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"I honor the man who is willing to sink
Half his present repute for freedom to think;
And when he has thought, be his cause strong or
weak,
Will risk t'other half for freedom to speak;
Caring naught for what the mob has in store
Let the mob be the upper ten thousand or lower."
James Russell Lowell.

• Southeast Alabama is developing rapidly. This section is an open door of opportunity for the Baptists. Will we enter the doors?—T. O. Reese.

• The Geneva Association convened with the church at Hartford. Rev. P. L. Mosley is pastor at Hartford and now has the work well in hand.

• Rudyard Kipling says no man under forty years of age should write a long story, and Osler says a man is in his decline and fall off above that age.

• Clayton Street closes the year out of debt, in perfect harmony, and working faithfully. Wishing you a merry Xmas and happy New Year, Fam—J. W. O'Hara.

• Rev. J. F. Register is pastor at Samson, a new and important town. Bro. Register has done more for the Baptist cause in this section of the State than any other man. He is an "Israelite in whom is no guile."

• It is claimed that Johnathan Edwards had the greatest mind of any man America has produced. When he was called to be pastor in Stockbridge, Mass., they offered him a salary of \$33.83 a year.—Western Recorder.

• Rev. W. W. Faulkner, who has been pastor at Slocum for more than a year, will soon move to that important town. He has wrought well at Slocum, having erected a neat house of worship and added a number to the church.

• The Pacific mail liner Siberia has just brought to this country a single shipment of a thousand tons of tea from Amoy, the great tea port of China, this being one of the biggest tea cargoes reported in many years.

• The new Baptist church at Geneva was dedicated the third Sunday in Nov. Dr. W. B. Crumpton preached the sermon from the text, "This Hour." He preached a missionary sermon at the evening service and realized a nice sum for missions.

• Pine Hill, Ala.—Jo. C. Morgan's many friends announce his marriage on the 14th of December. He is one of Pine Hill's best young men and the bride-to-be is Miss Josie Champion, a lovely girl. His many friends wish him great success.

• You were in haste to get rich and made everything bend to that. You cut short your time for reading the Bible. You could not wait in the morning for family prayers. You had to look over your accounts on Sunday and quit going to church. You were tired on prayer meeting nights and went to bed. Your motto was: "Put money in thy purse."

The Oldest Regular Church Goer in the Birmingham District.



Jas. Brazer, of Birmingham, 95 Years Old in April, 71 Years a Member of the Baptist Church.

• The Century has secured the right to print photographs of the objects found in the famous discovery in Egypt made last winter by Mr. Theodore M. Davis. The objects include a carved golden chair, a golden chariot with shafts and pole, an exquisite golden mummy case, and many other articles of greater value than have been found for many years in an Egyptian tomb.

• William Allen White in an article in McClure's Magazine on the Governor of Missouri, says: Fearing the effect on young men who might see him smoking, Folk has given up his cigar and pipe. It was for this cause the late Dr. Lorrimer quit smoking.

• Are you insured in the Everlasting Life Insurance Co.? Home office, heaven. It is strictly equitable and the dividends are liberal, being 100 per cent. in this life and in the world to come life everlasting. No risks rejected but all are accepted who believe on Christ.

• Rev. J. L. Rosser has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Selma, Alabama, and will enter upon his work February 1st. We sincerely regret that this fine young minister is to leave Virginia, but we none the less congratulate the Selma Baptists upon securing him. In Hampton, where he was pastor for the Memorial church, and in Richmond, where he has been for some months assistant pastor of Grove Avenue, he has made a host of friends. His uncommonly able and active sermons have made him one of the most popular and beloved of our preachers, and Richmond parts with him most reluctantly.—Religious Herald.

• Our new pastor, Bro. Richard Hall, of Orrville, will not reach Montevallo till the close of the year. We came very near losing our church building by fire, but we saved it and will have enough from insurance to put it in nice order. We are also painting and papering our preacher's home so as to have everything in apple pie order when he comes. Telephone me if you can come, and oblige, yours fraternally—H. C. Reynolds.

• In last week's issue you had me headed "From Pell City," when as you are aware I am at Georgiana; also accepted Castleberry church two Sundays. Was with them the third Sunday inst.; found them to be a fine folk; a good, wide-awake little church. They gave the preacher a warm greeting and a splendid hearing. The Sunday school is a live one; the ladies' societies are active in the Lord's work.—L. M. Stone.

• Lord Kelvin said: "The end of education is first, to help a man to earn a living, and then to make his life worth living." A generation ago any career for a woman outside the domestic circle was considered, especially in the South, unwomanly. Now, however, nearly every Southern state has at least one institution where women secure an education as a stepping stone to the activities of life; and throughout the country, schools and colleges are providing education for women in such branches as will enable them to earn their livelihood.

• There are many curious fancies about "Numbers." in religious ceremonies. Apuleius says: Desirous of purifying myself I wash in the sea, and dip my head in the waves seven times. Pythagoras thought it worthy. Elisha sent Naaman to wash in Jordan seven times. Elijah on Mt. Carmel sent his servant seven times to look for rain. When Jericho was taken they compassed the city seven times. There is great value placed on numbers at present. One number we never forget—"Number One."

• Recently a preacher gave the following reason why business immorality and professed Christianity failed to go hand in hand: The voice of conscience is often kept, clear and imperative in certain regions of our lives and conduct; and muffled, confused and all but silent in other realms. For instance we are often "long" on theological orthodoxy and ecclesiastical propriety, and excessively "short" on commercial integrity and political morality. Consequently our moral gait is halting.

• The vicarious atonement is not popular with some present day theologians, and many in the pew chafe under it, but it is a Bible doctrine. To the church at Rome Paul wrote: "God hath set forth Christ to be a propitiation (through faith) in His blood, for the remission of sins." To the Corinthians: "God hath made him to be sin for us who knew no sin that we might be made the righteousness of God through him." To the Ephesians: That "We have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." To the Thessalonians, that Christ died for us. To Timothy, that "Christ gave himself a ransom for all." Peter declares that "Christ bare our sins in his own body on the tree, suffered the just for the unjust." John gives glory to him who has "washed us from our sins in his own blood."

INFANT BAPTISM AND ITS FRIENDS IN FOG.

Some years ago I received a letter from one of Georgia's prominent Baptist pastors from which the following is an extract:

"I wish you would hunt up that sermon of yours on the 'Abrahamic Covenant not justifying the baptism of infants.' You preached it at White Plains in 1862. I want it published in the Index, so that our brethren generally may get the benefit. There is no one thing that our Pedobaptist friends so generally resort to in support of infant baptism as this: Baptism takes the place of circumcision, and as children were circumcized, therefore children ought to be baptized. I have never read or read anything which so completely demolishes that notion of theirs as the sermon I refer to. Please publish it in the Index."

It having been so long since the sermon was preached, and it never having been fully written out, and for other reasons, I was not disposed to respond to the request; but on reflection, I concluded to do so, and replied accordingly. Before complying, however, I propose to present something on the subject above, as a kind of introduction.

The theories designed to justify and explain the rite of infant baptism are many and various. Its advocates have never yet agreed themselves, either as to the proofs establishing it, or the ends to be accomplished by it. In respect to both, they are in a fog—at any rate, their views are much confused, and quite discordant. The arguments in support of it, confidently relied on by one, are just as confidently rejected by another; and the ends supposed to be subserved, as understood and set forth by one, are altogether abhorrent to somebody else. The fact is, so far as I have been able to ascertain, there is not a single theory, argument, plea, reason, explanation, nay, not even a single passage of scripture that is brought forward by one, that is not rejected by some other one; so that we need go only to the writings of its own friends to obtain ample refutation of every important position yet taken in connection with it. And it would be an interesting and valuable contribution to the cause of truth, if some one familiar with the literature of the subject, would write a book covering this ground.

As a sort of sample of what can be done on this line, I will briefly notice some of these conflicting views: While many claim positive precept for the baptism of infants, in the commission (Matt. 28:19), and unquestionable examples of it in the baptism of Lydia's and the jailer's households (Acts 16:14-40), others candidly admit that there is "neither precept nor example" for it—that the scripture "knows nothing of the baptism of infants"—that "there is absolutely not a single trace of it to be found in the New Testament." Some, while admitting that there is no express command for it in the Bible, yet think there is sufficient proof of its scripturalness, in the practice of the early churches; on the contrary, others declare emphatically that history gives no certain evidence of its early practice, nor even of its existence before the middle of the third century. (By which time, I may add, parenthetically, the dogma of no salvation without baptism had gained pretty strong footing; and hence the introduction of infant baptism.) Others, again, while confessing that the scriptures do not teach it, yet justify it on the ground of its "harmony with the genuine spirit of Christianity," and others seem to regard it as a kind of outgrowth, or development from Christianity, after the manner of the evolution of scientists. And then, still others, admitting that there is no precept nor example for it, claim that proof of this sort is not necessary—that the scriptures do not forbid it, and that is enough; or, as the distinguished Dr. Chalmers puts it, "If the scriptures give us no other testimony in favor of infant baptism, they give us at least the testimony of their silence." (1) One finds sure support for it in the fact of the Saviour's receiving and blessing little children, as related in Matt. 19:13-15, and elsewhere; while another says (see Jeremy Taylor), such a use of this incident "proves nothing so much as that there is a want of better arguments." Many consider 1 Cor. 7:14 as fully decisive in its favor; but others, as the learned Leander and Prof. Jacobs, find in this passage convincing proof that infant baptism was unknown to

the Corinthian church, and if unknown to it, of course, unknown to all the apostolic churches.

Some bring forward the custom of Jewish proselyte baptism as explaining the admitted silence of the scriptures as to the baptism of infants; while just as many say this utterly fails in relieving the difficulty; first, because proselyte baptism did not begin among the Jews so early as the time of Christ; and secondly, because when a proselyte was once baptized and received, the thing was at an end. The proselyte's children born after his reception were never baptized.

As to the Abrahamic Covenant scheme and the alleged identity of the Jewish and Christian system, baptism in the place of circumcision, etc., while many, and perhaps, the most, still cling to this complex and nebulous theory as the sheet anchor of their hopes, others, and generally the more learned, discard the whole farrago, not only as irrelevant, but actually damaging to the cause it is meant to sustain. And then there are some who, throwing all these supposed proofs to the winds, plead for the rite simply on the ground that it is an impressive and useful ceremony of dedication to God, which "the church" had a perfect right to institute.

As to the purposes to be subserved by the baptism of infants, or what might be called the rationale of it, as well as to some incidental points, the standard authorities are equally contradictory, and more confused. Some declare that they give the little ones baptism to bring them into covenant relations with God; others say they are in the covenant, and hence, entitled to baptism; and sometimes, the same author, for example, as good and great a man as Matthew Henry, gives both of these reasons.

