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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rev. W. H. Connell has moved to Stanton.

Rev. A. H. Holcomb now gets his mail at Birmingham, R. F. D. No. 1.

Two sons of Count Tolstoy, the world's greatest advocate for peace, are on the battlefield as Russian soldiers, and a third is at the front as a newspaper correspondent.

The following telegram received: "Will assume Decatur pastorate January first. Retire here December thirtieth."  
A. A. Hutto.

Anniston, Ala., Dec. 5.

By special invitation, Mr. John R. Mott goes to Oxford and Cambridge Universities next February to hold conferences with the students on matters touching the personal Christian life.

Rev. Samuel H. Greene has completed the twenty-fifth year of his service as pastor of the Calvary church, Washington, D. C.

While Rev. W. B. Lansing, editor of the Mississippi Baptist is attending the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Jas. E. Chapman, the associate editor, is in charge.

Rev. J. C. Armstrong, editor of the Central Baptist, accepts the position of superintendent of missions in St. Louis. A St. Louis daily paper states that Dr. Armstrong will continue as editor of the Central Baptist.

Rev. Charles Wagner, the apostle of the Simple Life, had conferred upon him the other evening by the trustees of Temple College, the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The ceremony of presentation brought together a large and distinguished audience. The author and preacher felicitously replied to the address of Dr. Russell H. Conwell in presenting him with the cap, gown and diploma.

Tuscumbia: A month ago Bro. W. D. Hubbard of Troy was with us for some days and besides the immediate results the influence of his sweet spirit and consecration is still felt and seen in people and pastor. Our services are deepening in spiritually every Sabbath, and we shall never cease to thank God for Brother Hubbard's coming.—T. V. Neal.

Newton: I have just returned from Louisville, Ky., where I have been engaged for two weeks in a good meeting, there being 34 additions. Have been here nine months, and there have been about seventy additions. They have the best Sunday school and prayer meeting and B. Y. P. U. and best congregations to the size of the town of any place in the South. The Alabama Baptist always causes trouble in our home—both can't read it at the same time. Much success to you in the good work.—W. J. Ray.



## Christmas Gift!

In this week's paper you will find a coin card which can be used to send in money at our risk to advance your subscription or pay back dues or to send the paper to some friend as a Christmas present.

Every mail brings me encouraging words from big-souled brother or warm-hearted sister. Sometimes these letters bring checks paying in advance. Sometimes they come from those who say "we are unable to pay you now but will pay you later," and sometimes they read, "We are no longer able to take the paper, but we will pray God to bless it and its editor." We now realize how dependent the editor of a religious newspaper is on his friends. A "friend" doesn't necessarily mean one who can render financial aid, for many times one's best and truest friends can only give sympathy. I need both the paying and the praying kind and am grateful that God is supplying my need.

My expenses are very heavy. I have cut them down everywhere it has been possible, and am using every means at my command to make the paper pay its way. I could spend less on it and get a dividend every month, but my desire is to keep it up to a high standard and improve it from issue to issue. I have already made arrangements for a series of illustrated articles for 1905 involving a large expense. I don't want to spend less on the paper. It is my wish to spend more, but I can only do so by having the Baptists throughout the State actively at work for it.

A country editor in a heart-to-heart editorial with his delinquent subscribers said:

"Good morning. Have you paid your subscription this year? Perhaps you owe for last year, or several years. Now, you understand we don't need the money; we have millions—to get. But it is really an imposition to let people go on carrying our money when we are strong and healthy and so abundantly able to bear the burden ourselves. For this reason we ask anybody who has any of our money in his possession to

## Christmas Gift!

leave it at the office or send it by post, freight train, express, or any other way, just so it gets here. Silver and gold are heavy, and it would be a matter of life-long regret to us if anybody should get bowlegged carrying it about for us." If you are behind on your subscription I will be glad to get a personal check, money or express order, New York exchange, registered letter, stamps, or have you put it in a coin card and mail it at my risk. The important thing is to start it our way before you pay it to someone else, spend it, or have it stolen.

On buying the paper I said: "If those who owe will pay up and those who are able will take the paper we promise to give you the best service of which we are capable." Will Bailey, editor of the Biblical Recorder, among other things wisely and wittily wrote: "His proposition is perfectly safe. If he never levels himself out to do his best until the conditions he lays down are met, he will not die of apoplexy or heart failure or the strenuous life." He wished us "mighty well in our experiment," and we know that he and more particularly our Alabama friends will be glad to learn that we got tired waiting for the impossible to happen and went to work and did our level best in spite of the fact that many who owed failed to pay and many who were able to take the paper failed to do so, and yet by hard work and the help of friends the circulation of the paper has increased more than 50 per cent., and last week's and this week's regular edition called for 9400 papers.

We waited patiently before making our plea for those in arrears to pay up hoping many would do so during the associational season, but they have all closed, Christmas is nearly here, and yet many have failed to forward their back dues. If you are in arrears and can't pay all write us frankly your condition and we will meet you half way. Don't wait until New Year to do this as our lists will be revised and your name may be dropped. We want you to continue during 1905 provided you show a disposition to do what is fair.

Yours for Service,  
FRANK WILLIS BARNETT.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rev. P. M. Callaway, Jr., now gets his mail at Andalusia.

Rev. Frank Barnard has resigned his pastorate to enter the Seminary.

Evangelist T. T. Martin is holding a series of meetings with Rev. J. D. Adcock at Bunkie, La.

Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President of the Seminary, preached at Anderson, S. C., Sunday before last.

The Florida Baptist Convention will convene with the First Church, Jacksonville, at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, January 11th, 1905.

We are glad to learn at Rev. S. H. Johnson, who followed us at Johnson City, Tenn., is pleased with his new field at Norton, Va.

Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., is assisting Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, of the First Church, Baltimore, Md., in a revival.

Dr. W. M. Harris, who has resigned the care of the First Church, Galveston, Texas, to accept the call of the First Church, Knoxville, Tenn., has a host of friends in Alabama who will be glad to know that he is coming nearer home.

Vincent: I have been in school here for the past two weeks under the charge of Prof. S. J. Strack, who is a graduate of the grand old Howard, and you know that I enjoy the help I get from him. He is doing all he can for me. So I enjoy reading the paper yet. May the Lord bless you.—R. R. Brasher.

Rev. J. W. Kramer, who has been the pastor of the Brewton Baptist Church for the past six years, has accepted a call to the Vermont Street Baptist Church, Quincy, Ill., and will take charge of his new work in the near future. Brother Kramer has not only done a great work at Brewton, but his influence has been felt throughout Southern Alabama. The State loses a strong preacher and the editor a warm personal friend. We commend him to the good people of Quincy.

Dr. Madison O. Peters has discontinued his service as stated supply of the Broad Street Church, Philadelphia, after a year of earnest and result-making effort. He withdraws in order to inaugurate a series of popular Gospel services in the Park Theatre. It is reported that at the first meeting last Sunday evening, after filling the place 2,000 people were turned away. This movement is started, we understand, with no thought of an independent church, but simply with the desire to reach the masses with the old Gospel story. Dr. Peters will probably, later on, resume the work of the regular pastorate.—Examiner.

A PEEP AT MEXICO.

Frank Willis Barnett.

El Paso is worth a visit for its own sake, but without question its greatest attraction for tourists lies in the fact that it is only a few minutes ride by electric cars from the Mexican town of Juarez.

The suddenness of the change is bewildering. From a wideawake American city, with department stores, telephones, electric lights and automobiles, you cross the usually dry and frequently dusty Rio Grande and you are in Juarez, to all appearance in the very heart of old Mexico. It is the "whole piece" of which the Midlands of the expositions are only samples—street after street of one-story adobe buildings in which 8,000 swarthy inhabitants live and do business, picturesquely clad, especially in the matter of hats, knowing little or nothing of your language, or of you. There are striking types of feminine beauty, quaint-faced little children, and sitting on the curbs, or astride solemn-visaged donkeys, are old men who in hair, dress and general make-up out-caricature anything seen in comic opera. The personal appearance, dress and customs of the people are all full of novelty and interest to the American visitor. Our Mexican neighbors are accustomed to being made the target of curious American eyes. The Mexican is nothing if not courteous, and the humblest peon will meet and converse with you with a degree of manly dignity and courtesy that commands not merely respect but admiration.

The Cathedral.

The old adobe church or cathedral, said to have been built in part by the Indian neophytes 350 years ago, is one of the show places, as well as a continually occupied place of prayer, for your Mexican, whatever else he may be, is devout if attendance on church services is any gauge.

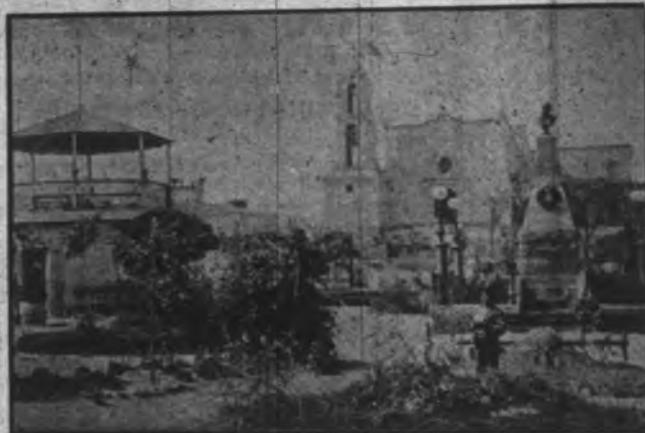


Bull Fights.

The new amphitheatre for bull fighting is one of the finest in America and I regret to say is generally patronized by the citizens of El Paso and the American tourists. I went into the principal curio shop in El Paso to buy some souvenirs and the clerk to be pleasant asked me how I enjoyed the bull fight on Sunday, and before I could stop him he began to expatiate on the different bull fighters.

The Mexican Peon.

The typical peon, indifferent to change and progress, is affectionate and faithful in all family relations, and sets an example in domestic life which might be copied with advantage by many Americans. Old age is respected and cared for, and a Mexican beggar is a rarity. The artistic tendencies existent in his mixed and ancient ancestry are by no means extinct in the peon of



The Old Church and Plaza at Juarez.

today; and especially is this true of the Mexican women who display, in their love for flowers and music and the beautiful generally, tastes which are none too universal amongst white people in this Western country. As a worker, also, the Mexican woman is infinitely more industrious and faithful than the man. She is a good mother, generally speaking, although her children, as a rule, betray a singular lack of grit. The boys seem worse than the girls in this respect. A tap on the shoulder from the mother will cause an eight-year-old boy to yell for ten minutes, unashamed and uncorrected. Boys at play together burst into wails concerning injuries, mental or physical, minute to invisibility. At the same time, however, it must be conceded that the fiendish whoops in which the Amer-



A Cold Day in Mexico.

ican boy voices his reasonless ecstasy are conspicuous by their absence. Nevertheless, when the Mexican is grown, and has imbibed to excess of new wine, he will make up for a more subdued past by sounds as hideous and maniacal as any American youngster can present to a shuddering audience.

