 130 young ladies, dressed in the familiar green uniform, of the Judson, to the last number, a chorus given by the advanced Sight-Singing Class, the large audience listened with rapt attention and after each number expressed its appreciation by enthusiastic applause.

Those who gave piano solos were Misses Lacy, Brown, Hogue, Norwood, Bennett, Adams and Andrews. These gifted young ladies played with a confidence and style which greatly delighted the audience

Misses Pollard, Sullivan, Pitts and Farmer, who appeared in vocal solos, gave evidence of excellent voices carefully trained.

The violin numbers were by Misses Williams and Burns, who played diffi-cult selections with splendid tone and fine feeling.

It is hoped that the new auditorium will be completed by March 8th, when Madame Catherine Fiske will be heard in a concert.

It may be of interest to say that the Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society is very enthusiastic in their work this At the public meeting which was held last Sunday a very beautiful program was rendered and a most encouraging report made of the work of the year. During the present session the young ladies compos sing this Society have made contributions for missions to the value of \$153.50.

Sunbeams



My Dear Sunbeams: I have not received as many love letters from you since Christmas, as before Santa Claus came. I hope the "goodies" he brought you have not made you sick! But, have heard from some of you through your Christmas offering to China. And I rejoice that you did not forget the heathen children, when you were so happy. I have filled your page with some good things that you must read and enjoy.

Your friend, Mrs. Hamilton.

A WORLD OF LITTLE THINGS. A little trill of laughter, a chord in nature's song;

A little deed of righteousness to stan against the wrong;

A little duty heeded; a little honor

A little hill surmounted, and a little kindness done;

A little labor daily; a little prayer and praise:

A little act of kindness to gladden weary days;

And so the whole creation to its cease less heaven swings; For little man is living in a world of

little things.

A little hope to cheer us, although it waiteth still:

A little fire for comfort when winter nights are chill; A little dream, God-given, to bless us

on the way; A little welcome waiting us at ending

of the day;
A little purpose shining through every

deed we do: A little bunch of roses to overspread

the rue; A little peace surpassing to which the

spirit clings, For little man is living in a world of little things.

A little hope, a little love, a little toil and rest:

A little glimpse beyond the veil, a little ed; m gues

A little faith, a little doubt, a little blinded trust;

A little halting journey, and a little of its dust;

A little knowledge merely of little ways we wend;
A little dream of heaven awaiting at

the end:

A little struggling upward, although on broken wings. For little man is living in a world of

little things. -Alfred J. Waterhouse, in New York

Times.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I know you will be glad to learn we have organized

****** Band in our church here. I know but very little about the work, and would appreciate very much if you would write me and give me some ideas. I feel the great responsibility resting on me as leader. I know that God will bless us in our efforts to honor Him.

ase pray for me that I may able to lead my little Band to Christ. Write me this week and send me som programs also as we meet next Sunday. Sincerely,

(Miss) Mallie Vice.

Carbon Hill, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I am still president of the Sunbeams. All of our members are not regular. I am working hard for the Sunbeams, trying to get more members. I hope that all of the members will come back and take a part in it.

We had a social the 22d of January, I could not be there, they said that they had a good time. We had a collection last Sunday, and punched out 29 stars around Miss Keller's picture, which was 29 cents.

Respectfully, John Thad Duckett, President.

Florence, Ala.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs Hamilton: The children have asked me to help them in the "Sunbeam" Band," and as it is perfectly new to me, I thought it best to write you and ask for information as how it should be conducted. If there is any literature needed please let me know and I will attend to it. The children also received some fish and didn't know what to do with them, and asked me to write you and see in what way you used them. Mrs. Lamar Jones has left Phenix, and hereafter address the mail to me.

Sincerely, Maud Mullin.

Phenix, Ala.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I send three dollars (\$3.00) from my precious little Sunbeams as a Christmas offering for China. My little Band of workers are few in number, but many in giving. How I love them and how my heart yarns to see each and every one of them in the precious fold of Jesus. Pray for them, pray for me, that I may ever do my duty as their leader. always read your letters to them.

wish you would come to see us time. We would love so much to have you with us.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. C. C. Jackson.

Rembert, Ala.

TRAINED MOTHERS

It was common a few years back to smile at the Mothers' Congress. Mothers are not made but born, and if maternal instincts are inadequate to the training of children, no conference or society can make them so. But the utility of such a Congress is now being widely recognized. The need of trained teachers is really secmeetings have been common in the church for many years back, but they are too limited in the scope of their work, and are confined chiefly to the poorer people. The fail-

ures of motherhood are too serious to overlook. A real mother is more than we think. The Pope has just canonized Rita di Cascia, a nun of the Augus tinian order, and thus magnified the virtues and labors of a childless woman Better for the church and world if the papal honors had been given to a mo ther who had trained her boys and girls for the noblest service of humanity. Our observations confirm us in the opinion that our largest losses in the church are due to the incapacity and lack of piety in mothers as much as to any one cause. Nearly all our foremost workers and missionaries trace the beginnings of their fruitful lives to the patient and loving wisdom of their mothers. It goes without saying that purest and noblest lives are the result of hom influences. One of the most painful things in our church life is to hear mothers ask prayers for erring children. They have love and solicitude for them, but they have failed in their efforts to win them for Christ. Natural incapacity is often the cause. They have no gift in training in the majority of cases. Not in all cases, of course. For just as angels went astray from God's own perfect home, so some on from pure homes into an earth stray evil life. The best mothers sometimes weep over the worst children, though We find evil children the herirarely. tage of good parents, and if this is the of heredity, then heredity has tricks of manners very hard to understand. But coming home to the question began with, we must say that one of the most pressing needs of the church is mother's blended wisdom and piety, in order to secure the children for Christ and his Kingdom.

Listen to these stirring words from Isabella Bird Bishop, who from utter indifference to missions was led by her travels in the far East to devote her life and pen to the evangelization of heathen lands. She said in an address in London: "Our style of living is always rising. We are always accumulating. We fill our houses with pleasant things. We decorate our lives till further decoration seems almost impossible. Our expenditure on ourselves is enormous; and when I returned from Asia two years ago, I thought that the expenditure on the decoration of life among Christians had largely risen, and I think so still, and think so increasingly. Now we have many possessions. May we not hear the Lord's voice saying to us in regard to these, our treasured accumulations, 'Lovest thou Me more than these?' It is time that we should readjust our expenditure in the light of our increased knowledge, and not in the light of our increased knowledge alone, but that we should go carefully over our stewardship at the foot of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the light of those eyes which closed in death for our redemption.

"There can be no arbitrary law about If we readjusted by our increased knowledge, personal needs and Christ's needs at the foot of the cross, each one of us would be sure, I think I may say, to do the right thing. Let us be honest in our self-denial, and not think that we are carrying the burdens of this great, perishing, heathen world by touching them lightly with our fingers, but let us bear them until the shrinking flesh, they eat into and so let us fulfill the law of Christ. Let us entreat Him, even with strong crying and tears, to have mercy, not

only on the Christless heathen, but on the Christleseness within our own hearts; on our shallow sympathies and hollow self-denials, and on our infinite callousness to the woes of this perishing world, which God so loved that He gave His only Son for its redemption.'

