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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Baptists have begun to build their new church house at East Thomas. Brother Swanzy is doing a fine work out there.

We are glad to know that Rev. James D. Ray of Selma, is recovering from an operation and feels that he will now have perfect health.

Rev. F. H. Watkins, the pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church on the North Highlands, has received twenty-three in a series of meetings now going on.

A college professor in Canada has been arrested for ballot-box stuffing and confessed his guilt. He was the means of introducing trick ballot-boxes from the United States, which were made in Watertown, N. Y.

Cuba.—I go first of January, 1905, to Cleveland, Miss. I have just returned from a very happy visit to see my mother in Missouri and had the pleasure of meeting many friends of other years.—B. L. Mitchell.

Rev. O. A. Bamber, pastor of the 27th Street Church, on the Southside, received three candidates for baptism at the regular Thursday evening service. The congregation is now worshipping in the Trinity Methodist Church through the courtesy of Brother Patterson, the pastor.

The Anniston Hot Blast in commenting on Brother Hutto's resignation among other things said: "He is widely known and is popular everywhere he is known. Everyone will regret that he has decided to leave this city but wish for him success in his new field."

We acknowledge with pleasure the following invitation and wish Brother and Sister Brewer many more years of married bliss. "Golden Wedding—Mr. and Mrs. George Brewer at home, Tuesday, December twentieth, from seven to twelve o'clock, Notasulga, Ala.—Laura A. Suttle, George E. Brewer."

Rev. B. F. Hughes of Morris, called at the office and reported the burning of Hopewell Baptist Church. There was no insurance. The membership is unable to rebuild. Anyone wishing to aid will please forward their contributions to M. R. Marsh, church clerk, Pinson, R F D No 2.

On Dec. 4, 1904, a cable message was received in Richmond, Va., telling of the death of Rev. J. E. Hamilton of Para, Brazil, from yellow fever. Brother Hamilton leaves a wife and three little children. He was a Louisianian by birth, and went to Brazil in 1899. He was an excellent missionary, and his death will be a great loss to the cause. May God call several to take his place in the rapidly developing work in the Amazon Valley.



REV. R. A. J. CUMBER.
A Beloved Preacher and Pastor, Who has Baptized More than Four Thousand Men, Women and Children.

Important Notice.

We are at work revising our subscription lists, which means that some who have taken the paper for several years without paying us for it are going to get mad because they are dropped.

This will affect many good friends of the Alabama Baptist who are delinquent only because they have forgotten or neglected to pay for a renewal. Our policy heretofore has been to carry such subscription, trusting our field agents and to repeated billing to collect our dues. The present arrangement tends to negligence on the one hand and poverty on the other.

We are ambitious for the Alabama Baptist and we have come to feel that we would rather print a better paper for the smaller number who will gladly and promptly pay for it than double as many, not so good, for those who do not pay. But the real, ugly, controlling fact of it is, that we can't afford to continue advancing so large a sum as it requires to publish hundreds of papers for those who do not think enough of themselves or of us to make any effort to pay up.

We shall be more than happy to retain those who have fallen in arrears if immediately on reading this notice they will forward the amount shown by the label of this paper to be due, or if there is anything wrong or if you think so, or if there is anything you do not understand, write us, we will cheerfully give your request prompt attention. We are more concerned than any individual subscriber could be, to have everything precisely right.

TO PROTECT NEWSPAPERS.

The following is a synopsis of a ruling of the United States supreme court in important cases regarding newspaper subscription:

1. Subscribers who do not give express notice to the contrary are considered as wishing to renew their subscriptions.

2. If subscribers order the discontinuance of their periodicals, the publishers may continue to send them until arrearages are paid.

3. If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their periodicals from the post-office to which they are directed they are responsible until after they have settled their bills and ordered their papers discontinued.

4. If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher and the papers are sent to the former address, subscribers are held responsible.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take periodicals from the office or removing and leaving them uncollected for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

6. If subscribers pay in advance they are bound to give notice at the end of that time if they do not wish to continue taking it, otherwise the publisher is authorized to send it and the subscriber is responsible until an express notice with payment and all arrearages are sent to the publisher.

7. The latest postal laws are such, a newspaper publisher can arrest any one for fraud who takes a paper and refuses to pay for it. Under the law the man who allows his subscription to run along for some time unpaid and then orders the postmaster to mark it "refused" and have a postal card sent notifying the publisher, leaves himself liable to arrest and fine, the same as for theft.—Ex.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

At eleven a. m., December 4th, at Compton Hill Baptist Church, Rev. R. T. Wear preached for Rev. Wallace Wear. Bro. R. T. Wear is from North Alabama, and has been in the ministry for more than thirty years. The most remarkable incident in his ministerial life as pastor is perhaps the fact that he is pastor of the first church to which he was called in the beginning of his work.

The church at Elyton sometime ago called Rev. Wallace Wear as pastor. Brother Wear has been preaching there one half of his time since that time, but finding the work of such a nature as to demand a man on the field he refused to accept the call, and on Dec. 11th, p. m., the church called Rev. Mr. Stovall as pastor. We believe that under God he can do a great work at Elyton.

Rev. J. R. G. White is now on the field at Camden and will preach at Camden, Rockwest, Black's Bluff, Gullett's Bluff, Pleasant Grove and Enon. All of his time is taken. He is a valuable acquisition to that portion of the State. We are glad to know that he and Bro. P. M. Jones will be neighbors. The brethren can count on this pair of Godly consecrated young men.

Rev. P. M. Jones, who has been called to Pine Apple for half of his time, has two Sundays open for churches in that part of the State. Brother Jones has a big heart in a big body and it always beats true to its Saviour. He is a man who can always be depended upon. He is a strong and fearless preacher and stands for Baptist doctrines without compromise.

Rev. A. J. Moncrief, who goes from Union Springs to Brunswick, carries with him the love, not only of his own church, but the entire State. For although in Alabama only a few years he had won a secure place for himself in the hearts of the Baptists and by his support of all of our State denominational enterprises manifested a spirit of co-operation that was highly appreciated by those who were bearing the burden of the work. May the Lord bless him in his new field.

Rev. P. T. Hale, D.D., President of the Southwestern Baptist University located at Jackson, Tenn., was in the office Saturday looking younger than ever and reported over 200 in College and nearly \$50,000 in sight for the endowment. Dr. Hale has many warm friends in the Birmingham District.

We congratulate Editor Bailey on the last issue of the Biblical Recorder. He has the happy knack of getting out a snappy, helpful, and readable religious paper.

Our Sermon.

THE SINNER'S DESTINY.

J. W. O'Hara.

A sermon preached at Clayton Street Baptist Church.

"But the destruction of the transgressors and the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed." Isa. 1: 28.

Isaiah begins his prophecy with a recital of the sins of Israel. These sins call for punishment, and it is this subject that claims the prophet's attention. The innocent are to be spared, but the guilty are to suffer greatly. Jerusalem being the center of the nation was to share worse than other sections. The reformation was to be so complete that the city of blood was to become a city of righteousness. It is concerning the punishment and destiny of the corrupt law breakers that we desire to study tonight. Looking at the whole as a progressive execution, increased by added sin, there are two general thoughts, (1) The Signs Along the Way, and (2) The End of the Journey. As to

I. The Signs Along the Way, we note the following:

1. Carelessness and indifference. There is scarcely any question but that these two sins have more greatly influenced men than any other. The tendency of the age is to treat with indifference sacred and religious matters. Men and boys look upon these elements as belonging to women and small children. As to what has produced this, it is not my province to state here, but to declare that it is a road that is fraught with danger. Prov. 14: 12, "There is a way that seemeth to be right unto man, but the end thereof is sure death." Many today are traveling that way because of indifference. Carelessness has prevented them from thinking with seriousness about salvation and hence the tendency is slowly but surely downward. The preacher says, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth and walk in the ways of thine heart and in the sight of thine eyes, but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment." The indifferent now will have then to stand side by side with the gross violators of God's law and answer. A moment's delay now may mean death then. A ship's crew was wrecked. The captain and his wife had sought refuge on a high rock. Boats could not reach them so lines were thrown. It was arranged for the wife to leap as the wave reached its summit. She tarried a moment and then leaped only to be mangled on the rocks. The captain leaped into the next wave at its highest and was rescued alive. A moment means much, either death or life. Which will you make it tonight, sinner?

2. Another sign on the way is underestimation of the enormity of sin. One says "I am not such a great sinner." Another exonerates her children

and says, "They are good children, only they do not belong to the church." Mother, dear friend, it is not according to your measure of sin that you are to be judged, but God's. Hear His word from Hab. 1: 13, "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil and thou canst not look on iniquity." Any sin, every and all sin is heinous in his eyes. Your distance from him amounts to rejection, the chief of sins. Your sin has made you guilty of breaking all the commandments, and your righteousness will not appease the anger of God. The rich young man thought to depend upon that. He claimed to have kept the commandments. He was not a murderer, nor a thief, nor an adulterer, nor a false swearer, nor dishonoring to his parents. What more could you ask? "Go," says Jesus, "and sell all thou hast and give it to the poor." And "he went away sorrowful." Well might he grieve. Covetousness was gnawing at his very vitals and he treated it as of no consequence. Sinner, what sin gnaws at your life tonight? Are you aware of its enormity, consequently its danger? The arctic explorer, benumbed and chilled lays down to sleep as he thinks, but really to freeze to death. Justifiable is the lash which enrages and stirs to action, for it saves. Friend, I speak God's word with plainness tonight with the hope that it will arouse you to action and result in your salvation.

