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Rev. G. W. Hash, pastor at Ft. nths has been under treatment at the Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, is og friends in the Birmingham He is one of the Lord's anminted and bears his suffering with the spirit of a saint. He feels ened about his condition.

d that Dr. Madison Peters iks every Sunday through ficate of papers to more people than any living preacher. In the Baptist Church of the Epiphany, in Madison Avenue, New York, he speaks Sunday ngs and evenings to a typical York audience, representing wealth, culture; Sunday afternoons he to thousands in the Harlem Opera House.

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It was a source of no little regret to Pastor Amis that he could not be at the laying of the corner stone of the new Second Baptist Church in Pine Bluff Thanksgiving day. He was to deliver an address on the subject "Christians as Builders." We congratulate Pastor Sam H. Campbell on his magnificent success. Arkansas has no abler or better pastor. We trust that he may see his fondest hopes realized, as we are sure he will.-The Temple Messenger.

President E. Y. Mullins, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has returned home after five months of rest and study abroad. The first two months he spent in sight-seeing. while the last three months were spent in study at Berlin. Dr. Mullins is preparing a treatise on theology which probably be published next year. Baptist and Reflector.





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Editor Alabama Baptist:-After this date you will please change my paper from O'Neal, Ala., to Athens, Ala., as I will move to the latter place in a few days. Yours for Christ.-W. T. Cobbs.

P. M. Jones recently assu Rev. W. J. Ray, pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist church at North Birmingham, in a series of meetings.

December for Foreign Missions in Alabama. Write to Montgomery or Richmond for tracts, envelopes or sample Journals. Let every pastor lead forward for greater thinge?"

Mrs. O. J. Burson announces the. marriage of her daughter, Olive, to Mr. Thomas Turner Ivey December the twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and five in Concord Baptist church, Buena Vista, Alabama, 7:30 o'clock p. m. At home after December the twenty-fifth, Fork, Alabama.

Miss Blanch E. Pyron and Mr. Henry F. Rutherford were married at the home of the bride's parents, near Deatsville, Ala., by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, on the evening of Nov. 29th. A number of relatives witnessed the ceremony in a beautifully decorated parlor, and afterward partook of an elegant bridal supper. The groom is worthy young man of Elmore Station, and is a railroad builder, now at work on the splendid bridge of the L. & N. R. R., across the Ohio at Cincinnati. The bride is the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pyron of Deatsville, Ala., and is one of the old and highly esteemed families of what was formerly Autauga county.-Geo. E. Brewer.



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This book was given to the Board as a contribution to its work, and is now published in the interest of a new emphasis of the ordinance of baptism. Some pasfors have said they intend using these subjects and chapters in a series of prayer meeting talks; and even a larger number have said they will use the book as a text-book, and will undertake to carry a class through it in consecutive study, using each chapter as a week's lesson. I am much interested as to how such an experiment will work. In such cases, and when as many as twelve copies are ordered at one time, a discount of twenty-five per cent will be allowed, with transportation extra.

Nashville, Tenn. J. M. FROST.

The Deerfoot Series.

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Edward S. Ellis, the distinguished writer of juvenile books, has just completed a series of three new "Indian books:" Deerfoot in the Forest, Deerfoot on the Prairies, Deerfoot in the Mountains, which even surpass in thrilling incident and exciting situation his former works in the same line. The first of the series is, "Deerfoot in the Forest," now offered to the public. The plot consists in the rescue of the two boys, George and Victor Shelton, who had gone on a hunting expedition, not knowing of the Indian uprising there. Deerfoot, a Christianized Indian, hearing of their danger, starts in pursuit and arrives just in time to save their lives. The three friends now try to get back, but meet friends now try to get back, but meet with many hairbreadth escapes before with many hairbreadth escapes before the never-failing strength and cun-ning of Deerfoot finally surmounts all obstacles. Two more stories, "Deer-foot on the Prairies," and "Deerfoot in the mountains," are just out.

Mr. Ellis, in these books, as in his former ones, manages his savage very discretely, is guilty of as little blood-shed and the horrible generally as is

possible in such themes. His boys are decent, manly lads. The hero, Deerfoot, is as courteous, brave and beautiful as any of Cooper's heroes, and in addition is possessed of a nev-er-failing fund of humor.

These works are published by The John C. Winston Company; are illustrated and issued in elegant form as standard holiday fiction, and the boy of any age from ten to seventeen or eighteen who finds them among his Kmas gifts will be a lucky fellow.

Daybreak in the Dark Continent.

The title is suggestive. A few years ago it was "Daybreak in Uganda," then "Daybreak in Livingstonia." Now it can be truly said, it is "Daybreak in the Dark Continent."

This is a mission study book. The point of view is "man as he is found in Africa." In addition to many years' study of mssion problems relating to Africa, the author had the rare privilege, a few years ago, of accompanying Bishop Hartzell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, in one of his missionary tours through the Dark Continent. He writes with a full knowledge, a personal touch, and most intense sympathy with "the souls of black folk."

black folk."

The eight chapters which comprise the book are well divided. Four tell of the darkness and four point to the coming light. There is not a dull page in the volume. A series of questions at the end of each chapter and "References for Papers or Talks," add as a text-book. The illustrations, maps, and index are excellent. The volume is compact. It can be carried in the pocket. It is a good book about what promises to be the "missionary continent" of the twentieth century.—Wilson S. Naylor.

The Church of Christ.

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It consequently excludes all other churches, whether ancient or modern. churches, whether ancient or modern, as not sanctioned by inspiration. The author compares Jesus with all other religious teachers—maintains that He alone has met the longings of the soul for immortality which is coextensive with the human race, that He has demonstrated His power over death. Price \$1.00 net, Frank Ingalls Company, N. Y. The Pastor and Modern Missionaries.

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These great facts are urged and en-forced by such a wealth of missionary information as that one rises from the reading with a new and larger grasp on the great enterprise and with a deeper and loftier faith in the God of missions. The book is worthy of a wide circulation.

Mullins' Christian Evidences.

"Why is Christianity True?" is the name of an altogether admirable book by the president of our Seminary. It deserves a better binding and the work of the proof reader was poor enough in all conscience, but these blemishes can and doubtless will, be semedied in the next edition. remedied in the next edition.

The position of skepticism is coninually shifting, causing constant need for fresh works of this kind, and Dr. Mullins has rendered a distinct and notable service in preparing a clear presentation of Christian evidence. dences suited to the hour.

The book is not exhaustive for the reason that brevity permitted no more than a short statement of many points the reader would love to see elaborated, but some of the more important of these may be the subject of fuller treatise hereafter.

But even so, this very brevity made it needful to pack each sentence full, and truly they ring clear and distinct. Many of them are epigramatic and none of them obsecure.

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The author writes like a man who I he author writes like a man who is sure of his ground, and the aggressive tone and spirit of the book is refreshing to one who has grown weary of volumes that read like men fighting within a besieged castle which they fear must be lost.

I should say this is an excellent book for young people, and as a text book for schools and colleges, it would be an admirable fit.

As for myself, I could not help reading it from the standpoint of a pastor, and I have been and will be for some time preaching on themes suggested by paragraphs and sentences that lay hold on the heart. Nor does this mean that I am filling my pulpit with arguments to prove Christianity true, but the rather that Dr. Mullins' logic is filled with the gospel of Christ, who is gloriously real.

No artist has ever drawn a picture

No artist has ever drawn a picture of Christ. The book would be improved by omitting the one appearing as its frontispiece.—L. O. Dawson.

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dead, and, who, after redead, and, who, after recovery, have had the bad
taste to come to the missionaries and show them
their stumps, it was due
to an original mistake in
thinking that they were
dead."—From Debate in
Belgian Parliament, July,
1003.