A BEAUTIFUL HEBREW IDYL.

In one of our Baptist churches last week the pastor, in lieu of a regular sermon, read with his congregation the whole book of Ruth; and under the inspiration of its perusal no auditor could have failed to be impressed with the charm of this romantic, yet historie Hebrew idyl. Writes Goethe of it: Here is a chapter from the history of the human heart, the loveliest thing in the shape of epic or idyl ever given to the race. Dr. Samuel Johnson desig-

tes it as "The most beautiful pastoral

poem ever written."

This book of Ruth is not only a wonderfully beautiful history it is also in one sense at least-an exceptional fragment of ancient history. For one most part historians have had to do with the stormy factors and epochs in the world's life-the rise and fall of nations, the coming and going of dynasties, the defeat and triumph armies. Here, however, the historian gives glimpses of that quiet world of love which has always been the staple of human experience but which merely secured recognition and regard. When we read such books of the Old Testament as Chronicles and Kings the sound of battle is perpetually in our ears—the blast of trumpets and the clash of armor and we forget that these features in history are but the surface crust above a great world of love and beauty which found in their day no chronicler. When we come to a history like Ruth we find a charming romantic -yet historic-Hebrew idyl. Beside the stormy book of Kings, which was synchronous with it, Ruth appears a lovely crystal in a setting of massive grandeur-or as an ever fresh oasis in dreary desert-a happy sheltered island in a tempest-tossed sea. It deals with those ever-recurring and everlasting facts of life, toil and rest, joy and sorrow, prosperity and adversity, the ome in its completeness and the home rifled of its treasures; life impoverished and life built up again, love and marriage; motherhood and childhood; death and desolation-the whole series of wonderful life pictures, painted by an unknown artist.

First an unbroken Hebrew family circle; then severe famine; then enforced emigration and expatriation: then home among strangers; then a desolate hearthstone, as the grave closes over the manly forms of husband and sons; then the return of the sorrow-stricken wife and mother, with a devoted, widowed daughter-in-law, to the dear fatherland, and their kind reception by simple-minded, generoushearted village folks; then the harvest scene in Boaz field, in which we all but hear the glad song of the reapers and see the sad face of the youthful gleaner, just from Moab; then another courtship followed by the presence of Elders witnessing in the gate the mar-riage vow; then a little babe as it lies on the bosom of the nursing young mother—a lovely link in the divinely rough chain of the Messianic genealogy the whole history as full of fascination to one's imagination as of instruction to one's mind and spirit.

Passive Resistance.

The Baptist Commonwealth. This phrase, "Passive Resistance," has but little meaning to the average American, but to our English brethren there is fulness of meaning and feeling that will make the phrase there one of historical significance. Whilst the legislation on the part of the English Government is presumably educational yet really it is religious. It is intentionally a strike against Non-conformity or the Independent churches England. Some of the greatest religious leaders in England are aroused and are protesting against the highhanded methods of making the Independents pay tax to the Church of England and put their children under its supervision and instruction. Men like Dr. John Clifford, Rev. F. B. Meyer, and Dr. Nicoll, the editor of the British Weekly, one of the greatest religious papers in the world, with the Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, and in fact all the denominations outside Roman Catholics and the Church of England are opposed to this educational measure and whilst they talk against it they also refuse to pay the taxes and some of them have been put into prison and some have had their household goods sold and the money appropriated by the Government for the purpose of supporting the secprinciple that tarian schools. The aroused our fathers against the method of the English Government in our early history is the same principle that is arousing our fellow Christians in England, viz: "Taxation without repre-sentation." Lord Rosebery has warned the Non-conformists that if they do not obey the law that their power such and as a public force will end. But the sturdy men who belong to the different denominations in that country will not shirk in this battle for the rights of conscience and liberty. The educational bill proposes to establish a clerical majority on the Educational Board in the English schools and in this way deprive the Non-conformists of the privilege of teaching and also compel all children to receive the instruction that the Church of England might choose to impose on the children of the Non-conformists. Some of the Anglican clergymen are opposed to this bill and one of them said that it was "brimful of iniquities."

Not only would the Non-conformists not have any say as to the control of the educational administration but they are excluded from teaching in thousands of schools and have no voice in what their children shall be taught religiously. In other words this clever educational movement was concocted in the Church of England and was inaugurated to strike the death-blow to Non-conformity. It has been hinted and it is probably the truth that back of the Church of England is the Roman Catholic organization doing all that it can to end the reign and growth of Protestantism. The high Church party is in the lead in the advocacy of the bill and in its support since it has passed as a law. The one supreme purose that seems very evident in this bill is to give the clergy of the English Church the full control of the schools of England. That eventually means the control of England by the Roman Catholics. This fight is on and the battle will be fought to a finish. The papers have been publishing the ers realize that the sentiment is growaccounts of men who have been coming in favor of this principle and in orpelled to pay taxes, not willingly, but der to divert the thought this educa-

by having their property confiscated tional scheme was inaugurated and it the rainy day. Dr. Davids and sold and the money thus approsis probable that the real result will be the Y. M. C. A. in the after printed. It hardly seems possible that there is a so-called Christian Government on the earth that could violate all the sacred rights of men so as to impose such an unrighteous law upon its people.

How would we feel if the Episcopal church in this country would be able to influence our Congress to pass a law handing the education of our children over to its supervision and instruction and hand over the thousands of teachers' positions to only the members of that church and compel us to pay taxes to support the schools thus controlled? That is the anomalous condition across the sea. Is it any wonder that the people that have fought for their liberty and rights are resisting the illegal and unholy educational act?

An old woman, eighty-four years of age, was thus taxed and she declared that she would sooner die than pay. Her goods were sold. Hundreds of persons have refused to pay the tax and their property and goods have been sold and some of them have been imprisoned but they rejoice that the day is not far distant when this unrighteous law will be repealed and the men who concocted it and the men who passed it will stand disgraced before the nation and the world. It would not surprise us much if this movement will act as a boomerang to the Church of England and lead to its disestablish-It ought to. A church that can do such things and enter into such plans ought to go out of existence.

In 1870 the Government of England put upon the Non-conformists the responsibility of taking care of th children educationally and conceded certain rights and privileges. Nonconformity flourished. These privi-leges have been curtailed.

Now the leaders in the defence of this Educational Act are saying that the English nation is in favor of it because 3,000,000 children are being educated in the denominational schools and only 2,600,000 are being educated in the board schools. This seems to us a strange method of reasoning in the face of the facts of the history of education in that country. This argument is too silly to be answered, con sidering the great disadvantage under which the board schools have labored. This deep laid plot of the leaders of the High-church is being laid bare and the people are beginning to realize that it is not so much a desire to teach religion as it is to teach a certain kind of religion. The leaven is working and the time is almost ripe for the overthrow of the religio-political power that would inaugurate and pass such iniquitous legislation.

There are two reasons at least why there are more pupils in the de nominational schools than in the board schools. The denominational schools are the cheaper in the rates. 2. Where denominational school exists a board school must not be opened. That also explains the reason for the larger number in the denominational schools.