On pretty much the same line, some say that infants are baptized because they are born in the church; but just as many maintain by baptism they are brought into the church, and many, that this is the very reason why baptism is given. Some baptize them because they say they are holy, and so are entitled to baptism; on the contrary, others baptize them because they are unholy, and need to have their sins washed away, which they suppose to be done in baptism—certainly, in connection with baptism, if not by it; in other words, that infants are baptized not because they are holy, but in order to be made holy. There are others who seem to hold a sort of conservative and middle ground, alleging that baptism signifies in the case of infants not that they are holy, or will thereby be made holy, but only that they need holiness, and are thereby publicly and solemnly presented as fit subjects for instruction and prayer, and effort. And then, the notion has had distinguished support that the "baptism of new born children is the outward sign of the vow of the parents to dedicate their child to God."

To give a quasi regard to the undoubted scriptural connection between faith and baptism, some claim that baptism is given to children on the faith of their parents, without any reference to the consent of sponsors; some that it is given on the faith of their sponsors, whether these sponsors be parents or others; and some, that it is given to them in hope—that they will become believers after awhile. And then, still more strangely, if possible, some maintain that baptism is given on the ground of their embryonic faith, as the children of believing parents; while others, still, say that "infant baptism comes the child presumptively a believer and a Christian," whatever that may mean. Some hold that baptism should be given only to the children of believing parents, father or mother, or both, and this is the common notion; others, however, as Dr. Summers, that baptism is the birthright of every one coming into the world; and yet, this same Dr. Summers proceeds, almost in the same breath, to build upon the Abrahamic covenant scheme, the essence of which is that baptism pertains to the children of believers only. But enough of this.

After the baptism is actually administered, and the deed is done, the difficulties which beset this infantile rite are by no means at an end. Now begins the worst sort of trouble. Before, all was talk—theory and dogma; but now comes the practical. What relation do these baptized children sustain to the baptizing church? What relation do they sustain right now? After all, are they in the church, or out of it? Are they members, or are they not? If members, in what sense are they members? Are they full members? And if not, why not? Can they be members at all, without being full members? And if members, has not the church authority over them? And if so, what is the nature and the extent of this authority, and how is it to be exercised? And then, also if members, have they not rights and privileges? And if so, what rights and what privileges? These and similar questions are a constant and sure perplexity to the pious and conscientious parents and friends of the baptized children. Some boldly maintain that they are members, and should be treated as such, while others just as boldly maintain that they are not members, and should not be so treated. Some say they are "truly members," but not members in "full communion," or, to use the exact words of one author, "they stand within the precincts of the temple, though not admitted to the most holy place." Timothy Dwight taught that they are "members of the church general, but not of a particular church." Jonathan Edwards, that they are "in some sort members," yet "not members in such standing as to be proper and immediate subjects of all ecclesiastical ordinances and privileges." This reminds me of the answer of a good Methodist brother of my acquaintance, who, when questioned about the relation of the baptized children to the church, replied, rather slowly and hesitatingly, "Well, they are sort o' members, and sort o' not members. Some make them members, and accord to them certain privileges, in defining which, however, they are very vague, while at the same time quite clear in denying to them the right to vote, and the right to partake of the Lord's Supper. Furthermore, while many, and perhaps, must Pedobaptist churches, may in theory accord membership to their baptized children, yet, in practice, so far as I have ever known or heard, they treat the baptized children of their members precisely as they do the unbaptized ones; and they treat them both just as they do any children of equal age that may come under their spiritual oversight. The truth is, that as to the leading Protestant Pedobaptist denominations in this country, at least, there is no one thing connected with this exceedingly foggy institution that is so completely befogged as the matter under consideration—the actual, practical relation of the baptized child to the baptizing church. It is, as yet, undefined, and apparently, judging the future from the past, undefinable. After all that has been said and written, it is utterly impossible for an outsider to find out what even a single one who undertakes to explain it and define it, really does believe about it, and it is quite doubtful whether any of them, preachers or people, teachers or the taught, are themselves conscious of having any distinct and certain belief on the subject.

And now, without looking, even for a moment, at the abstract merits of a single one of the theories, positions, questions, etc., brought under review, what seems to be the necessary conclusion from all this chaos of doubt, and uncertainty, and contradiction, and confusion? Why, simply this: Infant baptism cannot be "from heaven," but must be "of men." It is inconceivable that God should have given to His people an institution, and then left absolutely every feature of it enveloped in a dense, rayless, hopeless fog. Just see how particular He was to give Moses the most minute details about the ancient tabernacle, its furniture, and all its services; and would he have established a great and fundamental gospel institution, yet leaving its means and bounds, its form and fashion, its foundations, its uses, and even its very existence, to uncertain, misty speculations and conjectures, and "smoke-like wreaths of inference?" Nay, verily—the thing is inconceivable. Infant baptism is not from heaven, but of men.—Christian Index.



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FROM DR. P. H. MELL.

I have just read in the issue of your paper for November 20th, the letter of Dr. W. B. Crumpton, addressed to the Baptist State Board of Missions in Alabama. This letter is full of hope, and shows clearly the spirit of the man who has done so much for the Baptist cause in Alabama. He speaks as follows:

"We have come to the close of a great year in the history of our Board. I haven't the time to look up statistics, but I doubt not, in real work, far reaching in its influences, this has been the greatest in its history."

With this retrospection, it is not astonishing that the churches in the Alabama Convention responded so nobly to the demand for a contribution of \$90,000 for missions during the coming year. God has greatly blessed his people in prosperity in every line of business, and he will demand great things at our hands in sending the gospel to all parts of the world.

I remember on one occasion when I was honored with a position on the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions, it was proposed by one of the members that the churches be asked to raise contributions to missions from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The financial condition of the people at that time seemed to be in bad condition; there was very little encouragement to take such a step with any hope of success. The Board, however, unanimously agreed to ask for the increase, and the churches responded nobly to the call. The churches were greatly strengthened and the other financial enterprises of the denomination were greatly enlarged.

The Baptists all over this southern land have reaped great harvests, and if they will become aroused to the fact that as a people they occupy a prominent place in the plan God proposes for the saving of souls throughout the world, and will give liberality to missions, a revival in spirit and in prosperity will undoubtedly sweep over this country and great blessings will come as a result.

South Carolina Baptists are falling magnificently into line. At the State Baptist Convention which assembled in Columbia last week, this fact was clearly brought out through the reports of the various committees and boards having in charge the work of the Convention. There are thirty-seven associations in the South Carolina Baptist Convention and nine hundred and fifty-six churches. There are 112,000 members, and for the year just closed, they have contributed for all causes \$81,372.

It is a matter of considerable interest in looking over the churches to find that 58 were organized prior to 1800. For instance, Buffalo church was established in 1776; Tredway, in 1776; Healing Springs, in 1772; Goucher Creek, in 1770; Congaree, in 1765; First Church in Charleston, in 1683; Enoree in 1764; Beech Branch, in 1759; Eutaw, in 1745; and Welch Neck in 1738. I have selected these few because they are the oldest churches in the state. John Ashplund in his Register of the Baptist Denomination, mentions 70 churches existing in South Carolina prior to 1800. This, therefore, shows a healthy condition; that out of the 70 churches, 58 should still be in flourishing condition and doing work for the advancement of the cause for which the Baptist are working.

Dr. T. M. Bailey, so well known and beloved in Alabama, made a splendid report for the Executive Board of the Convention. He is greatly beloved by the people of South Carolina. He has just closed up a work of twenty years as Secretary of the Baptist Executive Board, and, although he has reached the age when many men would be bowed with the weight of years, this good man stood erect before the Convention, and his strong voice rang out so full of hope and encouragement, he impressed his hearers with the fact that he still possesses ample energy for years of faithful service in his Master's cause. It is a pleasant sight to behold a man who has served for more than fifty years in helping to send the gospel to perishing men and women, stand so full of strength and so well preserved in spite of the responsible work in his hands so faithfully discharged. His eyes were bright and his countenance exhibited energy and hope for the success of the work in the future.

The Convention of the South Carolina Baptists was a remarkable one in many respects. This is the second one it has been my pleasure to attend since making my home within the borders of the state. I was deeply interested as an observer:

1. It was a convention of serious minded and intelligent men who had met for the purpose of transacting the important business of the Baptist churches. There was a minimum amount of debating. The reports were read and acted upon without undue haste, but at the same time with remarkable promptness.

2. The Convention is fostering many important enterprises, such as missions, which, of course, occupies the front position of attention. Dr. Bailey's report shows that the Baptists raised during the year \$55,589.62 for missions as follows:

Foreign Missions.....	\$27,061.26
Home Missions.....	9,435.00
State Missions.....	19,093.36

The Convention has made a step still further in advance by asking the churches for the coming year to contribute \$23,000 for State Missions, \$20,000 for Home Missions, and \$30,000 for Foreign Missions, \$18,000 for the Orphanage, and \$9,000 for Ministerial Education, old preachers, and Bible fund, making a total of \$100,000. I have faith in the South Carolina Baptists to believe that this sum will be raised.

In Dr. Bailey's report to the Convention concerning the work of the churches in raising money for missions and other beneficent purposes, the following interesting facts were brought out: The Executive Board, which has charge of the mission work of the State, was organized in 1866; one-third of the churches of the State have come into existence as the result of the work of this board. During the year 1905 there were 1284 conversions, and 1118 received into the church by letter, making a total of 2402 added to the church during the year. Dr. Bailey also brought out the fact that during the twenty years of his incumbency, 24,977 were added to the churches and 150 churches were established.

3. Education. The denomination is engaged upon educating the girls and boys at three colleges and three high schools. There was raised last year for Furman University, by subscription about \$150,000, and the Baptists have entered upon the effort of raising during the coming year for the Greenville Female College, \$50,000. For ministerial education they have contributed \$1060. For the support of students \$1059. For the support of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage at Greenwood, \$19,473. For aged ministers, they raised \$6,042.55. They are also engaged in building churches in destitute parts of the State, and making liberal contributions to what is known as the Tichenor building fund.

4. At the last convention it was ordered that denominational history be recorded, and a committee was appointed to take this matter in charge. Dr. Whitsett of the Richmond College, read a most interesting address upon the life of Luther Rice which will be contributed to this new enterprise of the denomination in gathering facts of history.

5. There has been much interest taken in the development of the Sunday-school in South Carolina, and, at this Convention, it was determined to place in the field a Secretary, whose duties shall be to visit the churches, and particularly those in the sections of the State where Sunday-schools do not exist, and enlarge this important work of the denomination. Mr. J. S. Corpening was appointed to fill this Secretaryship.

Of course no Convention is complete without the presence of Drs. Willingham, Gray, and Frost. These servants of the Master, so full of wisdom, who have been working so many years in the cause of spreading the gospel to the utmost parts of the earth, came prepared to present to the people of South Carolina addresses bristling with information of great value and encouragement, and after they had completed their addresses, the congregation felt that there was much to encourage them in the result of the work, and I am satisfied that the cause of missions has been greatly helped because of the presence of these men. The widening influences developed by the missionaries in the foreign fields, the opening of the ports of the nation to the spreading of the gospel, the great numbers of converts

who have been brought into the churches through the efforts of missionaries who are making such great sacrifices for the cause, all point to the fact that the contributions made throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention, are being greatly blessed in the conversion of souls. Dr. Willingham was peculiarly fortunate and happy in the many illustrations he gave of the results of this work in foreign fields. It was inspiring to listen to accounts of the sacrifices made by the missionaries in their efforts to spread the glad tidings of great joy.

