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The paper is getting better every week.—Sam H. Campbell.

God bless you. You are giving us a good paper.—James D. Ray.

I am glad to say that your paper grows better week by week.—R. A. J. Cumbee.

With best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am, G. G. Miles.

You are making a great paper of the Baptist, and I rejoice at your success.—W. R. Hood.

May God's blessing continue upon you and the good paper you are giving us.—J. B. Byrd, Jr.

I shall always be glad to do what I can for the paper and its genial editor.—J. G. Dickinson.

I rejoice with you in the success of your paper. It has grown from good to better.—J. W. Moon.

I will do all I can to aid you in your efforts. I assure you I am in sympathy with the Baptist.—James A. Owens.

Am delighted with the Alabama Baptist. It gets better all the time. May God bless you and the paper.—J. I. McCollum.

I wish I could get every Baptist to take and read the paper. May God bless you in all your labors is my prayer.—R. H. Hudson.

May you live a long time and may the good Lord bless you in the good work that you are doing is my sincere prayer.—J. M. Carter.

I wish you a happy Xmas and prosperous and happy New Year. I hope to get in some substantial work for your paper right soon.—S. A. Adams.

I send three names and will try to get more, for I am anxious for our people to read more. May God bless you in your great work.—W. E. Bradley.

I am truly glad to know that the Baptist has reached the number of homes that it has. May God grant that it may even reach every Baptist home.—W. A. Tharp.

May your Christmas be most happy and the New Year full of blessings for you, your wife, and our paper. With best regards from my wife and myself for you and ours, I am your friend and brother, A. P. Montague.

I have had it in my heart to write a word or two for the paper, but my hands have been so full that my intentions haven't taken any practical shape. I hope to have more time after January. May you have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—J. H. Foster, Jr.

A merry, restful Christmas and a happy New Year as reward in small degree for your great faithfulness and marvelous success in the marked and growing improvements of the dear Baptist.—J. Bunyan Kilpatrick.

You requested it in your calendar, and we have "kept our eyes on you" this year, and marvelous has been the improvement in our paper. God bless you! I will help you to get the 10,000. Yours for the greatest success—E. E. George.

I enjoy the weekly visits of your, or our, paper no little, and am pleased to note the improvement in it. God bless you in your efforts to put the paper in the home of every Baptist family in Alabama.—H. M. Long.

I am always waiting patiently, and glad to see the Alabama Baptist. I read your paper, sometimes in the devotional exercise of my school, and get good results. May God bless and prosper you in your work.—Rev. J. S. Gravlee.

Bangor: Words are inadequate to express my gratitude for the noble paper you and your co-laborers are furnishing in the Baptist; I am determined to do more for the paper this year than I have ever done, if it is the Lord's will.—J. E. Creel.

The paper is improving rapidly and I appreciate it more now because its management seems to understand so thoroughly that our mission as Christians is not to answer the cry of "higher critics" but to answer the cry of the thirsty soul for "the water of life." That our battle is not against science but against sin.—T. V. Neal.

You are giving us an excellent paper and we eagerly await its coming each week. You are doing a noble work. I don't see how a Baptist can afford to be without the paper in his home. I am praying for you and speaking a good word for the paper every opportunity I have. God bless you in the work.—Chas. M. Brewer.

My good wishes for your success have been yours since you took charge of the paper. The future of the Baptist is now assured, and the Baptists of Alabama will have a strong aggressive organ. May the Lord richly reward your efforts for the promotion of every good. With best wishes for a happy Christmas and many returns of same.—Adiel J. Moncrief.

Richmond, Va.: In closing the old year so full of God's rich blessings, I want to thank you for the help that you have given. May you have a happy Christmas in heart and home, and may you soon enter upon the best year of your life temporally and spiritually. God bless and use our newspaper men.—R. J. Willingham.

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Our Sermon.

Preached by Rev. I. A. White at the Cathbert Baptist Church in Dec.

"Who hath woe! (oh!) Who hath sorrow! (alas!) Who hath contentions! Who hath complaining! Who hath wounds without cause! Who hath redness of eyes! (darkness.) They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek out mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red; when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright, (goeth down smoothly). At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."—Proverbs 23:29-32.

"Facts" are said to be "the fingers of Providence." They shall point the way and mark the road along which we move tonight. For I purpose to give you facts and arguments and good doctrine as to why I am unalterably opposed to the sale and use of alcoholic stimulants as a beverage.

On last Tuesday night, a week ago, Nov. 29th, 1904—as reported in our dailies—a prominent young dentist of Columbus, Ga., entered a saloon of that city, when, without provocation, another man, an uncle of the dentist, crazed with liquor, seized him and slashed his throat with a knife in a bloody and most dangerous manner.

This incident, the like of which is of almost daily occurrence, illustrates how the liquor business and the drink habit of this country, reckless and red-handed, are throttling and slashing with murderous weapons the very throat of our State and municipal governments and imperilling the life and liberty of our citizens.

The saloon and drink and crime are as necessarily related as seed and tree and fruit. If we could but banish the saloon and all places of its kind four-fifths (some say nine-tenths) of the crimes which disgrace our land would be banished to the pit whence they come.

As a loyal citizen, a lover of right and good order, as a friend to every man, and as a Christian minister, I want to unmask this hideous monster, masquerading as the "benevolent revenue collector" and "most worthy patron of education," and unsheathing the sword of the Spirit, slash without mercy this universal enemy. I am opposed to the sale and use of strong drink because it is and ever has been
The Source of National Shame and Ruin.

In the wreckage and overthrow of nations gone before us strong drink played a most conspicuous part. In the buried ruins of their once proud cities intemperance has left her monuments, bleak and bare, on which the skies nightly weep and about which the winds moan in saddest requiem. The woes and sure doom of that nation that falls under the power of dissipation. Babylonia and Persia, Egypt and Palestine, Greece and Rome, whose melancholy records have come down to us, furnish clear evidence that they were overthrown not so much by the military genius and trained soldiery of

rival powers as by internal disorders—the fruits of dissipation. Their ruin came as the result of intemperance which, burning out their vital forces, made them an easy prey to harder and more temperate peoples seeking conquest and booty.

England is today within the sweep of that same current that drove those gallant ships of State upon the rocks. And our own beloved land feels the unmistakable pull of the dread undertow that is dragging her out to sea to be dashed upon the same reef and to a common fate. As a nation we are young and strong, great and generous. We are blessed with a broad and beautiful domain, teeming with unlimited natural resources. Our recuperative powers from the blight of war, and our buoyancy under disasters indicate our vigor and challenge the admiration of the world. We have survived pestilences and financial panics; we have weathered the fierce gales of social swells, political corruptions, and party strifes.

But how shall we continue to triumph thus, and fulfill our God-given destiny, with this ravenous, black-winged vampire—the drink habit—sucking the blood and paralyzing the strength of our citizenship? How can our country sweep on to the fulfillment of her mission as "Liberty enlightening the world" with the saloon—that insatiable vulture—forever tearing at her vitals?

Is it not passing strange that free-born men of the greatest republic under the sun, who would scorn to fling themselves in subjection before the Czar of all the Russias, should cringe and bow and fawn at the feet of this loathsome monster, intemperance? The foe that is crushing Russia today is not so much the mighty army of the Mikado, as the drunkenness of the Russian army. Says a writer who has been on the grounds and carefully observed: "Nearly all the officers of the Russian army and navy are drunkards, and the vice is common among the privates; whereas, in the Japanese army drunkenness is unknown."

But while uttering this note of warning I would mention some tokens that are harbingers of better things for us—the light through which hope sees the reward for which her votaries have toiled and suffered. And so I formulate my next proposition thus: I am opposed to the drink habit because the practical business sense of this country is arraying itself against it.

This is certainly ground for encouragement to temperance workers, but it is a word of warning to young men who are not sure of their standing and yet are hoping for success in the great business world. Great business concerns are shutting out those who drink; railroad companies will not knowingly retain such among their employees; guarantee companies will not stand for them.

From Hon. Carroll D. Wright's Labor Bureau investigations someone has gathered and circulated these facts: "More than 75 per cent. of the employers of skilled labor in the United States require total abstinence of their employees. And 50 per cent. of the employers of unskilled labor require the

same." And this is recognized in England today as the secret of our growing commercial supremacy. At a public meeting in Birmingham, England, some time ago addresses were delivered bearing upon the causes of England's failure to maintain her industrial leadership of the world. The presiding officer of that meeting is reported to have said: "We are being beaten in skill by America." "If the State," said he further, "will only educate the children against strong drink, England commercially may yet be saved."

It has been wisely said that "Industrial supremacy belongs to that country which possesses the cheapest material, the most improved machinery, and the most efficient labor. That nation, therefore, whose brains are not dulled by alcohol and other narcotics will win in the world's competition."

But let us beware. Our drink bill is already appalling, and growing annually in millions of dollars added to millions. Look at this: Take the amount that this country paid for furniture last year, \$175,000,000. Take what we paid for public education, \$194,000,000. Take further what this country paid for cotton goods to clothe our people, \$380,000,000. Take again what is paid for our bread, \$600,000,000. And yet again, the amount of salaries paid to ministers, \$14,000,000; and once more the amount given by this country for foreign missions, \$5,500,000. Add all these together and you are still short by \$41,000,000 the drink bill of this country, \$1,410,000,000.

Again, I am opposed to the public sale and use of alcoholic drinks because science has fully demonstrated that such free use of alcohol is a curse to men mentally and physically.

But because alcoholic stimulants do not explode when carelessly handled, like dynamite; nor smite with instant death when inhaled, like the vapors of certain deadly acids; nor paralyze, like certain poisons, when tasted, men do not believe that it possesses such dangerous properties as are ascribed to it. Where is that very smart young fellow who, having just cut his wisdom teeth, and having acquired—through his imagination—the art of self-mastery, says, "I can take it, or I can let it alone, just when I please." He knows also just to a drop when he has enough. He will not undertake to speak for other men—they are weak! But he, wholly unlike others, is in no danger of "making a hog of himself." "Watch me," he says, "and see me do what a hundred thousand men in this country annually prove cannot be done." Aye! Watch him! A few brief years, and then behold! As sad a spectacle as sin can exhibit, after dragging it through the mire and filth of this world.

Never did a drunkard start upon his dark and slippery course with any other thought than that he could stop when he got ready. But the vast majority stand before their depraved appetites at last in self-confessed slavery. Like to a typical specimen of the habit who entered a low drinking place, and calling for a glass of whiskey, lifted it in his trembling hand, and addressed it thus:

"Tis you that makes me wear old clothes,
Tis you that makes my friends my foes;
But when you get so near my nose
I can't resist, and down it goes."

A noted publicist and lecturer some years ago declared before a great Boston audience that "the law of local affinity (within the human system) is an unquestioned one of science. By this law different (chemical) substances taken into the system, exert their chief effect at particular localities. Lead, for example, fasten upon the muscles of the wrist, producing what is known, among painters and white lead manufacturers, as wrist-drop. Manganese seizes upon the lymphatic glands; mercury upon the salivary glands and mouth. Oil of tobacco paralyzes the heart, strychnine takes effect upon the spinal chord, and the local affinity of alcohol is for the brain." It is asserted that it has been extracted from the brain of those who had died in a state of intoxication in such quantities as to burn when touched with a match, giving forth a blue lambent flame.