There is also a principle for which our Non-conformist brethren are contending and righteously so. It is the principle that the Church and State should be separate and that principle will be carried sooner, or later in that country. The Church of England lead-ers realize that the sentiment is grow-

It seems anomalous that in the beginning of the twentieth century an enlightened people like the English will tolerate the existence of a great ligious organization to feed on the Government crib and compel all the people to pay for its support. Like Jeshurun it has waxed fat and is now kicking for more. And because the Non-conformists protest against this legislation unjust and unrighteous their property can be sold or they can be imprisoned. They do not actively defend themselves against the tax-collector, who according to the law has the right to come into their household and sell their goods and take the money for the schools; if they have no property they submit themselves, are led to prison for a specified time, thus meekly submitting to these injustices. This has led either themselves or some other person or persons to call this

'passive resistance." There is at present such a uniting of forces that "the powers that be" are fearing as to the results in a short time. The authorities have not arrested such men as Meyer, or Clifford, or Campbell, or men that have large influence. They have sold the goods poor people and thrown a few into That is the shame also of this dastardly and unrighteous legislation. The "Passive Resistance Movement" will prevail and the people will be eventually relieved of the present unjust "taxation without representation" and also be relieved from the burden that comes of supporting a large ecclesiastical organization whose present attitude toward the people in general is in opposition to their liberty and rights. We are in sympathy with our Non-conformist brethren in this fight and wish them abundant success.

******************** Birmingham Notes I..........

The Conference missed the usual paper this week. It was not in evi-

At East Lake the Ruhama saints heard Dr. Shelburne in the morning on "From Faith unto Faith," and again in the evening on "The Altar of Witness."

Bro. S. O. Y. Ray presched for Pastor McCord at New Prospect Saturday and at Pratt City on Sunday at 11 s. m., also at Gate City in the

Brighton had its usual services, with Pastor P. C. Barkley occupying his pulpit at both hours. At the Bessemer Pipe Shops Sunday school and services in the afternoon were good.

The Pratt City pastor, J. A. Hendricks, is sick, confined to his bed with lagrippe. Rev. S. O. Y. Ray filled his pulpit in the morning and Rev. Frank Willis Barnett at the evening service.

At the South Side Dr. A. C. Davidson had for his morning theme, "The Concern of the Heavenly Intelligences over Man's Ruin and Recovery," and at night, "The Ruin of the Lost." The Sunday school was good considering the Y. M. C. A. in the afternoon,

The Woodlawn Church enjoyed two excellent sermons from their pastor, Dr. Blackwelder. His morning thems being, "The Two Ways," and in the evening, "The Stone of Stumbling."

The rain interfered somewhat with the attendance at Ensley. Pastor Provence preached in the morning on What if Christ Should Come into my Home." Considerable interest manifest. The B. Y. P. U. had their usually good meeting in the afternoon. All the Ensley congregations worshiped at the new Presbyterian Church in the evening.

From New Prospect comes the report of good services Sunday and that Brother Ray's sermon on Saturday was most helpful. Pastor J. M. McCord enjoys the love and confidence of his people there.

At Park Avenue Church everything is moving along grandly. Pastor and people much encouraged. The work on the pastorium progresses finely. Pastor E. Lee Smith filled his pulpit at both services and reports a good Sunday school.

There were two good services Wylam, notwithstanding the rain. Pastor O'Hara's morning subject was, "Honoring the Lord with our Substance," Prov. iii, 9, 10, and his evening theme, "The Heavenly Abode," John xiv, 2. He preached a funeral in the afternoon at Union. The Young Peoples' Union are beginning a library.

At Fountain Heights the Sunday school and congregation were good, considering the weather. Pastor Brown, in the morning, preached on "The Obstacles to be Overcome in Soul Winning." Rev. J. S. Sams of East Lake, supplied in the evening, while the pastor went to Brookside.

It was a rainy day and chilly Sunday, and in many parts quite muddy, making satisfying excuses for many not getting out to church. But ought one to make that use of such conditions except in the few cases where health is endangered? Are not such days opportunities in which the Christian can show his devotion to his Lord and thereby make a good impression upon the worldly? Never let such an opportunity pass unimproved. who do attend are standing by the colors.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, We learn with regret that Rev. J. L. Thompson, D.D., has resigned his pastorate at Bessemer, and has seen fit in the providence of God to accept work elsewhere; therefore, be it

solved first, That the Pastors' Conference has lost a helpful, sympathetic and loyal member.

Second. That Bessemer and the Birmingham District loses an able gospel preacher, a consecrated man and worthy citizen.

Third; That we commend Brother Thompson to the brotherhood where-God may lead him and that we pray God's blessings upon him in all his work.

J. W. O'Hara, Sec. Baptist Pastors' Conf.

Field Notes

FROM BROTHER WHITE:

I have voluntarily resigned pastoral work in Southeast Alabams, and am in Southwest Alabama, in winter quarters resting a little. When spring opens I hope to resume my life work as the good Lord may direct. Except in sickness I have had no rest for forty-six years; have been often overworked in heat of summer and suffered, severely, the consequences. But I love to tell of Jesus and His love. Resting gives us a fine opportunity to think, to pray, to examine ourselves, to commune with God, to have and hold sweet fellowship with the Holy Spirit. Then we are much better prepared to say, "The life which I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

My wife and I have rested in Clinton, Green county, over-two months. It would be very difficult for us to find a better place than at the home of Bro. W. D. Green. His mother is my wife, and his wife is my daughter. Their five children are, of course, our grand-children. Brother Green and his wife and children go to the Sabbath school and the Church. Their first born is a Baptist; drinks no whiskey, nor other ardent spirits; smokes and chews Brother Green is a farmer and stock raiser. He is industrious, hospitable, kind, courteous, benevolent and loves to feed the preach-

Of Clinton I was once a pastor for eight happy years. But many of the dear old brethren and sisters have died, and moved away, and it is not with them now as in the past. I preached for them, and for the Eutaw Church, of which I was pastor twenty years ago, and was amply paid. We are now in the home of some more good children at Porterville, Miss., and our correspondents will please address us at Porterville, Miss. In care of Brother George Sanders. May God bless you J. E. White. in your work.

-ABBEVILLE CHURCH.

The new Baptist church of Abbeville is built of brick and was completed and occupied July, 1903. The building, including handsome oak pews and other furnishings, cost nearly \$7,-000. The present membership numbers about 160. The condition is more hopeful than for years.

The total value of all Church prop-erty, which includes a neat little six room parsonage and vacant building lot. etc., is nearly \$10,000.

I was born in Marlboro county, S. C., Sept. 13, 1868, was reared on a farm; was educated at Blenheim High ol, Blenheim, S. C., Bethel Hill Institute, Bethel Hill, N. C., Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and took lectures in Newton Theological Institute, Newton Centre, Mass., and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. I have held several pastorates in North Carolina, the last being Western Avenue Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C., where the membership was doubled in fourteen months. From Statesville I came here. I have been here only one year. During the year our new house of worship has been completed and twenty-two
added to the membership of the
Church. R. H. Gilbert.