It has occurred to me that a communication of this character would be of interest to the Baptists in Alabama; to know that the brethren in other parts of the country are also engaged in sending to the destitute places of the land the Bible and all that it carries in the matter of the redemption of souls and the elevation of mankind. These people of South Carolina are deep in earnest in all the enterprises demanding their attention. They gather together in great crowds whenever educational or religious matters are discussed, and they express deep interest in anything that looks to the betterment of the people, and they are liberal in their contributions to all causes touching civilization. It is, therefore, inspiring to see with what earnestness they enter upon the prosecution of the duties committed to their charge. This is a noble band of Christians whose convention met in Columbia last week, and in the cause of missions and education, they stand in the front rank of the Baptists in the country.

IN TIME OF PEACE, ETC.

The Old Testament is full of war. There are whole books which ring with the clash of conflict, and in 1st Chronicles we read: "The war was of God." The Israelites knowing themselves to be the chosen people of God and under His special protection, scourged the nations round about them for their iniquity, sending the Canaanites to death by a poisonous arrow, showing that when all other means had failed Jehovah himself appealed to the sword for the punishment of the wrong doer.

Whenever Israel sought divine sanction and went forth in the strength of Jehovah, she always won great victories.... We believe that the Lord God of Hosts is continuing His divine crusade.... and using certain nations today as a scourge, as He did in the days of Israel....

But our blood tingles with indignation at the foolish writing and flippant talk of many who seem to regard war as a holiday pastime or athletic sport. Washington was no drawing room soldier, he said in peace prepare for war, but he also said: My first wish is to see this plague of mankind banished from earth, and the sons and daughters of this world employed in more pleasing and innocent amusements than in preparing implements and exercising them for the destruction of mankind.

Carl Schurz in an able article on Arbitration in International disputes has pointed out that in this movement the United States is the natural leader owing to its peculiar position among the nations of the earth. This Republic founded by Washington and others is now stronger than any nation in Europe in the number, intelligence and vigor of its people and in the unparalleled abundance of its barely broached resources. Its free institutions makes its people the sole master of its destinies and its best political traditions point to a general policy of peace and good will among men.

Truly this republic with its power and opportunities, is the pet of destiny. The old Roman poet tells us it is sweet to die for one's country. It is noble—but to die on the battle field is not the highest achievement of heroism. To live for a good cause honestly, earnestly, unselfishly, laboriously, is at least as noble and heroic as to die for it.

Please change my paper from Mt. Hope to Mont-top, Ala. I am back here in the business after five months. I am busy all the time. Congregation growing. We have two Sundays each month now. The church gave \$15 to the orphanage today. I am sure I serve one of the best and most appreciative congregations on earth.—R. L. Quinn.



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You are making a good paper. Merry Xmas to "the boy," the wife and yourself.—Cordially, O. F. Gregory.

Hoping you the richest blessings and pleasures for Christmas, I remain, Yours very truly—W. M. Spencer.

You will find inclosed money order to pay up my subscription for one year. May the Lord God bless you and the paper and little Frank.—Yours P. M. Seward.

We appreciate the Alabama Baptist very much. It is a weekly treat in my family. May God bless you in your work.—R. Carlisle.

Your paper has improved since I first began to take it. I wish more Baptists would take the paper and leave off some of the worthless literary papers.—J. C. French.

You are giving us a splendid paper. May the Lord continue to bless you and use you in the noble cause in which you are giving your life and time.—A. B. Creel.

Wishing you great success in all you work for the Lord and praying his blessings upon you individually, I am yours very sincerely in Christ.—A. S. Worrell.

We love the Alabama Baptist and work for it all the time. I wish it was a weekly visitor to every Baptist family. I enjoyed the baby's picture ever so much. He is a fine looking boy and I hope he will make a great and good man. Thank you for such a good paper. Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones.—Your friend, Mattie McClellan.

I have read the Baptist since a child with the exception of a few years. It is very much better now than ever before. I pray God to bless you and reach as many souls, as though doing active pastoral duty. Wishing you success in all your undertakings.—J. L. Ramsay.

We enjoy your paper so much. With great anxiety we look for its coming every week. It strikes me that perhaps the Jr. has a deal to do with it. God bless your excellent paper, your devoted wife, and your dear child (or children). The good Lord have much mercy on your delinquent subscribers. I paid ahead when Glass was with us

at the association. Move my date up.—S. P. Lindsey.

I received your picture and calendar this week and appreciate them very much. I am fond of calendars; have seventy-five on the wall of our store over my desk. Success to you—long live the Alabama Baptist. A merry Christmas and happy New Year to you. Have also one of your calendars in my room.—Sincerely W. E. Pettus.

A good brother who sent \$6.00 wrote: You will please stop it or take the risk of getting pay for it. I am getting old and can't work much. I have had a heap of bad luck and my means are very limited, but at the same time I can't see how I can do without it, for I have been a subscriber most of the time of its life. Yours in love for Christ.—(Of course we never stopped his paper.)

A Mississippian writes:—Please find enclosed three dollars (\$3.00) for arrears on paper. This is not a Xmas gift, for it is more than due you. I am not frightened at what you say in your last issue, for you have been too lenient in the past. You have my very best wishes in your great work. You are succeeding with the paper so far as I can see. I don't know how your books show up.

He is a poor Baptist indeed who refuses to pay the sum of two dollars for your excellent paper. May God bless and help you in your noble efforts is the prayer of one who loves the Baptist cause.

I want to congratulate you on your Christmas issue of the Alabama Baptist; it is just superb. You are up to date, in fact it eclipses any Christmas issue that I have ever noticed in a paper. It is worth more to a home than gold. I hope that your delinquents will gladden your heart. We wish you and Mrs. Barnett and the junior editor a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May he become a bright shining light in the world and grow up to be a well developed Christian herald of the cross and win many souls to Christ.—Yours fraternally, Henry R. Schramm.

I do not need to have the promise of a Christmas gift as an inducement to renew my subscription to our paper, for while you continue to affix the date of expiration to my name in the address I'll not forget or fail to renew in time. But I thank you all the same for the present, which I appreciate though I am not familiar with the magazine you name. I doubt not it is good. I am more than charmed with the "associate editor," and would like to give him a good hug. Am glad you put his picture in the Baptist and hope to have it again some time to show progress. I do greatly enjoy the Baptist and hope always to be a subscriber—a paying one.—Mrs. E. P. Dean.

A PRECIOUS LETTER

My Dear Brother:—I am zealous to honor and glorify God in a note to you recognizing the many and ever-advancing excellencies of your paper—our paper, The Alabama Baptist. I feel that I should have written to you before this, but you know how busy a pastor can be, and so I neglected the discharge of the simple duty. In the meantime, you kept on praying and thinking and working, and the paper kept on brightening and "waxing

strong in spirit," and has brought me to a mind that covets as a precious and a sacred privilege the writing of these words of appreciation. I know that beyond any tokens of fraternal appreciation must be your consciousness that God knows and accepts your work. To have his praise is to have enough. I am sending this, not so much because it may be good for you to receive it. May God bless you more.

DRAGGING

down pains are a symptom of the most serious trouble which can attack a woman, viz: falling of the womb. With this, generally, come irregular, painful, scanty or profuse periods, wasteful, weakening drains, dreadful backache, headache, nervousness, dizziness, irritability, tired feeling, inability to walk, loss of appetite, color and beauty. The cure is

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E. O. CUMMINGS,

College View, - - - - Nebraska.

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NEWS FROM BRAZIL.

Pernambuco Baptist Mission, Box 175, Pernambuco, Brazil, December 6, 1905.

My Dear Brother:—Since my last circular letter so many things have happened that I really do not know how to find time to write them all out. The Lord has surely been with us and His presence has been felt as well as His power, blessed be His name! "The redeemed of the Lord shall return and come with singing unto Zion and everlasting joy shall be upon their head."—Isaiah 51:11.

Time is very precious just now, so will not go into details, nor make a long letter but just give you a few facts to cheer you on as well as to ask you to continue to pray for us. In the last circular you read of the revival that the Lord stirred up in our midst. This revival still continues as we are still gathering in blessed results, and it is spreading into our country churches, taking hold of our native pastors and converts. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness."—Ps. 11:3.

To facilitate I will just follow my note book and give you the information just as they come along. The last circular was dated November 2d, so will begin with

Sunday, November 5th. That being the last day of our revival in the city church, you can imagine what a glorious time we had. Nine persons presented themselves for baptism, and all giving satisfactory proof of conversion was accepted and seven baptized after the night service. Next day, at our monthly church meeting, one other was restored to church fellowship.

Tuesday, Nov. 6th. I went to Nazareth, where we have a flourishing little church, on some business connected with the mission. Wednesday night I preached for them and it seemed to me as if the Holy Ghost came upon them in His great might and power. After the sermon I asked those that wished for prayer to come forward, and though the building was surrounded by sneering, persecuting romanists, eight came forward and kneeling down before them all the pastor and the deacons prayed as if inspired from on high!

Wednesday, Nov. 15th. This day is a national holiday, something like our Independence day, as it was on this day in 1889 the republic was proclaimed. As the people usually do not work on such days we use them for special occasions. This time we resolved to have our little church in Iputinga organized on this day and we had a grand and glorious time together. I wrote about the work in this suburb in my last circular. Since then the good Lord has continued to bless them abundantly with good meetings and the presence of many inquirers as well as bitter persecution. But the best part of the day was a meeting held by our Ladies' Society at 7 p.m. They had invited one of the leading physicians of the city to give them a lecture on some useful theme and to the surprise of all present he made an eloquent appeal to combat alcohol. It did us all good and proved to us that the Spirit of God is working in a marvelous way in the upper classes of society.

Sunday, Nov. 19. Two more were baptized and on Monday, Nov. 20th, I went on a trip visiting our three country churches, Ilheitas, Outeiro and Muganga. Our young brother, Jose Piani, the ex-priest, was with me and we made in three days sixty-six miles on horseback, traveling mostly during the night to avoid the great heat of the day. At the first church three were baptized, and in the other churches we had great and glorious times.

Saturday, Nov. 25th. On this day we began a series of special meetings at Cabo, a place lately opened to the preaching of the gospel. We had preaching every night for a week and at the end of the week we were sorry to have to stop as the people were just beginning to appreciate the glorious news. God willing, we hope to or-

ganize a church in this place December 24th. There are eight or more ready for baptism. Pray for this new field and converts.

Wednesday, Nov. 29th. After the service a lady, the wife of an important plantation owner who had come to our house so as to be able to consult a doctor, made profession of her faith and was baptized.

Sunday, Dec. 3. was a great day. After the sermon at night ten came forward—three for restoration and seven for baptism. Next day, out of those seven, only three were accepted.

Thus the Lord in His love and goodness is working amongst us. Praise His name!

Our program for this month includes the organization of two churches—one next Friday, Dec. 8th, at a suburb of this big city, and another at Cabo, on Dec. 24th. We urgently need your prayers. "It is good for me to draw near to God."—Ps. 73:28.

God bless you all richly and abundantly. Yours, I. H. N. for Brazil.

SOLOMON L. GINSBERG.