Mexican Linen Work.

If you go to Mexico be sure to leave your wife in America or fill your pockets with money, for no woman can withstand the beauty of the Mexican drawn work. It is very beautiful and yet the story in the Pilgrim of those who do the work somehow robs the work of its attractiveness. The sweetest memory which comes to me of El Paso are the hours spent in the beautiful library surrounded with papers, magazines and books, where I forgot

the noise and bustle of the streets and read what I could find about the Mexicans.

A Trip to Mexico.

Like all other visitors I sat for hours in the public square at El Paso and watched the Mexicans in their gay dress and listened to their soft voices and joyed in their children at play until I almost felt as if I were in dreamland.



A Mexican Automobile.

The woman who makes drawn work on a Mexican estate is not an independent worker to whom comes the money for all the work her deft hands accomplish. She is a woman whose father or brother or uncle or mother is in debt to the "great Don." She can do the drawn work, so the Don's agent supplies her with linen or lawn, a frame and the requisite implements, and indicates the design that she is to follow, for though you may not know it, there are fashions in drawn work quite as exclusive and quite as popular as there are in women's hats for instance. When her work is done, that poor woman cannot fare forth to market and offer it for sale. It is by the term of her peon contract, perhaps already sold to the "great Don" whose tenant she is. Miguel, his agent, takes the work, by now as grimy as the overalls of an engineer; he has kept account of the time the woman has been engaged upon it, and for each of the many days she may have worked, he gives her seven, eight, nine, at most twelve cents; but never the last amount unless she be a thorough mistress of her craft.

Once a year the Mexicans for whom the women do this work somewhat as the sweat shop toilers of Chicago and New York drive their needles for a master, meet in solemn conference and determine what the prices shall be. So great is the popularity of drawn work generally that the supply never equals the demand and the profits made by

the Mexican masters of the drawn work "trust," for it is really that, are enormous. The dealer pays these "operators" what they demand—and they demand much. Therefore the buyer pays forty dollars for a "cloth" that cost the "manufacturer" twelve cents a day, labor hire, for say, ninety days, to produce.

America For Me.

My glimpse of Mexico made me love America more. My glimpse of Catholicism made me see that there is work for us to do at our borders. God give us the grace to carry the truth to those whose eyes are blindfolded by Catholicism.



A Mexican Dude.

OF DR. BROADUS IN NEW ENGLAND.

By W. R. Hood.

A feeling of pride, which the writer cannot but think justifiable, wells up in the breast of the Southern Baptist when he comes to New England and notes the high esteem in which Dr. Broadus is held here. He is esteemed at once as a great exegete, harmonist of the gospels, and writer on homiletics; while his works in other fields of Christian thought are scarcely less highly valued. At the Newton Theological Institution, where the writer is now a student, the writings of no scholar are accorded more authoritative respect than his. Especially is this true when we consider the fact that he is regarded as an authority in some three or four departments of Christian scholarship, while most scholars can lay claim to great proficiency in only one department each. Alvah Hovey was an authority in New Testament interpretation; Austin Phelps, in homiletics; John Ker, in the history of preaching; but John A. Broadus' was a master hand in all three of these fields of thought.

His commentary is considered here the best that has ever been written on Matthew, and that Boston Christian scholars in general concur in their opinion of the Newton faculty is proved by the recent statement of a bookseller of that city, in which it was said that more copies of Broadus' Matthew are sold in Boston than of any other commentary whatever, with a possible exception as to Hackett on Acts. As for his efforts in the field of homiletics, his work is given first rank by the professor in that department at Newton. The text-book system is not in vogue here, yet practically all that the "Preparation and Delivery of Sermons" has to say about preaching is required to be learned. It is only fair to say, however, that Phelps' "Theory of Preaching" is given high rank

also, but the boys all say that Dr. Broadus' opinions are followed the more closely. His "History of Christian Preaching," though written some years ago, is still the standard here on that subject.

Dr. Broadus is thus seen to hold the very highest place as a Christian scholar in the estimation of New England Baptists, if opinions at the Newton Theological Institution and chance expressions picked up around Boston may be taken as an index to New England Baptist thought. And this high regard for his scholarship is all the more significant when we reflect that this section of our country is self-centered, the people here regarding American scholarship outside of New England—especially Southern scholarship—as of an inferior type. That Boston thinks itself the "hub of the universe" is a widely current saying, but it is not so well known that all New England is affected with this conceit. It is nevertheless. During the first half of the session of 1903-4 at Newton the writer observed it even in a theological school. But when at the mid-year examinations two Southern men made the highest grades that were made and thus took the lead of their class, there seemed to be somewhat of a revulsion of sentiment on the matter of Southern ability. At least the Southern students ceased to hear any such insinuating remarks as that there is a lack of gray matter in the Southern brain.

But Dr. Broadus was more than a great scholar; he was a great preacher, and is so regarded in New England. In naming a quartet of America's greatest preachers, a distinguished professor at Newton recently named the following: Horace Bushnell, Henry Ward Beecher, Phillips Brooks and John Albert Broadus. Dr. John M. English, professor of homiletics at Newton, tells the following story of the impression made by one of Dr. Broadus' sermons on a distinguished New England scholar: Dr. Broadus was invited to preach before the Baptist Vineyard Association at a sort of Baptist summer resort on Martha's Vineyard Island near the coast of Massachusetts. He accepted the invitation and preached to a large crowd of people, among whom were many distinguished American ministers and some from England and Scotland. A number of these also preached, for it was a sort of religious Chautauqua lasting a week or more, at which noted preachers from all over the country were invited to speak. Near the close of the session, the distinguished scholar in question was asked who was the greatest preacher there. His reply was, "Broadus by all means." On being asked why he thought Dr. Broadus the greatest, he replied, "These other men have trotted out their best sermons and have favored us with scholarly productions, but Broadus has preached to do the people good." I wonder if this man did not discover the true secret of Dr. Broadus' greatness—that he sought to "do the people good."

Newton Center, Mass.

#### AT EVENTIDE.

Father, low at Thy feet I kneel,  
A grieving one;  
Deep in my pulsing heart I feel  
The sin I've done,  
And yet I cannot shut it out—  
This passion wild.  
I've tried so long! Stretch forth Thy  
hand  
And help Thy child!

The hot, rebellious tears will fall,  
And hard words come  
Like points of flame from scornful lips  
That fain were dumb.  
And still I cannot stay the flood—  
The bitter sting  
That pulses from the heart beneath  
These words to bring.

Father, the way has not been fair,  
And I am weak;  
I've fallen oft while striving hard  
Thy way to keep!  
Hearts I had trusted failed too soon,  
And friendship slept;  
Sweet confidence and faith ere long  
No vigils kept.

Yet, Father mine, Thy child still pleads  
Thy love and care;  
Let burning words that anger bring  
Sink into prayer.  
And when these tired hands reach  
forth

For some stray rose  
Let not a fickle friend point out  
The thorn that grows.

Father, speak words of love and peace!  
A tired heart  
Waits at Thy feet and pardon sues;  
O faith impart!  
Make me to tread the rugged way  
With patient feet,  
And know a shadow with the gleam  
Each heart must greet.

—Leila Mae Wilson.

Opelika, Ala.

#### FROM EAST LAKE AND HOWARD COLLEGE.

After an absence of two months in South Alabama, I returned to East Lake the 23rd, ult. Even in that short time there has been a number of changes and improvements. As substantial evidence of our town's continued growth and prosperity, several new residences have been erected or completed. The new Masonic hall, at the corner of 9th street and Sloss avenue, to which are being added the finishing touches, is a handsome two-story brick building,—a credit to the Masons and the town of East Lake. A notable improvement, best seen and appreciated in our churches and public buildings, is the long-wished-for but long delayed electric lights.

Howard College is enjoying doubtless the most prosperous year in her history. The enrollment the 25 ult. had reached 163. They are a manly body of students, exhibiting a fine spirit and doing excellent work. The Howard College Campus Club is not composed of student derelicts, as some old students of the college might suppose, judging from the name, but of those who wish to see the Howard College campus graded and beautified and are willing to give substantial assistance to this end. Under the leadership of

Bro. R. B. Rogers, organizer, and Bro. J. M. Huey, President of the Club, they have already done quite a great deal in the way of grading, and have yet greater things in prospect of accomplishment. It costs only a \$1.00 to join the club. If you are not already a member, send in your dollar to the secretary and treasurer, Bro. S. R. Howley, East Lake Ala., and thus help along a much-needed work.

Finally, let the friends of the college and especially the pastors of the State put forth a little extra effort, between now and January 1st, next, or before the beginning of the second term, Feb. 1st, to secure new students for Howard, and she will easily close the present session with the largest enrollment in her history, and will be able to count this her most successful and satisfactory year's work.

Samuel J. Ansley.

#### THE MINISTERIAL BOARD

met in called session at Howard College on Nov. 30th. Owing to the removal of Rev. W. M. Blackwelder to Livingston he thought it best to tender his resignation as President and member of the Board. He has been an active and very useful member for a number of years and his resignation was accepted with regret.

Rev. J. F. Gable, of North Birmingham and Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, of East Lake, were elected members to fill vacancies on the Board. Rev. J. M. Shelburne, of East Lake, was elected President of the Board.

Dr. Montague, President of the College, made the following report: The class standing of the ministerial students compares favorably with that of the other students, the marks of nearly all of them showing faithful work and appreciative use of opportunities. Those attaining the highest places, the mark of A in all subjects, are Messrs. Wilks, Akins and J. T. Williams.

The number of ministerial students now in the Howard is 37. The number in the Seminary is 15; others wanting to attend.

At the State Convention at Anniston \$450.00 was pledged this Board to meet a deficit due the Seminary. The following churches and individuals have paid this pledge so far as reported to the treasurer: Fayetteville Church, \$10.00; Bay Minette Church, \$5.88; Union Springs, \$25.00; Fort Deposit, \$20.00; Parker Mem. Church, \$25.00; Clayton Street Church, \$10.00; Tuscaloosa Church, \$25.00; Jacksonville Church, \$5.00; J. E. Barnes, \$5.00; Siloam Church, \$25.00; First Church, Birmingham, \$25.00; P. O. Barkley, \$5.00; total, \$185.88. This leaves a balance due of \$264.12.

We are sadly in need of it and beseech the brethren to come to our relief at once.

O. C. Jones, Treasurer.

East Lake, Ala.

#### TRUSTEES OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE WILL PUSH CAMPAIGN.

The trustees of the Alabama Anti-Saloon League held a meeting yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the Morris Hotel and elected Rev. W. E.