Alcohol attacks the brain—the organ of the mind—the seat of the mental and moral faculties. That is the secret, young man, of its mastery over you; it persistently attacks and pillages, and burns out the seat and throne of your mental and moral empire. Experiments have shown that liquor in small doses "excites imagination, the memory, and the power of association of ideas; but at the same time it depresses the judgment, dulls the conscience, and enfeebles the will." The higher faculties are deadened, and the baser ones are stimulated. This throws the entire man out of balance, and he is rendered capable of words and deeds, that he would shudder at were his faculties in their proper poise. Thus a man's nobler powers are chained and degraded while his passions run riot.

In accord with this teaching runs the testimony of eminent specialists in medicine and surgery. Dr. S. A. Knopf, who is said to have an international reputation as a specialist in tuberculosis, recently in an address in New York City as to the best methods of combating this dread disease, said this about alcohol: "Concerning alcoholism and other intemperate habits, which are so often the fore-runners of consumption, I do not wish to appear to you as a temperance lecturer. * * But liquor as a beverage is never useful, and nearly always harmful. Alcoholism must be considered the greatest enemy of the welfare of a nation, the most frequent destroyer of family happiness, the cause of the ruin of body and soul, and certainly the most active co-operator of the deadly tubercle bacillus."

Dr. Lorenz, that great Austrian surgeon who was in this country a year ago, said at a banquet in New York City, when someone noticed that he refused wine and questioned him if he were a teetotaler. "I cannot say that I am a temperance agitator," said he, "but I am a surgeon. My success depends upon my brain being clear, my muscles firm and my nerves steady. No

one can take alcoholic liquors without blunting these physical powers which I must keep on edge. As a surgeon, I must not drink."

Again, I object to the use of strong drink because of the dishonesty and deception connected with its manufacture and sale. If you who drink were getting the "pure article," that would be bad enough. But you are being swindled as well as "done to death" with vile concoctions. Can this be proven? Listen! Our State Chemist, John M. McCandless, in his report to Commissioner O. B. Stevens, as published July 17, 1904, says:

"Of eleven samples of whiskey analyzed, all were artificial or imitation whiskeys but two. One of these was corn whiskey, the other was whiskey with the government stamp showing that it had been bottled in bond. The artificial whiskeys are all made of diluted cologne spirits, or strong alcohol with water, which is colored with caramel and flavored with a trace of essence. In some cases a little genuine whiskey is blended."

The Nashville American of Aug. 15, 1904, quoted with comment the following from an issue of The Brooklyn Eagle (N. Y.): "The whiskey that we pay fifteen cents a drink for over gilded bars is neither rye, corn, nor good John Barleycorn, but fassel oil and creosote chemically treated. That is what a doctor who has been analyzing the stuff for the Board of Health (of that city) says. And the experts promise a report which will curl the hair of habitual drinkers. The basis of this high priced 'Scotch' is a cheap grade of American rye colored and flavored by chemical aids." In view of these facts, it is not surprising that the infamous business makes money for those who handle it.

We can appreciate the sarcasm of the Acheson Globe which has been freely quoted: "The distiller rides in a steam yacht; the wholesale dealer in an automobile; the retail liquor dealer rides in a carriage; but the man who buys and drinks it is pulled around by the hair of the head by a policeman."

And lastly, I am opposed to it because the Word of God Condemns it.

And if I had no other reason this would be sufficient. Turn to Isaiah 5:11: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink, that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame them." 22nd: "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink." "Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; and whosoever erreth (is deceived thereby) is not wise."—Prov. 20:1.

Paul, writing to the lustful, licentious time servers of Corinth, uttered some strong words, which should be declared over and over again: "Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor abusers of themselves with men, nor covetous, nor thieves, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the Kingdom of God." That forever shuts out the drunkards and the man that is headed that way.

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is red, when it giveth its color in the cup." How beautifully enticing, as it glows and blushes in the cup! How rich the aroma, how blithe the taste! What a thrill leaps through the frame as the seductive potion is quaffed! But, young man, turn away your eyes from beholding it. Flee from it. There is woe and sorrow in its depths. For at the last—O, God! at the last!! locked in the coils of a writhing, hissing serpent. With all the sly, insidious, creeping movements of a cunning reptile it lays hold, and then with cruel, loathsome bite fastens its fangs in the heart and stings with an anguish beyond the reach of hope to soothe, or the power of death to relieve.

"Lord of truth and grace,
Teach us this woe to shun,
Lest we be banished from thy face,
And ever more undone."

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL IT MAKE

A thousand years from now whether you
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Ate canvasback duck or Hamburg
steak,
Slept in a hand-carved bed or an
iron one,
Traveled by automobile or trolley,
Owned a fast horse or a plug,
Belonged to a fashionable club or
were a stay-at-home,
Walked on velvet carpets or ingrain,
Sat on Louis XIV furniture or
wooden-bottomed,
Used solid silver or plated,
Stuck diamond studs in your shirt
front or mother of pearl,
Sipped green turtle soup or tomato,
Had a million in bank or nothing at
all!

But it will make a mighty big a-
nal difference whether you
Man of honor or a scoundrel,
Truth teller or a liar,
Brave fellow or a coward,
Straightforward chap or a sneak,
Worker or a loafer,
Patriotic citizen or a boodler,
Chivalrous friend or a selfish cur-
mudgeon,
Generous giver or a stingy skinflint,
Humane employer or a sweater,
Conscientious workingman or a shirk,
Loyal husband or a social leper,
Lover of your children or a brute,
Practicer of self-control or a slave-
of appetite,
Conversationalist of clean lips or of
foul,
Reader of pure books or of filthy,
Believer in God or an atheist,
Confessor of Christ or a denier,
Reverer of the Bible or a scoffer,
Striver after righteousness or an in-
differentist!

These things will bear a little thinking
about!

There is the almighty dollar, indeed,
But there is also the immortal soul.
"What shall it profit a man . . .!"
—Selected.

B. Y. P. U.

EAST BIRMINGHAM B. Y. P. U.

The first Sunday in January was a good day with us. Attendance and interest was fine. We were pleased to have our State Secretary, H. B. Wood, with us, who made a splendid speech.

Below are some New Year's resolutions made and handed in by the members of our B. Y. P. U.—A Member.

I have resolved to be on time at church, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. To "Search the Scripture."

To bring new members to the B. Y. P. U.

Visit the sick.

Always be bright and cheerful.

To never refuse to take part in the B. Y. P. U. meeting when appointed.

Speak a kind word to all.

This, a new year, O God I will try to serve Thee better.

To know more about the Bible at the close of the year than I do now.

To do all the good I can, in all the ways I can for all the people I can.

Try to be present at every meeting of the B. Y. P. U. and take my part in the exercises.

WOULD YOUR CHURCH BE HELPED BY SUCH A UNION?

No Union should be discouraged if it does not reach its ideal, for the ideal should be constantly becoming higher. In striving for your ideals it will be well to keep in mind the following fundamental principles of your Union, as expressed in the Baptist Standard:

Every Young People's Society should be—

First, Devotional. It should maintain a weekly prayer-meeting.

Second, Evangelistic. Its constant aim should be to draw souls to Christ and into the Church.

Third, Stimulative to Christian service. It should urge active participation by the young in Church and general Christian work.

Fourth, Educational. It should seek the edification of the young people in systematic Scripture knowledge and definite understanding of Baptist doctrine and history.

Fifth, Missionary in its plans. It should seek the enlistment of the young people in all forms of missionary activity through existing denominational organizations and seek thus the proclamation of the Gospel to all men in this generation.—Baptist Courier.

The B. Y. P. U. of America has for the distinguishing feature its Educational Study Courses. In the work of Christian culture it is in the forefront. It is true to its motto, "We study that we may serve." These courses have inspired other Christian bodies to systems of study. Can your church afford to miss the training for service?

A HAPPY DRUGGIST.

Mr. W. R. Fountain of North Carolina, says, "I have been selling Tetterine for years, and it comes nearer giving satisfaction than any remedy I have ever sold." Cures all forms of skin diseases.

If your druggist hasn't it, send 50 cents for one box to J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga.

Missionary Notes.

The Empress Dowager of China, has recognized the good of medical missions by a gift of \$6,000 toward the erection of the London Missionary Society's hospital and college at Peking.

South America, which covers an area of 7,000,000 square miles and contains 34,000,000 inhabitants, has been called "The Neglected Continent." In Paraguay there are 2,000,000 Indians who never heard of Christ until 1889, and have only four missionaries working among them. In Peru, 3,000,000 of the people have never been evangelized.

Missionaries are continually writing about the changes in old China, all indicating a change of spirit and policy. One marked evidence is the fact that between 1,200 and 1,400 Chinese students are studying in Japanese colleges and universities, whereas only two years ago there were only 578 Chinese students in Japan. Plainly, China is seeking to learn from her progressive neighbor.

Missionaries of all denominations assert that the war between Russia and Japan is only increasing opportunities for great work. Writing of the change that has come over China since the collapse of the "Boxer" uprising in 1900 a missionary says: "The changed attitude of the mandarin and the literate is very marked. Those who once despise us now seek the front seats at our lectures."

A young preacher in England discusses the question of city missions thus: "I am giving all my spare time to studying the city problem, especially the breach between the Church and the labor organizations. I think one reason why the institutional Church has not been more of a success in New England is this: too much has been made of soup, and too little of the Gospel. The greatest fault with current philanthropy among us is that it begins at the wrong end of human need."

THE BIBLE.

Alone it has civilized whole nations. It is the one book that can fully lead forth the richest and deepest and sweetest things in man's nature. Read all other books—philosophy, poetry, history, fiction—but if you would refine the judgment, fertilize the reason, wing the imagination, attain unto the finest womanhood or the sturdiest manhood, read this book, reverently and prayerfully, until its truths have dissolved like iron into the blood. If you have no time, make time and read. The book Daniel Webster placed under his pillow when dying is the book all should carry in the hand while living.—Newell D. Hillis.

A BOOK OF TRAVEL WITH A GREAT PURPOSE.



Being the narrative of a journey from Shanghai through the central kingdom to Burma under the special protection of the Imperial Government.—With 100 full-page illustrations, largely from original photographs. The young author of this book is one of today's greatest travelers. He has recently completed a trip across the entire breadth of China, under the special protection of the Chinese Government, in order that he might see and report on, in an unbiased way, the work that Christian Missions are doing in the Celestial Kingdom. Afforded conspicuous courtesies, Mr. Gill had everywhere opportunities novel and important. Traveling soon after the Boxer movement, he was accorded interviews with viceroys, and is the first American to go up the Yangtze on a special native gunboat flying the American flag, and accompanied by a specially appointed mandarin. But Mr. Gill is not a traveler who gleans all his information from official sources. He gives a most interesting study of the people themselves, and, without saying so in the approved scientific terms, a complete view of the Chinese character is given, whilst the opium question and other great questions of the Celestials are discussed. Finally there is considerable caustic for the careless critics of Christian Missions, and strong statements regarding their work.

Four Anecdotes From the Book.

The Emperor and the Mandarin.

During the Taiping rebellion there lived at Nanking a man who, occupying an official position, had to do with the purchase of arms and ammunition for the forces defending the Manchu dynasty. He purchased wooden arms and a lot of absolutely worthless ammunition and pocketed most of the nimble funds allowed for the purchase. His treasonable rascality became known at the court, and high officials were dispatched from Peking to remove his head and carve him up. Being a man of great wealth he sent the coming representatives of the emperor valuable presents, and later on received the functionaries into his own residence, elegantly and lavishly entertained them and made such an equitable division of his wealth that the would-be executioners were diverted from their purpose. But an Emperor's edict cannot be openly trifled with, so a very shrewd scheme was laid and hatched. On a certain day the executioners with their attendants gathered together with a great fuss. The streets were lined with troops, and it was given out that the offender had been beheaded. To prove the fact, the defaulting warrior was carried out in a large wooden coffin, and with befitting ceremony removed to the country, there to await the decision of the geomancers as to a pro-

pitious site for burial. The man is still living in Nanking, enjoying the funds contributed by the Emperor for the purpose of bona fide cannon.