NOTE:—All the mission force, including our little ones, are in fairly good health, for which we are truly grateful. Please do not forget us in your daily supplications. Heb. 4: 14-16.

Pine Hill:—Dear Barnett. The package of pens just received with due appreciation. It also reminds me that for quite a while I have not written a line for our paper, which, I am glad to say, is good, and improving all the time. It ought to be read in every home in Alabama.

My work is moving on very nicely. We have a noble people down here, and our churches are rapidly coming to the front.

We had the best session of the Bethel Association held here last September ever enjoyed by that body. Over \$4,000.00 were given to the endowment of Howard College. The reports from the churches showed good work during the year. Most of my churches went beyond their assignment in their contributions to the various objects fostered by our convention. Dr. Montague immortalized himself among our people in his great speech; and Crumpton gave us a great speech on missions, with Stewart to represent the Orphans' Home, and Glass the Alabama Baptist, and other visiting brethren to aid, we had a great meeting. A meeting of great spiritual power. We are planning greater things for the future. Our motto is, "Go forward."

Personally, I am delighted with my work (but who would not be among such a people). They have been exceedingly kind to us. My church here has recently presented me with a horse and splendid new buggy and harness, which we very much appreciate. The Lord reward them for their noble deeds.

Wishing for you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, and praying God's richest blessings upon you and your work, I am, Yours sincerely,—J. G. Lowrey.

From Selma:—My Dear Bro. Barnett. Enclosed you will find my check for \$2.00, my subscription to the Alabama Baptist, which is some time past due. I don't mind being tardy about paying for a bad thing, but the Alabama Baptist is too good a thing to be burdened with an over-due subscription list.

I am this morning in receipt of a letter from Rev. J. L. Rosser, Richmond, Va., conveying his acceptance of the call of our church. He will come to us about February 1. In the meantime Bro. McCollum, who is supplying for us, is preaching great sermons. Mr. Rosser is at present assistant to Dr. Hawthorne of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond. He is a charming gentleman and a very strong—even brilliant preacher. The Virginia brethren consider him one of the foremost of their young preachers. I know the Baptists of Alabama will welcome him. Fraternality.—H. S. D. Mallory.

BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT.

Bro. W. J. E. Cox is evidently bent on cutting loose the "in one spirit" from the "we were all baptized," in I Cor. 12: 13. He does not succeed in getting his "authorities" to agree with him in so doing. Even Meyer on whom he has built so much gives my rendering of the passages. I had relied on Bro. Cox to furnish what he had, to say and so had not examined him closely. Upon re-examination of Meyer I find the following: "This Baptisthenai en eni pneumati has taken place eis en soma, in reference to one body." That is exactly the position I took with reference to the matter. The water baptism can be there only by implication as one presupposes the other. The water baptism is doubtless implied, but not specifically mentioned—the spiritual baptism is distinctly and unequivocally stated. Bro. Cox must bark back to the real issue between us. He stated that "baptism in the Holy Spirit" is not mentioned in the Bible except in Christ's promise of Pentecost—or John's prophecy of it. I called in question that statement and gave I Cor. 12: 13, as an instance. Bro. Cox in his last states his position exactly when he says, "My contention is that it was 'unto one body' and not 'in one spirit' that they were all baptized." That is Bro. Cox's contention. My position is identical with Meyer's, viz: that it is "in one spirit into or with reference to one body." Bro. Cox in his position practically substitutes water for spirit, or makes the "one body" the element of the baptism.

There are a number of similar passages in the New Testament. Let us try Bro. Cox method of interpretation on them.

"I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance." Is repentance the element of baptism there?

"They were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." Is Moses the element of that baptism? Verily, Bro. Cox out Dales Dale in finding elements for baptism.

Lange's commentary and Gould, in the American Commentary, both make the spirit the element of the baptism. In fact this is the general view of commentators and there is nothing in what either Dr. Robertson or Dr. Dargan said to contradict this.

If Bro. Cox will abandon his chase for authorities and do a little exegetical work of his own, he will find that wherever in the New Testament baptizein occurs with nouns with the prepositions en and eis, en marks the element and eis, the end to be reached by the baptism. He will find also that wherever baptism is used with the Holy Spirit, the spirit is invariably the element in which the baptism occurs. There is no necessity for making this passage an exception, and I dare say Bro. Cox would not insist on it so strenuously, unless he had, with Cuning, made a statement about baptism in the Holy Spirit which, in the light of sound exegesis, will not hold good.

As to Bro. Cox's challenge to me to find a passage in Greek where baptizein is to be translated filling, I have this to say: While my article, because of typographical errors, was not clear in that part of it, I wrote Bro. Cox that that argument about baptizing and filling was made from his point of view. It was intended to draw forth his views on the subject. I had not been able to learn whether he limited the baptism in the spirit to pentecost or included all miraculous manifestations. He takes the latter view. I take neither and therefore his challenge is beside the mark, so far as I am concerned. I think the use of baptize in reference to the spirit marks a man's entrance upon a spiritual life and is therefore practically the same as regeneration. I am sure the New Testament use of the word will support this view. Nor do I find anything in what Dr. Dargan said to contradict this, presuming that he had in mind the modern Keswick notion when he said, "the so-called baptism of the Holy Spirit."

Bro. Cox, congratulates himself on the company he is keeping, but bids them all adieu when he comes to his position, and does violence to the real meaning of every one of them. Take Dr. Gordon for instance. He makes Dr. Gordon teach that water baptism puts a man into the body of Christ when nothing was farther from his teaching. Water baptism, says Dr. Gordon, "is the symbol—not the substance." It is the substance mentioned in I Cor. 12: 13. The symbol may be implied, the substance

is expressed. "Cambellites generally agree with Bro. Cox that water baptism puts a man into the body of Christ. Bro. Cox adds, "typically or symbolically of course." But typical of what? The real thing which is expressly mentioned in I Cor. 12: 13.

Bro. Cox thinks Pedobaptists will be pleased at what I have written. If that is true, it is immensely to their credit. He even goes so far as to close his article with an argument for immersion as if that had ever been called in question. "Bro. Dickinson" is not "compelled to grant" anything about spiritual baptism in Romans. He might do so and yield nothing to Pedobaptists. If spiritual baptism is a burial and resurrection, and water baptism typifies the spiritual, surely nothing short of immersion could do it. I give the Greek preposition eis in Rom. 6: 3, 4, identically the same force and meaning that I do in I Cor. 12: 13—viz: it marks the thing aimed at in the baptism—the end to be reached, "with reference to which," as Meyer says, the baptism takes place. This baptism is "in one spirit." "Into one body," and no sort of exegetical acrobatics can get around it. The expression is identical with that of Jesus in reference to Pentecost. Bro. Cox thinks me obdurate, and like Ephraim joined to idols. I think that he in his mad chase after authorities is the polytheistic worshipper in this instance. He has not answered a single argument I have made about the construction of the sentence; and his ignoring of the Greek construction of en and eis has mislead him in his understanding of the meaning of his authorities.

Jasper, Ala.

J. V. DICKINSON.

ENTERING THE NARROW WAY.

The beginning of the Christian life is arduous. It is represented as a new creation. The singular change which took place when the world came forth out of the chaos over which the spirit brooded is illustrative of that which occurs when a man becomes a Christian. For if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away. Behold all things are become new." It is represented as a resurrection from the dead. To take a body that has crumbled into dust and to reconstruct it is not more difficult than to reconstruct and animate



BELOVED.

(By Julia Neely Finch.)

'Tis such a little bit they ask—
The dear ones who have gone before—
A tender thought just slipped between
The daily duty, hourly task:
A tiny corner set apart
Within the garden of the heart
Where tended with our tender tears
Are blossoms blooming fair and green.
When tossed and tried with human fears,
They'd have us there come in and rest.
'Tis such a little bit they claim—
A tender mention of a name;
Some thing they used to do or say,
Some little thing of every day—
Ah! do not speak with bated breath
Of those whom sleep hath claimed, and death;
But fold them close and hold them warm
Within love's wide encircling arm.
Ah! Do not name them now as "dead,"
But let it be as tho' love led,
They wandered far beyond the bar
With some bright and beauteous star,
Where love is love forever more,
The other side of death's swinging door.
The other side death's swinging door.

a soul dead in trespasses. Unless Omnipotence were enlisted in our behalf, the Gospel summons would never be heeded. Awake, arise from the dead and God shall give thee light, and it is simply because the mighty power of God attends it that the preaching of the Gospel produces any effect at all.

Many who are accustomed to felicitate themselves on their faith forget or know not that faith is the most difficult of all the duties that men are called upon to perform. A man in his own strength could as soon annihilate mountains and rivers as destroy those obstacles which the pride of his heart, the habits of his life, and the general influence of worldly example have interposed between him and the Savior.

Think what is involved in Faith and it will appear to be a duty of the most arduous sort. It is to deny our own righteousness and trust our guilty soul to the mercy of God; it is to acknowledge that Holy Sovereign as our Father; it is cordially to embrace the crucified Nazarene as our Lord and Savior. Can any work be greater than this? Not a little band or armed Samaritans, but the whole course of the world is against it. Our own hearts have a deep rooted skepticism and aversion in reference to it. It insults our sense of personal dignity. And if indeed we can be persuaded to set about it, there begins an intolerable struggle with ourselves, a weary waiting that must be endured—it may be for days and weeks and even longer—before we can consent to be pardoned in God's own way.

Yet all this you must do in order to be saved. You must permit no darkness of thought or coldness of feeling to baffle you in the endeavor to realize the object for which you were made. There is no business of life which has such claims upon you. Wherever you may be, in whatever pursuit you may be engaged, this is your first concern. In the places of human resort, in the retirement of home, as well as in the solemn courts of the sanctuary, you are spending the precious moments of probation. You must glorify God and secure the safety of your immortal souls. Are you appalled at the difficulties that lie before you? We might ask, if your present life is so easy that you have learned no lessons of fortitude yet? You have done nothing to save yourselves yet, or to glorify God yet; but have you nothing to endure in this very course of negligence?

The wise proverbialist says that the way of the slothful is as a hedge of thorns; has it not been so with you? Realize the figure.

There are still at Bethlehem fruitful gardens, perhaps precisely like that from which the king derived his proverb; along the road the eye marks them, "enclosed in a hedge strongly formed of thorns, of rose bushes and the wild and prickly pomegranate of surprising beauty and fragrance." What would you think of a life which was like a successive passage through such barriers? Would the beauty or the fragrance of the rich fruit that blushed within recompense him for the struggles and wounds of such an existence? Yet how like the existence of an unconverted man, who continually neglects the affair of salvation! His way is painful, he cannot always hide it from himself that it is the way of destruction. His course is one long struggle, for the Holy Ghost strives with him and conscience makes war against him and the providences of God fight against him until he is full of wounds and bruises and putrifying sores. To such the exhortation of God is: "Why will ye be stricken any more?"

But will one answer, "it is easier to go on as I have been living than it is to be saved". Ah! this should be no obstruction to a man. And if human strength itself is insufficient for so glorious an enterprise, remember that the strength of God is enlisted in it. There is enough arduousness in the work to awaken every sentiment of noble resolve; the reward is great enough to justify every sacrifice; and there is substantial hope of success. You may be saved in the end, for with God all things are possible.