3. Another sign of a certain end is forgetfulness of God, sometimes utter forgetfulness. Truly is it a sad condition when there is no place for God in one's mind or heart. Yet the cares of the world, the lust of the flesh, and lust of the eye and the vainglory of life have contrived and conspired to rob men of their souls. In Romans 1: 28 there is a record where "they refused to have God in their knowledge, wherefore God gave them over to uncleanness and to do those things which are not fitting." The beginning of their degradation was leaving God out of the count. The beginning of the downfall of Israel was the incipency of idolatry. The annals of history record the rise and fall of kingdoms and in each case the fall was due to overmuch sin. Dear friend, do not allow your impending danger to be precipitated by forgetfulness of God.

We approach now—

II. The end of the way. Dark and appalling are its features. The signs along the way have clearly told us that punishment must ensue. We begin to understand its fearfulness and terror in (1) the breaking or crushing of the transgressor and sinner. A soul has rebelled against God. A life is in insubordination to him. The hand of Justice begins to fall to drive the soul back to its creator. It is to be for better or worse,—better if the bruising produces a godly sorrow unto repentance; otherwise a sever of death. How the soul once strong, now feels its weakness; powerless it is in powerful hands. But "the Lord knoweth to deliver the godly out of temptation and to keep the unrighteous under punishment

unto the day of judgment." 2 Pet. 2: 9. The soul experiences a continuous pressing and breaking until the dawn of the day when worse things are to begin. The Savior in Matt. 21: 44 gives us a vivid picture of how terrible it is to fall against the Son of God. "And he that falleth upon this stone shall be broken to pieces, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust. Daniel in his prophecy (Dan. 2: 33-35, 44) contrasts the world powers with the kingdom of the Lord,—his to finally triumph—"And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed, nor shall sovereignty be left to another people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever." The Lord is breaking not only kingdoms, but also individuals. The irresistible power of an unseen force is breaking the ungodly, preparatory for acceptance of the Lord or entering into the place of eternal burning. A minister in Kentucky who has done great service in Alabama tells of a man, Jim Hale, in Southwestern Kentucky, who vowed he would go to hell and carry 50 young men with him. He sat one night on the third seat. The next he was on the second with defiance written on his face. The man of God refused to preach until the man was converted or left the house. A chain prayer was offered. He refused to accept Christ. The preacher then prayed earnestly. While praying the man left the house cursing. The next day he was riding his black charger into stores and offices and dashed out upon the race track. Though he had ridden it many times, this time as his demonized horse passed under an over hanging limb, his head was crushed in the wild leap and his life ebbed away. Terrible is such a judgment; but it was only the breaking for the burning.

2. The last terrible fact is the consumption at the end. The text says "the sinner shall be consumed." The question arises, how? In Mal. 4: 1 the answer—"For behold the day cometh, it burneth as a furnace and all the proud and all that work wickedness shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." Again Rev. 20: 15, "If any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast in the lake of fire." Frequently in God's word is the figure of burning in a lake of fire and brimstone. Some say this is only figurative, but if a figure the reality is more severe than the figure. In that last day shall be heard the voice of the great Judge proclaiming "Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels," and "these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Oh, it will be a terrible day when the transgressors have been broken and sinners are being consumed! There shall be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth when each "shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in

the cup of his anger, and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb."

Sinners your separation from God is far enough. It already entails great loss. Suffering added makes it well nigh unbearable. Turn tonight. Incline your steps toward heaven and rest on the mountain of God rather than in the valley of slaughter and death. May the Lord have mercy and spare tonight. Amen.

A PLEASANT WELCOME SERVICE.

At East Birmingham Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, the 4th of December, a delightful service was held to welcome our beloved Pastor, Brother Joe W. Vesey and his family to our city, and to install him in his new work as pastor. The following ministers took part in the service. Our State Secretary, Rev. W. B. Orumpton, acted as chairman. Rev. L. M. Bradley read a Scripture lesson from Timothy. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Gable. Rev. J. M. Shelbourn addressed the deacons, Rev. W. S. Brown addressed the church, and Rev. J. A. Hendricks addressed the Sunday school. Response in behalf of the Church, Deacon W. D. McMullen; in behalf of the deacons, Deacon R. A. Duncan; in behalf of the Sunday school, Supt. W. L. Deal. The speeches were of a high order, interesting and instructive, and listened to attentively by the large audience assembled on the occasion. In a happy response from Brother Vesey he expressed his appreciation to speakers for their hearty welcome. We predict a great future for our church under the leadership of so Godly a man as Bro. Vesey, and his consecrated wife. Bro. J. D. Benson dismissed us with prayer, invoking God's blessings on the visiting brethren, the Church, and pastor.

A Member.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

The ministerial students preached at the following places Sunday, Dec. 4th, 1904: W. A. Darden preached for J. A. Beal at Station A, Birmingham. W. W. Smith preached at Tuxedo Park Sunday morning. W. R. Adams occupied his pulpit at Green Springs Sunday morning. Text, Gal. 6: 9. O. P. Langston filled his regular appointment at Six Mile. Pastor J. A. Beal reports one hundred in Sunday school at Station A. Pastor Fox Parker reports a good day with his church at Gate City. J. W. Partridge filled his regular appointment at Calera. W. P. Wilks preached at both hours at Gamble mines, his new work. The writer occupied both hours at Powderly, his regular work.

L. O. DeWitt, Cor. Sec.

SKIN PARASITES.

Live and multiply in the skin of the sufferer from Tetter, Itch, Ring Worm and similar skin diseases. It is horrible for one to be fed upon in this manner. Fortunately the sufferer is no longer helpless. One box of Tetterine will destroy the germs and restore the skin to a perfectly healthy condition. Physicians prescribe and druggists endorse it. If you have a friend suffering from such troubles tell him of Tetterine. 50 cents at druggists or by mail from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.



Palo Alto Means Tall Tree.

PALO ALTO.

Frank Willis Barnett.

Eleven years ago, when Stanford University was first founded, Palo Alto was but a flag station of the Southern Pacific. With the university came a sudden growth; students and their families and people who wished to live near a university, were among the first settlers. But the attractions of the place as a residence section soon became known; moreover, the prohibition clause placed in the deed of foundation proved a strong drawing card.



Cactus Groves in University Grounds.

The population of Palo Alto and the University is not only notably moral,

but is possessed of a marked religious tendency. Nearly every religious denomination is represented in the city, and along with an unusual religious zeal goes broad-mindedness and the spirit of true Christian helpfulness.

A Glorious Climate.

It is warmed by sunny rays that are tempered by gentle breezes wafted from the surface of the great and slumbering Pacific Ocean, but three miles away, on one hand, the university a mile on the other. It is two or three miles to the first dip of the dun foothills, and ten by trail to the very summit of the picturesque Santa Cruz Mountains. Palo Alto is surrounded by picturesque and inspiring scenery, traversed by broad, smooth avenues embowered by the arching branches of magnificent oak trees. ALL enjoy these gifts of nature. The cottage of the man of small competence is transformed into the rich abode as is the mansion of the millionaire by the entwining of the same rose and varying shades of evergreen that make the town one broad, expansive park.



North Arcade, University Building.

Palo Alto is laid out parallel with the Southern Pacific Railroad, with streets and avenues which are named for noted authors or characters famous in literature.

Thunder and Lightning.

But it is impossible to describe the beautiful little town. The only way to realize it is to step off the car and sit for awhile beneath the shade of the great oaks in the heart of the place and let the sunshine trickle into your system until you feel as lazy as a sleeping negro in a fence corner on a spring day. The clearness of the atmosphere is almost intoxicating. It is said that two or three times during the past ten years thunder has been heard in the distance, but only once near by on November 7, 1900. It is the ideal spot for those who seek to hide beneath the bed or bury themselves in a closet while the equinox is brewing or a tropical storm is lowering.



Museum of University

About Universities.

I think I know something at least about the outside of universities as I have attended lectures at quite a few in this country and abroad, but confess that I was unprepared to appreciate the beauty of the Leland Stanford and its surroundings. It has Chicago, Columbia, Yale, Harvard, Vienna, Berlin, Heidelberg and the college of France and scores of others that I have seen out classed. It is worth a trip across the continent to see it.



A Section of University Buildings.

Leland Stanford University.

The gateway to the University is opposite the town of Palo Alto. It is surrounded by part of its endowment, the magnificent Palo Alto estate of seventy-three hundred acres. The value of the total endowment is estimated at \$35,000,000. The University buildings are the most beautiful group of public buildings in America. They are but parts of one plan and are constructed of Santa Clara Valley brown sandstone throughout—beautiful and restful in color and in pleasing contrast to the walls of green of the surrounding hills and the great campus in front. The buildings of the University are not piled sky high, but with long corridors rise two stories for the most part completely enclosing a beautiful quadrangle, in itself about a ninth of a mile long by eighty yards broad. The massive memorial arch in front, and the beautiful memorial church with its cathedral-like interior, great arches and allegorical windows are the most imposing features of the group. Flank-



Gateway to University.

ing the main buildings to the right is Encina Hall for the boys and Roble Hall for the girls, while across the campus are the new chemistry building and the museum. The large grounds are most carefully tended and all the flowers and trees and shrubs that help beautify California find a home here. The walks and drives are delightful. Taken all in all, I know of no other work of man, no other alliance of buildings and surrounding grounds, quite so pleasing as those of Stanford University. Tuition at the University is free and the equipment is that naturally to be expected

in the richest endowed university in the world. The students of the present semester number fifteen hundred. Financial figures mean but little in connection with a university—and yet since the new church is not describable, it may be mentioned that it cost \$500,000. The buildings represent an expenditure of several million dollars.