The Possibilities of Bamboo.

On the crowded streets of this bustling emporium of Szechuen one sees many things made of bamboo. Indeed, in this province a man can sit in a bamboo house under a bamboo roof, on a bamboo chair at a bamboo table, with his feet resting on a bamboo footstool, with a bamboo hat on his head and bamboo sandals on his feet. He can at the same time hold in one hand a bamboo bowl, in the other bamboo chopsticks, and eat bamboo sprouts. When through his meal, which has been cooked over a bamboo fire, the table may be washed with a bamboo cloth.

The Chinaman's World of Unrealities.

It has been said that the Chinese are unimaginative, materialistic and matter of fact, that they live in a narrow, circumscribed sphere. But the fact is that the Chinese live in a world of unrealities. They worship demons whom they have never seen. Innumerable religious institutions for the sole purpose of locating devils are established all over China. The religious devotee spends time and money in attempts to rid himself of the influence of the demon world. He is haunted by spirits who follow him in his office, in his carriage or his palanquin, into the privacy of his home, and even behind the curtains of his unfeathered bed. There are good spirits also, besides the spirits of his ancestors, whom he worships more often and perhaps more sincerely than high heaven. You cannot call a Chinese a spiritual man or a demonized man, but he lives in constant dread of the spirits of the upper and nether world. The country which possesses the largest coal deposits in the world has never mined coal for fear of disturbing the Great Dragon who is supposed to govern the air and the earth. "Shall we drive shafts into his back," they ask, "when it is sure to arouse him from his slumber, and the serrated hills around us will be immediately transformed into fierce dragon beasts?"

Chinese Examinations.

One marvel in Nanking, in every respect the greatest—the Examination Hall. The tiers of cells into which the students pass for the real work of the great examination, are built of brick in single rows and roofed in with tiles, each stall measuring in front forty-four inches deep, thirty-seven inches wide, and five feet, eight inches high. In the rear wall of each is a small niche where the occupant places his candle. In one row of these diminutive study-rooms I found ninety-six of these, and in another row more than one hundred. There must, then, be accommodation here for at least fifteen thousand students, and I can readily believe the official who gave this large number as the estimate. It sometimes happens that even these are inadequate.

There are many very remarkable features connected with these celebrated One of the most extraordinary is the difference in the ages of the students.

I was told of one boy who took his middle, or M.A., degree at eleven years of age, but he had a very short life. Old men of seventy, and even eighty years of age who have perchance tried many years and failed, still come up, hoping to gain the tablet and the flag that their families may enjoy the exalted honor. (Copyright, 1904, by A. C. Armstrong and Son.)



TWO MODERN APOSTLES.

The Apostle of the "Simple Life" is Introduced by the Apostle of the "Strenuous Life."

Charles Wagner, the French clergyman, teacher, author, and lecturer, is now visiting in America, where his books, "The Simple Life" and "By the Fireside," have given him a wide reputation. His father was but a poor country pastor, who died when Charles, the oldest of his five children, was but seven years old. As a boy, Charles worked in the fields and attended the village school. When he was fourteen he went to Paris to begin his course in theology. He is now a man in middle life and has charge of an important pastorate in Paris, where he is doing a practical work, especially among young men. In his lectures and books he insists upon simplicity and sincerity in all phases of life and urges concentration of mind and heart upon essential things only, thus avoiding the complicated existence which destroys individual power and peace.

The Negro Baptist Church.

In introducing Pastor Charles Wagner to the citizens of Washington recently, President Roosevelt spoke most sympathetically of the author and his book, "The Simple Life." In the course of his address of considerable length he told this story which is reprinted in the Boston Transcript:

As an example of what can be done, by the individual citizen, I shall mention something that recently occurred in this city of Washington, a thing that doubtless many of you know about, but which was unknown to me until recently. A few weeks ago, when I was walking back from church one Sunday I noticed a great fire and found that it was Downey's livery stable. Through a train of circumstances that I need not mention my attention was particularly called to the case and I looked into it.

I had long known of the admirable work done with singular modesty and self-effacement by Mr. Downey in try-

ing to give homes to the homeless, and to be himself a friend of those in a peculiar sense friendless in this community; and I now by accident found out what had happened in connection with this particular incident. It appears that last spring Mr. Downey started to build a new livery stable; his stable is next door to a colored Baptist church. Mr. Downey is a white man and a Catholic, and these neighbors of his are colored men and Baptists, and their kinship was simply the kinship of that broad humanity that should underlie all our feelings toward one another. Mr. Downey started to build his stable, and naturally wanted to have it as big a stable as possible, and build it right up to the limits of his land. That brought the wall close up against the back of the colored Baptist church, cutting out the light and air.

The preacher called upon him and told him that they would like to purchase a strip of six feet of the ground of Mr. Downey, upon which he was intending to build, as it would be a great inconvenience to them to lose the light and air; that they were aware that it was asking a good deal of him to cramp the building out of which he intended to make his livelihood, but that they hoped he would do it because of their need. After a good deal of thought Mr. Downey came to the conclusion that he ought to grant the request and so he notified them that he would change his plans, making a somewhat smaller building, and sell them the six feet of land in the strip adjoining their church.

After a little while the preacher came around with the trustees of his church and said they very much appreciated Mr. Downey's courtesy, and were sorry they had bothered him as they had, because, on looking into the affairs of the church, they found that as they were already in debt they did not feel warranted in incurring any further financial obligations, and so they had to withdraw their request. They thanked him for his kindly purpose and said good-bye.

But Mr. Downey found he could not sleep that night until finally he made up his mind that as they could not buy it he would give it to them anyway, which he did. But, unfortunately, we know that the Tower of Siloam often falls upon the just and the unjust alike and Mr. Downey's livery stable caught fire and burned down. It was Sunday morning and the Baptist church was in session next door to him, and the clergyman stopped and said: "Now, you women, stay here and pray, and you men go straight out and help our benefactor, Mr. Downey;" and go out they did, and got his horses all out, so that none of them was burned, although he suffered otherwise a total loss. Now I call that a practical application of Mr. Wagner's teachings. Here in Washington we have a right to be proud of a citizen like Mr. Downey; and if only we can develop enough such citizens we shall turn out just the kind of community that does not need to, but will always be glad to, study "The Simple Life."

MOTHER'S REALM.

THE NEWCOMER.

I hear a little footstep
Fall lightly on the floor,
And slowly on its hinges turns
The half-reluctant door.

A child stands on the threshold,
Dimpled and shy and fair,
With baby finger at its lips,
And soft wind-ruffled hair.

He pauses for a word or nod,
Betwixt a smile and tear;
Ah, let me bid him welcome—
It is the infant year.

—Selected.

"They talk about a woman's sphere
As though it had a limit!
There's not a place in earth or heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a blessing or a woe
There's not a whispered yes or no,
There's not a life, a death, a birth
That has a feather's weight of worth,
Without a woman in it."

EXCHANGE CHILDREN.

Encouraging success is noted with the practice of trading children as introduced in Denmark and Switzerland. Danish children are exchanged for the school holiday season by means of newspaper advertisements. The country children go into the towns and the city children go into the country for this brief period, both being thus benefited by the change of scene.

In Switzerland they are exchanged for a much longer period. A child born in a French canton will be sent successively to the German and Italian cantons, and vice versa. They frequently remain away from home a year or two. The object is to improve the children's education. The parents in each case have an interest in doing as well as possible by the children in their care, in the expectation that their own children will be equally well treated.

THE ONION BABY.

"There, little man, I think you are ready now," and off the little fellow trotted, with a shovel in one hand, and drawing his sled with the other.

Out in the snow in front of the house he played a long time; but he became tired, and called to come in. His mother began to take off his clothing—there were so many little garments that kept him protected from the cold.

In the midst of the proceedings grandmother came into the room and said: "Why! he is just like an onion, isn't he? You peel off one layer after another, don't you?"

The little boy played with his blocks for a short time, then as he looked up and rubbed his eyes his mother carried him upstairs for his nap, saying: "Well, here goes the onion baby to dreamland."—The Sunbeam.

CANNOT TAKE A MOTHER'S PLACE.

Much has been written upon the subject of nurses, instructions to be given them, etc. Every thoughtful mother will agree that if servants have to be

employed, let it not be a nurse. Have someone to do your housework, but care for and watch your children yourself. You are responsible before God how you care for them. You would not put your best dress into the hands of an inexperienced dressmaker, because you would fear that it would be ruined, even though you could secure another, yet some mothers, without thought of the dreadful consequences, hire girls without experience or judgment, with no love for their charges, and entrust them to their care. To fully realize this, watch the city parks, or even the side streets, and see the numbers of girls there, in the South colored girls; watch how they leave their charges, some facing the strong wind, some unwrapped and cold, some overwrapped and perspiring, while the nurses are engaged in a lively conversation, or, if it be summer, some are left in the burning midsummer sun, with their tender heads uncovered, some lying on their backs with their little faces upturned to its fierce rays, which must result in their blindness or diseased eyes. I sometimes, while walking the streets, see even mothers and fathers thus exposing the tender eyes of the babes they love so well; I can never pass without calling their attention to the inevitable injury they are ignorantly or thoughtlessly inflicting upon their precious gem, for whom they would gladly spill their life's blood, were it needed. Regardless of any instruction given the nurse girl, the babe in her care is in great danger. In winter it may be carried into a warm house, its wraps left on, then brought out perspiring, to return home, and suffer and perhaps die from croup, sore throat or pneumonia. It may be exposed to scarlet fever, diphtheria, or smallpox. Yet worse than these, its morals may be so warped that it will in after years become a moral and physical wreck, resulting from the practice and influence of the nurse. I do not believe that any mother would select these young, inexperienced, and possibly corrupt girls with whom to entrust their children if they knew or realized what would be the consequences; nor would she have a nurse under any circumstances if she could not obtain a reliable woman, with large experience, plenty of judgment, a natural love for children, conscientious, pure, and high-minded. Even then she should look closely after their every interest, that they might grow up into great and good men and women.—Selected.

A well-known professor has a bright boy, who one day at the age of four appeared in his father's study clasping in his hands a forlorn-looking little chicken, which had strayed from a neighboring incubator. The New York Times tells the story: "Willie," said the father, "take that chicken back to its mother." "Ain't dot any mudder," answered Willie. "Well, then, take it to its father," said the professor, determined to maintain parental authority. "Ain't dot any fader," said the child. "Ain't dot anything but an old lamp!"

A Dollars Worth Free To Any Rheumatic Sufferer

I ask no deposit—no reference—no security. There is nothing to risk—nothing to promise—nothing to pay, either now or later. Any Rheumatic sufferer who does not know my remedy may have a full dollar's worth free to try. I willingly make this liberal offer because I know that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy may be relied upon ALWAYS to bring the utmost relief that medicine can. Years before I discovered this remedy I studied the nature of Rheumatism. For Rheumatism is really

I spent twenty years in experimenting before I felt satisfied that I had a certain remedy for this dread disease—a remedy which would not only clean out the poison, but one which would stop its formation.