A Little Garden Calendar.

This work for boys and girls, gotten out by the Henry Altemas Company, Philadelphia, \$1.00 net, is beautilly illustrated, and its author, Albert Bigelow Paine, deserves credit for having made the subject so attractive. When Dr. S. P. Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, established the Children's Room in that great museum, he took for his motto, "Knowledge begins in wonder," and he put into this room a selection of specimens especially intended to excite interest in the young mind. The he put into this room a selection of specimens especially intended to excite interest in the young mind. The biggest bird and the littlest were placed side by side; curious eggs, nests, and insects—not many in number, but temptingly displayed—were ranged about to attract attention and to awake the desire to know more. It was the same Dr. Langley who had once declared that his chief interests in life were children and fairy stories, and it is in the little Washington room that he seems to find the thought tembodied, for the children are there, and the fairy stories of nature are suggested on every hand. It is with Dr. Langley's motto in mind that the "Little Garden Calendar" is offered to parents and teachers, and to children themselves who are old enough to read of the wonders of plant life, and the author has set down certain easy methods of observation, including planting, tending and gathering the harvests, from month to month, throughout the year.

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The United States a Christian Nation—The name of Justice Brewer needs no introduction to the reading and thinking public. It is known and respected not only as that of a great jurist, but as a zealous advocate of true Christian principles as well. For he has devoted himself, while doing his full duty to his profession, to writing and lecturing on the duties and services of Christianity, and incidentally to the wiping out of old-time sectarian hate. Of his works in this field, the latest, three lectures to the students of Haverford College, are among the most important and valuable. 12mo. cloth, 104 pp. postpaid, \$1.00. The John C. Winston Co. Philadelphia, Pa.

The American Boy and the Social Evil—is written from the standpoint of an eminent physician, Robt. N. Wilson, instructor in medicine, and university physician, University of Pennsylvania, and fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. It is published in the earnest hope that it may assist in the preservation of the American home circle through its influence upon the boy and the young man. It is published by the John C. Winston Co., Philadelphia.

Jewel Goldsmith's Fight of Paith, or What Saith My Lord, is published by V. Colbert, Beaver Creek, Ill., at 25 cents per copy. Dr. W. P. Throgmorton, editor of the Illinois Baptist, says: "It will be a valuable work to place in the hands of those who are inquiring for the truth on the questions of baptism and communion. It is brief and to the point, and the aris brief and to the point, and the ar-guments are put in a telling way."

Miss Gertrude Smith's latest book, "Robbie's Bible Stories," published by Henry Altemus Co., Philadelphia, cloth, decorated, price fifty cents, shows that while it is not easy to bring the stories of the Bible within the comprehension of very little children, that Miss Smith is one of the favored few who understand the art. Her "Baby Bible Stories," published last year won the hearts of thousands of mothers all over the land, and received the warm endorsement of the National Congress of Mothers.

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literature courses and individual study. If our young people (and old people) would read this excellent little book by Dr. Dargan the membership in our churches would be better informed as to our belief. It can be had postpaid of the S. S. Board, Nashville, Tenn, for 50 cents.

The Pastor's union of Oak Park, which last spring issued in pamphlet form the interwoven story of the last week in the life of Christ, has now ready for delivery an attractive little volume of 226 pages, containing the substance of the four gospels in one continuous narrative. Sample copies in paper cover-will be sent postpaid for 14 cents and in cloth for 30 cents by the Pastors' Union, Oak Park, Ill.—Oak Leaves, September 16, 1905.

The second edition of Ecclesiology, a study of the churches by Edwin Charles Dargan, D. D., LL. D., has been carefully revised. It will be remembered that the first edition which membered that the first edition which appeared in 1897 was prepared primarily as a text-book for the authors own use with his class in Ecclesiology at the Seminary. The present edition has been practically fewritten. It is not only invaluable in the class room but will be found useful on every pastors desk. Dr. Dargan long ago won for himself a place among scholars but what he cares more for is a place in the hearts of Southern Baptists. The book is published by Chas. T. Dearing, Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Frost in sending a copy says:
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gotten out and will be sent postpaid
by the S. S. Board for 25 cents.

"Journeys of Jesus Carist." from the pen of Reverend John Ithiel Sanford, was prepared to accompany the International Sunday-school lessons for the year of 1906. The entire year's study is based on the life of Christ, and the little book, harmonizing as it does the accounts of the four gospels, acompanied by a colored map showing clearly and accurately the itinerary of each journey, ought to be of great value to pastors and Sunday-school superintendents, teachers and Bible students. A copy will be sent by Atkinson, Mentzer & Moore of Chicago, for 50 cents postpaid.

No man in the ranks of the Baptist ministry is better qualified to write on the subject "Evangelism Old and New" than is the author Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., pastor of the Ruggles Street Baptist church, Boston. He speaks of evangelism old and new as being God's search for man in all ages. There is an evangelistic atmosphere in the religious world. The work of the Holy Spirit through evangelists, pastors and churches in Australia and Wales has contradicted the statement that the old time revival is a thing of the past. In cities of Great Britain and America evangelistic campaigns have resulted in the Great Britain and America evangelistic campaigns have resulted in the conversions of thousands. Any one who believes in the Bible as the word of God as does Dr. Dixon is a safe man to read after when evangelism is under discussion. We hope the book will be widely circulated. It is published by the American Tract Society, New York, at \$1.00.

Rev. R. Venting, the pastor of the First-Baptist church, Greenfield, Ohio, has written as a theses, The Final Preservation of the Saints, versus The Perseverance of the Saints. It is said that this little volume has enjoyed an exceptionally wide circulation in England and it has proved to be a means of comfort to thous-ands of God's saints. To enable every one to secure a copy, the author will send it postpaid to any address for 25

IN BEHALF OF THE OLD PREACHERS.

Uncle Eben's Christmas (By C. C. Brown.)

In the good old days that are gone, it was comm to call old people "Uncle," and so Uncle Eben, the

pastor at Sandy Run, got his title.

It was Christmas Eve and all the earth was white with snow. Wagons full of whooping children passed by Uncle Eben's little home on their way. with teachers and parents, to decorate the church for a Christmas tree. They had their arms full of mistletoe and smilax and holly bushes red with ber ries. Not far behind them the new pastor came rid ing along. Just over and behind the hill yonder wa the little church where Uncle Eben had preached for more than twenty years. He strained his eyes as he looked through the befogged window, and memory was busy digging up the buried thoughts of other years. He was suddenly startled. He thought he heard a sound in the room above, the room where h and his wife had lived and loved for fifty blessed years. But it was merely a waking dream. The familiar sound of her dear footfall had long since died She-was dust again and ashes, and her strong heart was stilled. Then he thought he heard music-he only thought he heard it; it seemed to come up over the hill from the church yonder. The song seemed to say:
"Crown him! Crown him!

Crown him Lord of all !"

He raised the window with an effort; but there wa no sound to greet him. His old heart was just sing ing to itself, and the dead echoes had come to life again. He had simply come upon a verification of the fancy that musical sounds never die; that the vibrant notes sound on and on, and are gathered into one great symphony somewhere, which sings on forever to the praise of him who sits above. And Uncle Eben felt that the heart can sing after the lips are palsied with age.