The Stanford Stock Farm



A Glimpse of University.

adjoins the University grounds and is one of the famous stock farms of America. Many record breaking horses were raised here by Senator Stanford, and many lie buried beneath its sod. At one time every trotting speed record of America was held by the horses of this farm.



First Baptist Church, Palo Alto.

Priceville, Ala.: The church at Shoal Creek, under Bro. J. P. McClahan, is progressing nicely, and its Sunday school is doing well. Cave Spring church is doing fine under the administration of the Rev. J. E. Weaver as pastor. Sunday school every Sunday. Crawton church is moving along all right, Brother Weaver pastor; no Sunday school. We are looking for better times in North Alabama, but we need more zealous workers in the field.—J. J. Bishop.



REV. A. E. PAGE, Birmingham.

A Consecrated Young Frescher Under Whose Ministry Many, During the Past Summer, Were Led to Christ.

Correspondence.

FOREIGN MISSION FACTS.

By R. J. Willingham, Cor. Sec'y.

Now that the State Conventions are about over, our people will be turning their attention more to the consideration of Foreign Missions, and we give a few facts which we trust will be helpful.

The Conventions this year have been glorious. The writer has just made the twelfth round of these meetings, and this year seems to him to be decidedly the best for unity of purpose, consecrated effort, fellowship of the saints and the presence and power of the Spirit. God is moving among us, and calling us to higher service in His name. We have heard earnest prayers that the Father would thrust forth laborers, and have seen over forty of our young people volunteer for service in foreign lands. Most of these will have to prepare themselves, but some will go out right away. Though we have already sent since the Southern Baptist Convention in May thirty-six new missionaries, and have others under appointment to sail soon, yet we need at least fifteen more men and several single women right now for important points. Brother McCollum is pleading for five men for Japan. Brother Smith, for two for Africa. We greatly need two for Italy, three for Brazil, two for China, while Mexico and Argentina each should be reinforced at once. Surely out of all our thousands of preachers God has some whom He can call to this work. Let us pray to Him for them.

Large Giving.

A desire has been in our heart for some time that some one or more would give \$1,000 this year, and so raise the standard among us. Several are giving \$500 or \$600, the salary of a missionary. Great was the joy of the brethren when at the Georgia Convention a brother rose and gave \$5,000. He thus sets an example for larger things in God's service. He said that he hoped it would not be long before someone would give \$50,000. Let us praise God and take courage. When a noble, consecrated layman looks at and loves the work this way, better times are ahead.

RECEIPTS.

We give below the receipts from the various States from May 1st to Dec. 6th, 1904:

Georgia	\$13,759 24
Virginia	12,726 36
Kentucky	10,676 39
South Carolina	9,766 15
North Carolina	8,320 38
Missouri	7,013 21
Alabama	6,589 64
Tennessee	5,182.61
Mississippi	4,214 34
Texas	3,903 08
Maryland	2,619 53
Louisiana	1,107 60
Florida	739 60

District Columbia	588 94
Arkansas	501 98
Indian Territory	204 30
Oklahoma	157 91
Other Sources	343 88

Total\$87,815 14

It looks from the above like some of the States will easily give the 25 per cent. increase asked for this year. We hope all will do so.

News From the Front.

Glorious tidings come from "the far-flung battle line." The Lord is blessing the workers, hundreds of baptisms are being reported—new churches are being organized. Our Hospitals and Publishing Houses and Training Schools are doing a great work. We have not time to give it all here. One worker in Africa reports over 320 baptisms in six months. A worker in North China tells how the little chapel must be pulled down and a larger one built, because of the numbers who flock around to hear the Gospel. How can God's people here remain indifferent or idle?

* Christmas Offering.

Our consecrated sisters have the beautiful custom at Christmas time of making a gift for their Lord. These gifts go for the rapidly developing work among China's millions. We hope every pastor, father, husband and brother will encourage our noble women in this good work. The earnest Secretary of the W. M. U. has planned for large things, and wants the gifts this year to go up to \$15,000. We ask every sister to make a thank offering to God for His blessings, but especially for the gift of Christ His Son, woman's best friend.

Helps for Workers.

Our people are delighted with the beautiful, large Missionary Map of the World, which the Board is furnishing delivered at any postoffice for the small sum of \$3.00. Already six hundred have been sold. We purchase the maps in New York by the hundred, so as to sell them low. Our main stations are marked on each map. Every church should have one.

We send free tracts to any church or individual wishing them. Information begets interest. These tracts contain choice information.

We send free collection envelopes to churches desiring to take Foreign Mission collections.

The circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal has grown greatly. We now publish about 30,000 a month, but want 50,000 subscribers. You can help by getting a club. It is only 35 cents a year, or \$2.50 for ten subscribers. By getting a list of subscribers you are doing real mission work. Will you not give a while to secure us a club to begin January, 1905!

A United-Effort.

Together, for and with God what cannot we accomplish! Let each do his or her best. We have a great work, but a great God who has given it to us; trusting in Him, loving Him and loving lost men, let us press forward in His name. Let each of us try to make a new record of earnest effort to win this world to Him.

STATE MISSIONS TO JAN. 31, 1905.

From the present outlook I will not be able to pay the Missionaries on Christmas day. I fondly hoped the churches would enable me to do it. Our plan usually followed is to press State Missions until the close of January, then give three months wholly to Home and Foreign Missions. Unless there is solid work done from now until January 31st, State Missions is going to be in a sorry plight.

My Treasurer Just Won't.

That was the remark of a discouraged pastor to me not long since. It is the habit of some churches to take pledges and turn them over to the treasurer to collect and forward. He is usually a busy man, and cannot take the time to do the collecting. He ought not to be expected to do it. But the treasurer of whom complaint was made had the money turned over to him and had nothing to do but forward it, and he just wouldn't do that. I know where money had been in the hands of the brethren for months. Brethren, this ought not so to be. I have been

Disappointed

greatly about the contributions for the Yates Memorial College. I told Brother Bryan I believed Alabama would easily give the \$2,000 asked by January first. I made sure every pastor would be eager to have his church represented in that greatest of all Mission agencies in China, especially since it was to be a memorial of our greatest Southern Baptist Missionary. Up to this time I have received \$288.10 and so far as I know \$114.50 have been sent direct to Richmond, making \$402.60.

That Vacation

so kindly voted me by the State Board of Missions I need; but I am overwhelmed with work in the office. So many of our churches are pastorless and the missionaries are in such pressing need, I can't see how I can take the time. I am earnestly asking the Lord for light on the situation.

W. B. Crumpton.

BROTHER MILES' PLEA.

(A copy of the following letter was sent to each member of the Board.)

My Dear Brother:

At the late Board meeting, our Secretary complained that the members of the Board were not as enthusiastic for the Board as they might be. I have been thinking over the matter since then and have been led to fear that he is right in his conclusions. We are all very busy men, I know; but we can easily serve the Board a good turn and not neglect our business in the least.

A word from us about the Board's affairs, as we travel, would greatly help. Our Secretary is most anxious for the churches to adopt systematic, business methods. We all agree that he is correct about it. I suggest that we see to it that this is done in the churches to which we belong and that we help the Secretary to talk it up in other churches.

We can do much by talking to laymen and influencing them to take a deeper interest in the affairs of the de-

nomination. I met a brother casually on the train last year. I knew our Secretary was in deep distress about a certain matter. I mentioned it to this brother and he immediately wrote out a check for \$200. This removed the pressure and brought joy to the heart of our hard-worked Secretary. This was done without interfering in the least with my business. This splendid contribution from a worthy brother was the result of a simple, earnest, heart-to-heart talk about matters in which we are all equally interested. Won't you try the experiment, as many opportunities are offered to us almost daily?

Our State Board of Missions, in some respects, is the most important denominational enterprise in the State. By a little effort on our part we can add much to its efficiency. Col. W. A. Handley, of Roanoke, in a report to his Association on State Missions published in a recent issue of the Alabama Baptist, says: "From a business standpoint, it occurs to me that a small sum raised for State Missions is unworthy the pride of the denomination." He suggests that instead of \$15,000 we ought to raise \$45,000 for State Missions another year. If the laymen of the State will imbibe the sentiment of the old hero of Randolph, his suggested increase can be easily raised.

I am anxious to see, and earnestly pray, that our laymen will take hold of our denominational matters with a strong hand. We are only playing at missions. Let us rise to the full measure of our opportunities.

I hope you will heartily join with me in a resolve to be more zealous for the Board's interests in the future.

Fraternally yours,

G. G. Miles, Pres.

AFTER THOUGHTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS.

On some account I clear forgot, in a former letter,

The Birmingham.

It is the biggest thing in the State; having, according to the last minute, 6,655. Last year its Mission contributions amounted to \$4,951; this year \$6,265. This large number of Baptists does not begin to be all the Baptists in the District. The Birmingham District is a regular grave yard for Baptists. I doubt not there are more non-affiliated Baptists there than there are members of the churches in the Association.