FROM UNIONTOWN.

Your humble servant has such a distaste for the preacher who lingers too long in a place that his tendency is towards the other extreme. So much so that his friends hardly know where to find him when they wish to con nicate. From every stormy wind that blows and from every swelling tide of woes on the part of a disgruntled constituency he has been disposed to fice.

And according to my private opinion which now finds public expression our Baptist Zion would be far more prosperous in the State if many immediate changes could be brought about. Dr. Dill used to say "A man's head should be worth as much to him as a pin's head is to it."

Long pastorates are successful only when they are successes. That is, when because of congeniality between pastor and people and according to the eternal fitness of things their separation would prove detrimental to both. The name of cases like this is not legion. But to the point. From the eastern portion of Alabama I have come, almost to her western boundary. A goodly land it is.

It is my honor and delight to verseer of three splendid flocks of our Master's sheep. They know His voice and are known of Him. They all believe in our organized work and can give a reason for the faith that is in

Thomaston has my services fourth Sundays. Everything is thriving there except the dispensary. This is a growing town and the Church there expects to have within a year's time pastorium. (I use that word because it expresses the idea). A "Pastorium" is a pastor's home. Just as a "Parsonage" was (in the times when "parson" as a minister's title was not inelegant), was understood to mean "the parson's" abiding place. Nobody but darkies and the most illiterate use that term now because it is obsolete. How abot its derivatives? Pardon me

for this digression.)

They are as able as anxione to have a resident minister. A noble people they are.

To McKinley I go second Sundays. This is Miss Willie Kelly's mother Church. Into its fellowship she was baptized. O, how lovingly she is rebaptized. membered!

They are less than four dozen strong, but give more than \$400 anfor the extension of Messiah's Where is its compeer? kingdom. Brethren Willingham, Gray, Crumpton, Montague and Stewart, have heard from them and will speak only words of highest praise. They have a fine financial system. That is paying as

At Uniontown, a little city, we should more than thribble our numerical strength. But re-membering Gideon's small band we take courage and are going forward. After all the battle is not to the strong, nor the race to the swift.

The saints here are the faithful fe "zealous of good works." The pastor's entire family receive numerous tokens of their affection continuously.

We are looking forward to a visit from Dr. Montague, of which you will

Nothing very great is to be expected

of us, but with the Lord's guidan in which we trust, something good is What complimentary forthcoming. affusions shall I pour forth to you dear Baptist? O yes, "You are getting bet-ter and better all the time," or if you aren't, you ought to be. The Lord bless us and cause His face to shine. H. T. Crumpton.

FROM SYLACAUGA.

We are at home in Sylacauga, since the 27th ult., enjoying the cordial

Christian greeting from everybody here who loves the Lord.

Modesty for my good people here forbids but brief mention of the warm welcome which we had on that cold day preceding the snow.

They set us up to housekeeping in the pastorium where you could hardly turn round for the women and girls who had gathered to bid us welcome and bring us ready prepared such excellent dinner.

Since that time we have been trying to eat up that already cooked, in order to cook more of that which we found laid by, with the good fuel brought beforehand by brethren from

our country membership.

From friends in the surrounding parts have come words of welcome and good cheer, thus assisting in all these good experiences to compensate some-what for the loss sustained in leaving

the dear people in the former pastorate. In humbly assuming the duties of this new and responsible pastorate, I take leave of a noble people for whom I shall cherish the most tender regard, and I pray the Lord to send them a

good pastor indeed.

I shall miss them with their sympathy, prayers and co-operation, but as I remember that all the work and all the workers are the Lord's and that the different fields which we make for our convenience are but parts of the one great field, the world, I shall begin here in this, my appointed work asking and craving for divine aid.

We had our first preaching s on the first Sunday. A good house full were present, with the Methodist brethren who worshiped with us in place of their regular service that day

Sylacauga has first and third, Fay etteville the fourth and Shelby the se ond Sundays for preaching days.

Brother Editor, you and the travel-ing brethren and the Alabama Baptist re all welcome in our homes and I shall hope for all our people in each of our Churches to read and pay for C. J. Bentley.

the paper. C. J. Bentley.
P. S.—It was my sad privilege since
coming here to bury old Sister Sarah C. Butts, so long a member of Syla-cauga Church, and mother of our brother, Rev. J. A. Butts, Calcis, Ala., in this, the Coosa River Association.

CIR FROM INDIANA TERRITORY.

I enjoy the Alabama Baptist very much especially the accounts of the achievements of my former pastors when at Gurly and Huntsville, Ala. I very much miss the spiritual sermons and the pastoral visits which I used to receive from the noble men of God, such as Bros. J. L. Thompson, A. E. Burns, W. W. Lee, A. E. McCord and others. I hope that their future labors may be still more greatly blessed.

With lasting good wishes to the Alabama Baptist and to the great hosts of its readers, I am,

M. O. Grimmett.

FROM JACKSONVILLE.

I entered upon my work here Dec. lst. It was not an easy matter to leave as good people as I did in South Alabama to come here. I did not leave Alabama to come here. I did not leave expecting to find better and truer people to their pastor, for that would be difficult thing to do. But unless I am greatly deceived I have some here are second to none in loyalty to their pastor and their devotion to the cause of Christ. I serve two other Churches-Piedmont and Alexandria-besides the Church here, giving half my time here and half to the other two Churches. The possibilities for future development are greater than in any other Churches it has been my privi-lege to serve. We have received since coming here, more than one evidence of appreciation not the least of which was the gift of a nice sum of money to aid in the purchase of a cow to take place of one we had the misfortune to lose since coming here. My chief concern is that I shall be worthy in some measure at least of such kind-ness. A part of the task we have undertaken here for this year is the erection of a home for the pastor to be owned of course by the Church. It is greatly needed and the wonder is that such people as compose the member-ship here have not had one long ago. The Church at Piedmont will very soon begin the erection of a new house of worship, which is greatly needed. The time ought not to be far distant when Piedmont will not only have a new house of worship, but also a pastor living in the town and in a home owned by the Church. The State Normal School, located here with Prof. C. W. Daugette as President, has a good attendance of students this year, of whom sixty or more are Baptists from Baptist families. I congratulate you, Brother Editor, on the succ are making in your paper. A copy ought to go each week to every Baptist home in Alabama.

Jas. I. Kendrick.

SUMMIT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday, February 7th, was an interesting day at Summit Baptist Church, Shade's Mountain. Although the weather was so threatening, a good atendance was present to listen to a visiting brother and a still larger to hear the pastor, Brother D. M. Morgan, at night. His text was from 2 Kings iv, 34, and he earnestly impressed the need of faithfulness; of oft-repeated efforts in trying to build up God's cause. We feel the interest is increasing and let us do all we can as did Elisha.

WHO WILL DO THIS!

As per my repuest, I now receive and enjoy the dear old Alabama Baptist at Meridian, Miss. But in vain do I scan its columns for something. anything, from my dear old home at Pleasant Hill, Ala. Will not some representative of the Master let us hear from His cause and His people in that highly favored locality? As in my presence, so, in my absence, I exhort you, my beloved brethren, "be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

T. E. Williams.

Subscribe for the Alabama Baptist.