Certain Relief

The secret lay in a wonderful chemical I found in Germany. When I found this chemical, I knew that I could make a Rheumatic cure that would be practically certain. But even then, before I made an announcement—before I was willing to put my name on it—I made more than 1,000 tests! And my failures were but 2 per cent.

This German chemical is not the only ingredient I use in Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure—but it made the remedy possible—made possible an achievement which I doubt not could have been made in no other way.

This chemical was very expensive. The drug, too, was high. In all it cost me \$4.90 per pound. But what is \$4.90 per pound for a REAL remedy for the world's most painful disease?—for a REAL relief from the greatest torture human beings know?

I don't mean that Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Cure can turn bony joints into flesh again—that is impossible. But it will drive from the blood the poison that causes pain and swelling, and then that is the end of the pain and swelling—the end of the suffering—the end of Rheumatism. That is why I can afford to make this liberal offer—that is why I can afford to spend the FIRST dollar that Rheumatic sufferers, the world over, may learn of my remedy.

Simply Write Me.

The offer is open to everyone, everywhere, who has not tried my remedy. But you must write ME for the free dollar package order. I will send you an order on your druggist which he will accept as gladly as he would accept a dollar. He will hand you from his shelves a standard sized package and he will send the bill to me. There are no conditions—no requirements. All that I ask you to do is to write—write today. I will send you my book on Rheumatism beside. It is free. It will help you to understand your case. Address Dr. Shoop, Box 9966, Racine, Wis.

Crystallized Poison!

Your blood is always full of poison—the poison you eat and drink and breathe into your system. It is the purpose of the blood to absorb and carry off this very poison. And the kidneys, which are the blood filters, are expected to cleanse the blood and send it back through the system clean, to gather more poison, which, they, in turn, will eliminate.

But sometimes the kidneys fail. And sometimes, from some other cause the blood gets so full of poison that they cannot absorb it all. This is the start of Rheumatism. The poison accumulates and crystallizes. The crystals look like little grains of sugar or of fine white sand. The blood carries them and they increase in size. Then, when it can carry them no longer, it deposits them in a joint—on a bone—anywhere.

The twinge in your leg—the dull ache in your arm on a rainy day—these are the outward signs of the unseen crystals. And the twisted limbs and unpeppable anguish of the sufferer who has allowed his symptoms to go unheeded and unattended for years—these are the evidences of what Rheumatism, neglected, can do.

Rheumatism includes lumbago, sciatica, neuralgia, gout—for all these are the results of rheumatic poison in the blood.

Plainly, the first thing to do is to remove the poison. But this is not enough. The formation of the poison must be stopped, so that nature may have a chance to dissolve and eliminate the crystals which have already formed. Unless this is done there can be no cure—no permanent relief.

I searched the whole earth for a specific for Rheumatism—something that I or any physician could feel safe in prescribing—something that we could count on not only occasionally, but ALWAYS. For the ravages of Rheumatism are everywhere and genuine relief is rare.

Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Remedy.

A GOOD APPETITE.

HOW TO EAT.

Don't bring worries to the table,
Don't bring anger, hate or scowls;
Banish everything unpleasant,
Talk and eat with smiling jowls.
It will aid your own digestion,
If you wear a smiling face;
It will jolly up the others,
If you only set the pace;
Knowing something funny, tell it;
Something sad, forget to knell it;
Something hateful, quick dispel it
At the table.

Caro's domestic, business troubles,
Ills of body, soul or brain;
Unkind thoughts and nagging tempers,
Speech that causes others pain,
Public woes and grim disasters,
Crimes and wrongs and right's defeat—
None of them are to be mentioned
When you sit down to eat.
Knowing something funny, tell it;
Something sad, forget to knell it;
Something hateful, quick dispel it
At the table.

What to Eat.

SMALL COTTAGE PUDDING.

Cream together half a cupful of sugar with one-quarter of a cupful of butter, add one egg, and then alternately half a cupful of milk and one and one-half cupfuls of flour with which two and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder have been sifted. Serve with foamy lemon sauce.

INVALID'S FOOD.

A German was discussing with a friend the dearth of cabbage in the market and the consequent increased price of the article. An exchange gives the conversation:—

"I dell you, dese cappages is way up high dis year. Me und my wife puts up six or seffen or eight parrels of sauerkraut effery year, yes. But ve can'd do ut dis year, no. Der cappages, dey cost too much."

"But you put up some sauerkraut, don't you, Chris?" asked a friend.

"Oh, so! Yes, ve put up some, two or t-t-tree parrels, shust to haf in der house case of sickness, yea."

FINGER-PRINTS IDENTIFICATIONS.

The identification of criminals by means of finger-prints introduced in recent years in European police and penal establishments is paralleled by a similar custom which has been used in Korea for centuries to identify female slaves. In a paper recently read before the Anthropological Society of London by a missionary from Korea, it was stated that in the deeds of sale of slaves the hand of the latter was placed on the sheet of paper on which the deed was inscribed, and an outline of the fingers and thumb was traced, while, in addition, an impression was made of each finger. Such impressions, which naturally furnished a complete identification, have been found on deeds that date back 1200 years.—Harper's Weekly.

Correspondence.

ALABAMIANS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19, '04.

Dear Brother Barnett:

My mother living in Birmingham and now seventy-eight years old, has just made her wandering boy a present of a year's subscription to your valuable paper, a paper she has read ever since the first issue, published by the State Convention under the management of Brethren Winkler, Renfroe, Wilkes and others. There is nothing she could have given me that I would have appreciated more, as I know the reading of it is a source of one of her greatest pleasures. I left Alabama nearly two years ago, and there have been many changes, but I still see at their posts of duty some of my warmest friends whom in past years I have had the pleasure of having with me in my home at Avondale.

Dr. Shaffer, Bro. Shell, Stewart, Bradley, Blackwelder and Longcier, are among those to whom I refer and who will possibly not know that I have left the old State maybe never to return, but to whom you may say that I have not departed from the faith. I am at present teaching in my Sunday school and working on the finance committee of my church, two favorite positions.

But I started out to tell you of the Alabamians we have here. In April of this year we organized an Alabama Association, and now have a boni fide membership of forty besides as many more who occasionally visit our meetings but who have not united with our organization. Our officers are as follows: Judge Hutton, of Livingston, President; Mrs. W. A. Brown, of York, Vice-President; W. A. Brown, a graduate of Howard College, Corresponding Secretary, and the writer is Secretary. Prominent among the members are Dr. and Mrs. Booth, of Eufaula; Dr. Francis M. Parker, John F. and Mrs. Ponder, of Montgomery; A. S. and Mrs. Vandegrift, of Birmingham; Gesner Williams, of Demopolis, and Mrs. J. A. Weeks, of Avondale. We meet monthly at some member's home, and our gatherings are quite enjoyable. Our last meet was with Judge and Mrs. Hutton, and it is one of the greatest pleasures of an Alabamian to be invited to their home. They, with their lovely daughters, know exactly how to entertain. They have the genuine spirit of Alabama hospitality. The next meeting of the Association will be with Mr. and Mrs. Brown at their home in Pasadena. They are lovely people and the most enthusiastic members we have. I learn that they are planning a trip to Alabama in January.

The writer had the pleasure of meeting Capt. Hobson when he was on his lecturing tour and several of us called on Miss Irene Hobson while here. I have just learned that you were recently

here and am very sorry that I did not know it at the time. Don't do that way again.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of having with us Mr. Demming, of Evergreen. When you come this way again let us know you are coming.

Gilbert Carter.

317 Lankershire Bldg.

CONCERNING OUR ORPHANAGE.

Recently the writer had occasion to spend several weeks at the Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home, Evergreen, Ala.; and while there it was his privilege to be in very close touch with the officers and work of the institution. We were thus accorded the opportunity to observe the Home in her every-day clothes, so to speak, to an extent, possibly, never before enjoyed by a visiting friend. Many things that we saw and learned we believe the Baptists of Alabama ought to know; and with Brother Barnett's permission, we purpose to present these things to the readers of the Baptist in two or three brief articles. We will speak first of the

Organization and Management

One of the first things to attract our attention was the good order and discipline of the institution, and the system with which everything is done. There is the freedom of the well-regulated home, but the order of a well-disciplined industrial school; a time to rise and begin duties of the day, a time to eat and a time to sleep; and the tap of the bell is the signal. For the larger boys and girls the Superintendent's Motto is: "A work for everyone and everyone at his work." Seemingly the Motto for the smaller ones is: "A place for everyone and everyone in his place." Quite naturally the Superintendent and his assistants have not, and perhaps never will, attain to these ideals; for they deal with children who come from many and all kinds of homes; and many are coming and going every year. But they are to be congratulated on the progress they are making toward the attainment of these lofty conceptions of life and duty.

Another noteworthy thing is the small number of salaried persons employed in the Home, there being, at present, besides the Financial Secretary and the Superintendent, only the following who receive salaries: three matrons, one teacher, and the superintendent of the farm. The Home employs no cook, laundress, or seamstress. All this work is done by the larger girls and boys under the direction of the Superintendent and matrons. This is a condition both gratifying and regrettable; gratifying, because it is made possible by the excellent system and industry of the management; regrettable, because there is a keenly felt need of more help in several departments. At present a large part of the Superintendent's time is devoted to teaching the higher grades in the Orphanage school; but so many and so varied are his duties outside the school room that he is often compelled to neglect the school-room to some extent. In fact, he distinctly feels that all his attention should be given to the duties connected with the office of Superin-

tendent, and hence that another teacher should be secured to do the teaching he is now doing. There are also needed a matron or housekeeper for the boys' building, an assistant matron or cook at the girls' building, and a nurse at the infirmary or sick ward. If the friends of the Home will enlarge somewhat their monthly gifts, this additional help can be easily provided. Because of the lack of this help some of the larger girls must be kept out of the school entirely, and others have too little time to devote to their studies.

The Current Expense Account.

A friend somewhat thoughtlessly said to the writer recently: "It certainly takes a lot of money to run the Orphanage;" to which I replied: "I think you are very much mistaken. Just the other day Superintendent Pittman was showing me his books and reports. For nine months—just ended there had been an average of not less than one hundred children in the Home, and five or six others who ate at the Orphanage table. The running expenses averaged \$544.44 per month—\$5.18 per capita. And this includes all salaries, groceries, medicine, medical treatment, school books and school expenses generally, a large part of the clothing, feed for the live stock, and all expenses of whatever kind. That is pretty economical living, isn't it? Compare this with the expense account of other similar institutions. The Georgia Baptist Orphanage, at Hapeville, Ga., has about one hundred children in the Home, two teachers, three matrons, and one laundress. The expenses are about \$1,000 per month, or nearly \$10.00 per capita. During the year 1903, the Presbyterian Orphanage, at Talladega, had an average of sixty-six children; and there were nine employees. The expenses of living averaged \$673.34 per month, or about \$10.00 per capita. So, you see that our Orphan's Home is run with about one-half the money per capita that is required by other institutions of the same kind. And this is due to the economy of our management and to the fact that so much of the work of the Home is done by the large boys and girls."

In our next paper we will speak more particularly of the industrial feature of the Orphanage management.

East Lake. Samuel J. Ansley.