But the passing of the children, the sight of the pastor, the incidents of the afternoon-for now was getting towards sunset-had set the old man's head a-going. On a set of shelves near at hand were piled the books he used to study, and among them a volume which some one had presented to him the summer before. There was a piece in that book he remembered which would help him to give vent to his pent up feelings, and help him to express his deep thoughts. Taking down the book and wiping his glasses the old man sat where the light of the fading sun could fall upon the page, and read aloud;

> Beyond the purple, hazy trees Of summer's utmost boundaries; Beyond the sands-beyond the seas Beyond the range of eyes like these, And only in reach of the Enraptured gaze of memory, There lies a land, long lost to me-The land of Usedto-bel

A land enchanted-such as swung In golden seas when sirens clung Along their dripping brinks, and sung To Jason in that mystic tongue That dazed men with its melody O such a land, with such a sea Kissing its shores eternally, Is the fair Used-to-be!

A land where music ever girds The air with belts of singing birds, And sows all sounds with such sweet words, That even in the low of herds A meaning lives so sweet to me Lost laughter ripples limpidly From lips brimmed over with the glee Of rare old Used-to-be!

Lost laughter, and the whistled tunes Of boyhood's mouth of crescent runes, That rounded through long afternoons, To serenading plenilunes-When starlight fell so mistly That, peering up from bended knee,

I dreamed 'twas bridal drapery Snowed over Used-to-be!

O land of love and dreamy thoughts, And shining fields and shady spots

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

Of coolest, greenest, grassy plots, Embossed with wild forget-me-nots!-And all ye blooms that longingly Lift your fair faces up to me Out of the past, I kiss ye, The lips of Used-to-be!

The old man laid the book down, just as a rap sounded at the door.

"Good evening, Uncle Eben!" Deacon Smiley ame in and placed a bundle on the old man's lap. He noticed a watery look in Uncle Eben's eyes, but said nothing about it. There are times when tears are holy, and he who stood where they should fall should take the shoes from his feet and bow his The bundle contained a bright silk handkerchief, a pipe and tobacco, a pair of soft slippers, a little roll of money and a few other things for the old man's comfort. As he looked down upon them he grew solemn and silent, and after a moment said:

Well, Henry, I thank you! No one likes to be forgotten; and yet, my brother, it is a very long time since any one remembered me at Christmas. I have been sitting here watching the passing children, and I must have got beside myself. I heard voices and noises, and even a song startled me, and I was just trying to read a little when you came in. Give my love to all the people. Tell them I am worn and weak, and soon must go away. I'll try to be patient and resigned till the end comes. I don't know who sent all these things. I don't want to know. I just don't like to feel that I am forgotten while yet I live. These things lift up my spirit that age has bowed. I know I am a burden here at home to my daughter, and my hope is that soon I shall go out into a larger place, and be free from the pains and aches which torment here. I think it is growing lighter as life's evening comes on. I do not feel that I am drawing nigh to something terrible. Autumnal days are the most beautiful days of the year, and they ought to be the most beautiful days in a man's In October things do not grow any more; they ripen; they fulfill the destiny of the summer, and the thought of autumn is that it is going down, going forth. When all things in nature know and feel that death is coming they do not sheet themselves in black as some Christians do. They cry, Bring forth our royal garments!' and the oak puts on the habiliments of beauty, and all the herbs of the field turn to scarlet and yellow and crimson and every color that is most beautiful to look upon, and all the autumn months go trampling towards death, glowing and glorious. It is only men that make death hateful and gloomy and black. Say to those who remembered me in love, Good-bye! I am just waiting for the sundown bell and one clear call for me."

When the deacon had gone Uncle Eben hobbled away to his little shed-room, for the dusky evening had come. The hand of his widowed daughter helped to disrobe him. Clad in his long white robe, his white hair falling to his shoulders, the old man stood lke a prophet of the olden time and prayed ere he lay so lonely upon his bed, while his daughter stood by and wept.

"Dear Lord," he said, "the shadows have come upon the earth and upon me, and now I lay me down to sleep. O, Jesus, may I rest in thee, I that am so weary and so worn with life's long journey. Grant that the new and better morning may not be far away, the blest morning of light and love and of a new and better life, when I shall be allowed to go out again in Thy service, doing Thy will in the holy company of those who, having done Thy will here; still serve in the higher temple of grace, and enjoy Thee forever. Give me, Lord some token of Thyself, some Christ-gift of love! Let me hear a voice from the far-away, and so under its sweet peace be still. Give me power to suffer Thy will. Hold up these quaking limbs, that I may walk without dismay towards my tomb, and then, dear Master, reach out Thy white hand to raise me up at last in the great day of Thy coming. For Jesus' sake. Amen!"

Unclè Eben's little prayer has given birth to one in me-who will say it with me?

Dear Lord, make me thy messenger, thine angel, thy very own, to carry just one ray of light and gladness to the hearts of the old and way-worn, who stagger on towards the tomb.-Baptist Courier.

CHRISTMAS IN THE WORLD'S MISSION FIELDS.

(By the Rev. James Johnston, A. T. S.) Christmas does not pass unnoticed even among many of the dark-skinned races in remote quarters of the globe. In distant Hawaii where American missionaries have long labored with apostolic zeal, the young folk at the mssion houses look as eagerly for Santa Claus as do the white children of other lands Snow and ice being practically unknown there, the saint is supposed to make his journey to the islands in a boat instead of the customary sledge. In the Philippines the natives, for upwards of three centuries, have been in the habit of exchanging joyous Christmas salutations in Spanish, and most of the celebrations have been of a religious character. Services are held in the churches, interspersed with "miracle plays," throughout Christmas Day. Such revelry as prevails takes place, for the most part, in the open air, in the way of singing and dancing. Already not a few of these superstitions are being leavened by a true Christmas spirit through the self-sacrificing toil of American teachers and

Passing from the East Indies to the West Indies, we find the season kept with negro light-heartedness. and the festivities extending over days, especially in Porto Rico. Here the "little darkies" expect Santa Claus to come, not once, but frequently, to drop presents in the boxes which they provide for the purpose instead of the New England stockings. By the agency of Christian workers from the United States a higher type of teaching is being spread in these sunny isles, over which corruption and darkness have had sway for genera-

missionaries.

Interesting observances of the world's greatest event are chronicled in the West Central African Mission at Chisamba of the American Board. Early on Christmas morn crowds of natives assemble in the chapel, where they sing beautifully the Christ-"Glory be to God," and as earnestly mas hymn, listen to the story of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. The building is decorsted with greens, hanging in wreaths or encircling the pillars, in the center of which appears the text, "U lamba wa Tate,"-"Glory to God." According to custom, the According to custom, the missionaries who are entertaining greet the entertained by clapping the hand and repeating, lunga! Kalunga!" to which the guests reply, Kalunga! Kalunga!" In separate groups of men and women they seat themselves on the grass awaiting the Christmas feast. Even in their own families they eat apart. Then follows the dinner served by the young men and women of the station, and a gift for each visitor, to bring to mind the greatest of all gifts,-Jesus Christ our Saviour. Afterwards, the girls and boys enjoy the games, the elders looking on from beneath the shade of the trees.

Among the gifts distributed to the older folks are articles of clothing, and often it is amusing, six: weeks or more after the event, to notice an old man coming to church wearing his coat with the ticket on which his name is written attached, or the priceticket still on the shirt, months after it was bought at the coast. It is a part of the shirt. Why not wear it? As the sun sinks at the end of the glorious day, the crowd gradually disperses, grateful, if weary, and a hush soon falls on the country around.

Very pleasantly is Christmas observed in the empire of India. All over India the natives recognize the importance of what they call the 'Bara Din 'Great Day." Not only Christian Indians, but lodians of all beliefs recognize the day, and generally bring gifts to Europeans in whose service they happen to be. The ordinary house servant usually presents flowers, or some little toy, if there is a child in the family, although they generally expect a gift in return. A representative of a Bible agency informs the writer that he once received a very large present of fruit and mutton from a Muhammadan book-binder, with whom as Secretary of the Calcutta Bible Society he did a considerable business, and on no account would the Muhammedan consent to accept a return present; a unique experience.