JNO. G. HARRIS,
Montgomery.

The love of God is the only thing that will make you love all kinds of people all the time.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
Editor and Proprietor.

EDITORIAL

J. W. HAMNER, - - - - - Cor. Editor
A. D. GLASS, - - - - - Field Editor



I had planned for a special New Year edition, but was called to Forsyth, Ga., by the sudden death on Christmas night of Mr. D. J. Proctor, my wife's father, and was out of the city for nearly a week. I had many things on my heart to say about plans for 1906, but in the rush of getting the paper to press I have only time and space to thank God for his loving care during 1905 and to pray that His Spirit will guide me during 1906, and to thank all those who have stood by me in the past and to ask their help in the future. I have had a sad Christmas and New Year but He has been very nigh unto me.

Yours for service,

Frank Willis Barnett

P. S.—A number of news notes and articles were crowded out and for reason stated above I ask friends to be patient about getting Smith's Magazine as I have not had time to send in their names to the publishers.



THE HABIT OF CHURCH GOING.

An act often repeated becomes a habit and habits form character. Many are disposed to associate the word habit with conduct that is to be avoided, but there are good habits as well as bad habits. There are many habits that ought to be assiduously cultivated because of their wholesome influence on ourselves as well as on others. And church going is a habit of this sort. Of course every Christian ought to esteem it a pleasure as well as a privilege to meet regularly with his brethren for the purpose of worshipping God. But how easy it is to form the hurtful habit of remaining away from the house of God. When we have missed one preaching service or prayer meeting service it is easier to miss the second and still easier to miss the third and soon the habit is formed of going to the house of God only occasionally, if at all.

When once we have acquired the habit of staying away from the house of God it is easy to find a reason for remaining at home. A slight cold, an uncomfortable feeling about the head, a slow clock, a suit of clothes or a dress that has been worn for a full season, a troublesome child that needs a spanking, a call from a neighbor, pews that are not comfortable, fear of a long sermon—any little thing will keep us at home. On the contrary, if we have formed the habit of going to church regularly nothing short of a calamity will keep us from the house of God. If we are away from home and in a community where there is no public worship on Sunday we are uncomfortable, miserable. We know a brother who was in the far west on a visit last summer. One Sunday he was on a ranch which was many miles from any church. He had cultivated the habit of church going to such an extent that he felt that he could not let the day pass without having a service of some sort, so he called together all the persons about the premises and held a service, which, we are sure, was helpful to all who were present.

Brethren, let us cultivate the habit of going to church, and by this we mean all the services of the church. There are many "one timers" in our churches, as a brother said to us recently. They are satisfied to attend church one time on Sunday or one time during the week. Let us cultivate the habit of attending all the services. We should do so for several reasons. God says forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the habit of some is. It is his command then that we should cultivate this habit. And by the cultivation of it we will encourage and help the pastor, grow in grace ourselves and set a good example to others.

time for the propagation of such a religion as the gospel, unless it was of God."

Most certainly it was a very hard beginning that Christ and his few disciples had for the establishment of his kingdom on earth. And God chose such a time, so that all the world might see what he could accomplish under the most unfavorable conditions. Perhaps nothing in all of the world's history has so demonstrated the successful issue of God's power as that beginning of Christ's cause has. The masses of the people did not have the slightest idea that the new religion would make any prominent and permanent headway. It is likely that all manner of ridicule was made of it. It appeared to be so feeble and so foolish to the most of people that they prophesied its early collapse. And if it had been merely a human movement it would have been a failure. Now, if Christianity succeeded under such conditions, there is no reason to think that it will ever fail. God is far greater than are all of his enemies. Expect still greater things.

A HARD BEGINNING.

It is a good thing for those Christians who look on the dark side of the condition of Christianity in their vicinity, and also elsewhere, to be reminded of the beginning of Christ's cause in the world. It was an extremely hard situation. On every hand there was a mighty opposition to Christ and his young apostles, and a large amount of it came from very religious people, even those who insisted that God was their Father and that they were very zealous for God's cause. Paganism was also very bold and prevalent. Spiritual darkness brooded over all Palestine. Skepticism of the rankest kind was everywhere prominent. Dr. James M. Gray says:

"We sometimes speak in tones of pride about the intellectualism of the present century, but a religion which could stand the test of the first century has very probably nothing to fear from the investigation of the twentieth. That age, furthermore, was one of great skepticism, when they had every disposition to question the supernatural, quite as much so as at the present time. The lower classes of the first and second centuries of Christianity were very superstitious indeed, but the upper classes were opponents of all religion. It was, therefore, an unfavorable

SUNDAY IN MEXICO.

Mission work is beginning to tell in Mexico for it means something when a correspondent of a great secular paper like the Boston Herald can write of the remarkable reform conditions as follows:

Something like a wave of moral reform is sweeping over the city of Mexico. Bar-rooms are closed tight on Sundays and holiday afternoons, and not a single vender of alcoholic beverages dares violate the law. Employers of labor uphold the federal district government and say that their workmen are in the condition now for work on Monday morning. Bar-rooms all display outside their doors the words, "Minors are prohibited from entering."

The fact is that the government is giving heed to the great doctors and hygienists who say that the youth of Mexico needs to be paternally cared for. Charts showing the progressive degeneration of the drunkard have been sent out all over the country. These charts contain printed matter giving facts relative to the physiological damage done by alcohol.

President Diaz has rebuked the distillers who say that the temperance reformers are fanatics. He sententiously puts it that "in the beginning all reformers are called fanatics." He heartily sympathizes with temperance work and has given his countenance publicly to the reformers.

ANSWERING LETTERS.

December 20, 1905.

My Dear Bro. Barnett:—The following article, which appeared today in "The Birmingham News," is, so far as some people are concerned, very timely. It may be rather strong, and some of it I do not admit. But in the main it is excellent. Would you object to publishing it? I shall be glad if you will say you do so at my suggestion.

Yours fraternally,

A. P. MONTAGUE.

"The importance of promptitude in answering letters is a well-recognized rule in the business world," said a business man this morning, "but I believe it holds good in all lines of human activity. The man who neglects his mail is very likely to neglect something else, and as a rule he may be set down as a careless person whom you cannot depend upon. A striking peculiarity in this connection was called to my attention yesterday, and it illustrates the promptness of two distinguished Americans in attending to their mail. A friend of mine had occasion to write letters regarding a certain matter to Governor Joe Folk, of Missouri, and District Attorney Jerome, of New York. The letters were written the same day and went away on the same mail. In the course of ten days replies were received from both men, and they came in on the same mail. This shows how promptly these public servants are to give attention to everything that comes before them. The matter about which my friend wrote them was an abstract principal of political economy and asking their opinion on it, and although there was nothing especially urgent about their replies, the result showed that each gave the matter his prompt attention, and this despite the fact that probably next to the president no two men in public life receive as many letters as Governor Folk and Attorney Jerome. They receive every day letters from almost every state in the Union.

"I remember reading some time ago a most instructive sermon by Bishop Seymour, of Illinois, on this subject of letter writing, in which he urged promptness, painstaking and courtesy. He said the man who would not promptly answer his mail was such a poor business man that he did not want him to have anything to do with the business affairs of his church; that one who did not take time and care to write as plainly and legibly as possible was not only careless but actually discourteous, and that one who did not answer all letters, no matter from whom they came, was grossly coarse and had scant idea of courtesy. Bishop Seymour said he received something like four thousand letters every year, and he not only answered every one, but he always took care to answer those first which came from the humblest members of his church. Promptness in answering one's letters, therefore, is a pretty good index to a person's character."

LIQUOR IS ALWAYS SELFISH.

The Indianapolis News in speaking of the Anti-Saloon League, said: "The meetings in this city this week have shown in a striking way the far-reaching character of the Anti-Saloon League's work. Men of all religious denominations are working together in the league, and working with great effect. They help to organize and to keep active the wide public sentiment against the saloon whether one believes in total abstinence or not, there are few people, when they stop to reflect, that do not look upon the saloon, as ordinarily conducted at least, as an evil and demoralizing influence in a community or a neighborhood. The evil is not confined to the selling and drinking of intoxicants. But the saloon is generally a violator of the law and very frequently a center of corrupt politics. Liquor is never in politics for patriotic, but always for selfish reasons."

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION.

Is the name of a very modest Baptist organization which has been in existence for several years. The last meeting was at the Coliseum church New Orleans, Dec. 15th, 16th.

Dr. Gray of the Home Board and the following State Secretaries were present: Wear of La.; Bow of Ky.; Rowe of Miss.; Geiger of Fla.; and Crumpton of Ala. The meeting was of great interest and profit to those present. I doubt if there are busier men in the denomination than the Corresponding Secretaries. It is hard for them to get time from their duties to attend a meeting of any kind, outside their respective States, any time of the year; but it was thought that the middle of December was about the best time. It was a great disappointment that so many were unavoidably absent.

Almost every phase of the work of the Secretary was discussed. Though in the main the meetings were entirely informal, some of us feel much good was accomplished.

Meeting in New Orleans, the greatest of Southern cities, the importance of the work of one Home Mission Board was impressed upon these representatives of the different States as it never could have been done by reading.

The pastors of the city and the newspaper reporters were exceedingly kind.

The president of the street car company put his elegant private car at our disposal and under the leadership of Pastor Crain of Grace Church, for five hours we toured the city, winding up the trip at the temporary quarters of the Grace church where the ladies served a delightful lunch.

New Orleans is in such shape I got awfully mixed on the points of the compass, so cannot say in what quarter Crain's church is, but I know it is exactly where it ought to be, miles away from any of our churches.

Some fellow is going to smile at the mention of that five hour ride in the president's car and say: "Yes junketing around having a good time," and he will think he has said a remark. I don't know exactly what "junketing" means, but if it means fooling about, gazing around to no purpose, it is the wrong word to use. I am sure no set of men ever went over ground more carefully and discussed situations more seriously.

If one could have heard the serious talk that night at the hotel he would have discovered not the voice of the picknicker returned from a jolly ride; but the sober words of men who were impressed with the burden of a solemn obligation to a neglected people.

One brother expressed the sentiment of all when he said something like this: "The ride this afternoon has made two distinct impressions upon me. There is something awfully wrong among us or conditions here would be different. Our Lord owns the silver and gold of this earth much of it is needed to meet a situation like this; but we can't command it to take New Orleans for our King. Millions of dollars are being poured in here for other purposes; but we are simply playing with the most serious business that ever engaged the mind of men or angels, because we haven't the money at our command to do what needs to be done.

The other impression which has been on my mind much for some time, deepened by this ride a thousand fold, is this: We will never do the work as we are now attempting it. There must come a change in our methods or the day is lost not only here but elsewhere. We are depending upon the preachers and they can not do it. It is a physical impossibility to say nothing else. The people don't go to preaching. What is literally true of this city is rapidly becoming true of every city, town and village—yes, and the country too. Our forces are to be organized for hand to hand work. It is the only way to develop our people and make them the stalwart Christians they ought to be and it is

the only way to bring the world to Christ.