Wasson as acting State superintendent. It is the duty of the State superintendent to organize subsidiary leagues throughout the State and to push the movement in all legitimate ways. Mr. Wasson has been pastor of the Methodist Church at Florence, but was transferred to the First Methodist Church of Decatur by the North Alabama Conference.

Several resolutions were adopted by the trustees, which may be summarized as follows:

No. 1.—It is the sense of the board of trustees that it will be advantageous to the anti-saloon interest in the South to establish the headquarters and the office of an assistant national superintendent at Birmingham.

No. 2.—The national headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League should be urged to establish headquarters and an assistant superintendent at Birmingham.

No. 3.—The Alabama League pledges its earnest and hearty support and cooperation to the National Anti-Saloon League.

Want Local Option.

No. 4.—It is the sense of the board of trustees of the Alabama League that "we should seek to create sentiment in this State favorable to the passage of a general local option law."

No. 5.—That Dr. Steele, the Secretary of the State League, be requested to prepare an address to the people of Alabama, setting forth the object and purposes of this league, and that the address be furnished to the press of the State at the earliest date convenient.

Rev. Dr. George Young, of Georgetown, Ky., assistant secretary of the National League, was present at the meeting. He expressed himself as much gratified at the interest which is being manifested in Alabama in the anti-saloon movement. He leaves today for the Southwest.

Dr. W. B. Crumpton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided at the meeting.—Birmingham News.

#### SNAKE RIVER VALLEY.

The largest irrigation enterprise in America is located in the rich Snake River valley of Idaho which has been reclaimed through man's handi-work alone. In this valley which is now comfortably settled, there remains 270,000 acres of land belonging to the State of Idaho which is under the Twin Falls irrigation canals and open to settlement. This land is among the richest in America as experiments have proved. Potatoes here yield 200 to 400 bushels to the acre of large size variety. Wheat yields from 40 to 70 bushels to the acre with an average weight of 63 pounds per bushel. Three crops of alfalfa are raised each season in the Snake River valley. The climate is superb and of great value as a tonic for mind and body. Homeseekers' low rates to the Snake River valley are in effect via Union Pacific, the only direct route. Why not visit this district in person and fully realize its great possibilities! For full information address J. F. van Rensselaer, G. A., Atlanta, Ga.

THE ASSOCIATIONS AND THE ORPHANAGE.

Now that the association season is over, it is interesting to look over the lists for the two years, and see how they remembered us for the two seasons. Last year we had no gift from any association in July as none met in that month. This year one met in July, and sent us \$34.70. Last year one met in August, and sent us \$17.37. This year two met in August, and sent us \$62.99. Last year in Sept, we had sixteen gifts from associations amounting to \$916.19, and this year we had twelve gifts amounting to \$569.28. October, last year, brought us thirty-three gifts from as many associations, amounting to \$1526.81, and this year we only received from twenty-eight \$1393.89. We heard from the same number of associations in November, last year, and this, fourteen, but the amount last year was \$404.99, and this year it was \$552.38. We have heard from one association this year that we did not hear from last year during this same time, but there are seven that reported last year that have not been heard from this year. Among them some of the greatest bodies in the State. It was impracticable for me to get to any of the meetings in October. The largest increase in the gifts of this year over last is from Butler county, having gone from \$22.00 last year to \$137.67 this year. The largest falling off was from Escambia county, going from \$95.28 last year to \$34.75 this year. The largest proportionate increase was from Gilliam Springs from \$1.30 last year to \$20.00 this year. The largest proportionate falling off was from Blue Creek \$22.85 to \$5.00.

It is hoped, that brethren who have funds will not hold them over as the children are in need of the money to provide for their daily wants. They are real well, and seem to be happy. More have come to us during the last four months than ever before for the same length of time. Let all the churches remember that all first-class churches send something to the orphans in December every year. Last December brought us \$2,500.00 in money besides many tokens of remembrance in the way of merchandise. Our family is larger than ever before at this time of the year. Won't you all help!

Jno. W. Stewart.

A LETTER FROM GRANDMA.

Danville, Ky., Nov. 21, 1904.  
My Darling little James:

I take great pleasure in writing you this morning. I guess you are fully aware that just eleven years ago God gave you to father and mother and they have always been glad and thankful that you came to them, and have tried all these eleven years to guide you into the right path in life and have done all in their power to give you good advantages: have counseled with you daily and prayed for you without ceasing. In fact, everything to make you a good boy. Had you ever thought how much they are doing for their little boy in order that you might make a big boy that they can be proud of and every one can love and God can

look down on all you do with a smile of joy and bless you as he alone can do.

I believe you have in part realized these great blessings. Now, dear, do you feel satisfied with your efforts to accomplish these things? If not, there is no better time than now to begin to improve. Dear, let us call the past eleven years a proof. You know we always have proofs made before we get the real picture, and the real picture is far better than the proof if we have a good article. Now, you must be your own article and you must make a mighty effort in the next eleven years to bring out a great and grand picture of your life as a grown up man. Be sure it has no blemish to mar its beauty and excellence, and when you have completed this picture father and mother will frame it with love, and it will hang upon their hearts and reflect back to you more happiness and comfort than you have ever dreamed of. I may not live to see this picture complete, but I do hope to be permitted to look down from a heavenly home with gladness and rejoice with father and mother and yourself because of your well doing. Make God your councillor.

His word your guide. Let your love be as near like his as possible. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Be studious, brave and courageous to do the right, and pray daily for God to keep you. Give Him your implicit trust and your picture will be all that father, mother, grandma and yourself could ask for. Dear, enclosed find a bill, get what you like, and it is grandma's birthday present to you. Kiss H. B. and Margueritte for grandma and tell them to be good little children. Write to me real soon. May God bless and keep my little boy.  
Lovingly, Grandma.

Dear Sir and Brother: We have gone over the matter of apportioning the expense of our general organization to the various States and the share that we feel Alabama should be able to pay is \$250.00.

The above estimate is sent you and we trust you may be able to do, at least as much as stated, and of course, it would be very gratifying if you could do more.  
With kindest regards and hoping

that you may be successful in your endeavors for the furtherance of the work, I am,

Yours very truly,  
H. B. Osgood, Treas.,  
B. Y. P. U. of America.

The above is self explanatory and we trust each Union will respond liberally and assist in the general expense of B. Y. P. U. of America. Send amount to Treasurer H. B. Wood, East Lake.—Joe W. Vesey, President. 911 50th St., Birmingham, Ala.

THEY GIVE MEDICINE AWAY.

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The December "Arena" is a superb number, strong, varied and interesting, with several art features which will be a delight to the readers. It appears in a new and striking cover, and contains four full-page illustrations, giving the portraits of Secretary Tregear, Joaquin Miller, Prof. Edwin Maxey and B. O. Flower. There is also a full-page original drawing by Dan. Beard, some half-tone pictures of Joaquin Miller, and a number of reproductions of the best current cartoons. Perhaps the papers that will attract the most attention are "How New Zealand is Solving the problem of Popular Government," by the Hon. Edward Tregear, Secretary of Labor for New Zealand. This is the opening paper in The Arena's series of international contributions on progressive democratic movements in foreign lands by eminent statesmen, economists, and educators.

Leslie's Monthly Magazine for Christmas is a beautiful holiday number with sixty illustrations, nine short stories and twenty-four contributions. That's the dry bones of it. The heart and soul come from the genial spirit of Christmas, which pervades the whole number. In fact the number is a Christmas stocking in itself. Holman F. Day, Henry C. Rowland, Dr. Wilfred Grenfell and the rest have crammed it full to bursting with good things. It is a generous, big-hearted, right-minded Christmas number, and has a special cover lithographed in four colors.

The December Delineator, with its message of good cheer and helpfulness, will be welcomed in every home. The fashion pages are unusually attractive, illustrating and describing the very latest modes in a way to make their construction during the busy festive season a pleasure instead of a task, and the literary and pictorial features are of rare excellence. In addition, there are the regular departments of the magazine, with many special articles on topics relating to woman's interests within and without the home.

It is impossible even to summarize in a single paragraph the many and varied attractions which the Youth's Companion announces for the coming year. A series of articles planned to interest especially the forty-five millions of Americans who look directly to the soil for their subsistence will treat of "New Fields for Young Farmers," "The Sanitation of the Farm," "The future of American Cotton," "How Women Make Money on the Farm," etc. Several serial stories and 250 short stories by the most talented and popular American writers of fiction will form part of the contents of the new volume for 1905. Full illustrated announcement describing the principal features of The Companion's new volume for 1905 will be sent free with sample copies of the paper to any address. The new subscriber who sends \$1.75 now for a year's subscription to The Companion, receives free all the issues of The Companion for the remaining weeks of 1904, also The

Companion "Carnations" calendar for 1905, lithographed in twelve colors and gold.—The Youth's Companion, 144 Berkeley Street, Boston, Mass.

The November number of the Twentieth Century Home is a superbly illustrated magazine, and its contents, for interest and variety, are on a par with the artistic side of this new and popular periodical. Some prominent features are "Electricity as an Aid to Housekeeping," "Women Who Toil," and "The Homes of George Eliot." This is not taking into account the fiction, which includes a charmingly illustrated story by Florence Wilkinson, entitled "The Gipsy Queen," as well as stories by Howard Markle Hoke, Tom Masson and Harriet Prescott Spofford. The Twentieth Century Home is primarily a magazine for women with large interests in life, who endeavor to make something of themselves, and therefore it gives considerable attention to means of commercial activity within and outside the home.

The Pilgrim for December shows a marked advance over previous issues of this popular and widely read magazine. While the contents generally cannot be said to relate specifically to Christmas, the Christmas spirit pervades the magazine from cover to cover. The leading illustrated article is one that will be read with decided interest, especially by those who have seen the seemingly peculiar actions of a certain little launch in the Detroit river. The article deals with the Marine Post Office at Detroit, and is unique in the United States postal service. These series of remarkable illustrations in drawings add interest in the article.

Out West, a magazine of the old Pacific and the New, edited by Chas. F. Lumis and published at Los Angeles, Cal., at \$2.00 per year. The only recognized monthly in half the area of the United States. Now in its sixteenth volume. Interesting to readers because its richly illustrated articles, its stories and poems (exclusively of Western and Pacific lands) are not only good literature but authentic. Its volumes form such a library of Western life, scenery, romance and history as has been printed for no other part of the Union. Its editorials are very much alive. It is the recognized leader of the great Irrigation movement in the Far West; and of a new national Indian policy, based on knowledge and common sense. Indispensable to libraries and scholars, because it prints more historical matter than any other magazine.