For the children of Hindoo Christians, interesting preparations are made in many parts of that wonderful land. On Christmas Eve a bush is ob-

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and loaded with gifts, on which candles are ared in readiness to be lighted early the following When the clock strikes five on Christmas , and it is still quite dark, the sweet praise children in a foreign tongue is heard joining in semas carols in honor of the child whose birthby they have assembled to celebrate. Verse after with all the Oriental patience and politeness, he singing proceeds, until the missionaries come to to thank the children and to wish them all merry Christmas. Later in the morning the chilhen approach the bungalow and just as they are by one door Santa Claus comes bounding at the other, looking as if he might have come a snow drift, though there are none nearer han the Himalaya Mountains. No wonder that sey welcome "Jesus Baby's" birthday with joy and

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The seniors are generously regaled in a variety of ears under the spreading banyan-trees of the compound, while music is played and songs are sung. In each case these young Hindoos before receiving their gifts sweetly salute their teachers, saying:—Salam—Peace be to you." If the gifts are numerom it is the practice of the Indian mission stations to extend Christmas cheer to laborers, washermen, cooks, postmen, gardeners, sweepers, etc., who are profoundly touched by these proofs of good will. Most of all, the boys and girls value these acts of kindness. "Children so grateful and loving and unclash," says a lady missionary, "we have not known at the ordinary walks of Indian life." Many of these children recently passed through horrors of hungr and want beyond telling. When the Christmas festival is over, they send many salaams to American and English scholars for the "nice things" sent across the sea.

Even in far-away China, Christmas is enthusiastically looked forward to. At the strategic center of Ichang, for example, the natice Christians call the day "Jesus" Birthday," and, with evergreens shove the doorways, and cypress branches, red bernes and mistletoe in plenty, and the weather wintry, the missionaries can almost think themselves in the

All the school children of the mission stations ome out in great force, the girls dressed in their best and "painted as to their faces," making an exceedingly gay appearance. Several Christmas hymns ng to old, familiar tunes, and at the conclusion of the service the children receive a bag of cakes, the adults adjourning to a place outside to a feast. The Swedish, American Episcopal, and Chruch of Scotland Missions hold Christmas service for the natives and foreigners. On one occasion it is related that a number of the members of the Swedish mission spent the previous night in the chapel, so afraid were they of missing the early service, which began at 6 a.m. on Christmas morn-What a contrast such a Christian festival is to the heathen feasts, so full of idolatry and evil.!

Among the Moravians on the continent of Europe and farther afield it is the rule to hold a children's love feast (buns and tea) late in the day before Christmas, at which Christmas hymns are sung, and an address delivered: Shortly before the close of a certain hymn,—the same hymn in all the churches,—male and female attendants (teachers) enter, carrying numbers of lighted tapers, stuck in holes on boards, one of which is handed to each child. Christmas eve is spent in the home, where the Christmas tree is lighted and presents distributed. During Christmas Day itself the Moravians confine themselves to public service, with sermons, special choir pieces, etc., in the forenoon, speuding the remainder of the day in quiet social enjoyment.

In distant Bethlehem, nestling among the Syrian hills, the birthplace of Christmas, we are told that the pretty, dark-eyed girls fo the old hill town join with their parents and strangers from over the earth in the beautiful and impressive service on the spot whither the eyes of the world have turned at Christmastide for upwards of nineteen widening centuries.

As the Roman Catholics of Mexico say, Christmas Eve is "La Noche Buena," the "Good Night" of all the year,—the blessed night when the star shone over the silent fields and the angels sang as the Christ-child came to earth, an event indeed in which the Protestant may unite in spirit, if not in form,

wth his Roman neighbor, in the worship of the Babe in the manger.

Apart from different modes of celebration, Christmas, after all, is just the same in the summer lands and in the snowy regions, among dark or fair-haired little ones. Accepting our share of the light of the Guiding Star, it will lead us all onward until all the "good nights" have ended in one perfect day, that blessed time of which Aemrican Christians were accustomed to sing in quaint verse more than three score years ago:

"On the regions that sit in the darkness of night,
The land of despair, to oblivion a prey,
The morning will open with healing and light,
The glad Star of Bethlehem will brighten today,
Will brighten today, will brighten today."
Darwen, Lancashire, England.



WE WELCOME BRO. WHITE BACK TO ALA.

My Dear Bro. Barnett:—You were the first to give us the hand of welcome after landing back in Alabama. We are glad to return (but don't you let those blessed people in Cuthbert find it out). Please note change in address. The church and people here are receiving us most graciously, and are kindly ministering to our comfort. We had two helpful services on first Sunday. We desire the prayers of God's people that we may be equal to work to which we are called.—I. A. Whites, Pratt City, Ala.

HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

The readers of the Alabama Baptist are acquainted with the very decided and somewhat surprising success Dr. Montague has had in raising an endowment for Howard College. I say surprising because the large amount he has raised with the assistance of some of the brethren has been somewhat of a surprise. I am sure the results have gone beyond the expectations of the most sanguine. who are interested in the matter have believed that the movement would be a success but many of us did not expect such large results in so short a time. I believe it surpasses, in this respect, any similar movement in the South. So much for having a wise and able general who has the confidence of all his brethren. Let us not permit our leader, how ever, to continue at the gait he has been going and break himself down as he did two years ago. is too valuable a man to sacrifice even in so great and glorious a work. The way to prevent this is for all of us to rally to his support by giving him a part of our time in assisting all we can in raising the rest of the amount. When he calls on us for help let us gve it and give it cheerfully. This is the most important movement among the Baptists of Alabama that has occurred in many years and I believe it is but the beginning of great things for Howard College. We ought to have the best equpped college in the state and we are able to have it.

The Convention at Sheffield authorized the committee on endowment to add to the committee as many names as they thought proper. The com-mittee have added quite a number of names and I earnestly hope that the brethren in general will give the committee their earnest support. Let us carry a part of the great burden Dr. Montague is carrying and raise the rest of the amount within the next two months. I believe it can be done, but it will require some hard work on the part of many of the brethren. The institution is yours, brethren, and it will mean much for the Baptists of Alabama to raise this endowment in less time than that given us by the General Education Board. I believe the college is closer to the hearts of the Baptists of the state than it has ever been. They have shown their willingness to rally to the support of the college. Don't wait to be approached but write to Dr. Montague and let him know how much you will give and he will send you the notes to be filled out. The subscriptions are made payable in five equal annual installments and the first note is to be paid next fall.-W. J. E. Cox.

FRY, BAKE, BOIL, BROIL, &C.

A good woman writes:

Dear Bro. Barnett:—The following extract from a letter of Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher in the Religious Herald, may relieve the minds of some of the sisters, who must needs "do what they can" to help build churches, and furnish them as long as the world stands. It may also carry weight with some of their brethren who would take away their only way of making money, and who fail to propose anything better. Dr. Hatcher's opinions carry weight with most thinking people:

Man" thanks to our honored brother, Henry Taylor, for calling the attention of the good women of our churches to the fact that the season is now fairly on for them to have their supper and other entertainments for raising money for church purposes. It was kind in brother T. to mention this matter, and we hope the ladies will not lose the opportunity. If ladies can get up dress-making establishments, and by hard toil make money by it, for themselves, of course it is equally proper for Christian ladies to make aprons, dresses, collars and other such things and sell them, and put the gains thereof in the treasury of the Lord,—that is, if they are willing to do it. If a man chooses to start an eating house, and stew and fry and broil, and roast things and then sell them to those who wish to buy, of course he has the right to do it, even though he put the profits in his own pocket. And if a lot of godly women choose to bake, stew roast or broil a lot of things, then sell them at a fair price, get the money, and give it to the cause of him whom they love so much, why, of course they have the right to do it. This is so plain that a wayfaring man (even if he has wayfared over several continents) though a good Christian need not be so blind as to see anything wrong in a work like this.