From Eufaula.—I thank you for sending me a beautiful present as a Christmas gift. It is pleasant to be thus remembered by you. I will show my appreciation by writing during the new year oftener than I have done for your valuable paper. I rejoice in your success and especially in the good you are doing in giving the denomination in the State the brightest, newsiest, and most useful paper we have ever had. All rejoice in this but particularly we in your home town. I will do all I can to increase the already large list which you have here. You have recently lost here by death one of the best friends the Alabama Baptist has ever had—Mrs. John D. Godwin, who told me not long since that she regarded the paper next to her Bible. She was not only one of our best and best beloved sisters but one who possessed

many of the elements of greatness, like the woman of Shunam of Old Testament fame. She was laid to rest amidst the tears and lamentations of broken hearted husband and children and a wide circle of admiring friends. She was devoted to her pastor and her church.

Dr. A. P. Montague stopped over between the a. m. and p. m. train from Montgomery, and picked up \$150.00 for Howard College. He ought to be excused from his classes and put into the field to raise the endowment for Howard College, and then it will be done. Otherwise, I am sure the matter will hang-fire. As commander-in-chief of the movement, and making personal canvass what might he not accomplish? He was trying to raise \$1900 for the dormitory, which cost more than was expected, and he wrote me a day or two since that he had received in cash and good pledges all but \$90. Won't somebody send this to him as a New Year's gift?

Our Church begins the New Year out of debt and with bright prospects. I have passed through much affliction this fall in the death of my son-in-law, Mr. Jno M. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga. His sickness since last summer caused me to spend much of my time in the great Georgia city. I submit to the divine decree, knowing that the Judge of all the earth does only that which is right, but my son-in-law was dear to me beyond expression, for he was a model Christian gentleman, whose life was formed on the highest ideals. He left his wife and four children in grief over their irreparable loss.

M. B. Wharton.

Dr. J. B. Gambrell recently wrote: "I have no interest in The Standard, and never have had, any further than it helped the cause we all love. Because I do love the things The Standard helps, I make a plea now for its circulation. Wherever it goes it makes a warm, genial atmosphere in which all good things grow. We hope to do larger things than ever for the Master this Conventional year. The best possible preparation is the circulation of such a paper as The Standard. Brother pastors, you have never failed when called on for a great mission round-up. It is glorious the way we have worked together, and more glorious how God has prospered us. Nothing can be more sensible than a great all-over-the-State campaign according to the resolutions of the Convention, to scatter good papers. A pastor should no more have to be paid to circulate The Standard than to take a mission collection; Pastors and missionaries, and all the workers, are helping themselves and the Cause by circulating the right kind of papers. When I was a pastor I looked after this as I did any other duty. Year after year, a thorough campaign was made, and where some were very poor, I paid for the paper for them, and asked some well-off members to help me. A pastor who does not look to the reading of his people is blind, and cannot see afar off. I say with emphasis, no pastor or missionary ought to lie down on this great agency which is carrying in large measure all our interests.

Field Notes.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year! May your paper continue to grow in popularity and intelligence. May your subscription list continue to increase. You are proving to the denomination your loyalty in standing up for her interest on every hand. You are giving us a good paper, and you deserve all to help you, and at this rate you will soon stand in the front ranks of journalism. I wish you and your wife and all your office men and printers and readers a happy New Year, and hope you all had a merry Christmas. I am getting along well with my work.—H. R. Schramm.

Weeks have passed into months since "protracted meeting times," and now that the events of 1904 will soon fade away—there are a few things that I want to rescue from oblivious blighting hand by giving to our paper.

First, the joy of service in my own heart. Never have I done such a laborious year's work; preached to six churches and two mission stations. Yet the Lord hath upheld me by his spirit. Transgressors have been taught and sinners have been converted to the Lord. Bro. S. P. Linsey assisted me at Amity. He is an earnest, forceful preacher of the gospel, whose all-absorbing object seems to be the elevation of Christian life and leading sinners to Christ. He was with me a few days at Whatley. Here I continued several days. Had a good meeting, six by letter. At Salem Bro. W. H. DeWitt did the preaching, much to the delight of all who attended. This was Brother DeWitt's old home—many and tender were the meetings of friends of the long ago. Bro. I. G. Yates was with me at Salitpa. Brother Yates is truly a consecrated man of God and an effective preacher. This meeting resulted in twelve additions by experience and baptism. From here I went to Suggville. Had it not been for the kindness of the Methodist brethren, who offered us their house, our meeting would have been broken up by the illness of a young lady near our church. Had a good meeting, one by experience and baptism. The increased contributions and other things give evidence of growth and development in my field of work, for which I praise the Lord. Am now living at Jackson, preaching to churches near by. Will try and do more for the Alabama Baptist than I have ever done. You are giving us the best paper we have ever had in Alabama. Best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.—C. H. Morgan.

Program for the fifth Sunday meeting to meet with Liberty Church at Nauvoo, Ala., to begin on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in January, 1905:

Friday night at 7:00 p. m.—Ought a Church to have a Regular Sunday School? If not, why not?—Rev. T. P. Sutherland.

Saturday 10:00 a. m.—Has the Southern Baptist Convention with its

Boards a Scriptural right to do Mission Work?—Rev. J. V. Dickinson.

Saturday night 7:00 p. m.—What are the Peculiar Characteristics that distinguish the Baptist from all other Denominations?—Rev. G. W. Davis.

Sunday 10:00 a. m.—Is the Commission given in Matthew 28:18-20 as binding on the churches now as it was then, and what is the Bible Plan?—Rev. D. S. Smith.

Sunday night 7:00 p. m.—Does the Baptist have a Scriptural right to affiliate with other Denominations in union meetings?—Rev. J. I. McCollam.

Everybody invited to come.

T. P. Sutherland,

W. M. Tipper,

J. C. Cooper,

Committee.

Florence.—The brethren of East Florence and of Lauderdale Association are rejoicing over the coming of Bro. J. B. Jones, of Parksville, Ky., to become pastor of the East Florence Church. We have missed Brother and Sister Vesey very much since they left, and it has been hard for the church to find some one willing to take up the work they laid down.

Brother Jones is one of Kentucky's most promising young men, full of life and energy, and endowed with rare gifts. He graduated with honors last June from Georgetown College, taking the A. B. degree, and, since that time, he has been the principal of the Parksville school. At the same time, he has served very acceptably as pastor of a good field and his people are very loath to give him up. He will make a congenial co-laborer, will greatly strengthen our county work, and will be a valuable addition to the Baptist ministry in this part of the State.—Robert H. Tandy.

Sylacauga.—A happy New Year to you and to all who love our Lord! Over in these parts God's blessings are with us for new and more glorious achievements in 1905. Shall we respond to these blessings? The Lord help us thus to do this year. Our church here has recently let the contract for our new house of worship to be completed by May 1st. To the end that with willing hands and warm hearts they may help in this much-needed good work, our Ladies' Aid Society recently held a successful and enjoyable fair, the proceeds of which in a financial way were very encouraging to those who gladly lent a helping hand.

Every pastor knows the worth of a faithful, consecrated band of women to help on in the kingdom of our Lord. May their tribe increase until the Lord shall come!

At Fayetteville where we have one of the most enthusiastic Sunday schools in the country the officers and teachers delighted the little folks and friends with a Christmas tree on Monday after Christmas day.

Both at Fayetteville and Sylacauga the Sunday school, part of our church work, responds nobly to our denominational work, giving to orphanage, missions, ministerial and Christian education. Ladies Aid at Fayetteville sent

a nice box to the orphanage as Christmas present.

In place of my good little Shelby Church, which I resigned, I am now serving Vincent, nearer home and also in my home association—Coosa River. The two appointments already had with them indicate interest along some lines, and also verify the report already current that my predecessor as pastor there, O. P. Bentley, did some good, solid work in establishing and development for the cause of Christ in Vincent and the association at large. How truly it is said: "Other men labor and we enter into their labors." With gratitude to God I thank Him for every faithful pastor who has gone before me in the work, making it easier by his faithful service for me to succeed. How about it, brother pastor! Do we always appreciate enough the man who went before, making it possible for us to come on after in success?

The sweetest event of the holidays at Vincent is the marriage of one of our best girls, Miss Ethel Kidd, to Prof. O. S. Landham of West Blocton, on the afternoon of the 28th ult. A fine couple thus go out to make a new home for God and the right. Both are Baptists and good church members. Wedding bells have been ringing all about us, and one of our Sylacauga girls, Miss Georgia Killebrew, daughter of our deacon Killebrew, was by the writer united in marriage recently to Mr. E. D. Storey. We regret to lose these good girls when they move from us, but it is a pleasure to this pastor when he unites worthy young people in marriage. God be with them.

Now, brother editor, you have done a good part in 1904 to advance the Lord's kingdom in Alabama and elsewhere, we pray for you continued growth for greater usefulness in the future. Oh, for a great revival in 1905!—C. J. Bentley.

Citronelle.—We have just closed a series of gracious revivals in our church here. The visible results were eleven new members by letter and baptism. We had with us Bro. R. S. Gavin of Bessemer, who did all the preaching, and who endeared himself to one and all. His sermons were sound, able and very effective, while in personal work he was untiring. We have reason to feel very hopeful for the future of the cause in Citronelle, as the church is now stronger numerically, financially, and I may say spiritually than for years.—J. R. Curry.

Montgomery.—The closing of the year 1904 is experienced in the midst of many joys by myself and wife. Our people have been very gracious to us both, remembering us with almost every conceivable article, both beautiful and serviceable, from the parlor to dining room. Among many other things, they have given me a beautiful bicycle, which will be of great service in future work.

We close the year with gratitude for what the Lord has done in Clayton Street Church and for the encouraging prospects for 1905. Our Christmas exercises and tree was a perfect success.

\$30.00 was given that night for the orphan's home.

I wish to commend the plan of Bro. Vesey as to the B. Y. P. U. correspondence. I trust many union members will make the effort. Our union here is flourishing.

Again I want to commend and congratulate Brother Barnett on the great improvement of the Alabama Baptist. I want all my people to subscribe for it and am working to that point. Why not every Baptist family in Alabama have it in the home? Brethren of Alabama, as we begin the New Year, let us strike the highest key on missions, church development, soul saving, denominational support, and college endowment.—J. W. O'Hara.

Jackson.—Many people were made happy on Christmas day, but few happier than S. A. Adams, the pastor of the Jackson flock. The first thing in walking in the church was to find on the Bible a tablet on which was written Christmas greetings and best wishes from his people. Next came the presentation of a beautiful ebony suitcase by a class of 16 young ladies that he has been teaching for more than a year. After the sermon the church presented him with a handsome gold watch and chain. This was about all the preacher could stand for one time. So he went home full of joy, blessing God that for fifteen years, he had been the pastor of such a people.

Thomasville.—I enclose one dollar and with it my best wishes for the success of the Alabama Baptist. I believe next to God's word a good, sound, well edited State paper is the best instrument country pastors can use to awaken interest and impart information of the Lord's work in the minds of our isolated country brethren. They are the heart of the denomination and only need waking up. The paper is improving, and I should like to see it one of the best in the South. I am not given to much newspaper writing, but feel I ought to say something as this is due my churches. I am preaching to four churches—Hoboken, Union Grove and Aimwell in Marengo and Alkonus, near Coffeeville in Clarke. I find we are marching on. We expect to improve the meeting house at Alkonus—a fine old house which needs modernizing. I have just succeeded Brother Lee Tucker, who labored there eleven years with great success, and who now goes to Coffeeville, as a new church has been formed there by a wing of Alkonus. Brother Tucker is appreciated and loved by the people of this section. These people are building a neat modern house of worship at that point. Under the new arrangement this locality gets preaching twice a month. Aimwell has a good new house, the old one being destroyed by fire and built at a time when a hail storm destroyed all the crops in that section. We have fine congregations here and have just organized a Ladies Aid, and will do our best for the orphanage and all missions. I have Brother Vice near me at Nana-

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"WRITE, MAN! WRITE!"