From this time forth the preacher who can not organize his people and put them to work, going after the lost, will be a failure.

That was a fine movement inaugurated a few years ago; taking the religious census to find out about the people who they were and what they were; but if you remember, the rule was, to give the names to the pastors so they might hunt them up. That was a move in the right direction—harnessing the laymen and especially the lay-women for hand to hand work; but alas, their work was done when they handed the names to the pastors—already over worked they were expected to visit the scattered sheep whom the workers had found."

This was only a sample of the earnest talks of these men of God. Much good will certainly result to the Secretaries themselves and be seen in their work. The closing prayer of this interesting meeting was offered by Dr. Bow of Kentucky, who prayed earnestly for the brethren who were not able to be present—more particularly for Dr. Gambrell of Texas, who was reported at the bed-side of his devoted wife who was reported dying.

The brethren who remained over Sunday were kept exceedingly busy at the several churches.

Montgomery was selected as the next meeting place and Dec. 12th the time. Being central it is hoped that a full attendance may be had. In behalf of Montgomery Baptists I promise a glad welcome for all who come.

Some Notes.

The Home Board has purchased a beautiful lot on St. Charles avenue for the First church, also another for Grace church facing a park, in that part of the city. It would be folly to erect cheap structures on these lots. If Baptists are to command the respect they deserve in the cities they must come off the obscure streets and out of their cheap buildings into the heart of the best things and into buildings equal to those of other denominations.

The Coliseum Place Church, the strongest Baptist church in the city, is without a pastor. The St. Charles Avenue is looking forward eagerly to the coming of Brother Prengle of Kentucky, whom they have called.

Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, whom the Louisiana Board has employed as an evangelist, was holding a meeting with the Valence Street church, Brother Merrill pastor. The Baptists of the State are to be congratulated on their good fortune in securing this consecrated brother as evangelist. He is a live wire and will bring things to pass wherever he goes.

Though New Orleans is dominated largely by Catholics, I doubt if there is a city in all the South where the newspapers publish so cheerfully and fully all that is said in Protestant pulpits and all that is done by Protestant bodies.

Montgomery, Ala. W. B. C.

BROTHER CRUMPTON'S NOTES

I hope that every Baptist home in Alabama has had a good, joyous Christmas. To one without a home, these holidays would be an intolerable nuisance, but for the joy of having plenty good, honest work to do. Every day but one has found me at my desk in the office.

The blessed old year with all its glorious opportunities and its joyous labors, is gone. It was a great year and every devout heart ought to thank God for what we were able to do.

What of the New Year? Let us look forward hopefully. If the clouds seem to be gathering, let us look beyond them—the sun shines there. God is on His throne. He loves his people and the cause for which his Son died. So long as He lives, his saints will be triumphant over every foe.

A Trembling Heart

Is the Christian's worst foe. It comes from unbelief and unbelief comes from a disobedient life. The "good fight of faith" will be fought only by those who put their trust in

Him and faithfully try to do his will. The half-hearted, worldly professor, who serves God for fear the devil will get him, can never overcome the trembling heart in the breast. Now and then he may lose his grip on the world just a little, take a spurt forward and try to make himself believe he is going to be good; but like the seed which fell among thorns, his good resolutions and fair speeches "are choked with cares and riches and the pleasures of life and he brings no fruit to perfection."

Joyous, glad obedience and that alone, keeps the fires burning brightly every day and every hour. It is very easy to get into "Doubting Castle," it is just as easy to keep out of it. Some think it was predestined that all of us should peer into that gloomy dungeon and suffer from being in the clutches of Giant Despair; but if you will read Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress from which the figure is taken, you will see Christian got "out of the way" before he came on the grounds of Doubting Castle.

In our benevolent work as Baptists, the first month

Ministerial Education

has the right of way. Some Sunday during January every church should remember the Board which has this important matter in charge. Forty-eight young preachers in Howard College ought to be cause for devout thanksgiving. Besides these, we have some at our other schools and some at the Seminary. The time will never come when every Baptist preacher will have a finished education, but it ought to speedily come when every preacher has some education. The day of the ignoramus in the Baptist ministry is passed. The teacher of others must know something. He may not go to school—that is quite impossible with some—but he can "study to show himself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed". Good books and religious papers and Bible helps are abundant and cheap. No one has any excuse for not knowing. The man who professes to be called of God, should show his respect for his high calling by availing himself of every means within his reach to improve his mind. If some are so situated that they can attend college, let's help them until they are able to help themselves. If some cannot go to school, let's help them to get good books and Bible helps if they are not able themselves to purchase them.

After January we have

Three Months For Missions.

February, State Missions; March, Home Missions; April, Foreign Missions. How much depends upon those three months! We are undertaking to raise this year in Alabama \$67,000. This is twenty-three thousand in advance of last year. At present we are only a few hundred dollars for each board, over last year at this date.

I write in large letters so that the brethren may be getting ready for a mighty pull and a pull altogether when the time comes. Heroic work will be needed.

Miss Willie Kelly

sends a clipping from a Shanghai paper about the Boycott of American goods by the Chinese. On the margin she writes: "This has hurt the work everywhere and no doubt will be more hurtful in the future. We feel it very much here in Shanghai. I saw your article in the Alabama Baptist. Please write another; but I fear it will be too late to keep them from killing. All the writing cannot give back the lives of those murdered at Lien Chow near Canton."

There you are. What are you going to do about it? The cruel and oppressive laws we have enacted against them and the cruel manner of their enforcement, are bearing fruit. Millions of dollars will be lost to American merchants and American lives will be lost. In the papers today it is said American merchants in China are closing out their business and leaving the country. The agitation will be taken advantage of by the rioters and the anti-foreign element and much trouble will follow.

Meantime our Congressmen are afraid for personal, political reasons, to advocate the passage of a less strenuous law. God only knows what will come of it. Certain we are, that our Government is in the wrong in the controversy.

Everybody was so busy at the time that no mention was made of

The Anti-Saloon League

meeting in Birmingham in December. J. D. Norman of Lanett was elected Assistant Superintendent and is now at work. He is an ex-Senator from Chambers county and is known as a God-fearing, conscientious man. He is a consistent, temperance worker and will make us a wise leader. His address to the people will be published in all the papers. We beg for it a careful reading and we ask for the co-operation of Christian men of every name. Other announcements will be made later.

Congressman A. A. Wiley.

of this city, has introduced a bill in Congress, making it unlawful to sell United States license in any district where a State law prohibits the sale of whiskey. It ought to become a law by the unanimous vote of every man in the Congress. It appeals to the common sense and the sense of justice of every thinking man. It will be opposed bitterly by the liquor interests. We can have the law, if we are interested enough to write to our representatives in Congress. A strong letter to your Congressman on the subject right now is the thing needed. Don't put it off—you will forget it. As soon as you have read this paper write the letter.

I want to ask every clerk of an Association to send me

A Copy of Minutes

as soon as published. Will be glad to return the favor by sending a copy of the State Convention minutes. That reminds me: I have quantities of minutes of the State Convention and of the Southern Baptist Convention which can be had by sending the postage. They are full of "mighty interesting reading" and I would be glad to see them in the hands of the people. It takes only nine cents to pay the postage on the two.

The outfit approved by the Convention, consisting of wall cards and the Schedule, will be sent, with pledge cards and envelopes on receipt of twenty-five cents. When writing, please state the number of members in the church. Many brethren are writing for them. I have heard nothing but pleasant things said about the Schedule. I am hopeful that it will come into general use.

A Mission Church Building Every Year by the Sunday-Schools of Alabama.

That is what was recommended by the State Convention. In January we ask every Sunday-school to send a good collection for West Huntsville. The people there will do what they can.

"Who Owns the Wool?"

By Dr. J. B. Gambrell is in tract form. I am sending them out by the thousands. Let every teacher discuss it in the Sunday-school and every preacher put the question before his people.

These notes are rather long but, don't forget, there was no paper last week. W. B. C.

May God bless you, Sister Barnett and the small one this Xmas time and may He grant you and yours a great and happy New Year. I wish for our paper the most successful year in its history. How glad I shall be to help you in any way in which I can. Last week's issue was fine—one of the very best. With the love of all of us to you and yours, I am—Your affectionate friend, A. P. Montague.

We all are fond of the Alabama Baptist, enjoy reading it more and more, and in fact could not do without it. With best wishes for the paper's continued prosperity, and for a merry Christmas and happy New Year to you and little Frank Willis, Jr., I am Very sincerely—Mrs. Edward Day.



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Holiday Games for Children

Going to Jerusalem.—This game must be played in a room where there is a piano. Arrange some chairs, back to back, in the center of the room, allowing one chair less than the number of players. Some one begins to play a tune, and at once the players start to walk or run around the chairs to the sound of the music.

When the music stops each player must try to find a seat, and as there is one chair short, some one will fail to do so, and is called "out." He must carry a chair away with him, and the game goes on again until there is only one person left in, with no chair to sit upon. This person has won the game.

Stage Coach.—This is a very good old game, and is most amusing if you can find some one who is a good story-teller.

The players sit in a circle and every one, except the story teller, takes the name of some part of a coach or its equipments; for instance, door, step, wheels, reins, box-seat and so on.

When all are ready the stor-teller begins a tale about an old coach and what happened to it, how it went on a journey, came to grief, was mended, and started off again.

The story should be told fluently, but not too quickly. Every time any part of the coach is mentioned, the player who has taken that name must rise from his seat and then sit down again.

Whenever "the coach" is mentioned, all the players, with the exception of the story-teller, must rise. Any one who fails to keep these rules must pay a forfeit.

Magic Music.—One of the players is sent out of the room, and the rest then agree upon some simple task for her to perform, such as moving a chair, touching an ornament, or finding some hidden object. She is then called in and some one begins to play the piano. If the performer plays very loudly, the "seeker" knows that she is nowhere near the object she is to search for. When the music is soft, then she knows she is very near, and when the music ceases altogether, she knows that she has found the object she was intended to look for.

Buzz.—This is a very old game, but is always a very great favorite. The more the players, the greater the fun. The way to play it is as follows: The players sit in a circle and begin to count in turn, but when the number 7 or any number in which the figure 7 or any multiple of 7 is reached, they say "Buzz," instead of whatever the number may be. As, for instance, supposing the players have counted up to 12, the next player will say "13," the next "Buzz," because 14 is a multiple of 7 (twice 7)—the next player would then say "15," the next "16," and the next would, of course, say "Buzz," because the figure 7 occurs in the number 17. If one of the players forgets to say "Buzz" at the proper time, he is out. The game then starts over again with the remaining players, and so it continues until there is but one person remaining. If great care is taken the numbers can be counted up to 70, which, of course, would be called "Buzz." The numbers would then be carried on as Buzz 1, Buzz 2, etc., up to 70, but it is very seldom that this stage is reached.

Dumb Crambo.—Divide the company into two equal parts, one half leaving the room; the remaining players should then select a word, which

will have to be guessed by those outside the door. When the word has been chosen—say, for instance, the word "will," the party outside the room are told that the word that they are to guess rhymes with "till." A consultation then takes place, and they may think that the word is "ill." The company then enter and begin to act the word "ill," but without speaking a word. The audience, when they recognize the word that is being performed, will immediately hiss, and the actors then retire and think of another word.