The ladies of course know that some good people will carp and sneer at them for making money in this way, but they (the ladies) have ever so much good sense, and they will not be moved by the scowls of the superceiving. Go on, dear laborers, for the Master, and make all the money you can. Fry, bake, boil, broil, stew and roast, scramble, scollop, freeze, toast, and if there be other ways. of making good things to eat adopt them at once, and have your suppers, earn your money, and give it to the Lord and he will bless you. If the Pharisees and sinners come, and ask for supper, (bad as they are they have to eat) give them good measure, charge them a reasonable price, and put the proceeds in the Lord's treasury, and you will have a good conscience as sure as you live.

The little Babe that lay in a poor stable of Bethlehem, on the world's first Christmas night, was the power that is transforming the world. The Christchild's influence has enterd into the hearts of men, communities and nations. Suburban Life is a country life magazine, combining the best features of such a publication with all the elegance of construction that fine coated paper, beautiful llustratons and careful press work can produce. Suburban Life is full of the spirit of practical outdoor life and its articles are the "How to do" kind, from the pens of writers who draw from their own personal experience. Suburban Life is a magazine of about forty-eight large pages, 10x14, with cover designs reproduced in colors direct from photographs. The magazine has already reached the point of such elegance as to win for itself the title of "The Magazine Beautiful."

The December "Arena" is a superbromber, strong, varied and interesting, with several art features which will be a delight to the readers. The Arena is a pioneer and its articles are always spurs to thought. It stands for a "square deal" and its series of articles had much to do with the great political upheaval in Philadelphia. Its arraignment of the bosses was irreputable and helped to arouse the people to arise, and avenge their wrongs. It is a well founded magazine and is intended for those who are capable of doing their own thinking.

Appleton's Booklovers Magazine for 1906, A Glimpse into the Future. There will be colored pictures in every issue, and serials by F. J. Stimson ("J. S. of Dale"), author of "King Noanett." Elinor Macartney Lane, author of "Nancy Stair." Short stories by Booth Tarkington, Elinor Macartney Lane, Edith Wharton, Anne O'Hagan, H. L. Wilson, H. C. Rowland, L. Osbourne, Margaret Deland, Peter Finley Dunne, Rex E. Beach, W. A. Fraser, Joseph Conrad, E. W. Townsend, etc., etc. Special series by Rex. E. Beach on "The Looting of Alaska;" Harold Bolce on "Japan, Our Rival in the East;" Christian Briaton on "College Architecture;" E. S. Martin on "The Cost of Living." Christmas offer Free—For all new subscriptions or renewals recived at this office before January 1, 1906, at the regular price of \$3.00, they will send the subscriber free, postage prepaid, our special Christmas De Luxe edition of "The Tar-Baby and other rhymes of Uncle Remus." Beautifully printed. Illustrated in colors by A. B. Frost and E. W. Kemble. Gold stamped, cloth binding, \$2.00 net (in a box). Special attention will be given to mailing this book with your card enclosed to any address as a Christmas Gift.

The Outing Magazine makes a direct appeal to the wholesome instinct which, thank God, rules, in the great majority of we Americans: it shows always the manly, the wholesome, the best aspects of our national life—the clean, white side, and that is a quality well worth remembering when you are putting a magazine on the home table. The Outing Magazine is a magazine of wide appeal and is intensely American, seeking the heart of the land. That is why it is winning new friends by the thousands. Every one likes to read of travel. No other magazine does such important work in this line. In its fiction department, among its story writers for the coming year are Jack London, 'Alfred Henry Lewis, Albert Eigelow Paine, Gouverneur Morris, Steward Edward White, and others equally noted. The Outing Magazine may cost a little more than some others but it will return you one hundred cents on the dollar.

Mechanically, Success Magazine is amusually beautiful. Its large size (10x - 14 inches) gives an opportunity for artistic illustration and typograpical perfection which is utilized to the utmost. Paper and presswork are of the best. The monthly covers each represent new and original designs prepared exclusively for Success by leading American artists, and their exquisite original paintings are reproduced by the wonderful "Quadricolor Process," giving infinite variety of



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Harper's Magazine is conceded to be the One great magazine of the world. If you have seen any number during the past year, You yourself Know how true this is. It prints more and better short stories, and it contains more pages and better paintings. Its serious articles are written at first hand by the great scientists, historians and explorers themselves. Mark Twain, who has just finished a great horse story, writes only for Harper's; W. D. Howells writes only for Harper's; and Howard Pyle, Edwin A. Abbey, Elizabeth Shippen Green, and other artists paint only for Harper's. It will print at least seven complete stories in every number and nothing about crime, politics or things of news interest.

During the year 1906 the Woman's Home Companion will be the most beautiful, entertaining, and valuable magazine in the world. It will be new and bright from beginning to end. New departments, best writers, best artists, the best of everything, so that it will continue to be the grandest and greatest woman's home magazine published anywhere at any price. The Woman's Home Companion has the most helpful and useful departments of any magazine in the world. For example, fancy work recipes, sewing, house-keeping, entertaining, etc., by and among its readers; that is, every reader has access to this page where ideas can be exchanged with other readers, questions asked and answered, etc. No other magazine has ever attempted a department equal to this. And then there is "Mrs. Sangster's Home Page." Every woman in America will agree that Mrs. Sangster knows more about certain things than any other woman in the world.

There seems to be a mistaken idea in the minds of some people that Current Literature is a magazine simply for those of special literary taste. Such is not the case. It is, in fact, a profusely illustrated magazine dealing with the most important/developments in politics, science, religion, industry, and art, as well as literature. It is a sort of clearinghouse of the world's perodicals and daily papers, and we car assure you that as a subscriber to it, you are certain to be kept well posted regarding the big events of the world, and as to the men and the women who are doing notable things. Current Literature gives the personal side of affigs and makes its pages throb with human interest. Its principal department is "The Review of the World," edited personally by Mr.

Wheeler, which is current history in its most fascinating form. All the departments are full of vital interest, and give you a clearer and more comprehensive view of the world each month than any other magazine we know.

Colliers the "National Weekly" is the spokesman of no class and of no party. It is the organ of neither capital nor labor. It is enterprising, but not "yellow." It is clean, but not "namby-pamby." It is a sane exponent of American public opinion. It is a believer in the best no matter what it costs. The people of America owe it a debt for its exposure of the Patent Medicine Fraud. We do not always agree with it when it writes on southern questions but we believe its editor wants to be fair. We look forward each week with pleasure to its coming and always turn first to the editorial page which is always bright and sparkling and generally stands square for itself in thousands of our best American homes.

Lippincott's Magazine always contains—in addition to its bright short stores, pleasing poems, interesting articles, and widely quoted humor-aection—a complete novel by some first-class author. Just right for a long evening—not long enough to tire. Novels by Marie Van Vorst, Grace MacGowan Cooke, Samuel Merwin, Caroline Duer, and Jennette Lee appear in this winters issues. Others just as good will follw. Some of the greatest modern fiction was first issued in Lippincott's. Thus you get twelve of the latest novels in advance of book publication, and at a trifling cost, by subscribing to Lippincott's. Besides, you'll like the short stories, poems, articles, and humor. Lippincott's is the newest magazine—its age has only ripened its wit. It is a clean, clever home periodical.

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BOAT ON THE AMAZON RIVER.