My stay of only a few hours at the Association did not permit me to see much of the body. The great dinner served in the grove overlooking North Birmingham made a lasting impression on every one of the multitude, who gathered around the tables. The church was then without a pastor, but since then they have been fortunate in securing the services of Brother Gable. From the reports of the Executive Committee and Missionary Ray, a fine work has been done. The missionary tent has been worked to great advantage. The conditions here ought to interest every Baptist in the State. From every quarter of the State people are concentrating here. A great army of

young men are here. What is to become of them? Many a father and mother in far distant homes are singing from the heart, "Where is my wandering boy to-night?" Some months ago an anxious mother said, "Won't you write to Dr. Davidson about my boy. He has been to his church." Pray for your boy when he goes to the city and write to the preachers about him, is my advice to parents. If our Birmingham forces keep united, the advance there will continue, and the results will be glorious.

The East Liberty

Is one of the very best Associations in the State. The multitudes are always there. Rock Springs, where the body met, is one of the best farming communities in the State. The church is strong numerically and financially. Brother Jack Gregory is the pastor; he is also Moderator of the Association, and he moderates well. I doubt if any Association ever had a better clerk than W. C. Bledsoe. He has held the position for many years. He has solved the vexed problem of reading letters at the Association. The clerk reads all the letters. It took only twenty minutes and in five minutes more the officers were elected and the body ready for business. The East Liberty stands third in numbers in the State and ninth in contributions. The old plan of calling for pledges for another year obtains there. I haven't the minutes by me, but I doubt not, if they were examined, they would reveal the fact that these pledges are seldom advanced beyond the figures of years ago. It is so easy for a church to stick to the same figures year after year, and it is easy for the Association to become satisfied with a general average. If the East Liberty people would be satisfied to make a change and a committee of level headed business men would make an apportionment, advancing it a little every year, it could easily stand third or fourth in the State in contributions. The Secretary always meets with a hearty reception when he visits the East Liberty. How it grieved the Lafayette saints to lose their loved pastor, Brother Pugh! I entered into full sympathy with them. Oh, that the Lord would make more preachers like Pugh. I gave

The Unity

at Marbury, one day. No church ever more successfully entertained a body. Lamar Jones and Deacon David Marbury, aided by a host of good men and women, vied with each other in making it pleasant for everybody. Dr. W. H. Caffey, a friend of my boyhood days, was Moderator, and W. J. Ruddick was "stated clerk." He is another first-rate clerk. Years ago Brother Yerby was "stated clerk" of the Tuscaloosa, and I suppose the Unity brethren got the idea there. It is a Presbyterian term, meaning "for life" or "during good behavior." I can't say I am in favor of the no election plan, but I am heartily in favor of holding on to a good clerk. The Association resolved to support a foreign missionary, and that not to interfere with its contributions to the other Mission Boards. During the two days the great mill was closed down to

give all the employees, who wished the privilege, to attend the Association.

My next Association required a long jump out of Autauga, through Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, Escambia, Baldwin, Mobile and Washington counties, into Mississippi at Buccatunna. Sixteen miles away near the Choctaw county line was

The Antioch,

at Chapel Hill Church. Numbers of Mississippi Baptists were there, the State line being only a few miles away. Brother Fail, my "stated hauler," has done good work there for two years. A brother said, "you have no idea how this church has improved the morals of this community in the two years of its existence. Brother Fail has done a work we all greatly appreciate." Another brother said: "As little as you may think about it, there are people in these pine woods who are getting rich. Numbers of farmers hereabouts have money to loan. Three or four years ago these lands could be bought for three dollars an acre. Improved farms cannot be bought now for twenty dollars an acre." The Association is not a large body and the attendance seemed small to a man who sees as many Associations as I do; but they were earnest and all interested in the development of their country. Brethren Zitterow and Mason served as Moderator and Clerk, as they have done for many years. How they need preachers! Brother Tucker, an old Confederate, is the veteran preacher. Bro. H. M. Mason is next in seniority. Brethren Carney and Mackey are of the younger set. Brother Fail lives in Mississippi; he has been coming across the line to help out, but he told me he could not afford to take the long trips through the deep sand for the little that the churches paid for his services. The result is going to be—this splendid man and good preacher will have to give himself to secular pursuits. When will our churches put the proper value on ministerial labor! Said Brother Tucker: "It is our custom to take a missionary collection after the sermon on Sunday. We ought to get a hundred dollars but some of our best givers are not here." When the sermon was over I told the congregation what had been said to me and asked them to give me that amount in ten minutes. When the time named expired we had ninety-two dollars and the brethren said they would get the other eight at the noon hour. It was the easiest collection I ever took. A brother said: "A few years ago we could barely get ten dollars in a collection."

Brother Tate has had the job for two years of hauling the traveling preacher back to the railroad—how much more is that than the giving of a cup of cold water! The Lord reward him. Healing Springs Baptist Institute is located in this Association. It is going to be heard from later on as a factor in the development of this country.

W. B. C.

Two years ago the Coliseum Place Church, in connection with the State Board, began a work in New Orleans some fifty blocks below Canal, or what

is known as the north side of the city. In that section below Canal Street there are 150,000 of New Orleans' 310,000 people. The first year Elder A. E. Riemer was placed in charge of the work which he carried on until Dec. 1st, 1903, when Elder H. M. Crain was called to the field. From the time of his taking charge the work has been pressed to the utmost limit, and as a result, Sunday Nov. 27th a new Baptist church was organized and fully recognized by delegates representing all of the Baptist churches in the city. Thus was launched another Baptist Church for the city of New Orleans, making five in all. The new Church assumes the name "Grace Baptist Church," and there appears to be a very bright future before it.

THE WEAK POINT IN THE B. M. SOCIETY.

I am a firm believer in the Baptist Ministers' Mutual Benefit Society. It is by far the cheapest life insurance a preacher can carry. We ought easily to have a membership of four or five hundred in this State.

But here is the weak point: Brethren neglect to send the one dollar annual fee. It is so small a matter they neglect it. The constitution requires thirty day's notice. If it is not paid in that time, the name must be dropped. Secretary W. J. Elliott tells me numbers of the best men in the State have allowed their policies to lapse in this way. I am sure the Executive Committee will sustain me in the advice I gave the Secretary, to stick to the letter of the law. No insurance company will tide over delinquents without some special business understanding. Sometimes an insurance agent will himself advance the money for a well known policy holder; but our Secretary cannot do that.

If the preachers will turn the matter over to their wives, I am certain the one dollar fee will be sent in due time. It is pure carelessness on the part of the brethren. Will we allow so good an institution to fail from carelessness? W. B. Crumpton.

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PROFITABLE PREACHING.

By Rev. James D. Gwaltney, Covington, Ky.

A man who is known the world over as a great preacher, as well as a great student of politics, once said that a strong and faithful pulpit was no mean safeguard of a national life. We can well say with John Hall, that that influence which is brought to bear upon those who are capable of receiving it, whether it be teaching, preaching, or coercion by the strong arm of might, if it influence individuals from the course that is wrong to one that is right, is certainly a great safeguard in the support of permanent institutions.

Preaching, however, has a peculiar influence upon human nature and national life. It not only involves the spiritual influences, but all moral influences. To be profitable, it must be for right influences, with right intent, plain, practical, pointed, prayerful and persuasive.

1. Preaching to be profitable, must be plain. The object of preaching is constantly to remind mankind of what it is forgetting; not altogether to supply defects of human intelligence, but to fortify the feebleness of human resolutions. It is not only the wisdom of him who stands behind the pulpit which is imparted to others, but his conviction. It has been said that "Nothing gives life but life; real flame alone kindles other flame." This was the power of the apostles: "We believe, and we therefore speak." Firm faith is what they spoke; that was the basis of their strength. Perhaps the most successful preachers of the present day, and those from whom the world reaps most profit, are not those who are gifted with the silver tongue and the richest of orator's periods, but those who with simple language tell the story of the simple life of the Redeemer; those who place in purest logic, because simplified, the object of sacrifice; those who most deeply sound the human passions and probe human wounds, and furnish the simplest panaceas. Even true oratory involves earnestness. Without an honest conviction and a thorough belief in the cause advocated, no man has been a true orator. With his convictions, any statement, if it be the truth and clearly conveyed by language, is oratorical. Thus far oratory and preaching are governed by the same rules.

2. Preaching to be profitable must evidently be very practical. It must apply to every influence, every-day work, and every-day people. It must not only reach their inner life, their inner thoughts, but their business influences and their personal and political combinations. It must recognize all influences for sin, and combat them, not by contradiction of these influences, but by persuasion, logic and truth. The demand is for the sermon that reaches the hearts of men—not to stir their passions, but which convinces their reason. The sermon which awakens men to their responsibilities and their duties is the one which teaches the fact that Christ is not a being or spirit of the hereafter, but of the present; that his influence is just as much an element in

the social arrangement of today—the day of prosperity—as it will be on the death-bed, or the day of adversity. Much of the talk from pulpits has been pure theory; profound discourse about man, which betrayed no interest in men; impracticable twaddle, far above either the intelligence of the congregation or the preacher who delivers it.