A correspondent commenting upon our editorial, "The A, B, C, of Temperance legislation" presents a rather gloomy view of the situation in his part of the State. He declares that there are few temperance people in his section, few who see the danger of saloons and have the courage to express their convictions. He does not want his letter published for the reason that the whiskey people could and would destroy his business in two weeks. He concludes by urging us to "Write, Man! Write!"

We are sure our correspondent underestimates the strength of Alabama temperance sentiment. For many years the strength and hope of the saloonists was in the control of ignorant voters. Since the elimination of that vote most of the Southern States have made tremendous strides in the destruction of saloons. Nowhere has such gratifying progress been made, and Alabama is not an exception to the happy and honorable rule.

Moreover, temperance sentiment has been strong enough to force the issue into the primaries (where, after all, policies are decided) and, having less of venality to contend with there, has won some notable victories. Not exactly illustrating this, yet bearing upon it, was the overwhelming victory of the lamented Gov. Samford. A strong temperance man himself, the saloonists bent their efforts to defeat him, but practically without organization, he easily won the nomination. We assure our correspondent that there are a good deal more than seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal, though there are many who like him will not speak out for fear of ruining their business.

About this let us say two things, the first of which is that every man and woman who sees the saloon evil should speak out against it. It should be done in a sensible, conservative way, of course, but still clearly and positively, "with malice toward none and charity for all." The saloon will furnish all the arguments needed for its own destruction and by its hideous history become the unwilling ally of those who oppose it.

Our other remark is this: If the temperance people of the State will quietly, but firmly take their stand, no one will be able to "ruin their business." The liquor men have used this threat as a favorite weapon. They are entrenched behind powerful business connections, and strong ties of all sorts reaching everywhere, and therefore have been able to hold the allegiance of timid politicians, to control editors, to silence preachers, to brow beat business

men, and so hold on to their traffic.

But an institution that assiduously seeks to promote a ruinous drug habit has no proper place in an enlightened, progressive, twentieth century community. All thoughtful men know this, and no one knows it better than the barkeeper himself. The very nature of saloons makes them open to attack, and, however strong their weapons, renders them vulnerable and weak. If they obeyed the laws regulating them, it would be hard to dislodge them. But they do not, will not, and cannot, because the spirit of the saloon is the spirit of lawlessness.

Let us not then wait, one on another, but "write men, write." Only let our words be free from personal bitterness and full of love to God and man. Difficulties vanish or yield when we quietly and firmly face them.

"CONVERSION."

J. Briery, who writes for the London Christian World over the signature "J. B.," recently uttered the following sentiment: "The supreme question today for all the churches is the question of converts. And yet there is no topic so persistently shirked; or where, when attention is given to it, the ideas are so shallow and so inadequate. There are shoals of ecclesiastics amongst whom the matter is hardly even considered. With them the word 'conversion' has dropped out. And yet this one thing is, in Luther's words, 'the article of standing or falling Church.' Modern Christianity will have to get to the bottom of the business or perish from the earth."

At a summer resort, in speaking of our conversion to a well educated and refined young society woman, who was a member of a church, said: "Mr. Barnett, I beg your pardon, but I really don't know what you mean when you use the word conversion!" Let us emphasize the fact that we Baptists know what conversion means and that we stand for a regenerated church membership.

RELIGIOUS UNREST.

The Chicago Journal says: Numbers of people are demanding a new religion.

Some are going back to the old, worn-out religions of India, looking for the occult.

Some are seeking for a new religion made up from the elements of all religions, which will have no binding force because eclectic.

Some are attaching themselves to charlatans, who proclaim themselves as having divine power and who grow rich on money extorted from their dupes.

Some are craving a religion which will allow indulgence in all kinds of pleasures and bodily excesses and yet will waft them safe at last into heaven of everlasting bliss.

Some are in quest of a religion that proclaims the humanity of Christ and the divinity of man.

Some are searching for a religion which shows man to be a creature of heredity and environment, so that he cannot be called to account for what

he does, God as creator of man being responsible for his actions.

The Advance (Congregationalist), Chicago, says preachers are sought who will teach these new cults, who will speak of the grandeur of the mountains, the glory of the sea, the beauty of the flowers, the goodness and greatness of man, the unreality of sin, the legendary character of the Bible, and the inspiration of modern writers. And knowing these things to be true there ought to be a regular crusade of Bible preaching by men who believe it to be the word of God, by men who like Paul "are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ" and who preach "Jesus Christ and him crucified."

O. P. Gifford, D. D., put a great truth in plain words when he said: "The power of the Crucifixion is, tremendous. The thought is, God manifest in the flesh. Christ's point of contact with us is His humanity. Christ's power in us is His divinity. When I stand and look at Jesus Christ, begotten of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; when I study His miracles and teachings, how He died on the cross, opened the tomb; when I study what He has been to the world for eighteen hundred years, I witness; 'My Lord and my God.' I surrender to Him. There is not, in any other man, there never can be such power and might, in all humanity. For there is human nature in man, there is divine nature in the Son of the living God. The men who believed in Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, went out to conquer the world. Beloved, the world is not Christianized by the teaching of the divinity of man and the humanity of Christ, but by the men who have taught the humanity of man and the divinity of Jesus Christ."

A RUSSIAN LAW.

We are not an expert in Russian law. In fact truth compels us to acknowledge that we know almost as little of that subject as the Czar knows about Alabama editors. If we are ignorant, the Emperor is unfortunate, and so we may just call it even.

But we are not a little stirred up over the press reports that our old friend, General Stoessel of Port Arthur, is to be tried by a court martial for surrendering that strong hold. It is to be merely a formal affair, it seems, made necessary by an old Russian law or custom, but even that sort of arrangement, in this case, seems an outrage to all who admire courage and capacity to suffer.

Together with the great majority of American people we believe that justice in the great Eastern war rests with Japan, but the defense of Port Arthur has been such as to challenge the admiration of the world. We at this distance can form but faint ideas of that awful tragedy, yet as little as we can realize it, the horror of the struggle oppresses the soul. Determination to hold met determination to win in an almost continuous battle for months and months. General Stoessel's men faced daily deaths from shot, shell, mines, disease, hunger and every form of terror war brings to a beleaguered

garrison. Hundreds died, thousands died, tens of thousands died. Men sick and wounded, recovering, fought again. Stricken, they went again to be healed that they might fight again.

Again, again and once again, till human nature could bear no more. The Russian General held out until his adversary's face was scarred with care, and his form bent as if from age. And yet an old law provides a court martial for this man who deserves a triumphal entry into the capital of his country.

It shall not be so when at the end of our earthly warfare we make the last report to our King. He does not reward His soldiers for success. Many a true soul has stood in his place fighting against hopeless odds before which he succumbed at last. But his crown is sure, for the Master rewards those who are faithful regardless of all things else. Did you fail? Never mind; if you did your best, all is well. Faithfulness with the King counts for more than success.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Correspondence on all denominational interests every where will be thankfully received from ministers and laymen who will write readable articles for the paper.

Send in your renewal while you have the money. The first thing you know you will spend it and then will not be able to renew at all. After your renewal reaches us, the figures on the label of your paper ought to be changed in about two weeks.

A large number of the subscriptions to the Alabama Baptist expire during the month of January. Our postage bill will be very heavy this month unless our friends save us the trouble and expense of mailing them notices. Help us save our money and time by renewing at once.

The last issue of the Chicago Standard contains the most comprehensive survey of the world-wide work of Baptists ever presented in any periodical. The Baptists of the world sat in mass meeting on the state of the denomination in five continents. We congratulate the editors for their enterprise.

Bro. E. W. Provence, who has been bookkeeper for the American Baptist Publication Society, this city, for some time will leave for Canton, China, immediately after the holidays to take charge of the China Baptist Publication Society, located in that city. Bro. Provence is a son of Dr. S. M. Provence, of Tuskegee, Ala.—Texas Standard.

Dr. Provence will have two sons in China and both wonderfully well fitted for their work.

The publishing of the Baptist Hymn and Praise Book is almost the crowning achievement of all the Sunday School Board has done, and with Dr. Frost we believe the book will prove a great joy to our people. It is receiving enthusiastic praise from all who have examined it, and already an order

for another edition has been given. The selection of hymns have been made with great care and contains the very cream of the old and new in sacred song. In the mechanical make up of the book the Bigelow and Main Co. have given a fine specimen of their work. The pulpit edition is simply beautiful. We surely congratulate Dr. Frost and the committee.

The new Springfield rifle recently adopted by the United States army is the most powerful shoulder arm in the world. It will shoot five miles and has the greatest penetrating capacity of any rifle yet invented. It will mow down fifty-five men in line, the nearest man standing fifty-three feet from the muzzle. The magazine holds five cartridges and the gun can be used as a single loader by cutting off the magazine. The total weight of the new weapon, including bayonet, is less than nine and a half pounds, and it is but forty-three inches long.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke in laying the corner stone of a new church being erected in New York City in honor of the late Maltbie B. Babcock made a good point in saying: "What is greatly needed in these days is churches that can get close to the life of the people; churches that will know how to help a man when he gets into difficulties; churches that understand how the people live; churches that are neither side tables for poor relations nor mere gloomy praying closets. Churches are needed that can assist a man to round out his life splendidly. That sort of a church is called 'institutional,' I believe. I don't like the word. They shall be called 'vital' churches. They have real vitality.

The Jackson Pastor, S. A. Adams, was in line for presents Christmas day. His Sabbath school class of 16 young ladies presented him with a handsome set of Ebony brushes for his suit case, and his members gave him a beautiful gold watch and chain. This is a very happy expression of esteem from his charge, it being the fifteenth year of his pastorate.

Alexander Dumas had a genuine and undisguised contempt for the cheap skepticism of those who, posing as disciples of Voltaire, made a fashion to sneer at the things of faith.

There is a story that, in the days when he was most famous and sought after in society, he was dining one evening at a rich banker's. The conversation happened to turn upon the existence of God. A certain well-known general who was present, considering, no doubt, that the subject was "lacking in actuality," waxed impatient, and exclaimed: "It really is surprising to me how at this time of day people can occupy themselves with such old-world fables. For my part, I cannot form the slightest conception of that mysterious being known traditionally as le bon Dieu."

"General," said Dumas, "I have in my house four dogs, two apes, and a parrot; and I can assure you that their opinions are absolutely entirely identical with yours."

HOWARD COLLEGE NOT INFERIOR.

We were surprised at the article of Rev. A. J. Moncrief in this week's issue of the Alabama Baptist, in which he charges that Howard College is an inferior institution and doubts its future existence.

He says in part, "To my mind it has been a question how long this institution, so vital to the interest of Alabama Baptists, could continue to live from hand to mouth, begging its current support as at present." Since the establishment of Howard College in 1841, it has thrice been reduced to ashes, but has come forth with renewed strength. Its work was interrupted by the dark days of war and also by its removal to its present location in 1887. But with such stern hindrances as these, it has been able to cope with the other leading institutions of the State and from her hallowed nesting have gone forth such able men as Hawthorne, Hale, Tyson and others whose lives have been and are a source of inspiration not only to the denomination but to all this Southland. An institution that has forged its way under such embarrassing circumstances, will, with her present advantages and the enthusiasm of her leaders, the Baptists of Alabama, forge her way onward and upward, sending forth strong, patriotic young men destined to be leaders in every laudable vocation. Although the endowment that she is soon to have will greatly enhance her value and broaden her capacity.