The Amazon Valley

By W. E. Brazil is one-fifteenth of the habitable globe, one-fifth of the two Americas, three-sevenths of South America, larger than the United States, and fourteen times as large as France. It has five thousand miles of coast line, and forty-two seaports, some of which are exceptionally large and safe. The temperature varies from torrid heat to freezing point.

The Amazon Valley is, to be sure, one of the abiding wonders of the earth. Geologists tell us that in the wee small ages the Atlantic and Pacific oceans were connected by a

wee small ages the Atlantic and Pa-cific oceans were connected by a strait, but there was a mighty up-heaval, when the Andes Mountains were thrown up out of the Pacific and the Amazon Valley was formed, so gradual in its decline that its fall averages only an inch in a mile. It is so gradual in its decline that its fall averages only an inch in a mile. It is seven hundred miles wide and two thousand and four hundred miles long. Its vegetation is so dense that it is not possible to travel through it more than five miles a day. A monkey can go a thousand miles on the tree top's without ever once coming to the ground. Here is the home of the enormous and stately tree that produces the Brazil nut; and of the Victoria Regia, a water lily discovered by an English botanist and named in honor of the late queen of England. Its leaf moasures 18 feet in circumference, and will support the weight of a child. For rain this section bears the world's record

The Amazon river combines the

The Amazon river combines the most extensive system known to men. It drains nearly half a cintinent. It is formed by 1,100 branches, 100 rivers, and 8 great tributaties, some of them being thirty miles wide. It rises in the highest mountain of the Western continent, is 5,000 miles long, and, together with its tributaries has 50,000 miles of navigable waters. It is 180 miles wide at its mouth, which is in the shape of a delta, formed by the island of Marajo, larger than Switzerland and almost as large as England. The waters of the Amazon are the color of pea soup, and can be traced for 600 miles in the Atlantic ocean.

Rubber is the principal staple of the Amazon Valley, the manufacture of which is becoming one of the greatest industries of the world. Rub-ber was first discovered in India, and for this, reasno called India rubber.

That it had a value was found out in 1736, and for eighty years was only used to rub out pencil marks. In 1823 the Englishman, Mackintosh, invented the rubber coat, and in 1843 the American, Goodyear, discovered the process of vulcanizing rubber, and other inventions and discoveries followed, so that today there is no art or industry in which rubber does not play some part

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The rubber interests of the Ama
zon Valley have given birth and de The rubber interests of the Amazon Valley have given birth and development to two great cities, which are growing in importance yearly. They are l'ara, eighty miles from the mouth of the mighty river, and Manaos, 1,000 miles further up, situated on one of the tributaries of the Amazon, called Rio Negro (Black river), whose waters are as black as ink. These two cities are said to be the most modern and prosperous of the cities of Brazil, whose merchants have become wealthy by supplying the rubber-camps and by buying and shipping rubber to Europe and America. If money, however, is rather plentiful at these places, living is excessively high, since everything to eat and wear is imported. There are times when a dozen or eggs costs two dollars, a chicken four dollars, a turkey ten dollars, etc. Unfortunately both of these cities are subject to yellow fever, on which account everybody goes loaded with a bottle of castor oil, and takes a half of a pint (this is the average dose in this country) on the least intimation of a headache.

oil, and takes a half of a pint (this is the average dose in this country) on the least intimation of a headache.

Para has a population of 100,000 and upwards. Here our Bro. J. E. Hamilton was located, before his death, and although on the field only about a year he did a great work. Within the last two months baptized Within the last two months baptized some 30 new converts, and pushed the work into adjoining town. Manaos has a population of over 50,000, and is growing even more rapidly than Para. Bro. E. A. Nelson began the work at this point some four years ago, and has been greatly blessed of the Lord. There is a church of some 150 members, and it is perhaps the model church of Brazil. These brethren are begging for reinforcements, other missionaries who may join them in the greatest work in which men can engage. They should have at least two more missionaries immediately.



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PAY YOUR PASTOR

What a pleasant thing it would be for the preachers in Alabama if every church would put the pastor's salary in his hands before Christmas, and give him an opportunity to make his loved ones happy. In making out your schedule of expenses don't forget to include the amount you set aside for your pastor and try and see that he gets it within the week. Many a preacher's home will be brightened if his members will only bear the above in mind. They have been faithful during the year, and richly deserve what was promised them, for we know that few receive more than enough to provide for their actual wants, and yet many of them would starve before they would make any outcry. God bless our faithful ministry and put it into the hearts of the good men, and the devoted women, not to neglect their plain duty.

CONGRESSMAN BOWIE'S STATEMENT.

"The cotton report issued recently puts Alabama in fine condition," said Representative Bowie several days ago to a Washington reporter. "The crop is the largest in its history except last year and the price higher than it has been at this season in twenty years. The cash value will exceed seventy-five millions. In addition, reports show that the corn crop of the state is 20 per cent better than the pre-

The South is in better condition that it has been for many years. The price of cotton is good and the corn crop was fine. The Alabama Baptist is carrying a larger unpaid subscription list than it can afford and will have to cut off some on the first of January, even if we cause them to feel unkindly towards the editor, although many have not thought enough of him to pay one cent for the paper which for years has carried sunshine and cheer weekly into their homes.

Brethren you ought to pay your back dues willingly and renew with pleasure. We don't want to stop the paper of a single subscriber if we can help it, and we do beg those who are able to send in their arrears without waiting for an agent. We pay cash for everything, and we need money in order to make the paper what we hope to make it during 1906. We have made up our minds to weed out the unprofitable ones

REV. J. N. HALL DEAD.

We quote in part from the Baptist and Reflector of Dec. 7th:

The following telegram came to our office late last Monday afternoon:
"J. N. Hall is dead. Burial three o'clock -Tues-

Notify all friends. J. G. Hall, Fulton, Ky., cember 4

From a letter received Monday we learned that Brother Hall was dangerously ill in Arkansas, and we presume that his death occurred there as he was returning from the General Association at Tex-

Brother Hall was born in Western Kentucky, near Arlington, February 5, 1849, and was about 57 years of age. He and Dr. G. M. Savage were born on the same day. He spent most of his life at Fulton, Ky., as editor of the Baptist Gleaner (twice), associate editor of the Western Recorder and editor of the American Baptist Flag, later changed to the Baptist Flag. He was also pastor of a number of churches in West Kentucky and West Tennessee, being pastor at Arlington, Ky., and Bolivar, Tenn., at the time of his death. Brother Half leaves to mourn his loss, a widow, a daughter, a grand-daughter and a brother, besides many strong personal friends

Brother Hall was a strong preacher, a fearless debater, and a vigorous writer. We barely knew him only having met him casually at conventions. He was in Alabama several years ago at the Yellow Creek Association and took occasion to advise the Baptists of Alabama to support their state paper. As this was done in our absence we felt gratified

at his courtesy and were pleased when some of our strongest "board" nien stated that his visit had done good as he preached two strong and helpful missionary sermons. We had the pleasure of meeting his daughter at the Southern Baptist Press Association, and extend to her and to Sister Hall and all the bereaved kin our sincere sympathy.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR CHINA.

The Women's Missionary Societies are doing a blessed work in making Christmas offerings for work in China. Every year there has been an advance in their gifts. Last year the total from all societies and bands was \$11,781.01.

The late Dr. Geo. Lorrimer said of woman's missionary work:

"Nothing human can stay the mighty movement you represent. It is as the waters, increased continually by mountain brook and freshet. All obstacles must succumb, all mud barriers give way, and the blessing in their bosom be borne to many a sterile field and desolate plain.

"The swelling wave of Time resistless ever rolls, Nor bridge, nor dike, nor dam its onward rush controls.