When the circulation of a monthly magazine is going up at the rate of 3,000 a day, like that of Everybody's Magazine, there must be some good reason for it. It will cost you ten cents to find out. It is one of the liveliest and most entertaining of the monthlies and ought to be on your table during 1905. The Lawson articles are truly a sensation. Ten cents on all news-stands until sold out.

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The preliminary announcements of the series of articles, beginning in this number, exposing the impositions practiced on millions of people by the Life Insurance "Combine" attracted wide attention and created an instant and eager demand for the November Era. This first article makes revelations that are astonishing. But the December number, the Christmas holiday number, will not depend for its interest and value—not by any means—on this important life insurance series. Next month's issue of this magazine will be filled with charming and interesting fiction of the highest order and with articles of vital moment. The Era Magazine discusses the things which people are thinking about now.

"The Word To-Day at Ten Cents," is a new thing under the sun. It is not simply good of its class. It is really a new class by itself. There is nothing like it. Not padded out with clippings from articles that have appeared elsewhere; not filled with the fine-spun nonsense that sometimes passes for poetry; not burdened with fiction, good or bad—there is plenty of both sorts in the market. What other magazine is there, with an evident educational purpose and value, which is at the same time so attractive, so varied, so popular? One hundred pictures or more every month, practically all taken from recent photographs of men and events of universal interest. The field of the magazine includes current events, politics, science, art, letters, great industries, prominent men and women, athletics, reform movements, religion—its very name marks out the broad lines within which it is conducted. A magazine for the home, the study, the library, the school; for busy people and people of leisure; for those who read but one monthly periodical and those who read a dozen—indispensable for both classes. Write The World To-Day, 67 Wabash Avenue, Chicago.

In "The World's Work" the important things the world is doing are told while they are new. The magazine has freshness. The important men who are doing things are described in action. The magazine has human interest. The magazine is panoramic. This is one of the magazines that is making for itself a place on the desk of the thoughtful, busy men who are bringing things to pass. Its editor, Walter H. Page, is a man of strong convictions and stirring personality.

"Current Literature" is an illustrated magazine of Fiction and Poetry, of Science and Art, of Wit, Humor and Comment—a magazine of American Life. It tells you about the newest and best books and their authors; it

reprints the best poetry; it reveals to you new discoveries in Modern Science, Medicine and Surgery; it gives interesting details of Travel and exploration; it contains fascinating touches of the world's wit, humor and cartoon work; it shows you what is strange and interesting in Natural History; it discusses and gives the opinions (both sides) of authorities on all questions of interest and importance; it presents a carefully prepared record of Current History with incidental and independent comment; it supplies just those things about which the members of every intelligent American household should be well informed. To keep well posted—to get quickly at the gist of everything that is going on the world over—you should read Current Literature.

At this time of the year many people are determining the magazine which shall visit their homes during the year 1905. The Century remains easily first among the number of magazines for home reading and general profit. The prospectus for the new year is brim full of attractive and promising features. Beginning with the December issue Ambassador White's reminiscences of his mission to Germany from 1897 to 1902 will be one of the most notable series of memoirs recently published. During the year Charles F. Brush will write on the "Arch Light," George Westinghouse on the "Air Brake" and other noted inventors and scientists will treat in a popular way the subjects of which they make a specialty. The value of The Century in the home cannot be estimated. It affords hours of entertainment, and presents very wide opportunity for broad information and culture.

Scribner's Magazine is a progressive periodical, and it presents not only the best work of celebrated writers, but the interesting new things in literature. Many of the notable authors of today have become known first through their work in Scribner's. Mr. John Fox, who has been the representative of Scribner's Magazine on the Japanese side of the War in the Far East, will publish the result of his experience in several important articles. Mr. T. F. Millard will follow his articles on the subject.

In the field of illustration a feature of special interest will be a collection of remarkable photographs of the American Indian, made by Mrs. E. S. Curtis, presenting a remarkable pictorial record of the pure Indian types.

The Christmas number is one of the most beautiful that any American magazine has ever published, and all subscribers are urged to date their subscriptions so as to include this exquisite number. Subscription price, \$3.00 a year.

An illustrated prospectus describing fully the prominent features of Scribner's Magazine for 1905 will be sent to any address on application. Charles Scribner's Sons, 153 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Obituaries.

**TROTTER.**—James Trotter was found dead in bed Sunday morning, Oct. 9th, 1904, in Alabama City, in his 50th year. Saturday night he went to bed as usual, but the next morning he was dead, apparently not a struggle, but as asleep. He was a member of the Baptist Church since early life, living a consistent Christian life. He leaves a wife and several children, one sister, three brothers. Rev. T. K. Trotter, of Lincoln, is one of the brothers. A large concourse of friends mourn his loss.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home of the deceased in Alabama City, Monday afternoon, the 10th. A large crowd was present to bow with us in submission to the will of God.

"Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season. Such was our brother. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. J. M. Solley.

**GUTHRIE.**—Pearle B. Guthrie, the little four-year-old daughter of Brother and Sister Guthrie died at her home in Ark., Nov. 4th, and was buried at Walker's Chapel Nov. 7th. The funeral services were conducted by E. Lee Smith, pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, North Birmingham, Ala. Text, Mark 10:14. "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God." This lovely little child though so young often spoke of dying and of her loved ones going to the Beautiful Beyond. Weep not for little Pearl, she has only gone before, and is waiting and watching for her loved ones.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep."  
E. Lee Smith.

**HAWTHORNE.**—On Oct. 26th, 1904, the death angel visited Pine Apple and took from us Mr. J. R. Hawthorne. After a lingering illness of many months he departed to be with Christ. Meekly wait and murmur not seemed to be the living sentiments of the weary days of his illness. It is sad, so sad, to know that he is gone, not to return, and we feel lonely and sad, but we would not call him back since he was so resigned to God's will. We feel sure the change is a happy one, and we hope to meet him in the sweet bye and bye. S.

**BUSH.**—On Thursday night, Nov. 3rd, 1904, the death angel silently entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bush and claimed as its victim little Annie Eugenia, their ten months old baby. The funeral services were conducted the following afternoon at the Baptist Church by Dr. Prather, who had so faithfully served the suffering child till the end came, never leaving her bed-side day nor night. Her little body was laid to rest in Hyram cemetery. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family. A Friend.

**BECKNELL.**—Mary Emma Becknell began her earthly career in Jacksonville, Ala., August 7th, 1827. She came of worthy parentage. Her father was a prominent lawyer and practiced his profession in Jacksonville for a number of years. The names of her parents were James H. and Harriet Louis.

On the 14th day of October, 1875, she was married to Mr. F. G. Becknell. They lived happily together until death bore her away from him. As a wife she was devoted and true. To this union were born several children who, with their father, mourn a mother's loss. As a mother she was fond and loving. Some time during the month of August in 1887 she made a profession of religion and was baptized into the fellowship of Piedmont Baptist Church. She lived a consistent Christian life and died with her faith still fixed in Jesus. She was a sufferer for several months, but was patient amid it all. Death came to her re-

lief Oct. 13th, 1904, at Cedartown, Ga., whither she had gone for a change and to be with her sisters. May God enable the sorrowing ones to see that all things work together for good to those who love God even to those who are the called according to His purpose!  
James I. Kendrick.

**MITCHEL.**—The angel of death has stolen into one of our dear homes and plucked a precious rosebud in the person of Robie Estella Mitchel. Little Robie was four years and twelve days old, universally bright, and little did we think that her bright mind so well developed at her age was only being prepared for that home where sickness, pain or death cannot enter. One less at home, one more in Heaven.

One less at home!  
The charmed circle broken; a dear face Missed day by day from its accustomed place;

But cleansed and saved and perfected by grace,

One more in Heaven!  
One less at home!

One voice of welcome hushed and evermore

One farewell word unspoken; on shore Where parting comes not, one soul land-

ed more,

One more in Heaven!  
One less at home!

A sense of loss that meets us at the gate;

Within a place unfilled and desolate;  
And far away our coming to await.

One more in Heaven!  
One less on earth.

Its pain, its sorrow and its toil to share;  
One less the pilgrim's daily cross to bear;

One more the crown of ransomed souls to wear,

At home in Heaven!  
One more at home—

That home where separation cannot be,  
That home where none are missed eternally;

Lord Jesus, grant us all a place with thee,

At home in Heaven!  
Pastor.

**PARKER.**—On August 29, 1904, our hearts were made sad by the death summons, which took from us Maude Emma, daughter of Brother and Sister S. C. Parker. Little Maude was only ten years old, but was at the time of her death an active member of both Sunday school and Sunbeam Band of West End Church. Let us not mourn, though our hearts are sad, for soon we shall see that sweet face again. Her life here was beautiful, but will be perfect over there. J. O. Colley.

**LAWLEY.**—Mrs. May Lawley died at her home near Lawley, Ala., Oct. 26, 1904. She had been sick nearly all the year and her death was expected, although the physicians did all in their power for her. She leaves a husband and a little baby boy about six months old. It would seem to human sympathy to be a pity that a young mother, only twenty-three, should be taken away right at the beginning of home life. Sister Lawley (formerly Miss May Latham) was altogether one of the sweetest Christian characters to be found anywhere. She was faithful to her Church, her Sunday school, her pastor. It is with great regret we give up such a lovely character. We pray God's comfort for her sorrowing relatives, and may the little boy live to be a great blessing. A great crowd gathered at the Rehoboth cemetery to witness her interment. "Happy are the dead which die in the Lord."  
Her Pastor, P. G. Maness.

**CLAYTON.**—In memory of Bro. C. C. Clayton, who departed this life August 27th, 1904, age 63 years, ten months and ten days.  
Whereas, in the divine providence of our heavenly Father, our beloved Brother, C. C. Clayton, has been removed from the earth to that eternal home in God's presence. Therefore be it  
Resolved, First, That we as a Church express our deep and sincere grief that we no more will have his ever cheerful and loving presence among us, and that we sustain a loss which in the hearts of

this people none can supply.  
Second, To Sister Clayton we express our sincere and heartfelt sympathies and that we are bowed down with grief when we realize that the loving spirit which has been her companion has passed away unto God who gave it.

Third, To the families of Brother and Sister Clayton we extend our deepest sympathies in this sad bereavement, and express our hope that we all may meet in that eternal city with Christ and His faithful followers to dwell.

Fourth, That this be recorded on the Church book as a memorial and a copy be given to the family.

Done in Conference, Sept. 17, 1904.  
L. Chambers, Mod. Pro.  
M. L. Clayton, Church Clerk.

**WARD.**—Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has taken from our midst our beloved Sister, Mrs. W. L. Ward, we, the members of the Ladies' Aid Society,

Resolve, First, That realizing our deep loss, we bow submissively to the decrees of our Heavenly Father.

Second, That we extend our sincerest sympathy to each member of the family, commending them to the trust of Him who soothes all broken hearts and "doeth all things well."