Address delivered by Rev. W. J. El-Hott, of Montgomery, at the district meeting of the Montgomery Associa-tion, held at Fort Deposit, Jan. 29-31, 1904. Published by request of the dis-

When man first came from the hand of God, he was pronounced upright and good, but before he got out of the garden he fell and dragged the whole human family down with him. This world by his fall, has become a lost Man in his natural state is world. alienated from God, he is without God and without hope in the world. Inspiration teaches us that many are wandering in darkness and sin, farther and farther away from God. They are lost, and unless they return, and seek the Lord by repentance, faith and prayer, they will be lost to all eternity.

A change of heart recalls the affections from unworthy objects and places them on the ever blessed Jehovah. No one can be a child of God without being a new creature in Christ Jesus. Those who are the sons and daughters of God, have been "born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

In this new birth, through the agency of the Holy Ghost, the old man of sin dies, and the new man, even Christ, is formed in the soul, the hope of glory, and men are made partakers of the divine nature.

This creation must take place within every one who would be in Christ. There is no exception. The high and There is no exception. the low, the rich and the poor, learned and the ignorant, must all be subjects of the creative energy of the Holy Ghost, thereby becoming new creatures in Christ Jesus.

When we have been born of the Spirit, we no longer regard Jehovah as an enemy, we are no longer afraid of We are ready to declare, before angels and men, our allegiance to the King of kings, and Lord of lords. We are ready to assume the badge of discipleship, giving ourselves unre-servedly to the Lord, acknowledging His right to the adoration of our hearts and the obedience of our lives.

When we are adopted into the royal family, the Captain of our salvation expects us to put on His uniform, and take our place publicly in the ranks of His army. As the sentence of future punishment will be publicly declared, so also a public profession of Christ before men is required of those that will be saved. For this the ordinance of baptism has been appointed.

The divine order everywhere laid down is: "Repent, believe and be baptized." Baptism is a positive command to those who are saved. It is one of the conditions for membership in the Church militant; and no saved soul has a right to refuse it.

Now, in discussing this practical question, I want to suggest a few principles or rules, which I trust will be helpful to us in testing, training and developing our converts.

1. First of all, if they want to gre in grace and in the knowledge of God, they must be identified with the church. Every child of God should have a Christain home. Take a little babe born in the full bloom of health, and if it has no home and the necessities that are the results of the home, it will soon die. Just so with the person starting out in the Christian life. He must have a home that will conform to the attributes of his new existence. In

with some band of religious workers. Some organization that has for its object the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth. And then it is th duty of every member to be loyal and true to his church. In our homes we find loyalty to father, mother, sister, one for another. They are ours and we cherish them, we strive for their happiness and comfort in every way possible. So the Church of Christ ought to challenge the highest respect and closest affiliation of every believer in Christ. And then it is the duty of every member to be regular and faithful in attending all the services of the sanctuary. And, as Dr. Broadus once said: "Let your mind go with your body to church." Never leave thoughts behind you nor let them wander off on worldly things while the body is in the place of worship. Join heartily in the prayers and hymns of praise, and listen attentively to the preaching of the Word. Instead of going to church to criticise, let the preaching, the singing and the praying strengthen your soul, and build up your religious character, and prepare you for usefulness.

Again, the soul having accepted the divine teaching and come into the church is expected to do religious work. Whenever Christ saves a soul He expects that soul to become a missionary and go out in search of others. "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." This dark world is in great need of Christian light. Ignorance, sorrow and sin, all combine to deepen the world's darkness and therefore the children of God must let their light shine, so as to warn men of their dangers, and cheer them in their troubles, and point them to the Son of righteousness. We must realize the fact that we are responsible for those around us before we will become enthusiastic in our desire to win them to Christ. We are not here simply to buy and sell and get gain. God has sent us into the world to light up the dark places. God's people must think, feel and act concert if the great work of the Master is to be done

3. I call attention, in the next place, to the importance of being familiar with God's Word. A man may be old or he may be young, he may be a business man toiling from morning until night, with but few moments for quiet meditation, but if he is a Christian he cannot afford to neglect the Word of God. He had better neglect his secular papers, or go without his evening meal, than to neglect to feed upon the bread of life. Commentaries and other helps are of little value, unless the book it-self is first read. The Bible is our guide book to heaven. It is God's text book on higher living, pointing us to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. It is a lamp shining in the darkness of this world, and when we get an honest persuasion that what God has said, man ought to hear and know, he will no longer neglect the divine and eternal for the human.

4. Once more, a Christian eannot live a consistent life and grow in grace without constant communication with God in prayer, Every convert must surround themselves with the very atmosphere of prayer. Not only should they carry to God the most troublesome things of life, but they must cultivate a closer relation with God, and must learn to carry to the Throne of mercy the most trivial things of the daily experience. God is in sympathy with the smallest of the affiairs of man,

our circumstances. Daily prayer is one of the mightiest developing forces in the world, and we cannot afford to be careless in its use. The apostlo Paul enjoins us to "pray without ceasing."

5. Going a step further, we notice that offerings are the legitimate offspring of worship, instruction and development. It takes money for almost every thing; it is money from the cradle to the grave. And so it takes money to carry on the Lord's work, and those who ignore this part of God's service need an interest in the prayers of the brotherhood. Divine worship and preaching the gospel have failed of their full purpose if general offerings do not follow. And men must not give simply for the sake of reward. There is a universal belief in the human heart everywhere, among the heathen as well as the Christian, that there is something to be gained in making an offering to the Lord. The thought is in the heart of some Chris tians, that they can bargain with the Lord, that if they give they will re-ceive a hundred fold more in this life. The religion of the Lord Jesus Christ never keeps its eye on the returns, . it never studies the market, it never thinks of profit and gain. If we are thinks of profit and gain. to be rewarded for our giving is must be done with the spirit of consecration and worship and without any intention

6. One more feature must be added before I close, and that is perseverance. On this point it is enough to remind you that nothing great or worthy can be accomplished except by constancy and perseverance. Grand results are not achieved so much by strength as by perseverance. It is said that if a man would walk vigorously for three hours a day, for seven years, he could pass around the globe. Perseverance can give even a feeble instrumentality a glorious efficiency. Those who are ated in Christ Jesus are not to be satisfied with the present. When I say that, I do not mean that we are to be discontent with our present lot or our present circumstances, or with the divine order we call Providence; but mean that we are to be discontent with our present attainment in the Christian life.

to bargain.

At the beginning of all progress there must be dissatisfaction with what we are and with what we have. Ninetenths of those who fail of success in life, do so because they fail to wake to the possibilities of power which they This is true in a material and in a worldly sense, and it is also true in a spiritual and religious sense.

The great majority of feeble Christians are weak, and comparatively useless in the Master's service, not because they are incapable of spiritualdevelopment and usefulness, but because they fail to use the talents which would enable them to become successful servants of Christ.