He, He alone, who can the raging ocean bind

Can check the mighty progress of a people's mind." And so this year the hope is that it will reach \$15,000. Sisters, what will you do? Brethren, will you not help the sisters in this noble work? Women and children for whom Christ died, are awaiting your assistance.

THEATER-GOING

Dr. Gordon said he was once engaged in holding series of revival meetings, and observed a distinguished appearing gentleman occupying a front seat day after day, and apparently taking great interest in the services. After several days the gentleman was asked about his religious status. He replied: I am an actor, and I cannot be an actor and a Christian." He gave his name (that of a prominent member of his profession) and the history of his life, and said that he would like to become a Christian, and that he was trying to decide whether he could bring himself to abandon his profession. Dr. Gordon said that the question was then asked: "Do you ever see Christians in your audiences?" The reply was: "O, yes; but I have no respect for any e who comes to see me act."

Some years ago the editor of the Western Recorder, if we remember correctly , said that in returning from Indianapolis there were in the same car with him a group of women. They speedily attracted the attention of all the passengers by behaving in most unseemly fashion. He stated that e had never seen such brazen immodesty on the part of women. They scuffled with each other and with some men, sat in men's laps, and in many ways showed an utter disregard of all decency and propriety. These women, he learned, were actresses and were on their way to Louisville to play in one of the theaters there. The papers of the next day said that the theater in question was crowded. The editor very properly added: "Yet many people who claim respectibility, and some even who claim piety, go to see such women perform and by their money nd patronage support them in their disorderly lives." Yes, and then church members naively ask: What harm is there in the theater? I can see no harm in going to the theater." Harm indeed! The theatre is the vestibule of the brothel.

Receipts of Foreign Mission Board from Alabama rom May 1st to Dec. 4th, 1905, were \$12,407.40. But mark! Six thousand dollars of this amount came, rom one man. So that the churches, societies, etc., save given only \$6,407.40. Last year at the same date Alabama Baptists had given \$5,600.68. So far, then, the advance over last year's receipts from churches, societies, etc., is \$506.72. It should be much more! Let us go to work to increase our gifts to foreign missions.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Dr. Provence did not sign the sermon published in last week's issue. There was no signature and we gave the printer the name Rev. S. M. Provence, D. D., expecting him to put it at the head of the article. The friends of Dr. Provence know him well enough to know that he never parades his D. D.

It is often said that preachers' children are the worst. This may or may not be true, but it is a fact that generally they are quite numerous, and we all know that they are just like other children in wanting to have a lot of toys and good things about Christmas time and they ought to have them.

We hardly deem it necessary to beg our readers not to forget the Orphan's Home during the coming week, for we are sure that pastors, Sunday school superintendents, and the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies will see that the fatherless and motherless little ones are well provided for.

Don't get mad with us just because we want a little cash for furnishing you with religious literature for months and years. It is curious how some peoy their tailor, shoemaker, grocer, etc., as a course, but kick if they have to pay for thei: igious paper. We are not mad, but just think g some folks are mighty queer.

Scattered over Alabama are a number of godly old preachers who have worn out their lives in religious work and are quietly waiting for the summons from their Master to come up higher. Some we could name, but we won't, but brother, if one of these old soldiers of the cross happens to live in your town see to it that he is not forgotten at Christmas.

At the session of the first annual convention of the Alabama Anti-Saloon league here Monday at the First Baptist Church, Dr. Ebberfield of Illinois, was elected Superintendent of the association and former State Senator James Norman of Lanette, was elected assistant superintendent.

The object of the league and its future were discussed and work for the coming year was mapped out. This meeting was presided over by Dr. W. B. Crumpton, president of the league. The following trustees were present: P. C. Ratliff, Dr. James McCoy, Dr. John W. Stagg, Dr. S. L. Dobbs, Rev. J. R. McMullen of Gadsden, and Dr. Crawford of Montgomery. The address of welcome by Dr. J. A. Duncan, pastor of the First Methodist church, was responded to by Dr. McMullen of Gadsden. Upon the recommendation of Dr. G. W. Young of Louisville, Ky., assistant superintendent of the American Saloon league, Dr. Ebberhart was chosen superintendent by a unanimous vote and ex-Senator Norman of Chambers county was elected as the assistant. Mr. Norman enters upon his duties December 15.

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We have just heard of the death of C. E. Osborne, and our heart is filled with tender memories of this good man and his dear wife who lived in the pastorium during our pastorate at Johnson City, Tenn., and made it a true home for us. The resolutions passed by the church truly say: "No one ever saw Charley Osborne wearing a frown. His interest in his religious work deepened with his life and his last days were his best; and truly we can say that Charley Osborne was a good man and full of good cheer, a splendid example of a man whose heart had been changed by the blood of Jesus, for his life was consistent with his profession. Brother Osborne was not pretentious in any sense but he belonged to that faithful undercurrent of human characters that uphold the real and important work of life." We join Sister Osborne and her little ones in tenderest sympathy for her husband was our loyal friend.

A BILL THAT SHOULD BECOME A LAW.

The bill introduced by Congressman Wiley, the first day Congress met, for preventing the issuance of Federal liquor license in territory where the State law prohibits the sale of liquor ought speedily to become a law. Every time such a license is issued the great government becomes aider and abettor of law breakers. The men who use the license know when they get it that they are violating the state law every time they sell a drop of liquor, yet they feel safe if they can keep out of the clutches of the United States officer. The amount of money received by the United States government from this way of helping in the over-riding of State and community laws is but a drop in the bucket of its receipts and not worth considering. Mr. Wiley's bill ought to be passed by unanimous vote.-Mtg Advertiser. Mr. Wiley's Bill.

The bill introduced by Second District in the prohibiting the issuance licenses for the sale of United States revenue intoxicating liquors to localities where the same is prohibited by State laws is the hardest blow that tigers for a long time. If this bill becomes a law it will go far towards breaking up one of the most dangerous and far-reaching evils which threaten the people in this section of Alabama and doubtless in similar sections of other Southern States.

It is unfortunate that such should be the case, but it is a fact nevertheless, that the statutes of the Federal Government are given greater weight and the surts of the Government greater deference than are our State laws and courts. The average law breaker, and especially the men who violate State prohibition laws, can always persuade himself that in the courts of his county he can bring local influences of various kinds to bear and stand a far chance of going unwhipped of justice for his mis-He does not indulge in such confident expectations in regard to the Federal courts. He ows that the juries drawn therein come from a large area of country and that the judges and the osecuting attorneys have not only greater power but also greater facilities for running down law breakers and bringing them to adequate punishment. The truth of this assertion is fully provided by the well known fact that every man engaged in the illicit sale of whiskey is provided with a United States license. So well known is this fact, that the Legislature passed a law, and it is now upon our statute books, making proof that a man held an internal revenue license for the sale of intoxicating liquors prima facie proof that he was engaged in the sale thereof. It was hoped that this law would enable the State courts to enforce prohibition laws. It was well calculated to accomplish this desirable end and would doubtless have done so but for the unexpected and uncalled-for action of the Treasury Department of the general government. Upon a test case it was decided that a State court had no power to compel a collector of internal revenue to come into court and bring his books and give evidence as to the licenses issued by him. This decision practically nullified and rendered void the above named statute

Mr. Wiley's bill asks no more of the general government than is warranted by a love of law, order and good morals. A house divided against itself cannot stand and with the national government tolerating, licensing and encouraging the violation of State laws, the law of the weaker power, the State, must fall to the ground and be trampled under foot. If the bill becomes a law, Mr. Wiley will have returned a service to this section which will entile him to the lasting gratitude of this people.