Third, That these resolutions be recorded upon the minutes of our Society and a copy be sent to the bereaved family as a testimonial of our love and esteem.

Mrs. Law Lamar,  
Mrs. M. L. Clay,  
Committee.

**POOLE.**—It is with sadness that I chronicle the death of Bro. Jas. S. Poole of Independence, Ala. He died suddenly Saturday, Nov. 19th, 1904.

"He was a good man." Honest, truthful, charitable, kind-hearted and devoutly pious. He was a faithful husband, a kind father, a good neighbor, an upright, citizen and a true Christian. He served his community as Justice of the Peace for 16 years, and had just been elected for another term. He had served Bethesda Church as deacon and Sunday school teacher for about 20 years. He leaves a wife, several children, brothers sisters and friends to mourn his absence. May God bless and comfort them all.  
A Former Pastor.

**ANSLEY.**—Friends tell me they have seen no mention made in your columns of the death of Mrs. Clara Wilson Ansley, of Evergreen, Ala., Oct. 18, 1904. Being the one who was nearest her both in person and in affection during her last illness, I know she was fully resigned and prepared to go—a sheaf ready for the Master's garnering. For about a year her health had been slowly but steadily declining, and thus she was expecting the end. In her letters and in conversation she exhibited strong faith and perfect submission to the Father's will.

I find the impression had gone abroad that she was almost blind for nearly a year before her death; but this was a mistake. There were several weeks, about September, 1903, after a light attack of bilious or malarial fever, when she was almost blind, but in time she almost entirely regained her eyesight, and was able to read quite a good deal, even up to her last illness.  
S. J. Ansley.

**DICKERSON.**—Whereas, it hath pleased Almighty God to take from among us our dearly beloved friend and brother in Christ, R. L. Dickerson, whose Christian work and deeds of kindness are so fondly remembered by all with whom he associated, and

Whereas, his services as Superintendent of our Sunday school at Gate City Baptist Church was so pleasing and highly beneficial to the Church and the community at large, thereby commanding the esteem and admiration of all who knew him. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Gate City Baptist Church unite in deepest sympathy for the grief-stricken loved ones, whose home, once so happy and cheerful, but now so sad for the loss of a loving companion a fond and affectionate father who, while he has passed from human vision and the cares of this world

is not dead, but sleepeth, and whose soul has gone to its blessed reward, that awaits all the good, the true and faithful in the good work for the blessed Redeemer.

**JOHNSON.**—The committee appointed by the Santuck Baptist Church passed the following resolutions on the death of Brother M. J. Johnson, deceased, an active Christian and devoted husband and father, who was held in the highest esteem by all:

Resolved, First, That the community has lost a father, a brother, a friend under all circumstances.

Second, That the Church which he by and under the influence of the Holy Spirit helped to establish at Santuck mourn and grieve in consequence of their loss, but rejoice that our faith in the great plan of redemption by the death, burial and resurrection of Christ Jesus has given him life everlasting.

Third, That this Church grieves and sheds heartfelt tears of sympathy for his devoted wife and loving children, and prays God's blessings may rest on and guide them in paths of faithful obedience that they may join their husband and father at God's right hand in glory.

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the wife, Bro. W. G. Johnson, Sister Mollie Johnson and spread upon the minutes of Santuck Baptist Church.

H. D. Etheridge,  
J. W. Emfinger,  
S. W. Singleton,  
Committee.

**RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE EUTAW BAPTIST CHURCH, NOVEMBER 27, 1904.**

Whereas, in August, 1904, when we were without a pastor to lead and direct us in our church work, and our doors were closed and our Church liable to become luke-warm and indifferent to her responsibilities, Brother John G. Harris, ex-editor of the Alabama Baptist kindly consented to come and supply for us until he could secure a pastor. Therefore be it

Resolved, That as a Church we hereby express our highest appreciation of the services he so faithfully rendered us, and we hereby commend him to our sister churches in the State without pastoral supply, as a layman fully in accord with all of our great denominational enterprises, full of the Spirit of our Master, who went about doing good, and earnest in the special work his Lord has given him to do. In his discourses he is sound, practical, sensible, forcible, logical, eloquent and spiritual. Possessed with a good delivery and the command of choice language, his services were always interesting, attractive and instructing. Under his ministrations we have had full and appreciative congregations, and we feel that our church at Eutaw has taken on new life, and his labors with us will never be forgotten. May God bless the work of this faithful layman and may he call more laymen like him into his service.

Resolved, Further, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Church and a copy of the same furnished the Alabama Baptist.

Whereas, Brother J. O. Colly has been pastor of this, the West End Baptist Church, for the past two years, laboring with us under all the responsibilities and care of a pastor, at the same time fulfilling the duties of a student at Howard College, and

Whereas, In order to complete his education as a minister of the gospel, Brother Colly has tendered his resignation as pastor of this church, which has been duly and with reluctance accepted.

Resolved, That this church extend to Brother Colly the thanks and kind wishes of all the members of this church for the kind and loving work he has done among us, and that the prayers of all the members of this church go up for him that God may bless him and strengthen him as a minister of the gospel.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and a copy of same be forwarded to Brother Colly.

Done in regular conference, this 6th day of November, 1904.

W. H. Tharpe, Church Clerk.

**Field Notes.**

**Thomasville:** Sixty-eight in Sabbath school today. Our school ranges from sixty to one hundred. Should be two hundred. Many of our middle-aged and old members are graduates in Bible study. Oh, what a sad thing that our people do not work in Sabbath school. Next Sunday comes the "World's Temperance Lesson." May the Lord deliver us from whiskey-drinking Baptists! Our prince of preachers, G. L. Yates, is at Grove Hill, the court house town of Clark county, today. Services at Thomasville, Ala., the second and fourth Sundays, and at Grove Hill the first and third. Rev. R. A. Moody, pastor of Methodist church here, said today in his sermon that Methodists gave more for missions than any other denomination. What about it, Brother Barnett? Lots of our people read the Baptist. God bless the paper in its mighty mission.—Elyod.

**Cullman Association.**—The Cullman Association held its twenty-second annual session with Good Hope Church Oct. 18-20, 1904. The introductory sermon was very ably preached by Brother John D. Tankersley of Vine-mont. The old officers were re-elected, viz: Rev. C. A. Owen, moderator, Rev. J. E. Creel clerk, and Bro. C. W. Whaley, treasurer. The forty-three churches composing the Association were all represented, and three newly constituted churches were received, making our number forty-six. Contributions for Missions and Orphanage were better than any previous year. The missionary sermon was preached by Bro. A. A. Pannell followed by a donation of \$46.00; cash collections during the session amounted to more than \$75.00. The State Board of Missions was represented by Bro. J. W. Sandlin, of Wylam, to know Brother Sandlin is to love him. Other visitors were Rev. Thomas Burrell, of Clear Creek Association, Rev. G. E. Mize, Sunday school evangelist, Rev. Parker, of Marshal Association, Rev. R. F. Wooten of Sulphur Springs Association, Prof. L. L. Heron of Etowah Association, and Brother Chance, of Warrior River Association, all of whom added much to the interest of the meeting. Brethren J. W. Sandlin, Geo. E. Mize and W. H. Absher preached good and able sermons during the session. The Moderator was elected to represent the body in the Southern Baptist Convention and the Clerk as his alternate. The next annual session will be held with Hope-well Church, two miles north of Hanceville, Alabama, beginning on October 17, 1905. Elder A. Adams, of Hanceville, who was a charter member of the Association, and who led the opening prayer at the late session of the body, has gone to live with the Lord. Truly a father in Israel has fallen. May the God of Peace be with the aged companion and children and the numberless friends of our dear Brother Adams, "Uncle Gus," as he was familiarly called, is my prayer.—J. E. Creel, Bangor, Nov. 19, 1904.

**Cottontale:** I have just closed a meeting at Old Buckville Church, and in spite of many hindrances the meeting was a success, as many became alarmed at their fallen condition. I would have remained longer, but was worn out from having held two other meetings. The one at Hesebub resulted in a great revival and eight were added to the Church, six of them being young men. I also assisted Pastor T. L. Walker in a meeting at Pleasant Grove. We had an old time revival. Seven joined. Brother Walker is a good man. I love him and would have loved him more had he not made me do all the preaching. I am going to try and get even with him some day.—J. W. Hosmer.

**Prattville:** This is my fifth year with this church. In 1899 the church reported 163 members. At our last Association we reported 246, and we have received 14 members since the Association met. In 1899 the Church had a pastor for half time. Now she has a pastor for full time. Last year it paid 100 per cent more for missions than in 1899. If you count the rent of pastorium, it is now paying 150 per cent more to pastor's salary than in 1899. What has brought about this change? I attribute it largely to the work of the former pastor, Rev. A. T. Sims. It was due to his untiring energy that the Church erected a nice, comfortable house of worship. He inspired his people to attempt great things for God, and expect great things of God. When their meeting house was completed and paid for and they had a pastor living in town they saw the necessity for a pastorium, and so they went to work and built a nice, comfortable home. Then they said we must have a pastor for full time, and so we are here. We are going to have a big Sunday school rally on the first Sabbath in December. Come down and be with us. I want to show you a most excellent Sunday school. I know that you cannot afford to give up your work since you have been crowned with such wonderful success, else I would be afraid for you to get acquainted with my good people. You would be trying to get my place. Come to the rally or send a substitute.—A. J. Preston.

A very pretty wedding took place in Isney Tuesday morning, November 22. Dr. William A. Thompson and Miss Lillie Mae Mason were married at the Baptist Church at nine o'clock. The church was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums with an evergreen foliage for background for the banks of flowers. The train of attendants followed by the bride and groom came in, in solemn procession as the sweet strains of Mendelssohn wedding march was played by Mrs. Courtney Mason. Rev. H. M. Mason performed the ceremony in his solemn divinely impressive style characteristic of him. The bride was married in travelling dress, an exquisite tailor suit of brown broadcloth. The bridal party returned to the home of the bride's father and enjoyed a handsome reception and few moments with the happy couple, who left immediately after the ceremony for Bon Se-

cour, Ala., the home of Dr. Thompson. **First Baptist Church, Providence, Fla., Nov. 13, 1904.**—To Whom it May Concern: This it to certify that Rev. D. L. James has served our church faithfully this year, and as he will soon move back to Alabama to serve churches there, we hereby recommend him to the brotherhood wherever he goes, and wish him much success. Done in Conference, and signed by order of same, on the above date.—A. C. Odom, Moderator, C. C. Odom, Clerk.

**A SAD RESIGNATION.**

On Thursday, Oct. 13, 1904, the longest, most pleasant and most profitable pastorate that it has ever been the privilege of the East Florence Baptist Church to experience, was ended by the resignation of Joe W. Vesey.