There is a young lady living in a few miles of where I was born and reared. She is now between twentyfive and thirty years old, born Jan, t, 1875. The first eight months of her life she grew rapidly, like most other children, but after that time growth and development ceased. Time on and after awhile her parents began to get uneasy about her; they consulted some of the most eminent physicians and medical scientists in tho country but to no effect. The case was

Testing and Training Converts, other words, he must identify himself and He is deeply interested in all of one that puzzled all of them. At the age of ten she showed no more signs of development than when she was a child eight months old, and for these nine years she has remained the same little infant, except her head is a little larger and her lips a little more prominent.

Now, some of you look upon that as very great misfortune, you sympathize with that father and mother. And yet some of our churches are filled with spiritual dwarfs; they require infant food. They haven't developed any since they joined the church. ne of them have buried their talents and are ready to say: "the Lord is a hard Master." But those who are using their talents are growing in grace, and they find it delightful to work in the Master's vineyard.

May we, then, looking unto God for strength and power, go forward, expecting to do His service and accomplish His purpose and receive His gracious benediction.

"How We Received the Breath of Life."

The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesia ii., 7.

I will not try to write on the b of breathing through the nose only to call attention to the subject, and get some to think along this line. The Indian mothers in Alabama used to stay up at night to keep the mouth of the babies closed, thereby forcing them to breath through the nose. They knew that God breathed the breath of life through the nose, not the mouth. have an invention that will, I think, prevent mouth-breathing, which I would be glad for any one to try. may not be safe for small children. It consists of a band to fit around the head with a strip of cloth extending from front to back of the head, and another crossing the head and fastening near each ear, or to those who pre fer, a cap made of thin cloth, a strip of cloth under the chin, and a little piece sewed to it in front of the chin, not to extend high enough to cover the mouth, thus forming a nice pock for the chin only. This pocket is then fastened to the cap with rubber, that for a boy's sling-shot is good. This will allow the mouth to open if one should cough in sleep and then close it. I am only experimenting, and in the meantime it is free to any I. Windsor.

The Moundville Baptist Church.

The Moundville Baptist Church was destroyed by a tornado. I am getting

we ought to rebuild at once. members lost nearly everything they had. The State Mission Board helped this church in the support of its pastor about four years ago while they were building. Let's replace the house at once by special collections. Churches should not count this amount as for State Missions.

The appropriations for State Missions for the year have been made, based upon what we expected to receive from the churches. It would be a great hardship on the Mission Cause if the churches now turn their Mission collections to any other purpose.

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Power of Christian Testimony.

I have long hesitated to place any value on the testimony of very many people who publicly declare that they have experienced a change of heart, for I have wanted to see practical evinces of it most of all; and yet I am aure that there are many whose lives correspond with their words so forcibly that their testimony is especially pow-erful. Jacob Hirschler, a converted Jew, who died not long ago in this country, in writing his experience of conversion referred to the influence upon him of a man who had been a great sinner, but became a Christian. Here are some of Mr. Hirschler's words: "So terrible had the burden of my remorse and despair become that I was on the brink of a sick soul's crowning disaster, when one evening God led my stumbling feet to a Sal-God led my stumbling feet to a Salvation Army open-air meeting, just at the moment when my very prototype in evil began to testify. He, too, had lived almost exactly the life of vice, action for action, that I had, and before my eyes he stood declaring his freedom. For three weeks I fought e strength of that man's testimony the conviction that gripped my soul. For three endless weeks I sought, by every specious argument known to hell. to crush out the ever-growing certain-

old associate's testimony had a pow-er in it which made a mighty impression upon Mr. Hirschler. It was a most convincing argument in favor of the grace of God in behalf of a great sinner. And this instance suggests the fact that there is a wide difference between the testimony of some Christians, and others who profess to be Christians; and why is it so? I believe that it is because, in the case of one who is a genuine Christian, the e who is a genuine Holy Spirit is with him in his testimony, giving force to it, while in the other instance the person is not saved, and hence the Holy Spirit is not in him and with him. The testimony of such an one is powerless, and those who hear him realize that fact. The saving power of a testimony in behalf of Christ comes from the Holy Spirit, and unless a person be a true Christian it would be well for the cause that he keep silent.

\$24,000,000 for Wagon Roads.

There is pending in Congress a bill called the Brownlow Bill, introduced by Hon. Walter P. Brownlow, of Tennessee, which appropriates \$24,000,000 as national aid for the building of wagon roads. This sum is to be available at the rate of \$8,000,000 a year; is to be divided according to the population of the different States, but State is to receive less than \$250,000. Every State receiving National aid must appropriate and spend a like amount.

The asserted growth of sentiment in favor of the measure has been chiefly due to the institution and extension of the rural free mail delivery system, which has brought the disadvantages of poor roads home to the farmers other country dwellers. Applications for the extension of the free rural delivery system are being refused by the Post Office authorities on account of the roads, and the disappointed communities demand their improvement. These demands are so in excess of the ability of the local boards to respond to that for a year past Highway Commissions all over the country have been putting themselves on record in favor of National aid.

It is claimed on behalf of the bill that the plan of distribution is more equitable than the distribution of some \$32,500,000 a year under the Rivers and Harbors Bill, which goes principally to the seaboard States and to the Mississippi delta.

In support of the Brownlow Bill as a general measure, attention is called to the fact that France has 23,603 miles of wagon road, which are built and maintained by the nation, and Italy about 5.000 miles, while many of the States of the Union spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in aid of highway improvement.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

According to Dr. H. K. Carroll, Baptists have in the United States 31,101 ministers, 14,789 churches and 4,426,

The following announcement will be good news to many: Dr. George C. Lorimer has a new book nearly ready for the press. It will be called "The Modern Orisis in Religion."

Rev. P. M. Jones has moved from

ty that in this man's bold assertion lay Brookwood to Northport. His work at the glimmering of my sole hope." That the former place was greatly blessed the former place was greatly blessed and we believe that as missionary of the Tuscaloosa Association our tist cause will be great revived.

> It is said that the people of Chicago spend one million dollars a month for tickets of admission to their thirty-six theaters. Many people spend money freely on amusements who are very close-fisted when it comes to giving to

> We regret to learn that Rev. Dr. George C. Lorimer of New York, is se riously afflicted with inflammatory rheumatism, and has been obliged to cancel all his engagements for lectures and addresses, beside remitting the work of his pastorate.

> It is said that there are more than 300,000 Finlanders in our country. The first Baptist Church among this people in the United States was organized at Duluth, Minn., last March. Our Home Board will have more and more to do as foreigners begin to settle in the

> Frank W. Gunsaulus, President of Armour Institute, Chicago, said: do not believe there is an agency more destructive of soul, mind and body, or more subversive of good morals than the cigarette. The fight against the cigarette is a fight for civilization. This is my judgment as an educator."

An exchange says: There is, happily, some ground for believing that Rev. F. B. Meyer's loss of the sight of one eye may not be permanent. The doctors hope that after a time the eve may resume its functions, but just now all Mr. Meyer's work has to be done by the other, which throws an undue strain upon it.