3. To be profitable, preaching must also be directly to the point. We have all witnessed the wood-chopper who has left the ragged scarp, we have heard the blacksmith who hammers his anvil more than the iron, and we have heard the preacher who places straw men above the breast-works and fires his javelins of thought through them. It was said of one, Gurnall, a divine of great note, that a minister without boldness was like a smooth file, like a knife without an edge, like a sentinel who was afraid to let off his gun; that, if men are bold in sin, ministers must be bold to reprove. It is necessary, for the derivation of profit from the great expenditure of money in education of ministers and the thought produced along spiritual lines by the great divines of the country, that no unnecessary blows be struck; that no expenditure of energy be made that is not to the purpose. A recent article published in one of the local weeklies contained a noteworthy sentence—noteworthy because of its extreme length. It was four hundred and fifty words long. After reading and re-reading that sentence, to see if I could get at what the writer was intending to say, I stopped, got my breath as best I could, and then likened myself unto a hunter who, after trudging through two or three miles of swamp and mud, finds nothing on the other side to shoot at but a snow-bird or a cock-sparrow. Irrelevant testimony is always barred out of court. Preaching that is not upon the issue is just as useless. This fast age demands more than long-drawn-out sentences, more than philosophical dreaming, more than eloquence per se. From the preachers, as well as lawyers, scientists, educators, and the like, is expected the meat of the nut, not the shucks.

4. Preaching to be profitable, must also be prayerful. If the sermon is prayerfully prepared and delivered, the Holy Spirit will make it a power of God unto salvation. The successful preachers of the past have been men of great faith and prayer. Think of Knox, Whitefield, Finney, Spurgeon and Moody! Paul prayed for himself and also requested his brethren to pray for him. He says in his letter to the Colossians: "Continue steadfast in prayer * * * praying for us also, that God may open unto us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ * * * that I may make it manifest as I ought to speak." It is said that one of the most successful preachers of modern times wrote on the margin of every one of his sermons this short but significant prayer, "Lord help." No wonder he was successful.

5. To be profitable, preaching must also be persuasive. Religion is largely of the heart. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." The sermon which is entirely without emotion

is not likely to be effective. There must be warmth and appeal. Let the preacher persuade men, beseeching them in Christ's stead, to be reconciled to God; and his preaching is bound to be fruitful. "Apostolic preaching was a combination of all these processes, saturated with prayers and tears."

FROM BRO. L. C. KELLY.

I note with pleasure the improvement in your paper, and hail it as a letter from home each week. I greatly rejoice at the progress of the Baptists of Alabama. Wish I could induce some of your warm-hearted pastors to cast their lot with us here in Bracken Association.

I am the only Baptist pastor in this (Bath) county, and the church here has preaching only twice a month. I also serve Mt. Pisgah Church in Fleming county. We have only three churches in Fleming: Mt. Pisgah, Ewing, and Flemingsburg, and the latter is now pastorless.

The Lord has greatly blessed my labors since I have been in this field. In a recent revival which we held at Mt. Pisgah there were ten conversions and five restorations. We have since raised one hundred and forty-eight dollars for missions, and will run it up to three hundred this year. In addition to this the Ladies' Missionary Society has agreed to support a native missionary on the foreign field. The Sharpsburg Ladies have also undertaken the same thing. What would the cause do if it were not for the ladies! We thank the Lord and cry not "Eureka" but "Expelsior," and march onward.

I have just read Dr. Montague's appeal to the Baptists for Howard, and have been thinking how easy it would be to meet all the needs that he mentions, if all the Baptists in the State would adopt a uniform plan of contributing a little. The three hundred dollars that I mention above will be the easiest thing the Church ever did. It will be done by each member contributing from five cents to one dollar per month. When we suggested the plan they accepted it at once, and seem glad to have something definite to work for. Now it seems to me that every pastor in Alabama could induce enough of their members to take one month, and each lay aside twenty-five cents for Howard College to do more than ever in its history before.

Some of the noblest men that earth has ever seen struggled to pay their way through Howard College, and are doing so today. There is not a man in that faculty who could not make a vast deal more money in the commercial world today,—men who are grappling with the problem in heroic self-sacrifice. If the soul conflicts and heart struggles of mothers' sons who have been educated there were x-rayed on the intelligence of the world, real life would seem more romantic than fiction, and would rise up in the hearts of the beneficent to claim its birth-right of tears produced by fiction. In romance suffering is alleviated by the world's interest, in real life it is embittered by the world's neglect. Mil-

lions of mourners have wept tears of sympathy for the imaginary fate of Cordelia and Deedemona, while thousands of noblest sons struggle along the path of life unaided and unobserved.

The work done at Howard with the facilities on hand is only an earnest of its possibilities with the best of facilities. O! that the friends could only know.

Sharpsburg, Ky., Dec. 1, 1904.

BROTHER KRAMER'S RESIGNATION.

Rev. J. W. Kramer, who resigned at Brewton to go to the Vermont Street Baptist Church, Quincy, Ill., has cause to feel very grateful for the love shown him by his people, for among other things the Brewton News in writing up the incident of his resignation said: "Mr. Kramer has been in our midst for the past six years and his friends are legion both in and out of the Church, and he will be greatly missed by our people. His resignation takes effect the second Sunday in December and he will remove with his family to Quincy soon thereafter, taking with him the prayers and best wishes of the people of Brewton.—Brewton News.

Thomasville: Seventy-six in Sabbath school today. Very interesting lesson. Shows the power of a Christian mother in shaping the character of her son. Abijah, daughter of Zechariah, and mother of Hezekiah, the King of Judah, whose name comes down to us through the pages of holy writ as "best of all the kings of Judah." Judge John T. Lackland, of Grove Hill, Clarke county, won golden opinions from our temperance people at Linden Marengo county, where he was holding Circuit court last week, by declaring the law repealing the prohibition law of Linden was unconstitutional, and ordered the saloons closed. Also declared the law unconstitutional establishing a dispensary at Faunsdale, Marengo county. Linden has some of the "salt of the earth" within its borders, but its Temple (Baptist Church) has been closed some time for want of a pastor, but its saloons have been running on full time. May the time soon come when a Hezekiah may arise to re-open its temple and re-dedicate it to the worship of the true God, and may our God hasten the day when Alabama and all of our goodly land may have governors, judges and law-makers with the courage of Judge Lackland, who will "beard the lion in his den" and leave no stone unturned to rid the land of the withering, blighting, paralyzing curse of the whiskey traffic.—Elyod.

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"Which pays you the better?"

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THE PRESS A PULPIT.

Richard L. Gallienne in dedicating his volume, "The Religion of a Literary Man," to A. E. Fletcher, of the Daily Chronicle of London, among other things says: "Someone has said that the true pulpit of these latter days is the newspaper press. You have been one of the first journalists to apply this dictum. You have realized that even poor 'average humanity' cares for something beyond race-meetings, murders, divorce cases and scandals in high life; that a new book, or a new development of thought, may hope to rival even these breathless interests; that the press should appeal to the higher as well as the lower instincts; and consequently you have virtually been the founder of a great newspaper."

We wish these words might be tacked up in the editorial rooms of all our great dailies until the men who make our papers realized their great responsibility. We do not believe that the power has passed from the pulpit to the press, but we know that it plays a great part in moulding public opinion. Yellow journalism and sensational preaching go hand in hand. Let us pray for more reverent editors and more consecrated preachers.

REVIVIFYING SECTIONALISM.

Whatever be the outcome of the Crumpacker-Platt effort to cut down the representation of the South in Congress, the deepening of sectional animosity is inevitable. And a thousand pitifulities it will be.

We have a great and mighty nation. The young men of the South want to be citizens of the whole country, and keep their faces to the future. They are proud of American history and delight to look upon the heroes of North and South with pride and affection. But they are sick and tired of the terms "North and South." They have in them the national spirit—the spirit of great America.

But the politician will not have it so. They must be forever at work to keep alive the issues of section. If it is not one thing it is another, and so, though lacking the grasp of statesmanship, the sectional politician still manages to live.

Crumpacker, Platt and Co. may cut down the representation of the South. They may fail in the effort. But in either and any event the discussion will make new wounds and cause old ones to bleed afresh.

This is not a Democratic article leveled at Republican policies, but the observation of a sad fact that must be apparent to all patriotic citizens. We deplore it, and long to see the day when the "Bloody Shirt" may be buried and sectionalism be gone forever.

WE ARE ENCOURAGED.

This editor writes always with a definite object in view, and each week sends his words to the press with a great hope that somebody will read what he says. The hope, be it said, rarely attains to the point of expectation. The busy man is so hard pressed for time, and so many things pass under his eyes asking for perusal, that this humble scribe, however hoping, could hardly expect a place in what would actually be chosen from the mass of current literature for reading.

But lately we have heard of several people who have read some things we have written—things coming from the depths of the soul. For this we thank God and pray that His spirit may keep alive in the mind and heart of the reader the things we tried to say.

THE PULPIT'S ONE TOPIC.

The preacher who searches heaven and earth for topics may as well "go plow corn," or pursue any other honorable avocation. His power is gone when he ceases to be the ambassador of God, the bearer of a specific and special message to men. "The Theology of Tennyson," "The Ethics of Browning," "The Pathos of Shakespeare," "The woes and wails of Wall Street," "The Chadwick Checks" and all such, have their place somewhere, but that place is not in the pulpit. The searcher after sensation can find nothing more startling than John's call to repentance, or Paul's statement of Christ's mission on earth, and besides his one topic is, of ought to be, Christ Jesus and Him crucified.