Begging. Is that not rather a vague expression in referring to the generous brotherhood of our State, who for the past two years have so gladly given more than twenty-five thousand dollars to be expended in buildings and improvements of the college?

Is asking one to increase his own business begging? Do the brethren feel when they are asked for contributions for the college that they are being begged? However this may be regarded, the people are easily begged or else we have a noble beggar in our president, who received about \$2,000 from a recent canvass of eight days.

He further says that "the future of Howard College is not assured."

But we believe that with such men as Sampey, Hubbard, Dawson, Hobson, Giles, Caffee, Rushton, McCollum, Macon, and a host of others who have gone out as representatives of the college, and who are becoming leaders in their respective vocations to say nothing of those who are going out year by year from the college and are filling honorable and responsible positions, that it is not a question of future existence but the brightness of its existence.

Again he says, "If it cannot compete with the institutions of the State and of other denominations then let it surrender the field to them in the interest of the public good." The readers of the Baptist who are not familiar with the college and faculty may presume that Howard College is not only an inferior institution but having an inferior faculty is not able to compete with

other colleges of the State. The faculty of Howard College will compete with the faculty of any college in the State.

They are men well qualified and are taking advantage of the summer course offered in the best universities of America. We believe that Brother Moncrief made these assertions without knowing the qualifications of the faculty and of their continued development.

We feel that these statements are an injustice to the faculty and the denomination, who are loyal supporters of the college both with their prayers and money. We offer this article in behalf of our beloved and efficient president, faculty and the denomination.

J. W. Partridge,
Wallace Ware,
Students.

FROM DR. MONTAGUE.

To the editor of "the Alabama Baptist:"

Our brother, Rev. A. J. Moncrief; recently of Union Springs, now of Brunswick, Ga., has an article in "the Alabama Baptist" of this week, entitled "The Future of Howard College," nearly all of which is just and reasonable, all of which is well meant, for those who know Brother Moncrief can entertain no doubt of his fairness, his sense of justice, and his desire for the prosperity of all the institutions of our denomination.

But there is one paragraph in our brother's article which, without the slightest intention on his part to be aught but just, does injustice to Howard College, and this is, in part, as follows: "The school may not ask for patronage upon the ground of denominational loyalty, for no interpretation of such duty can require a father to send his son to an inferior school."

In the first place, it will, of course, be understood that, in what I say of the faculty of Howard College, I do not in the slightest way refer to my poor self, but to my colleagues. After an experience of over twenty-nine years in the teaching profession, and, I say this in all modesty and humility, acquaintance with many educators in the East and the South, I would not hesitate for one moment, or fear in any way, to compare the faculty of Howard College with the faculty of any other institution of learning, state or denominational, in Alabama.

Our professors are young men; but they are men of natural ability, of learning, of much culture, men who have sought and wisely used the best opportunities, profoundly interested in the education of young men, thoroughly awake to the demands of our time, and men of the highest character.

While physical equipment and a library are essential in schools, the teachers make the educational and moral standard of colleges; and no institution with the faculty which Howard College has could be termed "inferior."

In addition to the soundness of what I may call their original training, the majority of our faculty go every sum-

mer to some of the great universities of our country, and there seek and obtain broader development.

Those interested in this subject may determine for themselves the character of the standard in Howard College by a careful study of the catalogue, or, better still, by visits to the class rooms. In these rooms they will find painstaking, thorough, conscientious work, which trains the students to take their places among the best men in our State, among the most useful men in the South.

Again Brother Moncrief says, "So the alternative seems to be either abandonment or endowment."

It hardly seems to be "abandonment," when in the last two years our people have given in a building and in gifts to the current fund \$25,000,—all, in fact, except a part of the fund for annual expenses, that they were asked to give; or when we remember that they are today sending to the college fifty more boys than they sent two and a half years ago; or when it is stated that they recently gave the writer, after eight days of work, nearly \$1900, all that he sought, for a specific need of the college. In this very work Brother Moncrief gave valuable assistance and was so kind and sympathetic that we must regret more and more his going forth from our midst.

As to the endowment, that will come in good time. Circumstances have prevented thus far an active canvass; but the committee, composed of wise, energetic, faithful men, will at no distant day begin to arouse the people, and, once aroused, the Baptists of Alabama will endow Howard College.

A. P. Montague.



The twenty-seventh of December was the seventy-fifth birthday of Dr. T. M. Bailey, the honored Secretary of our State Mission Board. The event was celebrated in a quiet way, a few friends having been invited to dinner, all of whom enjoyed the occasion and felicitated Dr. Bailey on the vigor and cheerful good humor with which he passes this advanced mile-stone of life. It is not given to many to come to seventy-five years still usefully and vigorously engaged in life's work. We rejoice that it is given to Dr. Bailey, whose years have been so full of useful work for the Master. To Dr. Bailey a happy New Year, many additional birthdays, and continued vitality.—Baptist Courier.

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fila. We expect to join hand, and fill up the measure of our labor in these communities for the gospel of Christ. Brother Vice is a modest brother, does not say much about himself. He is naturally endowed with pulpit gifts, is a self-made preacher, and God has made him a great blessing to the people of Marengo.

We are building a neat and commodious house at Union Grove. This is a church poor in goods but rich in grace. A good work is going on among the young people, and some of them will be a blessing to our town churches. These people sacrifice their means to God, and some day we are going to have a pretty neat house of worship and a growing, prosperous church of about 200 members at this point.

Last but not least is Hoboken, where I have been pastor five years, and I am not able nor is it necessary here to state all the goodness of my people in this church. I have received many acts of kindness from them, and we are united in word and deed in the Lord's work. I could be content to labor for such people until the Lord calls me home. This church raised my salary and gave me other expressions of love on Christmas day. We rejoice in the coming of Brother Howard to Nicholasville, where they have a fine church and a good house of worship, and trust his labors will be blessed in this field.

This is a short epitome of our work, and I believe my churches are growing in grace and liberality. I have given a short account of what the Lord is doing at points removed from railroads, and the rush of city life. These little thought of country churches over the State are furnishing the boys who fill the waste places in city life, and the country pastors need to be well equipped to instruct and build up so important a part of the denomination. I was raised in city life, but I love the country. I trust Brother Editor you will have good health and your paper will find its way into the homes of Baptists in both town and country.

Wm. Kerridge.

Sterling.—I appreciate the Alabama Baptist, and am glad that you are giving us a paper worthy the Baptists of Alabama. It has become a fixture in my home as I don't feel that I could do without it. Our church is doing nicely, as it has monthly collection for missions, and since adopting that plan they also pay the pastor monthly. I was made glad yesterday when I attempted to make up some money to buy presents for three little children of our community, whose mother died a few weeks since, and the father being a very poor man, not being able to make the hearts of the little ones glad. Three of us first bought an article of clothing and as others came into the store of one of our good deacons we laid the plan before them, their subscribing so freely we decided at last to buy what was needed and we to pay the bill,

which resulted in clothing them from head to foot, not with one suit but with enough to protect them from the blasts of winter. I never saw men so ready to contribute to anything before. I am sure if our pastors would only take the initiative in such work, it would always be an easy matter to do anything. We received one by letter Sunday. May the Lord bless you in your work.—T. E. Pinegar.

Oak Grove: I just want to give you a few dots about Oak Grove Baptist Church. Just a few years ago this was a dark spot in regard to Christianity, but thank God today it stands as a little watch tower, though it is small. Now, instead of spending the 25th of December, our Lord's birthday, in rioting and drunkenness, it was spent quietly. The Sunday school came together with bright faces and songs of praises. The superintendent, secretary, treasurer and teachers were in earnest, and the services closed with a grand prayer meeting. God bless us and you for your noble work.—W. E. Bradley.

EDUCATING MEN AWAY FROM THE MINISTRY.



It must be confessed that the drift of college life is not one that encourages a young man to go forward with his plans for ministerial work even when he has reached a decision

before entering college. The average college life, like the average life of modern times, is too indifferent to religion and religious influences. Even in colleges pronouncedly organized to train men for the ministry the curriculum studiously avoids those subjects which would keep alive in the heart of a young man the fire that has already been kindled there, and substitutes other subjects which inevitably draw him in a different direction. Too frequently no effort is made to cultivate in him the desire which has already had birth, and every college professor knows that a majority of those who enter college with the ministry in mind leave college to take up law or medicine or to enter business. In former days the colleges were made up almost wholly of men who were preparing for the ministry, and the atmosphere of the college was one which strengthened with every year the desire already manifested. But in modern days it is quite the opposite, partly because the scientific spirit has come to prevail, partly because there is as yet no adequate presentation of the religious position from a modern point of view, partly because so large a proportion of those who enter the ministry do so without a college training, or in fact no adequate training—for these and other reasons the college atmosphere is in some cases indifferent, in others even hostile to the development of the ministerial idea.—President William R. Harper, in The World Today for January.

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Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the farewell service of Rev. A. A. Hutto with the Oxanna Baptist Church, the following resolutions of the congregation on the departure of Brother Hutto and family were passed:
 Whereas, Brother A. A. Hutto for the last four years has been a faithful and acceptable pastor of this church, and has been called to and accepted another field of labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he is a faithful servant of our Heavenly Father, follower of the Meek and Lowly Jesus, a preacher of great spiritual power, fearless in preaching the truth as he found it in the sacred record; therefore the church and congregation are deeply devoted to him. And be it further

Resolved, That in his removal, our church loses a strong and wise leader, the town a loyal citizen, and it is with profound regret and sorrowing hearts that we give up both him and his estimable family. And be it further

Resolved, That the stay of these good people in our midst has been a benediction to us, for we feel that we as individuals have been made better by their visits in our homes and the church made stronger in the faith by the pastor's firm stand for the truths of the Bible. And be it further

Resolved, That in parting with our pastor we pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon him and each member of his family in his new field of labor, and wherever they may be called in after years. And be it further

Resolved, That our hearts and homes will ever be open for the return of him and his family.

Mrs. M. M. Hawkins,
 Mrs. H. O. Pope,
 Mrs. T. H. Cockrell,
 Committee.

THE PASTOR'S COURSE AND THE SPRING TERM AT THE SEMINARY.

The second half session of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will begin February 1st and close the last of May. The courses of study are all arranged so that students can enter and begin work at that time to advantage.

If they should remain two or three years to complete the course for a degree, the work can be concluded in the middle of the session. Many students will be entering in the next two or three weeks. I write this note for the information of any and all brethren who may be expecting to come. It is important that they report by the last day of January. If they can come a day or two before to get their arrangements made, it will be better. Let each student bring credentials of some kind—ordination or license paper, or a recommendation from the church of which he is a member. On the subject of financial aid address Mr. B. P. Smith, Treasurer of Students' Fund, New York Hall. For catalogue or other information write to me.

It has been found in recent years that the spring term is an excellent opportunity for the pastor to get leave of absence, especially the pastor of the country church. In many of our country churches activities are in a large measure suspended through the winter months, and it has been found possible for a number of pastors to come to us for the spring term, getting leave of absence for three or four months from their churches. Doubtless many brethren will find it possible to do this during the present year and go back to their work for an active summer's campaign in the country church. I shall be glad to correspond with any brethren on this subject if correspondence is desired.