It is said that Dr. G. Campbell Morgan will divide his time during January and February between New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Chicago. March he will spend in California. During the last year Dr. Morgan has had several pressing invitations to return to England, but which so far he has declined.

We are glad to know that the American Publishers' Association has decided to raise a fund of \$100,000 with which to promote the agitation against

the white paper combinations.

Few outside of those in the printing business realize how the price of paper has advanced. It makes it hard on publishers.

The Annual Tabernacle Bible Conference will be held with the Tabernacle Church, Atlanta, Feb. 23d to March 6th. Among the speakers expected are Drs. G. Campbell Morgan, and A. C. Dixon. The Sunday School Institute will be conducted every afternoon dur-ing the Conference, beginning March 1st and running through the rest of the Conference.

Rev. J. H. Gambrell on March 1st will become joint editor of the Texas Baptist Standard. Among other kind things the Standard says: He is in the prime of life, is a man of high character and unquestioned strength, and we believe that his coming to the Standard is of God.

We pray God's blessing on Brother Gambrell's editorial work.

Evangelist Paul Price of Urbana Ohio, has, since the new year, co ducted meetings with First Church Wichta, Kans., Peddie Memorial, New ark, N. J., and Linden Avenue, Dayton, Ohio. He began at First Church, Canandaigua, N. Y., Feb. 14th and is due at First Church, Sharon, Penna., Feb. 28th. From there he goes to Sec-Church, Wilmington, Del., for March 13th.

"A Baptist paper for Porto Rico and Cuba has been announced. It will be under the auspices of the Home Mission Society of New York, and the American Baptist Publication Society will appropriate three hundred dollars for this purpose. The editorial staff will consist of Missionaries H. P. McCormick, San Juan; A. B. Rudd, Ponce, Porto Rico, and H. R. Mosely, Santiago."-Baptist Courier.

At a meeting of the Territorial Mission Board, a joint stock association or corporation, to own and control the Western Baptist, to publish the same for the cause of Christ and the glory of God, was formed. The stockholders were duly incorporated under the laws governing the Indian Territory on Jan. 8, 1904. The main office is located at South McAlister. We hope the paper will be a great power for the Bap-tists in the West.

Rev. J. L. Thompson writes: I received a message from the agent in New York this morning saying that a berth on the steamer Grosser Kurfurst had been reserved for me for the trip to the Holy Land. I will sail from New York on March 8th, and re-

turn the latter part of May.

We feel sure that Brother Thompson will enjoy the trip to the fullest and come back better prepared than ever to work for his Master.

The N. C. Baptist says: It is reported that a prominent pastor w invited to preach at a University. Before the service he asked some of the students what sort of preaching they wanted. One said, "Cut out all slang;" another asked him to "make no allusion to football;" still another said, "Give us no illustration from recent science The fourth one seemed to get at the heart of the matter when he said, "Stick to your job and preach the gospel, and that will suit us."

We believe the "fourth one" voiced the statement of the great majority of men and women who sit in the pew. After a week of toil, worry, or excitement they crave to hear the gospel and not an essay, or up-to-date lecture.

The following statistics from the "Ram's Horn" ought to cause us to great effort on our missionary work: India's population is 260,000,000. These have but one ordained missionary every 250,000. China's population 382,000,000. They have but one ordained missionary to every 500,000 of population. Japan has 38,000,000; of these 30,000,000 have never heard the gospel. A century of missions, and now we have 6,000 foreign workers and over 30,000 native helpers occupying 500 separate fields, containing 20,000 mission stations. There are 1,000,000 communicants, 2,000,000 adherents, 500,000 Sunday school scholars. Yet "a million a month in China are dying without God."

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before the Court House door of Jefferson County, Alabama, in Birmingham, offer for sale and proceed to sell within the legal hours of sale, at public outery to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate situated in Jefferson County, Alabama, to-wit:

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Z. T. Rudler, T. A. Payne, Attorney. Mortgagee.

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Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a certain mortgage, executed by the undersigned on the 15th day of April, 1897, by John Roberts and his wife, Adline Roberts, and recorded in the Probate office of Jefferson County, Alabama, in Vol. 216, Record of Deeds, Page 351. I will sell under and by virtue of the power contained in said mortgage, on Tuesday the 29th day of March, 1904, in front of the Court House door of Jefferson County, in the city of Birmingham, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale at Public outery to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property, situated, and lying and being in said County and State, to-wit:

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Those who heard Brother Maples' stirring speeches on the lawn of the First Baptist Church at the State Convention at Troy will be glad to know that he is preparing to cover so much

John Watson in the "Mind of the Master," says: Christ refers to His resurrection, sometimes by direct teaching, sometimes by parable, sometimes by metaphor, but always positively. The physical resurrection of Jesus, is a question that can only be decided by evidence, and is within the province of reason. The spiritual resurrection of Jesus is a drama of the soul, and a matter of faith. If I say I believe that Jesus rose on the third day I am relying on historical evidence, but when I can say I am crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, and rise to newness of life in Christ, I am believing after the sense of Jesus.



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Dr. R. H. Graves, in Argus.

In an interview with Rev. R. H. Graves, D.D., who has been in China for forty-seven years, we gathered the following statements:

"Russia must come south. Port Arthur, her most southern port, is closed by ice part of the year and not north of Corea can she get an open port large enough in which to mobilize her navy. Manchuria is an excellent country, as is a good part of Siberia through which the railroad comes to pass through Manchuria. This country is full of brigands who are constantly foraging on the Russian railroad and so Russia has been forced to establish many posts along the way and to turn her railroad laborers and other employes, into a semi-army, equipped and ready for all emergencies. You may say that Manchuria is thoroughly occupied and fortified by Russia, and Russia cannot give up Manchuria without giving up her railroad and also her age-struggles for a southern port. Even if she should consent under pressure for Manchuria to remain nomin-

but a force mightier than Japan.

"On the other hand, Japan cannot permanently hold her own against Russia's southward movement if Russia is permitted to keep Manchuria. As a centuries past Russia proposes to continue her avalanche movement southward, determined to spread over Corea, until her incarnate ambition is

ally under the Chinese, she would

nevertheless be its master, dominating

the weak government of China. Nothing can dislodge Russia from Manchuria

"Then China even now has no large, good harbor where she can mobilize her fleet and so she, though tremblingly afraid of Russia, sees that her existence depends upon her standing in the path of Russia's progress and thwarting her purposes. The Manchus headed by the Empress Dowager, however, are so jealous of their rule over the Chinese that they are weak enough to be undecided, to look selfishly to their own interests, to barter with Russia or anybody else, who may promise to enable them to maintain their grip on the thest of the Chinese.

There is a deep feeling throughout China that the missionaries are the advance guards of foreign aggression and so we missionaries have decided disadvantage in spreading our work. However there is a stream toward missions, toward progress along all lines. There, is a decided progressive party in China, made up largely of those ed-ucated in and influenced by our Chris-tian and other modern schools, who long for a new China. The Chinese themselves are weary of the Manchu dynasty and are getting ready for a new era, but no man has come to the front among the Chinese who is great enough to consolidate the new forces and to establish a new regime. will have to be a great man inde It is considered an awful thing to rebel against the Emperor, the Son of Heaven, but there is tradition and a firm impression that dynasties like men grow old and need to die and that eaven can give birth to a new son.