To be sure the elaboration of this message will reach every department of human life and search the complex ramifications of the soul's thought and feeling. Yet it all has its beginning and end in the cross. He who does not feel this truth, or who rebels at the thought has no business in the ministry.

Joseph Parker has well said: "How can the pulpit succeed if it have a thousand topics? The pulpit must have one theme, and that one theme must include all others that are its kindred in range, in nobleness, in beauty, in spiritual usefulness, and as meeting all the daily necessities of life. There is but a step between any text of the Bible and the Cross on which the Savior died."

THE PREACHER'S WIFE.

She is a busy woman. She has all the household duties that other women have, and which are for them onerous enough at times to excuse them from all church work. She has, moreover, about five times as much company as the average housekeeper entertains, and her hospitality is so graciously dispensed, that both she and her guests enjoy it. Maybe she sings in the choir, and that means not only service twice on Sunday, but practice between times for those services. She teaches a class in the Bible school which means preparation during the week, and the constant effort to hold the class together, and use it to some good purpose. She helps her husband at all manner of

funerals, and gives much time to distressed friends. She is heart and soul in the Ladies' Aid Society. She is soul and heart in the Missionary Society. This takes time and thought. She has children who need the same care and attention required by other children.

Some preachers wives have not all of these things to do, but have more of others we do not here mention, so that their lives are full of beauty and usefulness and purpose. Therefore are they happy—so happy that their joy cannot be greatly marred by those who doing no public service or church work themselves, still "count visits" with the preacher's wife, and complain when she doesn't go to see them.

MISUSE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER.

The Lord's supper is a very important ordinance and its observance a high duty. For this reason the Master's directions concerning it are very plain and explicit. "Do this in remembrance of me." It is a simple act with a simple purpose. But "In Remembrance of Me" has well nigh been lost in the confusion of human thought. It is "given" by some to save the soul. It is "given" to somehow help a soul to cross the river of death. Instead of "showing forth His death" it is often used to show forth Christian love, charity, fellowship and union—to show forth our love to father, mother, friend or neighbor.

"I communed today with my dear husband," and the happy wife who said it forgot that her husband was not contemplated in the Divine purpose of the supper. "Wouldn't you commune with your old father?" said an aged saint and wit tears in her eyes. The plea was irresistible, and though the daughter knew the emblems were to be taken in memory of Another, she took them to show her love to the dear old man whom she could not grieve.

Whence came the idea of communing with one another at the Lord's table? Who has a right there except those who come on the invitation of Him whose table it is, and who alone has a right to set conditions with which men comply before coming? Are there not proper ways in which to show our love one for another without destroying the real significance of the Lord's supper? Are we to commune with our neighbors or with our Lord? Are we to be controlled by a sentiment, affection, feeling or by the plain words of God?

Let us try to do as the Master directs. When we begin to vary from the Bible there is no telling where we will end. Alas, we have known some to go so far as to discern, not the Master, but only a friend or loved one sitting by who for conscientious reasons could not "commune with them." And still more pitiful has been the sight of some who instead of showing forth the Lord's death, sought chiefly to show forth their own liberality and the intolerable bigotry of the Baptists.

It is a serious matter to take the Lord's supper without discerning His body.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

The Alabama Baptist last week caught its readers "Christmas gift?" You ask what do we want? Why your back dues, renewal or a new subscriber.

Rev. J. W. Longcrier dropped in to see us last week and when we asked him if he was a D. D., he said "No, just the same old Jim." We are glad he is back in the Birmingham District.

This week's sermon is by Rev. Jas. D. Gwaltney, a native of Virginia, a graduate of Richmond College and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Brother Gwaltney is a preacher of varied gifts.

We have just received a pamphlet on "Justice to the South," written by Hon. John B. Knox, of Anniston, Ala. It presents in a strong way the views of an able Southerner. There is great danger lest the North fails to understand Southern opinion. The views of Mr. Knox deserve wide publicity.

One of the pleasant features of the meeting of the State Board at Montgomery was overlooked in the failure to mention the elegant dinner prepared and served by the charming women of the Adams Street Church. If the good women keep up these delightful dinners it won't be hard for Brother Crumpton to get a full meeting of the Board.

A few days ago, in the First Baptist Church of Scranton, Pa., Dr. Wright-nour had the joy of welcoming five Russian converts into the fellowship of the church. God my even now be raising up men even here in our own land who may perhaps go back to Russia to carry the knowledge of a nobler life and purer faith to their countrymen.

We call special attention to an editorial from the Christian Index, no doubt written by the senior editor, D. T. P. Bell, that wise and discreet man, and published under the head of "Preachers' Corner." We hope the deacons will not only read it, but that they will act upon it.

We heartily congratulate the Montgomery Advertiser on its Christmas number. Any newspaper can get out a big trade edition or special issue filled with plate matter but it takes capable journalists to put out a symmetrical sheet filled with news matter. We wish the Advertiser and its staff a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

As soon as your neighbor in the Church realizes the importance of the Alabama Baptist in his home you will hear no more about not being able to take it. None of us is able to have everything he would like. It is a question of choice. If you can lead your fellow Baptist to want the paper, he will find a way to pay for it.

The last meeting of the Montgomery Association resolved to hold some associational Sunday school conventions, with the view of increasing interest and efficiency in this great work. The first meeting was held Sunday the 11th at Prattville. The subject, "What is Teaching?" by W. R. Sawyer will appear in a later issue.

The man who reads the Alabama Baptist year after year will be a far more useful member of the Church than his neighbor who does not, and he will have more sane and correct views on all subjects as viewed from the standpoint of Christianity. The children of the family will not only be more likely to be converted, but will make far more useful members of the Church. The work of the Alabama Baptist is educational in the best sense; yet it furnishes entertainment, and it is popular with all members of the family.

It is difficult to live even with the best of people for we all have our peculiarities, and we need to learn to give and take and not to think the world is coming to an end if our friends differ with us. Let us try and exercise a wise charity toward one another, respecting each others individuality.

Let us, therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Rom. 14:19.

Paul, in his first letter to Timothy, second chapter, writes: "I exhort that, first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

A SHORT SKETCH OF THE MINISTERIAL LIFE OF REV. R. A. J. CUMBEE.

He was ordained to preach at Fellowship Church, Randolph county, and soon after was called to various churches in Alabama and Georgia, which he served regularly until July, 1861, when, soon after Alabama had seceded from the Union, he resigned these charges and took up arms in the defense of Southern rights. He connected himself with Company F, 14th regiment of Alabama volunteers. Soon after reaching the Army of the Potomac, he was elected Lieutenant of his Company and owing to the illness of the Captain he was in command of the Company a greater part of the time.

He was allowed to do much preaching during the four years of the war, and had the blessed privilege of seeing many converts. At one meeting held near Orange Court House, Virginia, more than 100 soldiers were baptized who were converted during the revival. One of his last religious acts was to baptize some dozen of his comrades in a pond just above Petersburg. While engaged in the service the enemy opened fire upon the line of battle, the minnie balls fell thick around us, and in the waters of the pond even; and well we remember that on this remarkable night Richmond and Petersburg were evacuated.

After the surrender of Gen. Lee and his return home, during the year 1865, having been called to the care of the same churches, he began again his active ministerial labors, from which he has never rested through all the years. Though he served Tallapoosa county for 12 years as Probate Judge, yet he kept up his active pastoral work and

all along his labors have been greatly blessed.

It has been his happy privilege to baptize four thousand, two hundred (4,200) souls, and more than thirty of them are preaching the Gospel.

The frost of many winters rests upon his head, but he is strong for his years and in his every day work he sets the younger man a good, strong pace. May many years yet be his to toil in the service of his Master.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONVENTION.

W. L. R. Cahall.

The Baptists of South Carolina met in their 89th Convention in Chester, Nov. 29th, 1904.

The Ministers' Meeting preceding the Convention was full of good things. The addressee of Dr. Mullins and Dr. Potat maintained the high standard for which they are noted. Dr. Potat's address will most likely appear in The Baptist Review and Expositor.

The paper by Rev. R. E. Peele on "The Future Condition of the Lost" was pronounced by Dr. Mullins as the best presentation of the subject he had heard.

The Convention sermon was preached by Rev. L. M. Roper, of Spartanburg, from Romans 6:12-13.

The second morning session was given to the hearing of reports, and welcoming visitors. The Orphanage report showed 155 children in the Home, and the cash contributions \$12,982.20. South Carolina has a Board of Aged Ministers' Relief and stands fourth in the number of beneficiaries and second in the amount contributed to this work. Dr. Bailey's report of State Missions showed that despite his great years, "his eye is not dim nor his natural force abated."

The Convention had the privilege of hearing Rev. W. E. Eutsinger, of Brazil. Brother Eutsinger spoke particularly of the Brazilian Baptist Publication Society. Brazil gave last year for Missions \$15,000.

And the matchless Willingham! Who can describe the soul uplift which we felt as he spoke of the field and called upon the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth more laborers into the harvest!

In Brazil we had last year 35 converts for each missionary and native helper, while in this country we had only eight. The Foreign Board has sent out since the Southern Baptist Convention 35 new missionaries and five more are now under appointment. A young lady offered herself for the foreign field at the close of the service.