Thus the game goes on until the right word is hit upon, when the company who have remained in the room clap their hands. The audience then change places with the actors.

Simon Says.—Seat yourselves in a circle and choose one of the company to be the leader, or Simon. His duty is to order all sorts of different things to be done, the funnier the better, which must be obeyed only when the order begins with "Simon says." As, for instance, "Simon says: 'Thumbs up!'" which, of course, all obey; then, perhaps, comes: "Thumbs down!" which should not be obeyed because the order did not commence with "Simon says."

Each time this rule is forgotten a forfeit must be paid. "Hands over eyes," "Stamp the right foot," "Pull the left ear," etc., are the kind of orders to be given.

A Snowball Tree.

A pretty idea for a festival is a snowball tree, banked with glistening snowdrifts.

The snowballs are really bonbon boxes, covered with cotton-wool, and are fashioned thus: Cube-shaped paper boxes, two and a half inches square, are filled with small candies, such as are used in bon-bonnières.

Wrap about them white cotton-wool, which has been picked loose, until it is as light as newly-fallen snow. Make the balls round, and tie them rather snugly with fine white thread.

With a darning or crochet-needle pull the cotton lightly from underneath the string, to hide it from sight, also to give a fluffy appearance to the ball, then roll it lightly upon a clean cardboard, over which frost dust powdered (isinglass) has been sprinkled.

Sometimes a hole is cut in the top of the bonbon box, and in covering and winding the cotton is left loose above it, so that the children may "put in a thumb and pull out a plum" without disturbing the shape of the pretty snowball.

When the tree is ready the snowballs are scattered from topmost to lowest branches, white thread loops holding them in place.

Snow-banks at least four feet high may be constructed at the rear of the tree. Throw over a line of settees or chairs enough clean, white cotton cloth to cover them well, then wrinkle and fashion into the shape of snow-banks. Pin lightly plenty of fluffy, white cotton-wool upon the cloth, then sprinkle the whole liberally with powdered isinglass.

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I wandered to the college, Tom, where you and I were mates
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They don't do now the way they did some forty years ago.

I sought the lonely campus, Tom, and asked a cripple, "Where are all the students?"—"Well," says he, "they're scattered here and there;
The ball nine's in Chicago, and the crews are off to row"—
We couldn't get away like that some forty years ago.

"The tennis team," continued he, "is dwoing Brown today;
Our golfers are at Princeton, and the glee club, too, is away;
Our gun club and the archery team are laying Harvard low."
We missed a lot of fun, dear Tom, some forty years ago.

"Our football men are in New York arranging dates," said he, "For this year's games." And then he sighed: "I'm here at home, you see.

Because my back and legs are broke—rough-housed me, don't you know?"
We didn't have such sport, dear Tom, some forty years ago.

I said to him: "Well, anyhow, the faculty is here?"
"You're wrong," says he, "they've along to held the rooters cheer; But you might find the janitor." I said to him, "Oh, no!"
And hurried from those scenes, dear Tom, of forty years ago.

In those old days of grind, dear Tom, our tutors were perverse; Although we'd telegraph ourselves: "Come home, your mother's worse!"

The sly old "profs" would wink a wink which meant it wasn't so,
And keep us grubbing in the books, some forty years ago.

Things may be better now, dear Tom, than in the days of yore;
When every fellow had to get of bookish stuff a store;
I hope the boys are happy now, but this one truth I know.

They don't do now the way they did some forty years ago.

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Some Mission Notes

AN ARTIST'S PICTURE OF A DYING CHURCH.

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Just within the entrance, and guarded on each side by a "pillar of the church" in spotless apparel, was a contribution plate of good workmanship for the offerings of the fashionable worshippers. But right above the plate, suspended from a nail in the wall, there hung a small box bearing the legend, "Collection for Foreign Missions," and over the slot, through which certain contributions should have gone, was a large cobweb.—Missionary Review of the World.

NOT A MERE FAD.

Dr. Edward Judson, a son of the Apostle to Burmah, in an address on Foreign Missions said with great earnestness: "We must be sure, however, that our foreign mission spirit is genuine and not a mere fad. The sure test is whether we are interested in everything lying between the heathen and ourselves. To many of us distance seems to "lend enchantment to the view." We burn with enthusiasm over the miseries of

people far away, but are limp and nerveless as regards suffering close by. We find ourselves greatly interested in foreigners when they reside in their own land, so much so in fact, that we send our best men as missionaries to them and pay their traveling expenses; but when the Lord puts it into the hearts of these same foreigners to come to our shores, paying their own traveling expenses, instead of rejoicing over their advent, we are sometimes inclined to turn away from them in despair. They do not look so picturesque nearby. This is only the semblance of the true missionary spirit—a counterfeit, not the real coin."

PRAYER AND MISSIONS.

Let us advance on our knees.—Joseph Hardy Neesima.
Whoever prays most, helps most.—William Boodell.
He prays not at all in whose prayers there is no mention of the kingdom of God.—Jewish Proverb.
Prayer and pains, through faith in Jesus Christ, will do anything.—John Elliott.
He who embraces in his prayer the widest circle of his fellow-creatures is most in sympathy with the mind of God.—Dean Goulburn.

Unprayed for, I feel like a diver at the bottom of a river with no air to breathe, or like a fireman on a blazing building with an empty hose.—James Gilmore.

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Yellow Creek Association.		From Young Ladies' Societies.	
Sulligent, L. A. and M. S., State Missions	2.50	Foreign Missions	\$ 91.05
Sulligent, L. A. and M. S., Howard College Library	1.00	Home Missions	31.61
Sulligent, L. A. and M. S., Church Aid	.30	Home Mission Boxes	70.72
	3.80	State Missions	2.00
Total	\$ 5253.71	Margaret Home	16.60
From Ladies Societies.		Orphanage	46.50
Foreign Missions	2,444.34	Howard College	37.00
For. Missions, Miss Kelly's salary	210.65	Church Aid	53.20
For. Missions, Miss Hartwell's sal.	135.29	Benevolence	2640
For. Missions, Miss Miller	7.72	Total Y. L. Societies	\$ 376.08
Home Missions	218.00	From Sunbeam Bands.	
Home Missions, Mt. Schools	17.00	Foreign Missions	\$ 74.29
Home Mission Boxes	592.52	Home Missions	36.19
Howard College	189.76	State Missions	7.12
State Missions	318.90	Margaret Home	15.10
Howard College Library	14.00	Home, Y. W. Tr. School	5.00
Orphanage	455.51	Church Aid	19.86
Ministerial Education	26.93	Howard College	24.80
Margaret Home	99.67	Ministerial Education	4.00
Home, Y. W. Training School	30.00	Aged and Infirm Ministers	4.73
Judson Inst.	.50	B. C. Institute	30.00
V. President's Expense	2.10	Total Sunbeams	\$ 222.68
Benevolence	81.55	Grand Total	\$ 5253.71
Lot in El Paso	26.75	Respectfully submitted,	
Church Aid	2199.65	MRS. N. A. BARRETT, Treas.	
Total Ladies' Societies	\$ 4654.95		



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Now, on the other hand, every large store needs a show-card writer—not only needs one or more, but their services are as indispensable as that of the book-keeper or manager. It is work that is even more necessary than the proper display of the wares for sale because show-cards are the medium of conversation between the goods and prospective customers. Show-cards, proper show-cards, sell more goods than any sales medium in a store and cost but a fraction of other sales mediums.

The average store uses unsightly show-cards because they cannot get slightly better. The better stores use better show-cards because they see the usefulness and economy of them. The expert show-card writer makes from \$25 to \$40 a week and has "a snap."

Better Things Ahead

Another point to be noted here is that the show-card writer comes under the direct notice with the powers that be. He or she is in hourly contact with heads of Departments, Manager, Proprietor. His work shows and speaks in no uncertain language of ability thus putting him in line for higher and greater responsibilities at proportionate increase in remuneration. Hence, we say that the field of the show-card writer is a field of opportunity where one's lights may shine out and proclaim one's merit.

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Contrary to the general existing opinion, it does not require any special talent or knack or equipment of mind or body to develop the ability to write good show cards. By our method of teaching this work the student grasps the principles just as the youngster grasps the principles of long-hand writing, only more quickly, for we have to deal with the mature mind. We might say that the only qualifications necessary to learn show-card writing are—

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JUDSON NOTES.

On Monday evening, December 11th, a beautiful recital was given in the auditorium by some of the music pupils of Judson College. The artistic was in which each young lady distinguished herself testified to the thorough and skillful work done in each branch of the Music Department.

The piano selections were given with clear, technic and refined musical feeling; and the variety of the numbers brought out the capabilities of the pupils along the different lines of technic and musical interpretation.

The voice numbers, sung with unusual ease and control, accurate intonation and flexibility of voice, were equally enjoyable.

The violin number was true in pitch, of a clear sweet tone, and executed with much taste.

Special mention must be made of the Part Songs and Choruses trained by Mrs. Pauline Gurgamus, who each year gives evidence of her wonderful ability to train girls' voices.

We of the town and the schools thank the teachers and pupils for this delightful musical treat and we must say to our friends all over the State that we wish they could have enjoyed it with us.

We are looking forward with pleasure to the coming of the Rev. J. S. Dill, D. D., who will deliver the Founders Day on January 9th. It will be a great day both on account of this address and the piano recital by Harold Baur that evening. All our friends are cordially invited to honor us with their presence.

CARRIE ROBSON.

REV. J. J. WHITE DEAD.

We do not come to praise, but to mourn him dead whom living we delighted to honor. In the death of Bro. White, we have sustained a loss which time alone will teach us the full mean-

ing. Thought it has been some few days since the grave claimed its victim, our grief has not abated but grown more and more intense as each day speaks of his absence.

Rev. White was a Baptist minister, and at the time of his death had been in active service for more than twenty years. He was especially noted for having done so much towards the spread of the Gospel over Southeast Alabama in its pioneer days. As the woodsman threw his axe, preparing for the present wealth and population of this section, our brother taught that Christianity and civilization go hand in hand. There are many strong and well organized Baptist churches within our community which are significant of the fact that his efforts are not without fruits. God called him to His service and with a cheerfulness that is ever characteristic of His servants he gave all he had—his life.

Being a minister of the Gospel, he possessed all those traits of character which go to make a man of God. He was husband, a father, a friend, and a citizen. As a husband, the tears of a sorrowing wife cannot but tell us that he was "found of her in peace, without spot, and blameless." As a father, the wails of grief-stricken children assert that he was not deficient. As a friend, the mourning of a people declares that he was good to all. As a citizen, he fought for what he thought to be his country's rights. Indeed the elements were so mixed in him that all the world can say that he was a man.

Why God saw fit to take him from us, we are not yet able to explain. But it is a great consolation to think that through faith in the Christ-whom he has taught us to serve we may know him as he is in Eternity. With a Christ-like simplicity, he went about doing good, and when he was summoned to come Home it was as though he had folded his arms in peaceful dreams. We are grateful for his exemplary life and his noble death—not only teaching us how to live, but how to die.