All things are propitious for a man.

"If a man arises in China, draws together its progressive elements and unites with Japan, we will have a great struggle, the very contemplation of

which fills me with awe and expectation. I believe with President Mullins, as you published in the Argus last week, that the time is ripe for a new era in the world and this new era may have its beginning in the East. face to face with great issues, for truly Christianity and heathenism are coming face to face and a conflict wide and deep is before us, and that at no distant date. The outcome is with God and I am satisfied he has promised to bring all nations to the foot of his Christ. I gather great comfort out of the forty-ninth chapter of Isaiah It is time we are getting together and getting ready for the great things be fore us."-Argus.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT The Baptist Ministers' Mutual Benefit Society.

Brother H. W. Provence of Ensley, having resigned as Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive Committee, at a meeting held February 16th, elected Brother W. J. Elliott of Montgomery, to that position.

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W. B. Crumpton,

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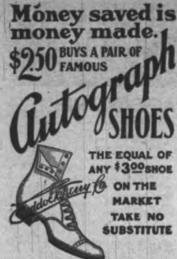
From Pledmont.

I have been reading the Alabama Baptist for two years and it has been a great help to me as a servant of God, and I learn that the love of Christ has been in so many homes in Alabama, and that His Spirit has saved so many precious souls. I am so glad that the spirit of missions is being received in the hearts of His people, and hope and pray that it will be greater this year than ever before. This is my first year to pastor churches and I hope that the Lord will help me to be successful shepherd of His. I visited one of my churches today at Rabbit Town and the Lord was with us, and we took up a collection for missions. My prayer is that the Lord may revive the spirit of missions in our cold hearts. There will be Baptist rally held at

There will be Baptist rally held at Rabbit Town Church the third Sunday and Saturday before by Bro. Hutto and I trust that the Lord may use him as a means in stirring up the mission cause in our midst. Our church at Piedmont is working under the pastorate of Brother Kendrick of Jacksonville, Ala. We love Brother Kendrick. He is a good pastor and a noble preacher. I hope that our church will be stirred up on missions this year. The societies ask Piedmont for \$50 this year, and I hope that it will double the amount.

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An Incident

"We wonder how many who read these words are guilty of worldly amusements which hinder their spirituality," are the searching words that closed an editorial in last week's Baptist. They struck a responsive chord in my heart. I know not how it may be with others, but I find that the greatest drawback I have to contend with is not high-handed sin but a kind of "churchy" worldly-mindedness and laxity about worldly amusements. One day in an Alabama city I was sitting in the parlor of a Dr. R-- talking to Brother B-, an assistant pastor, boarding with the Dr. He was telling me of the young folks in the home. They were not Christians but ander his influence and by his earnest prayers for and with them had been led to weigh the question very seriously. The one obstacle was the theater. They were passionately fond of the theater, but somehow had gotten the idea that a consistent Christian couldn't attend such places.

At last he had led them to the point where they were about ready to give up and yield to their better convictions. While we were talking Brother S-, another preacher, from a distant part of the State, came in and remained with Brother B- for dinner. Of course he met the young peo-

That night Joe Jefferson played "Rip Van Winkle" at the best theater in the city. These young people went. They had scarcely been seated when Brother S- in a clerical garb sat down immediately in front of them. The next day when Brother B- approached them about their souls they said, "If you preachers can go to these places why we can too." From then their hearts were cold to his appeals. A young lady, a member of one of Alabama's most prominent Baptist Churches, said to her friend "Our pastor doesn't object to germans, card playing and these things." "These things" meaning the other expressions of a worldly spirit. What does it mean?

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Dr. C. H. Judson, accompanied by his sister, Miss Mary C. Judson, are in Florida for rest and recreation.

Rev. Noah Stephens now gets his mail at Mt. Fall, R. F. D. No. 1, instead of at Anniston as heretofore.

We welcome Rev. Robert H. Tandy to Alabama. He comes from Burgin, Ky., to take up the work at Florence.

Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., was one of the lecturers in the course for William Jewell College of Missouri last month.

Rev. John E. White has declined a call to the Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, at \$5,000 a year.-N. C. Baptist

Evangelist J. E. Bassett of Knoxville, Tenn., called in the office. He lectured at Alabama City Sunday night and Collinsville on Monday evening.

We are glad to note that Dr. A. J. S. Thomas says in his last paper: The editor of the Courier has returned from Florida and has entered upon his again, greatly refreshed. The Florida trip was enjoyed in all'respects.

Rev. R. M. Mottley of Augusta, has been called to the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church in Atlanta. He will be the successor of Rev. S. R. C. Adams, who was recently elected to the osition of State Evangelist. His work will begin on March 1st.-Ex.

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Kansas City, February 4.-Whole-sale indictments by the federal grand jury of express agents in Kansas City, throughout Kansas and in the prohibition counties of Texas, and of liquor dealers who have been shipping liquor into these prohibition states, are imminent, the result of a movement started by John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue at Washington.

The local agents of the three large

wholesale local houses were yesterday and arrested but released on their own recognizance, and additional bills will, it is said, be found against the agent of every express company in Kansas City, in the state of Kansas and in the prohibition counties of Texas who have acted as agents for the liquor houses in selling whisky, as far as the evidence against them can be presented.

For years practically all the express companies in this part of the south-west have acted as agencies for liquor companies who have sold liquor in Kansas and Texas, the express agents of the different companies acting nominally as agents at the various points, thus practically nullifying the prohibition law. To avoid the law, the whisky was sent in sealed packages, addressed to fictitious names, and sold by the agents for "express charges." Millions of cases of whisky have been sent into Kansas yearly, and for each case disposed of the agents were allowed 50 cents. This naturally has proven not only a violation of the prohibition laws of the states named, but has deprived the federal government of an immense amount of revenue. It is stated today that the federal government has sent dozens of agents into Kansas and the parts of Texas affect-ed to gain the evidence upon which to convict the offenders

WHAT YERKES SAYS.

Washington, February 4 .- Commissioner Yerkes, of the internal revenue bureau, when shown the dispatch from Kansas City stating that a large number of express agents in Kansas and in the prohibition counties of Texas would be arrested for shipping liquor into prohibition states, said that his office had not yet been informed as to actions brought against express agents, either in Kansas or Texas, that if arrests had been made or prosecutions begun, it was probably due to the fact that the local internal revenue officials had learned that express agents and others are having goods shipped to them by wholesale liquor dealers and they selling and delivering them to parties without having taken out the special Arrival and departure of trains at Birmingham, tax stamp required by internal revenue laws. No sale of liquor can be For Columbus, Macon, Americus, and nue laws. No sale of liquor can be made legally by a person who has not paid the government special tax, and if these agents have sold packages of spirits to parties in their respective places of business without having taken out these special tax stamps then they are liable to prosecution. That the sale was made in a prohibition state has no direct bearing on the question, because the same law applies in all localities.

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