The blind tiger evil here in the black belt is a cancer upon the body politic which is ruining labor, intensifying the negro question, interfering with agriculture, debauching the honor and manhood of the young men, breaking the hearts of women, ruining the lives of children, hindering education, blocking the church, lowering land values, and daily eating-its way deeper and deeper into the vitals of prosperity, safety, health and happiness. If the Representatives in Congress show any inclination to fight this bill we believe it would be a good movement for the friends of law and order throughout the whole country to bestir themselves and be-

gin to let the Representatives know, by petition and otherwise, what they think and feel upon this important question. The general government has no more moral right to issue these licenses in counties and communities where prohibiton laws prevail than it has to issue license to steal or murder in every part of a State except that enclosed in a Government reservation. Mr. Wiley is moving in the right direction and we trust success will come to him in this matter.—Selma Journal.

ALABAMA (COLORED) BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

This body met in Mobile beginning Wednesday November twenty-second. It was the first State Convention of Colored Baptists it was ever my privilege to attend and I was pleased beyond expression with many things I heard and saw. The first thing that impressed me was the large number of intelligent and able men who were members of the body and I was more and more impressed with this fact as the days went by. I suppose there were ignorant men among them but if so they were not conspicuous, they did not seek to make themselves heard. Such men, of course, stand little show when intelligent men are present. I heard many speeches of one sort and another and every man I heard used good English. Some of the brethren I heard showed that they were men of decided ability. I heard the greater part of the introductory sermon which was preached by Pastor Wm. Madison, Jr., who preaches near Selma and is taking a course in the Selma University, and it was an excellent sermon. It was a good sermon, homiletically, grammatically, rhetorically, Baptistically and spiritually.

The election of officers was an interesting though stormy occasion. I never saw anything just like it except in political gatherings. The brethren were noisy, persistently noisy, and paid no attention to the gavel of the presiding officer. Whether recognized or not they proceeded to talk and several of them at the same time. At times their remarks were personal and the president had to call them to order. I thought they were in a tangle from which they would never extricate themselves. I felt at the time that they were hopelessly divided and that their work would suffer in consequence. The committee on nominations recommended the reelection of all the old officers and a substitute was offered for the committee's report and then pandamonium When, however, the report of the committee was finally adopted, the brother who offered the substitute arose and moved that the report of the committee be made unanimous and there was not a dissenting vote. I was amazed and told them that was amazed and told them that I was convinced that they were genuine Baptists in that while they claimed the privilege of differing from one another and even fighting for their choice, when the battle was over they were one. Dr. Pollard, president of Selma University, presided during the election and he made an excellent presiding officer. He presided with great grace and dignity, never once allowing himself to get excited in the least. He was kind and fair but firm in his decisions.

Our colored brethren surpass us in the matter of giving when their means are considered. They gave last year nearly twenty thousand dollars to Selma University, more than five hundred dollars to foreign mission, over two thousand to state missions, three thousand to orphans and aged persons and more than eight hundred dollars to their publishing board. Several collections were taken during the convention and the brethren responded liberally. Twelve hundred and sixty dollars in cash were paid in for all purposes during the convention.

On Friday afternoon at a meeting for women I heard Miss DeLany, a missionary to Africa of the National Baptist Convention, speak. She had with her a converted African boy about sixteen years old. He was making a speech in his native dialect when I went into the room and she was interpreting for him. He is a very intelligent boy and his speech greatly moved me. Altogether it was one of the most interesting and soul stirring missionary meetings I ever attended.

Our colored brethren are making decided progress and they need and deserve our help.—W. J. E. Cox.

SOME NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

Regulars, fall in! December for Foreign Missions. \$27,000 this year from Alabama. December is the month to make it possible. We will all want to go to the Southern Baptist Convention in May. Chattanooga is very near to Alabama. How will Alabamians feel if their State is read out as having fallen short? God is showering his blessings on the land. Prosperity is everywhere. Let us not consume his rich gifts on our lusts. "Make me a little cake first," said God's servant to the starving widow. He spoke as God's servant, approved of God. What would he not ask for when we have abundance? Sure I am, He would want to be first as of old. Let us not put him second.

Let us not put him second.

No Girl Was ever Prouder of a New Dress
Than I am of a handsome carpet on the floor of the office. When you come to see me new, Brother Editor, a beaming countenance shall greet you from every corner of this old room. "The woman, she did it," of course. No man would have done such a handsome thing. I will have to lay it on Mrs. Jas. B. Ellis, of Selma. Blessings on her for her kindness!

And Here is Another.

I am sending out a personal letter, accompanied with a short, personal note, asking my friends to help me with the \$2,500 debt I had to report to the board. I was so anxious to wipe that out in a few days, not to interfere in any way with the regular contributions in the churches.

Some have not been heard from at all; others have written me nice letters saying they were sorry, but could not help me "this time"; others are responding favorably, one brother with \$100, several brethren with \$50 and \$25, and many with \$10 and \$5. If must put the crown on the head of a generous woman, not because she gave the most, but because she said the most. Hear her: "I am glad you have given me an opportunity to add a little more to my offerings to State Missions. May the Lord bless and guide you as you do this work." The letter contained another gift besides her own. Think of it, thanking me for giving her the opportunity.

Another sister from the same town, sends something and says: "If I had Rockefeller's millions, you should not have to work so hard to get the money." Another sister who always responds, says: "I am glad I can help you."

The brethren have responded well too, but it takes the women to put on the touches that reach the heart.

W. B. C.

BROTHER CRUMPTON FICKLE.

Dear Brother Editor:

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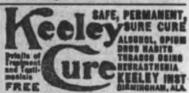
The Christmas Critic is an unusually attractive number and "At the House of David," a discription of the sacred play "David," or the "School to the Cross," as given by the woodcarvers at Oberammergan by Maude Barrows Dulton is most interesting. The Critic will continue to give to its readers the best that can be secured under the heading of essays, special articles, and illustrations, and also of reviews by the ablest critics of the more important publications of each month. While The Critic is a monthly magazine, it remains the plan of its editor to present each month to the readers such news in matters of literary, social, and art interest as has been fully sifted and has shown evidence of possessing continued interest and value.



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The trouble was in the cellar, how ever, and when once it was possible to get at it, the flames were soon under control and all danger, was over. The fire originated from the furnace in the center of the main auditorium, burned through the floor and completely wrecked the interior of the room, with help of the water of course. The new Sunday-school rooms are hurt very little. We cannot tell just yet what the damage is in cash, but we hope it may be covered by the insurance which amounts to \$4,000.00.

I first headed this news item "Tus-kaloosa church damaged by fire," but I think the contrary is true—we will be helped by it in many ways. It has revealed to many of us that we really loved the old church more than we thought, it has drawn the membership closer together, and filled us all with gratitude for our narrow escape from a great disaster, besides bringing us messages of sympathy from different parts of the country that were a joy to read and will be a delight to remember. We had just finished last

Chistmas many extensive improvements and were well fixed, but whether our insurance covers the loss or not we have plans a-foot to make everything better than before, and it will all be done in time for our March meeting. It will cost something, but it is easy to make sacrifices for the things you love and easy to love the things for which you make sacrifices.

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2. Some say the deacons did it. You see the pastor, beginning his 14th year of service that morning, had said that while his trunk was packed ready to leave at any minute, he really could hold out but little hope to the church for a change of pastors any time soon. Some say that upon this announcement, in sheer desperation, seeing no other means by which to get rid of the present incumbent, the deacons set the house on fire hoping to smoke him out.

him out.

3. Some say the furnace did it. It may be grew too hot and ignited the sleepers under the floor. It is hoped that some of the sleepers above the floor were also set on fire and henceforth will be more zealous in the Lord's work.

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