The third morning was devoted to Home Missions. Dr. B. D. Gray presented the work in one of his masterful speeches. At the evening session a resolution was introduced by Dr. Z. T. Cody that the Home Mission Board be requested to extend aid to the mountain schools of the State.

The report on education was discussed by President F. N. K. Bailey of the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute, President E. C. James of the G. F. C., and President E. M. Potat of Furman University. Dr. Potat spoke of the ideal College and of its work

The next session of the Convention will be held in Columbia on Friday before the first Sunday in December, 1905.

At the Friday morning session the Convention heartily endorsed the proposed Baptist World's Congress to be held in London in July, 1905.

Ministerial students in Furman University have heretofore been loaned whatever aid they may receive and are required to give notes payable in five years. Many of the brethren urged that this practice be discontinued, especially in view of the fact that our ministerial students in the Seminary receive aid gratuitously. The matter was referred to a committee to report next year.

The addresses upon Sunday schools were of a high order and the report upon the subject, embodying a recommendation that a State Sunday School Secretary be employed, was adopted.

The dispensary system of the State was arraigned for its corruption and failure to carry out its primary intention and promise—the reduction of the liquor traffic and the suppression of blind tigers. Both of these conditions have grown worse, and the necessity was urged that the people be given the power to vote the dispensary out as they now have the power to vote it in.

The Young People's work was presented with great earnestness, and the balance of the evening was devoted to "Connie Maxwell Orphanage."

A resolution was adopted petitioning the legislature to enact a marriage license law.

The session was in all respects a most splendid one, and adjourned in the best fellowship and good feeling.

A DAY IN HOWARD COLLEGE.

On the 7th of December I visited Howard College. At 8:30, in company with the faculty, I repaired to the chapel and there conducted the devotional exercises. The appearance and manner of the students impressed me very favorably. To this date 163 have been enrolled; and the prospect is that the total registration will reach 180 before February. The aim of the administration is to keep in touch with all Baptist boys in the State who are preparing for College, to write to them, to send catalogues, and to inform them generally as to the work of Howard College.

After the chapel exercises, in company with the president of the College, I visited the room of every professor and instructor except that of the teacher of the Bible class, which did not meet that day.

First we went to the beginner's Latin class, taught by Mr. D. F. Stakely, son of our Brother, Dr. C. A. Stakely, of Montgomery. The teacher was giving the young men a thorough drill in Latin forms. In this class we found eighteen students. Mr. Stakely is a graduate of Mercer University, Georgia. From the Latin class we went to the beginners' class in Greek, which is in charge of Prof. A. J. Moon. Here the Professor, who is a believer in thorough Greek,

gave the students a careful drill in exercises, by means of which exactness and a mastery of vocabulary are attained. In this class of twenty-one young men, fifteen are students for our ministry. It speaks well for our boys in Howard College that so many who expect to preach are taking the Greek and Latin courses, and thus fitting themselves in scholarship to stand with the best in the land.

Our next visit was to the Junior class in French, taught by Prof. John C. Dawson. The Professor, who is alive to the demands of the day in modern languages, informed us that, in addition to the grammar and exercise work of his class, the students would read selections from Merimee, Victor Hugo, Moliere, Racine, Balzac, and Corneille. We should be glad that the subject of modern languages is taught as it is in our College.

We then spent some time in the classroom of Mr. T. A. Gunn, one of the instructors, now in his first year as a teacher. This class, numbering twenty-two, showed acquaintance with English Grammar and gave quick and correct answers to the many questions asked. The class of Mr. J. O. Colley next received our attention. There the boys made excellent records in algebra, working the problems rapidly and correctly, showing thorough preparation.

We found pleasure then in witnessing experiments in the room of Prof. E. P. Hogan. The subject was chemistry. The experiments, made by Col. Hogan and then by the students, were such as to fix in the mind the principles of chemistry, and they made the work attractive and interesting, as well as highly instructive. The subject of the lesson was nitrogen and its compounds. Experiments with the nitrates and oxides were performed.

It was then our pleasure to see some of the work in advanced preparatory algebra, taught by Prof. M. B. Garrett, who is doing thorough and careful training in the subjects in his charge.

Next we visited Prof. G. W. Cunningham's class in English, the Sophomore, numbering thirty-five students. The subject, "Digressions," was ably handled by the boys. The importance of adhering in speech and composition to the matter in hand was emphasized. The class showed genuine interest in the work and is gaining in scholarship.

The close of an interesting day was found in the class in astronomy, in charge of Prof. Edward Brand, who admirably leads the boys in their study of the heavenly bodies. This class gave evidence of excellent training in one of the most fascinating subjects in the college curriculum.

It would give our people pleasure and would help them to understand the work done in the College, if they could visit the institution and see for themselves the methods and plans of instruction pursued there. They would also learn what are the needs of the College and would be prompted to give and give generously to meet the demands of our time in a school which is training men to preach, to teach, and to perform in general the duties of enlightened citizenship.

A. D. Glass.

A SUMMARY OF THREE YEARS' WORK IN NORTHWEST ALABAMA.

The three years I have spent in this section of the State have been happy and pleasant years because I have felt all the while I was working just where my Master wanted me to work. There have been trials, hardships and disappointments, but why dwell on these?

I desire in this brief article to give a summary of my work as pastor during my stay here. I will not mention in detail my work among many of the churches of this (Yellow Creek) Association, nor at the fifth Sunday, district and associational meetings.

During these years of labor the Churches which I have served have received by letter 45, four by restoration, one by statement, and 102 by baptism. Two new churches have been constituted—one with 30 and the other with 39 members. One church house has been built and two others completed. The plans have been adopted for another new house of worship which we hope to build by spring.

While the work has increased as to members, we have made excellent progress in the development of the grace of giving. The first year I was in this field my churches gave all told to Missions (State, Home, Foreign and Associational) Orphan's Home, Ministerial Education and Howard College, the amount of \$71.70. During the second year they gave \$133.92. During the third and last year they gave \$208.48. They have not developed so fast as to pastor's salary, but I trust they will do more to sustain the home work another year. Two of my churches gave about two dollars per member last year for Missions, etc. Including all monies paid in one gave about six dollars per member, while another gave nearly eight dollars per member. You can get some idea of the development in the grace of giving when I state that with the exception of one of these churches not a cent had ever been given for State, Home or Foreign Missions that I have ever been able to learn of, and the excepted one gave something only to our State Mission cause.

I have some as loyal people to work with as has ever been my privilege to labor with in the cause of the Master. Perhaps there are other fields of labor that are more desirable when considered from some points of view and whose salary is more remunerative than this one, but I doubt if there is a section of the country in any other part of our beloved State where one's life will count for more when properly used than in north-west Alabama.

For past blessings and successes we give our Father all the praise and take courage and press on in the work trusting that we may be more largely used of Him during the ensuing year than has been true during the years that have passed.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County,
22nd day of November, 1904

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.

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Your little friend,

Age 6. Valden Farris.

Dear Friends: As it is so near Christmas our teacher has let us write to wish our friends a merry Christmas. If you see Santa before Christmas tell him to remember the little folks at the Home. I hope he will bring me plenty of oranges and nuts and some warm mittens. I think if he would bring me a lead pencil I would try to keep it. If he will bring me a doll I will try to take better care of it than I did last Christmas.

Your little friend,

Age 8. Bessie Mae Archer.

Dear Friends: As it is so near Christmas our teacher has let us write to wish our friends a merry Christmas. If you see Santa before Christmas tell him to remember the little folks at the Home. I hope he will bring plenty of oranges and nuts and some warm mittens. If Santa has any knives or balls or fire works left after visiting the many other homes I would like something of the kind very much.

Your little friend,

Age 7. Fred Bettress.

Second Grade.

My Dear Friends: I received my box two months ago today. Mr. Pittman said I could write to you and tell you what I wanted for Christmas. Everything in my box was so nice. I hope you will remember me and try to send me a Christmas box if you can. I hope you will send me some oranges, fire-works, and nuts.

Your little friend,
Albert Stanley Bentley.

Dear Friends: I enjoyed my box. I would like to get another little one. I kept the horn that came in my Christmas box a long time. I have it yet. I like everything that came in my Christmas box. Tell Santa Clause to bring me a knife and a ball and some fire works. I hope you are all well and had a merry Christmas.

Your little friends,
Ransom Hailes.

Dear Friends: I am glad that you sent me so many things in my box. I will be glad if you will send me some things for Christmas. I will be glad, then I will be happy all I can when they come. I will be glad when Christmas comes. It won't be but 20 days till Christmas. I wish you would send me some marbles Christmas. I hope you will have a merry Christmas when it comes. I will be glad when it comes too. I want you to write back to me

some time. I wrote this all by myself. Nobody did not help. Sometimes our light go out and we cant see how to put on our shoes. Good-bye.

Your little friend,
Steadmon Wilson.

Age 8.

Third Grade.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a work box and a big, sleepy doll.

Your friend,
Ella Mae Glazener.

Age 11.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a drum, apples, nuts and candy. I will close for this time.

Your friend,
Charlie Glazener.

Age 11.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would ask you for a big sleepy doll and a doll carriage, some chocolate candy and a ring. I still have my Bible and I thank you for it; and I want a little box of tea sets; this is all I will ask you for, so good-bye.

Age 10. Bessie McCann.

My Dear Old Santa: As Christmas is nearly here I will write to you and tell you what I want more than anything else. I want the book by the name of "Little Women." A nice thimble and fascinator, and the last thing is a ring with three rubies.