About three and one-half years ago he was called to this pastorate when he was practically unknown to us, but as each succeeding year rolled by he was buried more deeply in our affections.

When Brother Vesey came to us the Church consisted of 87 members, and now we number 203, a net gain of 136. When he came the annual expenditures of the Church did not exceed \$300. Now they are much more than double that amount. Then we had an unfinished frame building for a church house and no pastorium. Now, after he has labored with us three and one-half years we have the nicest and best church building in East Florence and a nice and comfortable cottage for a pastor's home. Our Church and town, yes, our whole community, has been wonderfully benefited by his coming in our midst. We thank God for his pastorate with us, and while we deplore the fact that he has left us, we most heartily and cheerfully commend him to any field he may go as a wise, prudent, conservative, yet firm and Godly pastor, an able preacher and helpful citizen.

As a token of our esteem, we spread a copy of this on our Church record, send a copy to Brother Vesey, and also a copy to our paper, the Alabama Baptist, for publication.

Done by order of the Church in conference assembled.

M. L. Mitchell, Logan Mitchell, G. S. Daily, Committee.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

I wish to commend the Home and State Boards for their kind aid to Park Avenue Baptist Church. The Home Board, of which Dr. B. D. Gray is Secretary, assisted us with \$500.00 on our church indebtedness. The State Board, of which Dr. W. B. Crumpton is Secretary, gave \$300.00 as a supplement to our pastor, Rev. E. Lee Smith's, salary.

In behalf of the church membership, I wish to thank these Boards for their kind Christian-hearted assistance to us.—A. J. Payne, Church Clerk.

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## CLOSE THE DAY WITH PRAYER.

Mrs. Robert Louis Stevenson says: "In every Samoan household the day is closed with prayer and the singing of hymns. The omission of this sacred duty would indicate not only a lack of religious training in the house chief, but a shameless disregard for all that is reputable in Samoan social life."

And yet many heads of Christian homes in Alabama fail to start or close the day with prayer. It is a pretty picture we get of Stevenson the gifted author, who felt the necessity of including his retainers in his evening devotions, for when evening fell, the couch was sounded from the porch, and the Samoans employed on the place trooped in and took their places in a semi-circle beneath a great lamp that hung from the ceiling. A chapter was read from the Samoan Bible, and Mr. Stevenson followed it with a prayer in English.

## GO AFTER IT.

A few years back—when practicing law here a claim from Chicago was sent for collection and we were told in red ink not to sit around the office waiting for the debtor to drop in and pay it, but get out and run him down. All of which reminds us of the old sayings, "If you don't see what you want, ask for it," or "The early bird catches the worm," or a la Sam Jones, "git up and git."

"The man who whispers down a well,  
About the goods he has to sell,  
Won't reap the gleaming, golden dollars;  
Like one who climbs a tree and hollers."

We heard of a case in Washington City of a man who said "he didn't want an office unless his country called him," but a Senator satirically remarked that "he noticed the indifferent candidate was hanging close to the phone ready to answer the first ring."

President Roosevelt recently gave a friend an account of one of the most remarkable letters he has ever received. He said: "It arrived on the morning the first full accounts of the Martinique disaster were printed in the newspapers. The writer said he saw that the American consul at Martinique had been burned to death. He applied for the place, and wound up with this sentence: 'I make this early application so as to get in ahead of those loathsome creatures, the office-seekers.'"

But for real downright enterprise we commend the following from Harper's Weekly: "An Irishman who had been out of a job many weeks found in the river that flowed through his town the body of the keeper of the railroad

drawbridge. He immediately betook himself to the superintendent of the division and applied for the vacated job, saying that he had seen the body of the former keeper in the river. 'Sorry,' said the superintendent, briefly; 'the place has been filled. We gave it to the man who saw him fall in.'"

## THE MEANEST MAN LOCATED.

We have been trying to locate the meanest man on earth. We believe we have found him. Here he is: He marries some good woman who is a member of a church other than his own. Then he gets indifferent about religion and quits going to church. Without saying so he makes her feel that it is because of the difference between them and that he would do better if they were together. This keeps up till his warm hearted Christian wife fears he is going to the devil, (which he will do at last) and to save him she sacrifices her convictions and "joins with him." Then the graceless scamp tells how considerate he was of his wife's feelings. "He never discussed their differences, nor even so much as asked her to leave her church for his!" Oh no! Not he! He's an angel. And there are women in the world just like him only they adopt different tactics.

If this sort of humanity did not exist, the old world would lack just that much of being full.

## THE STATE BOARD MEETS.

On the 29th ultimo the State Board of Missions met in the Adams Street Church, Montgomery.

They had before them the problem of making \$15,000.00 do a work that needs \$30,000.00. There are so many communities where new conditions demand immediate help, and so few who see the needs beyond their own neighborhood, that the Board is supplied but poorly with money, and, because of it, must sometimes almost hurt the feelings of anxious brethren who believe their field is the most important of all. It makes one's blood tingle to read of Texas raising \$85,000.00 for State missions, besides vast sums for the other enterprises of her churches. There are more Baptists in the Lone Star State than in Alabama, but the difference is not so vast as our financial figures would indicate. We need deeper convictions of duty, clearer ideas of our destitution, opportunities and real power to meet the situation. We need a holy daring born of a deeper sense of God's power working in, through, and with us. We need to attempt more and greater things.

As great as is the need of money there is one other still greater. It is men. What are we to do about it? We can raise the money, but where are the men to come from? Strong churches there are who cannot secure pastors. Splendid country, communities (the choicest of all pastorates), are without men and who know not where to turn. The Board could locate preacher after preacher in places that would soon become self-supporting if the men could be found. That is, the right sort of men.

Equipped men, consecrated men, men accustomed and able to bear burdens of the heavy kind.

The lazy sort, the place-seeking sort, the sort that does not and will not study, the sincere sort who are true in life yet devoid of common sense and tact, the sort that are Baptists if the Baptists will give them a job and something else if they do not—in short, those who are incompetent either for good reasons or bad, and the selfish who ought to be out entirely, none of these can be of avail.

We may import a few men as we have imported some of our best, but other States likewise can get any pastor in Alabama, for God did not bind His preachers by man drawn boundaries. The fact remains, however, that the churches of any State must depend on its native ministry for supply and to this great problem we must apply our most earnest thought, prayer, and effort.

The Board was a unit in its desire to do a large evangelistic work. It determined to do it—if—if—if—if the money and men could be found. Especially the men.

So brethren of Alabama, here we are with a work to do absolutely tantalizing in its rich promise of immediate fruit—inviting, tempting—needing men and money—and men. Amen!

## THE INEVITABLE.

Being a member of the Commission on work among Negroes this editor has carefully avoided and will avoid any discussion of the matter that will tend to commit him to any particular policy or plan. He, with other members of the Commission, is appointed to gather facts and to help point out duty in view of those facts. To formulate a theory first and then force facts to fit it would lead the Commission or any member of it far astray.

But things may arise as the investigation goes on that the brotherhood ought to consider and so be prepared to meet them. Here is one:

In the varied communications we have had with others on this subject it is apparent that no plan can or will be formulated that will meet the approval of all. Whether one adopts the suggestions of A, B, C, or Z, or combines them all, or selects from all, or whether we wait, or work, or refrain, there will be those who cannot agree, and some we fear will be weak enough to prove the folly of a plan not meeting their views by opposing its operation and thus bringing it to failure if possible.

This is not because the brethren are contrary, but because the problem varies in varying neighborhoods, and never presents itself to all in the same light.

Divergencies of opinion are inevitable, and we call attention to it here, that all feeling of irritation may be guarded against. A philosophical view of the situation, a calm facing of the facts, an earnest discussion of plans and a hearty acceptance of whatever policy the convention may adopt—this much ought to be settled in advance.

Above all let us be wise enough to know that there is and can be no plan to solve the negro problem. Its solution is in the mind of God, and has already reached its final stage in His thought. Indeed, the juxtaposition of the races is a part of the Great Plan whose end and beginning have been with the All Wise from eternity. He will work it out in His own way.

It is no business of ours to solve problems. It is ours to find our duty and do it. And this is a simple task within the reach of every man.

## CRUMPTON OF COURSE.

At the meeting of the State Board of Missions in Montgomery last week, Bro. W. B. Crumpton was re-elected Corresponding Secretary. It was so much a matter of course that the Board almost forgot to make the formal election.

He is God's gift to Alabama. He is wise without the folly of "smart" men. He is conservative but not reactionary. He is aggressive but not foolhardy. When he was made, the Lord placed the level on his head and said "it sets right." And his big heart sets right, too. This writer has often marveled at his cheery hopefulness amid all the shadows that have fallen over his own home, and with all the burdens of every struggling field in Alabama on his heart.

When any of us are in trouble we naturally and instinctively turn to him, and he hears, sympathizes and helps as if he had nothing else of which to think.

How faithful he has been to the old pastors in the State, and what an un-failing friend of every worthy young preacher! And did the churches of any State ever have a truer, safer counsellor?

The soundness of his advice, and the trust with which pastors and people turn to him, have led a few uninformed people to call him the Bishop of Alabama. And he is just as ready and anxious to help those few as if they had never said an unkind word.

His is not the authority born of law, or machinery, or organization, or of position. It is the authority any man may have who in the depths of his soul loves his people and dedicates himself to their service.

The Board granted him a leave of absence for a month's rest, a thing that all who work as hard as he, needs and deserves. To make sure that he takes it, the Board practically ordered him out of the State, and if he does not obey he will subject himself to a vote of censure.

We are due the good Lord heart-felt thanks for our Secretary. And may God bless him!

Is your church a Church of Christ, made up of regenerated men and women who have been obedient to Christ's command, or is it a religious club which is run for the entertainment of those who pay the preacher, the choir, and the sexton?



## THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

### EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

A creed will be corpse-like when men who are spiritually dead frame it.

The Baptists can afford to be called narrow so long as we stand upon the Bible.

If the Church is indifferent to the world the world will be indifferent to the Church.

It has been well said that "a gospel of doubt, preached by doubters, will never win a soul to Christ." We need men with messages from Christ who speak with authority.

The man with a message will get a crowd. The message of Christ will be heard when he speaks for his Master and quits babbling about himself.

A Church in which loving service is the rule will always be a Church in which conversions are taking place. "Let brotherly love continue."

If the Baptists of Alabama would give this year as the Lord has prospered them, all of our missionary enterprises would be strengthened and Howard and Judson would have substantial endowments.

Don't give your child's secular and religious training entirely into the hands of his day and Sunday school teachers. There are certain truths to be taught which only the father and the mother can teach.

If Baptists have no Scriptural warrant for the way in which they observe the ordinances, why is it that the combined scholarship of the world has failed to convict them of error?