It is proper, also to announce that the ladies of Louisville have rented a home for the young women who are attending the Seminary, preparing themselves for mission work. Any ladies who desire to take the Seminary work will do well to correspond with Mrs. W. J. McGlothlin, 1937 First St., or myself, as to terms, etc. The home is comfortable and attractive, and ladies planning to do work of the kind indicated will be welcomed. It is important, however, to correspond in advance in order to complete arrangements.
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 An' helped him all I could, sir,
 An' when it comes to dunnin' me,
 I didn't think he would, sir,
 But that he did, an' you kin bet
 It made me hot as thunder.
 Says I, I'll stop that sheet, I will,
 Tho' the old thing goes under!
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GRATITUDE.

If one should give me a dish of sand and tell men there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes, and search for them with clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how would it draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction! The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessings. Only the iron in God's sand is gold.—Henry Ward Beecher.

HE WASN'T ASHAMED.

A clerk and his country father entered a restaurant Saturday evening and took seats at a table where sat a telegraph operator and a reporter. The old man bowed his head and was about to say grace, when a waiter flew up, singing "I have beefsteak, codfish balls and bull-heads." Father and son gave their orders, and the former again bowed his head. The young man turned the color of a blood-red beet, and touching his father's arm, exclaimed, in a low, nervous tone:

"Father, it isn't customary to do that in restaurants!"

"It's customary with me to return thanks to God, wherever I am," said the old man.

For the third time he bowed his head, and his son bowed his head, and the telegraph operator paused in the act of carving his beefsteak and bowed his head, and the journalist pushed back his fish ball and bowed his head, and there wasn't a man who heard the short

prayer that didn't feel a profounder respect for the old farmer than if he had been president of the United States.—Selected.

THE SEED QUESTION.

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E. O. Romine.
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His dear wife is one of the most vigorous ladies of our great State. Miss Suttle is a daughter of Judge I. W. Suttle, than whom I never knew a braver nor broader-heated man. Just here allow me to inform you that I was not old enough to be an attendant at that wedding. I was only a school boy and Brewer was my teacher as he also was of the splendid girl that he married. She was in my class. I tell you this that you may not be classing me with old men—I like old men very much, but I do not belong to their class yet.—See?

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If you've got a call to preach, why heed it;
Multitudes of struggling sinners need it;
Providence will aid your course and speed it.

If your call is coy, don't coax and charm it;

Wait a bit; a short delay won't harm it.
Many a preacher had a call to—farm it.

Pulpit manner? Pahaw, I can't unfold it;

Fill your head with facts, and they will mold it;

Fill your heart with love too full to hold it.

If you have a taste for speaking, whet it;

If you're awkward, shy, reserved, forget it;

Thought of self will spoil the best, don't let it.

If your right arm imitates a rocket,
Or revolves grotesquely in its socket,
Never mind, that's better than the pocket.

If your left hand wants to wave, well wave it;

Leave the petty rule to those who crave it;

Millions perish, help! A world sinks, save it!

If your feet are big, don't try to hide it,

Forward right foot, plant the left beside it;

Down with dudishness! I can't abide it.

If you feel you're something of a poet,
Pay the world the debt of song you owe it,

But pray don't put prose in verse to show it.

If you've read a clever passage, note it;
Possibly the time may come to quote it,
Only don't pretend 'twas you who wrote it.

If you have a word to say, just say it;
Speak it out with all your heart, don't play it,

Nor, as some well-meaning folks do—bray it.

If you'd be an orator, why be it;
You can act your own fate to decree it;

See the truth and thus make others see it.

Use your own gifts; there's no need to covet;

Love the light of earth and heaven above it,

Others then will know the light to love it.

Have your voice trained; learn how best to use it;

Cultivate pure English, don't abuse it;
If a simple phrase will answer, choose it.

Gain the power to read well; 'twill adorn you;
But, unless you wish the wise to scorn you,
Shun the actor's arts and wiles, I warn you.

THE COST OF LIVING.

Every pocket knows its own bitterness. According to the statistics of the Department of Labor, which got its figures from 2,567 families, with an average income of \$827.19, and an average expenditure of \$768.54, the cost of living in 1902, when it was highest, was 16.1 per cent. more than in 1896, when it was lowest. Average wages have accommodatingly increased by just that 16.1 per cent.; in some cases by more. The Employers' Association of Chicago estimates that the cost of living increased by 16.8 per cent. from 1898 to 1903. Various newspapers and independent observers have guessed a much higher increase of cost, even more than double. Statistics are arrant liars, and in figures there is no comfort. Ask your wife how the household bills for groceries, and meat, and so on, in the last two years compare with those of 1896. If she doesn't say that they have gone up from forty to fifty per cent., you are a mighty lucky man. Wages may or may not have gone up sixteen per cent. Salaries have not gone up at all.—Everybody's Magazine.

(Let the pastors read the above and send a marked copy to the deacons.)

A clergyman was once staying at the house of an English workingman. He happened to see an image of the Virgin Mary standing over the mantel-piece, which struck him as incongruous. By the way of making talk, he asked how it got there. "Well you see, sir, it cum' do' this way," replied the host: "I was a-coortin' o' sisters—Sally an' Maria—an' I wasn't jest sartin which I was to 'ave. One day, as I wor a-starin' into a shop winder, I saw that 'ere statoo, with 'Ave Maria' underneath er it. That came right 'ome to me, so I med up me mind right off to 'ave Maria, an' we was spiced. She's been a reel gude wife to me, an' so I brought th' image to keep it in mind."

A Georgia Negro preacher has more than one way of making sure that none of his parishioners let the contribution plate pass unnoticed. "We have a collection for foreign and domestic missions dis mornin', bredren and sisters," he announced one Sunday, "and, for de glory ob-heaben, which eber one ob you stole, Widow Johnson's sheep don't put a cent on de plate."—Exchange.

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1. Look back. Not like Lot's wife, but, as God tells us in Deut. 8:2, 3.
2. Look forward as we are told to do in Titus 2:13 and 2 Peter 3:12.
3. Look around, as God told Abraham to do in Gen. 13:14.
4. Look inside, as we are told to do in 2 Cor. 13:5, and Psa. 139:23, 24.
5. Look up, as David did in Psa. 5:3, as Paul says in Eph. 4:6.
6. "Look one another in the face" and see how much of the light and sweetness of Jesus is there to comfort and cheer us as we step forward together into a sweeter, fuller life this new year.

"Thro' the night of doubt and sorrow,
Onward goes the Pilgrim Band,
Singing songs of Expectation,
Marching to the Promised Land.

Clear before us thro' the darkness
Gleams and burns the Guiding Light,
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night."

Standing as we are "where two ways meet." Not tied like a little colt in the story of St. Mark 11:4, but free to serve. (Gal. 5:1-13 last clause.) Not where two seas met running our ships aground—between the old and the new. (See Acts 27:41.) But, standing as living links between God and man, and with hands and hearts holding fast to the great throbbing heart and tender hands of our risen Lord, we can in Him reach over the passage between right and wrong and carry some souls on, and in arms (Phil. 1:4) safely over, and in nineteen hundred and five keep them closer to Jesus to "plant their feet on higher ground."

We can with God's help: First, let some old things pass away. For example, with our Bibles open (a) old shoes (b) old socks (c) old garments (d) old bread. Read the passage where each of these is mentioned, and tell what you think they mean for us in our soul and spiritual life. Second. And yet see a curious use that was once made of some of these old things to keep a man of God out of a hard place. (Jer. 38:11-13.) Third. Again, 'twill help us to remember that old clothes are very like old habits. Habit means something that has got us, or as people say, "has got you"—fitting closely like a dress or a coat, and, after a while, becoming almost a part of us. See what Paul says about putting off the old man with his deeds. (Col. 3:9.) To know much more read Eph. 4.

But while some old things will pass away forever as we pass on through life, we hope some old things will never pass away, but abide with us and become more fresh and real to us every day while we live. (1.) God's truth, as old as Himself, and yet always new to us in the life and words of Jesus. We find a verse in Joshua where it

says, "They did eat of the old corn of the land" etc., and then recall the words of the Lord Jesus: "I am the bread of life." "I am the living bread." "Before Abraham was, I am." "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." (2.) The fruit of God's life and truth in our lives. Where do we find "all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved." "Like unto a man that is an householder" etc. "That your fruit shall remain," and "whose leaf shall not fade," "neither the fruit be consumed?" (3.) Fruits according to His months etc. Read the beautiful verses and then tell why the leaf does not wither and the fruit decay, and both are at once old and yet always new! The reason is given last part of verse twelve, Ezk. 47.

The old paths. Where is the "good way?" See what Mal. 4:4 says about it. A greater than Mal. in Luke 16:29. Where is the expression "the way everlasting" found? Jno. 14:6 will help us. Wonderful verse is Heb. 13:8.—Selected, Jan. 1, 1905.

A SAD FACT. WHY IS IT?

I learn there are many churches without pastors, and many preachers without churches in Alabama. Will somebody answer and solve the problem? I think I know; but would like to have short answers from a dozen or more brethren and sisters in the Alabama Baptist next week.

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D. L. James.

JANUARY.

In a coat of gleaming armor
Like a warrior I set forth;
With a snow cloud for my banner
I march from the frozen North.

The wind is my brazen trumpet,
My spear an icicle bright;
A million courier snowflakes
Ride before me through the night.

But though we come in the tempest
Which I and my comrades love,
'Tis not a desolate message
We hear you from above.

The words I shout through my trumpet
Sound not like a battle-cry,
But ring out clear, "A happy New Year!"

For January am I
—Companion.

WINTER RAIN.

Rain on the roof, and rain
On the burial-place of grain;
To one a voice in vain;
To one, o'er hill and plain,
The pledge of life again:—

Rain on the sterile sea
That hath no need of thee.
Nor keeps thy memory,
'Tis thou that teachest me
The range of charity.
—John B. Tabb, in Harper's Magazine.

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A LIGHTHOUSE.

By Harriet Quimby.

Out beyond the Golden Gate, but visible to the naked eye on a clear day from the shore near Frisco, the majestic brown rocks known as the Faralones rear their heads above the waters of the Pacific. On the highest peak stands the government light-house, one of the most important on the coast, as it is a guiding star to all homeward bound ships as they enter the choppy waters called the "bar." The bar and the cavernous jaws of the Golden Gate itself mark the scene of many a tragedy, for owing to the cross currents and the peculiar formation of the coast line, staunch boats are like egg-shells in the strength of the waves.

A bleak, desolate place is the site of the Faralone light-house, absolutely barren of all vegetation and life of any kind except for the thousands of sea gulls which build their nests on the rocks. The eggs of these gulls, which are about the size of turkey eggs, are beautifully colored, pea green, brown and white, and are a harvest for the keeper of the light-house. Every year they are gathered in great quantities and shipped to San Francisco, where they are sold in all grocery stores.

Prior to the establishing of a wireless telegraph plant last year, the only communication between the island and San Francisco, was by means of a small gasoline launch, which makes a trip every Thursday. This launch carries the mail and provisions for the keeper and his family, and also conveys passengers, officers and apprentices from the training ship anchored midway between the Golden Gate and the shore.

Tourists desiring to visit the island can procure permits for the boat, but an extra permit is required in order to land. In rough weather the landing of passengers is accomplished only by means of a hoist and a chair, in which the passenger is strapped and hauled up by a windlass like so much merchandise. During the calm the steps which lead down to the foot of the little pier are used.

Several families call this little spot, miles from civilization, home. A small school-house has been erected and a teacher spends about eight months of the year there. The inhabitants of the island almost never leave, and they claim that, after a time spent in the roar of the waves beating against the rocks from all sides, one is fascinated by the grandeur of it all, and gradually

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