By Bye,

Age 14. Johnnie Black.

Evergreen, Ala., Dec. 3, 1904.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

Dear Sir: If you will kindly allow our little folks a small amount of space in the columns of your paper, their letters will probably reach Santa quicker than in any other way.

Sincerely,

Jessie L. Stitt.

Dear Santa Claus: You did not come last Christmas, and do not refuse to come this Christmas. Capital S stands for Santa Claus, jolly old man, hoping that you will bring all the presents you can. Do not try to bring all of them at one time. If you do you might drop some of them, and what would you do then? You go down the road to all the houses and then the stockings are filled. Santa Clause, I am a good little boy. Sometimes I jump off of the road and Mr. Pittman will put us back.

J. M. Wilson.

We wish our readers could read these dear little letters in the children's handwriting. Answer one.—Ed.

SAFE.

They are not dead
Whom the Father has taken,
Tenderly cared for,
Not lost, nor forsaken;
Sweetly they rest,
Whom the morning shall waken.

Happy are they
Whom the Father is keeping,
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After sowing in tears
In joy they are reaping.

We who remain
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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 further, that in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of 21 years.

It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Alabama Baptist a newspaper published in Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring her the said Arthie Pearson to answer, plead or demur to the Bill of Complaint in this cause by the 15th day of December, 1904, or after thirty days therefrom a Decree Pro Confesso may be taken against her.

This 17th day of November 1904.

Chas. A. Senn,
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FROM BROTHER PARKER.

Just one year ago tonight I bade farewell to my old home, endeared by a thousand ties, because I believed it the Lord's voice calling me to North Alabama. One year ago next Sabbath I preached my first sermon, as pastor, on this field.

I have had a busy year, and while in the transferring some losses accrued financially, yet many blessings have also interspersed our experiences. My field consisted of Albertville, with two Sundays, Boaz and Walnut Grove one Sunday each, and a Sunday afternoon appointment, for six months, at Mt. Vernon Church, three miles South of Albertville and a similar service at Altoona, the terminus of the Birmingham Mineral Railroad, three miles South of Walnut Grove, in Etowah county.

Results.

I think I can truthfully say, "The churches are in better condition spiritually. The degree of co-operation has increased from the start, and has been especially gratifying in the last weeks of the pastoral year, which closed with November. Liberal support has been given the gospel at home and abroad; aggregating something more than fourteen hundred dollars.

The Altoona people, from different sections of the State gathered, have been organized into a church with about forty members. Including the Altoona work, there have been added to this field, by letter and baptism, something over 140 members this year.

My brother, Geo. M., came out from Texas, and did faithful preaching for us at Albertville and Mt. Vernon, with fine results in additions to the churches, and in the general revival of spiritual force.

At Walnut Grove I was assisted by my son, L. F. Parker, a Howard College boy. In many particulars this was a fine meeting.

At Altoona, my son-in-law, G. E. Mize, my son L. F. Parker, Brethren Head and Nash, all did good work, especially does the success of the work there, speak praise for Brother Head, who assisted by deacon-elect Berry Ellison, "held the fort" in my absence. Brother Head is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and ought not to be secularized as at present he is. He is teaching school at Altoona.

I have withdrawn from Walnut Grove and the afternoon points, and will give two Sundays here, one at Boaz and the other at Collinsville hereafter.

Brother Nash has been called at Altoona, Brother Bynum at Mt. Vernon, both of them good men, and Walnut Grove is pastorless. This is in many respects a choice church, and will stand by her pastor and do all she promises; and promises liberally.

Indeed, if I spoke in commendation of the field, I would not know what church to begin with, so will say "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places."

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there, at least, until they shall have secured a house of worship. I take this means of impressing the necessity for this help at Altoona upon the Executive Committee of the Etowah Association.

Altoona is a mining camp, and a newly organized church of forty members in that place is well worth the consideration, prayers and help of our Board. As to the rest of the Field.

Faithful preaching, pastoral work, with Brother Crumpton's "motto" "Everlastingly at it" will tell.

The people of this North Alabama country have been somewhat neglected, not intentionally (I speak of the small towns and country), but for lack of means, and it may be from the withholding of willing co-operation; but this is the coming country.

Opposition to missions is giving way, the dawn of a better day is appearing, a proper conception of the function of a church is being born in Christian hearts.

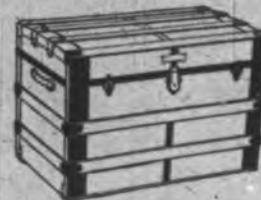
I like the evangelistic movement of the Board of State Missions. If, indeed, we had an evangelist, who devoted his entire time to the country north of Birmingham; and did nothing but hold "Missionary Rallies" in the centres of influence, four of them every month, it would be the biggest yield on investment that our people could make.

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Notice of Final Settlement.

In Chancery at Birmingham, Alabama. Fifth District, Northwestern Chancery Division.

John G. Smith as Executor of Mary J. Smith vs. Crawford O. Perry.

Notice of final settlement, etc. of the estate of Mary J. Smith, deceased. To all interested in said estate.

Pursuant to a decree of reference made November 9th, 1904:

In the matter of the administration of the estate of Mary J. Smith, deceased, take notice that John G. Smith, as Executor, having filed his account and vouchers for a final settlement of his administration and of investment under former decrees, with the Register in Chancery at Birmingham, Alabama.

You are hereby notified that the 28th day of December, 1904, has been by me designated as the day to hear and pass upon said account, at which time you may appear and contest the same if you so desire.

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A Japanese Universalist minister is said to have explained the lack of success of his church in Japan partly because there was wanting in it that hearty spirit of worship which joins in Christian singing. The air was cold and the sermon was a lecture. A Unitarian paper quotes from one of its ministers, who was formerly a Methodist, an expression of his surprise and sorrow that he has come to a songless communion. It could hardly be said that these churches are cold and stiff because they have lost their power to sing; but rather that they have lost the spirit of profound experience and abounding life. It will be well for orthodox churches to consider to what extent congregational singing expresses, and even ministers to, fuller spiritual life.—Central Baptist.

Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, in the course of his Sunday morning sermons, paid his respects to the nickel contributors who visit his church. "These drifters, these deadheads, come into the church on a Sabbath morning and drop a nickel in the plate while occupying a seat in a pew paid for by some other man. These are the people who see nothing in the Gospel except the words: 'without money and without price.' Their attitude savors of socialism. A Socialist, you will understand, is not a man who wants to divide his money with his neighbors, but a man who wants his neighbors to divide their money with him."

A preacher may be wrong in his exegesis and "all mixed up in his syntax," but if his heart is aglow with love for Christ and perishing souls, he will exert a power for good that a sounder thinker and a more polished orator might envy. We are not commending aliphad interpretation nor ungrammatical speech, but the cultivation of deeper sympathy and warmer love for the unfortunate and downcast on the part of the sound thinker and polished orator. The drapery of a sermon, so to speak, is of far less moment than the substance and warmth of it. The preacher should be in close touch with Christ; then he will preach Christ.—Examiner.

HOW HAS IT BEEN PAID!

On picking up one of our exchanges the other day, we saw this sentence: "A brother writes us that the church of which he is a member has paid the pastor's salary up to January 1st." This sentence sets us to thinking, and to wondering, and to questioning. Through the eleven months of this year, many pastors (all over the State) have been laboring earnestly and faithfully,

carrying the message of salvation to the lost and of comfort and strength to the redeemed. Through heat and cold, through wet and dry, they have been going to their appointments, seeking to perform faithfully the engagements which they made with the churches at the beginning of the year. We wonder if they have all been paid the salaries promised them. We pass on the question to the churches; to those brethren in the churches whose duty it is to look after just such matters. We refer to the deacons. Attention to the financial affairs of the churches constitutes one of the chief duties of the deacons. Let every deacon see to it that his pastor has been paid; or, if he has not, let him see to it that the money is raised during the next three weeks, so that not one dollar of indebtedness shall be carried over into the next year.

Brethren of the churches, the pastors need the pittances that you have promised them, little enough at best. Your promises ought to constitute obligations upon you, under which you cannot rest while they remain unmet. No debt contracted during the year is a more sacred one than that which your church has made with its pastor. And these debts ought to be paid now, in the time when money is flowing freely. It would not be amiss if many of the churches, recognizing the fact that God has abundantly blessed the member in material things this year, and remembering that their pastors have probably gone through the year without their money, should add a nice little sum to the amount promised, not as interest on the delayed payment, but as an expression of love to their ministers and of gratitude to God.

It may be that in some churches, deacons are not attending to this matter, and if it should be left to them, the pastors will go without their money for a long time. If there should be any such in any of the churches, let the members realize that the obligation is upon each one of them to see to it that the man of God who has served them in spiritual things shall not lack the temporal things which are his due.—Christian Index.

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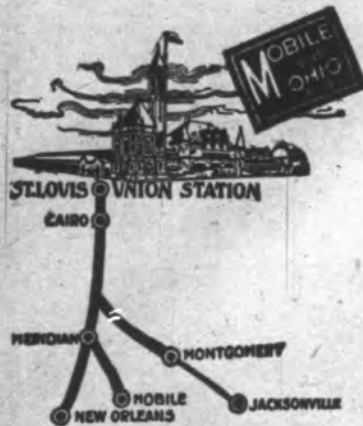
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