If we will take the trouble to sift the matter it will be found that the fathers held some doctrines that were true in spite of the charges of the Higher Critics.

Don't confuse conviction and environment. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and by repentance we make our peace with God. No man was ever saved by his environment.

It is supreme folly to pretend to think that the Creator cannot reveal himself to the creature, that God cannot make himself known to man, that our Heavenly Father cannot speak to his children.

In this free country of ours we dislike to hear preachers dividing people into the "masses" and the "classes." There are only two divisions necessary to be kept in mind. The saved and the unsaved, and they are to be found in the ranks of both.

Rev. James F. Edens will leave for Atlanta, Ga., on Dec. 14th to make it his home. Dr. Edens in his Alabama pastorates has endeared himself to the people by preaching sound Baptist doctrines. May God richly bless "Uncle Jimmy" is our prayer.

Too many preachers are trying to revive dead churches by trying new methods, thinking that by multiplying societies, inaugurating new committees, featuring the music, or special advertising, they can succeed. They forget that Jesus said, "Apart from me ye can do nothing." More of Christ and less of methods is what is needed.

Many preachers are drawing crowds by putting salvation on the "bargain counter." Beware how you cheapen something which was bought at the price of the blood of Christ.

We need to believe in God, not in a half-hearted way, as though He was something outside of our lives, but a Heavenly Father who loves and cares for us and shows his loving kindness day by day.

We believe in Christian scholarship, and rejoice that we have men who are trained in textual, exegetical, archaeological, historical, and scientific research. The Bible can stand any of the above tests.

It will be a sad day in the Baptist ministry when any of its number gets liberal enough to preach universalism.

Daniel Webster once expressed his sincere contempt for the preacher who "took his text from the Bible and his sermon from the newspapers." We once heard a Baptist preacher say at the beginning of a so-called sermon, "we get our text from the Courier-Journal."

M. Wagner, the French Protestant preacher, is doing a good thing by revealing to busy, hustling, overworked, tired Americans, the gospel of "the Simple Life." We spend ourselves for things that are valueless in order that we may shine in the presence of our neighbors.

In order to have as many of our subscriptions as possible expire at the beginning of the year, we will enter all cash subscription to the Alabama Baptist received during the month of December to expire January 1, 1906. This will apply also to all orders for renewals of present subscriptions expiring in December, if renewal order is sent us promptly with remittance.

In a few weeks the merry cry of "Christmas Gift!" will fill the air, and children, friends and servants will be made happy by receiving presents. This is to let our friends know that the Alabama Baptist, always in the lead has a big, empty stocking hanging up in its office. If you want to make the editor's Christmas a happy one just send in your cash renewal, or back dues, and by New Year the stocking will be filled to overflowing.

The coin cards can be used for sending in cash renewals or back dues. If you have already paid in advance try and make some less favored one happy by sending the Alabama Baptist to them during 1905 as a Christmas gift. To show you that we are unselfish, just write the name and enclose \$1.00 in the coin card and we will give the other dollar. Hundreds of rich Baptists who get coin cards ought to be glad to do it. Try it and you will enjoy Christmas week.

Russia is taking endless precautions in watching her Jewish students to prevent them from becoming nihilists, or at least to prevent them from contaminating the pure Russian student with ideas of liberty, self-government and other such horrible and detestable thoughts. The latest measure is a dormitory erected for the Jewish female

medical students of St. Petersburg, where they are compelled to live under the vigilant eye of the police. One need only bear in mind that fully three per cent. of the students are Jews, to be able to appreciate the great efforts which the St. Petersburg secret service is exercising to keep the Jewish medical students under their surveillance.

Jesus "went about doing good," but we spend too much time in trying to impress people with our wisdom, our social status, or our wealth. To be simple doers of good would obscure our brilliant talents and keep us in the shadow too much.

Jesus "went about doing good." He said "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." Oh! if we could but realize that life is too short for sin and that we have at best only a little time in which to work for God.

The Hon. John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, Ga., editor, lecturer, statesman and Christian gentleman, called in last week and heartened us up by saying nice things of the Alabama Baptist and its editor. He knows how to put a young friend on his mettle. Long may he live to give voice to his sentiments through the editorial columns of the Atlanta News, one of the South's most fearless journals.

When a preacher who has had unusual educational advantages and complains because his ministry is fruitless while some brother's without college training is fruitful, it is time for him to learn that he has mistaken learning for religion and that what he needs is to know more of God's thoughts and less of human vagaries, and the aim of Christian culture is likeness to Christ.

When Christians really believe in and appropriate the promises of God they become mighty spiritual forces in the upbuilding of his Kingdom.

It is sad when families are separated and yet in every home loved ones are missing. Sons go out to seek their fortune, and daughters marry. Father and mother sigh because they cannot have their children around them. While we can't always live near the ones we love, it is the privilege of every believer to live close to God.

We have had men to say "We will take your paper but we won't read it, but guess the 'old lady' will." A number of Baptist laymen are trying to serve God by proxy, not only in the question of reading their denominational paper, but in letting their wives answer the roll call at church for them. It is time for our busy Baptist men to take time to realize that "proxies" will not be accepted either in heaven or hell.

A man is not saved by grace on the installment plan. God does not accept a small cash sum and take one's note for the deferred payments, and foreclose if it is unpaid. It has been well said: "It is well to note that the man who is saved 'here and now' is saved for eternity, and that he who is saved for eternity is saved 'here and now.' Salvation by grace is no half-way af-

fair. It is good for this world and it is good for eternity. Anything short of that is good for nothing."

Let us never forget that Christianity was not established for the sake of pleasure, but for redemption. When this is kept constantly in mind more emphasis will be put on saving sinners than in pleasing saints.

Too many preachers are waiting to hear the last word from the Higher Critics in Germany before delivering themselves, instead of trying to know the words of Jesus. Instead of looking towards Germany cast your eyes towards the Holy Land.

Twenty years ago the United States navy was outmatched by the navies of several of the little South American republics. At the present time, excluding Russia and Japan, whose effective naval strength is not accurately known, the United States ranks fourth among the nations of the world; and as soon as the vessels now building are completed, we will have a fighting strength at sea superior to that of every other country save England and France.

Cost of our recent wars and territorial expansion has been in the last eight years twelve hundred millions of dollars, says Edward Atkinson.

It was to be expected that the idea of the much-discussed Subway tavern would spread. Minneapolis is to have the second one, and it will be under the patronage of Rev. G. L. Morrill, pastor of the People's church in that city. A saloon-keeper is now building a new church for Mr. Morrill, and in the same building will be a theatre, the entrance to the two being common, and the saloon will be in the entrance.

Prof. Jas. Denny, of a Scotch college, writing in the London Quarterly Review, condemns the scheme of education for the ministry that requires a knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He thinks that an educated ministry should be required, but that it is a mere superstition that it should proceed only along certain lines. Just as there are varieties in life, he says there should be varieties in the education of ministers. The Church needs men, he argues, who are graduated in history, economics, biology and chemistry, as well as those who have pursued the old lines.

"In vain have I studied the Art  
With abuse to bespatter the foe,  
And shoot it like mud from a cart,  
With the true Ciceronian flow."

The first pastoral year of Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, at Rushton, La., closed November 1st. There were 67 additions to the Church during the year. The gifts to missions increased nearly \$1,100. The Sunday school has outgrown the capacity of the building and they are now undertaking the erection of a house to cost about \$20,000. This is a fine work. We congratulate Brother Quisenberry upon it. We have never been satisfied, however, to have him out of the State, and hope to get him back sometime.—Baptist and Reflector.

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J. R. Lowell.

## ELMWOOD—THE LIFELONG HOME OF LOWELL.

By James Melvin Lee.

It has been said that it adds much to the interest of living in any place if famous authors have walked its streets, loved its highways and byways, and written of its elms and willows, and that for this reason Cambridge, Mass., is a most interesting place to live in because the poetry of Lowell, Longfellow, and Holmes has touched with the light of genius some of its streets.

Of all men of letters who have lived there it is safe to say that none have loved Cambridge more than James Russell Lowell. In all probability the reason is because there was not only his birthplace, but also his lifelong home. The house in which Lowell was born and lived has an interesting history. It is one of those which formed what is known as "Tory Row" during the early days of the Revolution. Before hostilities broke out it was occupied by Thomas Oliver, the last one of the lieutenant governors of Massachusetts. It was in this house that Oliver signed the resignation demanded of him by a crowd of minute-men in 1774, but on it he wrote: "My house in Cambridge being surrounded by five thousand people, in compliance with their demand, I sign my name."

Later Oliver sailed for England and the mansion was confiscated by the State. After the battle of Bunker Hill it was used as a hospital for the wounded; those who died there were buried in the field near by. After the war was over, the estate was purchased by Elbridge Gerry, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. From his widow it was purchased by Lowell's father, Rev. Charles Lowell, in 1817.

The house is built of wood, is three stories in height, and stands well back from the road. It is often shut out from the view of the passer-by by the high lilac hedges and tall elm trees. Because of the abundance of the latter Lowell gave the place the name of



Lowell's Study at Elmwood.

elmwood. Of these trees Lowell was especially fond. Upon his return from a long stay in foreign lands, and after mentioning the numerous changes around Elmwood, he said of the elms: "The old English elms in front of my house haven't changed. A trifle thicker in the waist, perhaps, as is the wont of prosperous elders, but looking just as I first saw them, seventy years ago, and it is balm to my eyes."

To one who reads Lowell's "Indian Summer Reverie" there appears a beautiful picture of Elmwood and its environs as it was in the poet's time:

"Flow on, dear river! not alone you flow

To outward sight, and through your marshes wind;

Fed from the mystic springs of long-ago,

Your twin flows silent through my world of mind:

Grow dim, dear marshes, in the evening's gray,

Before my inner sight ye stretch away.

And will forever, though these fleshy eyes grow blind."

Speaking of the old village blacksmith, Lowell continues:

"How many times, prouder than king on throne,

Loosed from the village school-dame's A's and B's,

Panting have I the creaking bellows blown,

And watched the pent volcano's red increase."

In the spacious grounds which surround the house at Elmwood the youthful Lowell was wont to gather his companions, but instead of playing the usual games of boyhood he told them stories. Little did those young listeners think that their story-teller was destined later to become America's greatest literary critic.

Lowell, in his later years, took much delight in sitting before the fireplace in the library. In one of his poems he says:

"The wind is roistering out of doors, My windows shake and my chimney roars;

My Elmwood chimneys seem crooning to me,

As of old, in their moody, minor key, And out of the past the hoarse wind blows,

As I sit in my arm-chair, and toast my toes.

"Ho! ho! nine-and-forty, they seem to sing,

'We saw you a little, toddling thing. We knew you child and youth and man,

A wonderful fellow to dream and plan, With the great thing always to come—who knows!