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The Stewart Home and School of Farmdale, Ky., is one of the most successful institutions of this kind in the country. Its superintendent, Dr. John P. Stewart, has devoted his life to this work and has associated with him teachers of exceptional ability and skill in this particular line of educational work. Parents of backward children would do well to write to Dr. Stewart. They may feel sure that their children will be in skilled and competent hands and will receive tender and loving care in an ideal home.

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Whereas, our beloved pastor, Rev. W. A. Parker, has severed his connection with our church, as pastor; and

Whereas, though our hearts are made sad by the loss we thereby sustain, we wish to attempt an expression of our appreciation of his worth. Be it therefore

Resolved first, That in Bro. Parker Collinsville Baptist Church recognized an able and efficient pastor, a sound and inspiring preacher of God's revealed will to mankind and an upright Christian gentleman. And while we deplore this sudden and sorrowful termination of relationship as church and pastor, we will try to become reconciled to the Providence which ordained his removal.

Second, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Collinsville Courier and the Alabama Baptist with request for publication, and a copy be furnished Bro. Parker.

Third, That these resolutions be spread upon the official records of Collinsville Baptist Church.

Respectfully, J. B. Hamric.
Done in conference Dec. 17, 1905.
Rev. J. B. Appleton, Moderator Pro Tem. T. A. Ventress, C. C.

OUR WOMEN'S WORK

Among the Women and Children in the Associations—Continued.

When we reached Hartford in our account of our goings up and down in the land we feel as though we must stop and dip our pen in indelible ink so that the record may never be effaced—so much of gratitude and pleasure was ours. We felt something of the delight that the sainted John seemed to experience when he found his children "walking in the light." The Sunbeams under the leadership of Mrs. W. C. Whitt are being trained by the careful hand and consecrated heart of one of the choicest of spirits. We were at loss to decide which was most to be congratulated the leader or those being led, as we sat in the church so graciously granted by our Methodist brethren, and listened to the children carry on the preliminary and business part of their meeting, with so much of precision and decision that it was evident they "knew what they were about." They were only guided by the eye of their leader, for she sat in the pew, as much at ease as any of the rest of the congregation. She had no fear—"her heart safely trusted" in her Sunbeam children! It was most enjoyable—and so much of honor was shown the Sunbeam mother. The walking in long procession of happy children to and from the church, the being presented with the pretty badge which has been adopted by the band, the pleasure of being introduced to each member of the society personally, the interest that prompted some to meet the early train that we must needs take, and that sent us away laden with lovely flowers, and with the picture of one little lady safely stored away in our note book, while the memory of the whole number found place in our heart, makes our acquaintance with each one "a joy forever."

It is always a pleasure to be allowed a place in the cozy home occupied for the first time by a young couple, and this was our good fortune in abiding with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Marchman, whose many attentions and whose charming little one made our stay most homelike. We would like to have effected an organization among the ladies, but we find the time of the associations is the poorest time for any work at the local church. An association transforms the most devoted Mary with equally energetic Martha. At the meeting of the Salem-Troy Association at Shiloh we promised the ladies of Brundidge that we would endeavor to meet them upon our return and the Sabbath rest at that place was delightful.

Our home was with Mrs. J. E. Graves, whose sister, Mrs. Seay, kindly met us and gave us the most delightful drive over the town upon as fair an autumnal day as ever blessed this earth. The glories of both earth and sky were transcendent. But not more uplifting nor heart cheering than the unbounded goodness and consideration that marked the home where the two sisters dwelt, and whom are among those whom "He loveth." We love to think that there are homes upon this green earth today where the Lord would love to come into and "abide" if "the day was far spent." And nowhere could be met gentler ministry than within these gates.

The Sunbeams under Mrs. W. H. Kimbal have been organized for years, and come gladly up to the house of the Lord to greet us. And such a gem of a church as they have at Brundidge! As usual, the Ladies' Aid and the Sunbeams have helped to bear the heat and burden of the day—and so they should; but let us beware of withholding the tithes that belong to the Lord we love. It is the wise advisor who keeps ever in the minds of the people that building a new church is only

preparing a larger plant to carry on the Lord's work and the fire of consecration must be kept burning, so that the enthusiasm will be there to prompt to greater endeavor. Imagine having to turn away from attending a golden wedding, which opportunity is like being privileged to seeing a century plant bloom—it occurs seldom more than once in a life time. That was the temptation that the Damsel Pleasure presented to Dame Duty, while we tarried at Brundidge. The only feature that paliated the disappointment of going away only the day before the wedding was the lovely attentions of the loving daughter who took me to see the bride, fifty years younger, and gave me introduction to the equally handsome bridegroom in their own home, and by their own warm hearthstone. I can make no better wish for all the readers of these columns than that they may live as long and as happily together as Mr. and Mrs. Pierson, if they are married, and if they are only enjoying single blessedness, that they may hasten to double the joy—for that only is living.

With one of the golden crysanthemums as a souvenir, we thought long thoughts about matrimony in general and marriage in particular, while hastening on to Evergreen, where the vice president of the Conecuh Association took us to her home, complete in every apartment for resting and invigorating body and mind and heart, and where we found some of the very elect themselves already ensconced beneath the roof-tree.

It was an unexpected pleasure to meet with the ladies in their Aid Society, soon after our arrival, and found them busy enough in planning for the equipment of the new church, which is in process of erection. "These things they will do"—"but there are the more important things" they will not leave undone.

Never was there a more entrancing day than the one upon which we "set sail" for the fine horse that carried me out "went like the wind" for Belleville, where the Conecuh Association was to convene. The time appointed for the woman's meeting was the second day, so we sat beside the feast as spread by the brethren all during the first day and on the morning of the second day at 9:30 met the children in the tent near the church and enjoyed the novelty as well as the good hearing that the little folks gave to mission matters. A worker, formerly Miss Bunning from Pleasant Hill, but now enjoying the more dignified title of Mistress Riggs, will organize the children the following Sunday, and may she be blessed in her longing to do something for the cause.

A carefully prepared program was carried out, the new vice president, Mrs. Marcelens McCuery, presiding. How beautiful to see the young and talented also capable and consecrated! It was no mere coincidence that the young husband—a physician with a large practice, was presiding as moderator over the association while his help-meet was filling the vice-president's chair at the woman's meeting. No "it happened so" at all—it was decreed that just this conjunction of intelligence and godliness should bless the Evergreen church, the Conecuh Association and hasten the coming of the Lord they love, by furthering the cause of missions.

It was a great pleasure to meet our dear friend, Mrs. G. R. Farnham, and also Mrs. Cheney, of Montgomery, and their talks and papers and prayers added no little to the success of the meeting. The ideal weather and the goodly company, and the high-water mark reached in the meetings afforded a fitting finale to the associational meetings of 1905.

MRS. T. A. HAMILTON.

TERRIBLE ECZEMA ON LITTLE BOY

Mouth and Eyes Covered With Crusts—Face Itched Most Fearfully—Hands Pinned Down to Prevent Scratching

MIRACULOUS CURE BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"When my little boy was six months old, he had eczema. The sores extended so quickly over the whole body that we at once called in the doctor. We then went to another doctor, but he could not help him, and in our despair we went to a third one. Matters became so bad that he had regular holes in his cheeks, large enough to put a finger into. The food had to be given with a spoon, for his mouth was covered with crusts as thick as a finger, and whenever he opened the mouth they began to bleed and suppurate, and did also his eyes, hands, arms, chest, and back, in short the whole body, was covered over and over. We had no rest by day or night. Whenever he was laid in his bed, we had to pin his hands down; otherwise he would scratch his face, and make an open sore. I think his face must have itched most fearfully."



ALONSO HOHRATH.

"We finally thought nothing could help, and I had made up my mind to send my wife with the child to Europe, hoping that the sea air might cure him, otherwise he was to be put under good medical care there. But, Lord be blessed, matters came differently, and we soon saw a miracle. A friend of ours spoke about Cuticura. We made a trial with Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Resolvent, and within ten days or two weeks we noticed a decided improvement. Just as quickly as the sickness had appeared it also began to disappear, and within ten weeks the child was absolutely well, and his skin was smooth and white as never before." F. H. Hohrath, President of the C. L. Hohrath Company, Manufacturers of Silk Ribbons, 4 to 20 Rink Alley, June 8, 1905. South Bethlehem, Pa. Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills are sold throughout the world. Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Mfrs., Boston, Mass. "How to Cure for the Skin."

In Chancery, Fifth District of the Northwestern Chancery Division of Alabama.

W. G. Robinson, et al. vs. Birmingham Mining and Contracting Company.

To the creditors of the Birmingham Mining and Contracting Company, a corporation, was by decree of this Court of December 22d 1905, dissolved. Pursuant to the said decree of dissolution all persons having claims against the said corporation are notified to file same, duly verified, with the Register of this Court by February 10th, 1906, or the same shall be forever barred. Witness my hand this 23d day of December, 1905. J. W. ALTMAN, Register in Chancery

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REV. E. LEE SMITH
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The Lord has dealt very kindly with me. I was only two months out of the regular work of the pastorate, and was busy holding meetings, or in supply work every Sunday. I began my work here Nov. 8, exactly one month after Dr. M. L. Wood, my beloved and honored predecessor, left. The church is united, being active in every good word and work. It is delightful to see how these people love and remember their former pastors; and I come in succession to a noble line of men, Dr. Geo. B. Taylor, now of Rome, Italy; Dr. James Nelson, now president of Richmond Female College; Dr. J. M. Frost, now Secretary of the Sunday School Board; Dr. Chas. Manly, who came here from Alabama, and who left to become pastor at Greenville, S. C., now my near neighbor at Lexington, Va.; Dr. W. J. E. Cox, the beloved Bishop of St. Francis Street, Mobile; and Dr. M. L. Wood, of Huntington, W. Va. They all did a good work here, and each helped to make possible the present successful church. Our membership is something over 600, a very large proportion of which are males. We have a beautiful new building, erected during Dr. Wood's pastorate; fine pipe organ, good choir, live Sunday school; congregations fill the church at every service, attentive, reverent; and, best of all, God is blessing his preached word. In our first month's work we had ten additions to the church, four by baptism and six by letter and experience. No extra services have been held.

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As I write the snow is falling heavily; our third snow since we came, but this promises to last longer. We are in the valley of the Shenandoah, beautiful for situation, and replete with historic memories.

Staunton is quite an educational center—several colleges and academies are here. The superintendent of the Staunton Military Academy, Capt. W. H. Kable, is our senior deacon. A large body of the cadets attend our services.

My loving greeting to the brethren of Alabama. O. F. GREGORY.
Staunton, Va., Dec. 15, 1905.

A lovely home wedding on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 30, at 11:30 a. m., Ware, Ala., in the lovely home of W. P. and Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Woodie T. Dozier and Miss Hellen Watson Dawson, were united in marriage by the writer in the presence of quite a number of friends and relatives. These young people set out in life with a bright future before them. Mr. Dozier is a prosperous business man, a young man of noble traits of character. Miss Dawson is a young lady of rare traits and amiable disposition. She is a graduate of the Judson and a faithful Christian. We extend to them our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

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