Well, well! 'tis some comfort to toast one's toes."

The place, as is so often the case, has not changed much in recent years. It was beautiful in Lowell's day but it is just as beautiful today. Then, too, there is the additional charm cast over the place by the writings of Lowell for most of his poetry there and some of his best verse refers to Elmwood.

It is especially fitting that Lowell should be buried in Mount Auburn Cemetery, which is not far from the home he loved so well.—Four Track News.

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Estate of Z. R. Day, Deceased.

This day came Hattie M. Day, executrix of the estate of Z. R. Day, deceased, and filed her account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 23rd day of December, 1904, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.

**Children's Corner.**

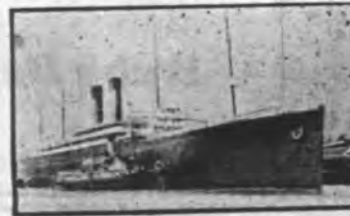


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THE WORLD'S PROGRESS.

The new White Star liner, "Baltic," which made its first voyage from Liverpool to New York this summer, is the largest ship ever built. Although the monster is not intended to break any speed records, its great size makes it impossible for the stormiest weather to seriously interfere with the schedule, and the comfort, convenience and safety of its passengers are matters of first consideration.

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And weigh the various qualities of men,  
Seeing how most are fugitive,  
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The more we feel the high stern-featured beauty  
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In work done squarely and unwasted days."

**REV. H. T. CRUMPTON HAS RE-SIGNED.**

Rev. H. T. Crumpton, the popular pastor of the local Baptist Church, who has so ably filled the pulpit of that church during the past year, has decided not to accept the second call—his time having expired, or will expire December 1st, which will be unwelcome news, indeed, to his many friends here.

Mr. Crumpton will leave Uniontown in a few days, accompanied by his wife and child, but as yet he is undecided as to where he will go.

Had the trustees been able to secure him a manse it is generally believed by his friends that Rev. Mr. Crumpton would have remained in charge of the Baptist Church at least another year, and probably indefinitely, as he is an able minister and gifted orator, and never fails to attract large congregations—the membership of his Church having increased materially during his pastorate, and all regret to learn of his early contemplated departure.—Cane-Brake Herald.

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**Order of Publication.**

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

Virgil Pearson Complainant vs Arthie Pearson, Defendant.

In this cause it being made to appear to the Judge of this Court in term time by the affidavit of J. M. Russell, Solicitor for Complainant, that the Defendant, Arthie Pearson is a non-resident of the State of Alabama, particular place of residence being unknown and farther, that, in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her the said Arthie Pearson to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 19th day of December, 1904, or after thirty days therefrom a Decree Pro Confesso may be taken against her.

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Report of Ministerial Class, Howard College: Pasor J. N. Vandiver preached morning and evening at Parker Memorial. J. O. Colley supplied for L. T. Reeves at Cullman. J. A. Beale preached at Station A, Southside, morning and evening. W. A. Darden preached at his regular appointment at Shilo, Coosa county. J. W. Partridge had good services at Wahouma, where he preaches half time.—J. W. Partridge.

Reform: The protracted meeting season in this section is over and we feel profoundly grateful for the great blessings which we have received from His bounty during the past Association year, and now we are planning for greater things in His vineyard next year and expecting greater things from Him. Elder H. M. Long, the pastor at Carrollton, assisted me in two of my meetings, Mineral Springs and Trinity, which resulted in eight accessions, six by experience and baptism and two by letter. Brother Long is a strong preacher and condemns sin in every form. We regret very much that he has tendered his resignation here to take effect the first of January, 1905. He has done a great work in this Association, and some good church or group of churches would do well in calling him. The writer was aided at Cross Roads by Rev. A. T. Camp, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Columbus, Miss., who gave us a fine series of sermons. Here we had six additions, four by baptism, and two by restoration. These churches remembered these brethren in a material way. At Shiloh we had a good meeting, but only one accession to the Church. The Lord continue to bless the Baptist, which should visit every Baptist home in Alabama. I am glad to note the wonderful improvement in the Alabama Baptist.—G. W. Kerr.

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Each committee held separate meetings and also met jointly. There were present L. A. Crandall, D. D., of Minneapolis; B. D. Gray, D. D., of Atlanta; R. J. Willingham, D. D., of Richmond, Va.; Lansing Burroughs, D. D., of Nashville; Mr. J. S. Dickerson and Walter Calley, D. D., of Chicago; S. B. Meeser, D. D., of Detroit; E. M. Thresher, of Dayton, O.; D. T. Denman, D. D., of Milwaukee; Rev. C. V. Edwards, of New Orleans; D. G. Garbrant, of Bloomfield, N. J.; Hon. E. W. Stephens, of Columbia, Mo.; J. N. Prestridge, D. D., E. Y. Mullins, D. D., Carter Helm Jones, D. D., and B. A. Dawes, D. D., of Louisville.

The joint committee organized and elected L. A. Crandall, D. D., chairman, and J. N. Prestridge, D. D., secretary. The outline of the tentative program was received from the English Committee. In compliance with the request of these brethren some suggestions were offered from the American point of view. The committee also transacted other important business. The program bids fair to be of great interest. The topics are timely and vital in character, and comprehensive in their scope. The speakers will be the foremost Baptist thinkers of the world. The World Baptist Congress will be a memorable and historic gathering.

There is much enthusiasm concerning the Congress, especially in the South. Not the least among the attractions is the good fellowship of a host of Baptists from every quarter of the globe. The thought of being one of such a company is already stirring many hearts. Mr. John H. Eager, who has been elected transportation leader by the Northern and Southern committees, proposes to make the voyage across the sea minister to this end, as well as the convention itself. He is planning to take a large company on a single ship and smaller companies on a number of other vessels. Mr. Eager is a Baptist and has experience as a conductor of trans-atlantic parties. Most advantageous arrangements can be made with him, either by those going in company with others or those who expect to travel alone. He may be addressed at 1523 McCulloh St., Baltimore, Md.

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STATE BOARD.

The State Board of Missions of the Baptist Church of Alabama met in Montgomery November 30 in annual session and made appropriations for various needy charges throughout the State. Seventeen of the twenty-two members were present.

The board immediately went into the appropriation of funds for the assistance of various needy churches, which had applied to the board for assistance. Fifteen thousand dollars was set aside for this work and the following churches and fields were assisted: High schools at Scottsboro and Healing Springs, Athens; churches at Dallas Avenue, Merrimac and West Huntsville, Alabama City, East Florence, Greensboro, West End, Montgomery, Mill Church, Talladega; Gurley, Southside, Montgomery; Second Church, Selma; Montevallo, Decatur, Pell City, Auburn, Stout's Mountain Mines, East Tallassee, Swedish Church, Baldwin county; Country Field, Lowndes county; Colporter, Lauderdale county; work in Marshall county, fields in Clarke county, Five Points, Chambers county; Two Points, Coffee county; work in Walker county, First Church, Anniston; Hackneyville, Tallapoosa county; country field north of Birmingham; Pollard, Newton school.

The Birmingham District. The Birmingham District applied for an appropriation of \$3,000, nearly all of which was granted. A liberal appropriation was made to the Woman's Home Missionary Society and to the Baptist University for negroes at Selma.

Numerous applications of needy charges were referred to the several local boards to be acted upon later. Several of the county fields have as yet put in no application but they will be assisted at a later date.

After the meeting yesterday the appropriations for missions alone amounted to \$37,143. Last year the appropriation was \$42,500. Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the State Board, thinks that when all the appropriations are given out, this year's will largely exceed those of last year.—News.

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**OUR B. Y. P. U. FRIENDS.**

My dear friends, have you read Dr. Montague's earnest appeal for Howard College in this paper under date of November 23? If not permit me to earnestly request that you do so now before going farther. Living, as I do, in the very shadow of the college, and being in so close touch with Dr. Montague and the faculty, I can, no doubt, more fully appreciate the ardentness of this appeal for your assistance. Perhaps you, like the great majority of us, have not large sums to give, but dear brother, dear sister, had it occurred to you that you can help! Twenty-five cents, yea even ten cents from every B. Y. P. U. member in the State would work wonders. Is there one among our number who would be glad to contribute something but who cannot afford to give ten cents? If so send me your name and address and I will see that your offering is made with the privilege of repaying the amount any time within the next twelve months.

At our Convention which met at Huntsville last April you did me the honor to make me chairman of your committee appointed to raise funds with which to redeem our pledge made on the Howard Dormitory. Won't you now do me the honor and kindness to assist to the extent of doing your part? Your committee has mailed numbers upon numbers of letters to our members and friends, and—ah well! I'm ashamed to tell you just how few replies we have received. Now my dear friends (pardon me for saying it, I would not intentionally wound your feelings) we feel that we are entitled to a response from you, whether that response contains any money or not. Of course you had not thought of it, but the fact is that a letter stating you are unable to give anything sometimes does more good than a contribution. Write us and make suggestions—we confess our inability. I'm sure you won't mind helping this much, so lets have lots of letters at once. Don't put it off, you might overlook it, but go right now and write us, and let us feel the warmth and inspiration of your interest and co-operation.

Previously I have called attention to the pledge made by our organization to the College. Permit me to now add that if age commands respect this pledge certainly should. At our Convention held at East Lake in 1903 (nearly two years ago) we voted (if you failed to vote you are to blame, as silence gives consent) to give \$1,000 to the Howard Dormitory Fund. Again at our Convention held at Huntsville this year we acknowledged this obligation and signified our determination to pay it. Our plan, as adopted, was to pay \$500 this year and the remaining \$500 next year. Were you aware of the fact that although nearly eight months have elapsed since that date, less than five per cent. has been paid? Brother, this don't pay interest. The College authorities are having to pay

eight per cent. interest on the money we promised to give them.

Now I'm sure we would one and all be glad to dispose of this matter. The way to do it is to send your committee your part at once. We leave you to decide how much you can afford to give. If it is only five cents, send that, and I assure you your Committee and the College will be as grateful as if you had contributed five dollars out of your plenty. In the best spirit let me call your attention to the fact that you appointed this Committee and instructed us to insistently and urgently bring this matter before you. It is our purpose to do this. In a short time now we will appear before you in Convention to make our report—it is for you to determine what that report shall be.

To tell you of the excellent work being done by our College, of the young men who are being trained for lives of usefulness and good citizenship, would require hours. To tell you of her needs would perhaps require greater time. Each Sunday the influence of our beloved College is felt in some of the most destitute parts of the State. Do you believe in missions? Then truly no enterprise more strongly commends your assistance. Do you believe in the preaching of the Gospel at home and abroad? Then give to Howard College. Do you believe in Christian education? Then help to make possible our own institution which each year is sending forth men who stand in the foremost ranks. H. B. Wood.

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