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Brother Frank Willis Barnett, of the Alabama Baptist, has found another use for that picture of himself that used to appear on the front page of the Baptist. It comes out now as a central ornament of the Christmas supplement to his paper, which is at the same time a calendar. We do not think there are any added lines of care upon his genial countenance since we last saw it, in spite of the fact that he has had large experience in taking care of a little son. May the years continue to deal gently with him.—Christian Index.

Whereas, important college matters await action of the Society of Alumni of Howard College, we, the undersigned, do hereby issue a call for a special meeting of the Alumni at the college on the evening of January 26, 1906, at 7:30 o'clock, the purpose being the election of officers to hold places until the annual meeting in May and the transaction of certain business of moment pertaining to the endowment and the athletic building. (Signed) A. J. Moon, J. A. Hendricks, A. L. Smith, J. D. Heacock, W. P. McAdory, J. F. Hogan, E. P. Hogan.

Bill Nye once said: "A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button; ride on the back coach of a train to save interest on his money until the conductor comes around; stop his watch at night to save the wear and tear; leave his i and t without a dot to save ink; pasture his mother's grave to save corn; but a man of this kind is a gentleman and a scholar compared with a fellow who will take a newspaper, and, when asked to pay for it, put it into the postoffice and have it marked 'refused.'"

On the 21st day of December Mr. Harrison Carey and Mrs. Jessie Hinton were united in wedlock at the bride's father's home, Huckabee, Ala. These are splendid young people with a bright future before them. They have the best wishes of many relatives and friends, and prayers of their devoted pastor.—W. J. D. Upshaw.

We had a delightful Christmas here in Blocton. Our people remembered us kindly, among their gifts to us being a handsome silver tea service. The First Church membership is a loyal band. No people could be more thoughtful or considerate than they have been to us since our residence among them. Mr. Lee joins me in wishing you a prosperous and happy New Year.—Sincerely, Aeolian Lee.

Vinson-Cumbee—On the afternoon of Dec. 31st., Mr. Wm. A. Vinson, of Roanoke, and Miss Sallie Cumbee, of Chambers County, were united in marriage, Rev. Jno. P. Shaffin officiating. Mr. Vinson is a Christian man, and gentleman of good habits. Miss Cumbee is an amiable Christian woman and daughter of the late lamented Rev. Jno. Cumbee. Both are members of the Baptist church. They will reside in Roanoke.—Jno. P. Shaffin.

Notice to the Churches of the Muscle Shoals Association:—After a long delay I have sent out the minutes of the last session of the association. I regret the delay, but the fault is not mine. The printer promised to have them in a short time after he received the manuscript, but failed to do so. If any church fails to receive the minutes I want the clerk to write to me at once. I have mailed minutes to every church in the association. If they fail to reach some of the churches, it will be because Uncle Sam's servants fail to do their duty, or the clerks fail to carry them to the church.—Jos. Shackelford, Trinity, Ala., Jan. 1st, 1906.



REV. G. W. LOVELL,
Forest Home.

A Good Pastor, a Strong Preacher, and a Sterling Citizen.

Our Woman's Missionary Union sent four quilts to the Orphanage in the car of corn that was recently sent from this association. Since then two other quilts have been pieced, one by a sick lady, and the other by a lady who has four small children and does all her own work and takes in sewing besides. Last Friday we sent a box of twenty-six hens for the orphans' Christmas dinner. I doubt if the eating of those chickens will give more pleasure than did the preparing of that box. Of the twenty-six persons who gave those hens each one seemed as delighted as if they were preparing a box for some absent member of their own family. If we had let all those put in a hen who wanted to there would have been fifty. I wish that the new year may be the most prosperous and useful year in the history of the Baptist.—Mrs. J. J. Beeson, Pisgah, Ala.

Kerr Boyce Tupper's personality has not been lost in the great Metropolitan city. His name is at the very front of the city's religious and civic work. The Madison Avenue Church, of which he is the pastor, is to build an eight-story parish house on East 31st street. It is to cost \$150,000, and work on the structure is to immediately begin.

The trustees of the church, so the New York Tribune declares, have promised that Dr. Tupper shall have all the money necessary for carrying on progressive institutional church work.

The new building will be of brick and stone, conforming in style of the architecture of the church proper. There is to be a well-appointed and modern gymnasium and hall for public entertainments. Other floors will have boys' and young men's clubs, girls' clubs, a library and reading rooms.

The Sunday congregations tax the seating capacity of the church, and the work has taken on an impetus under the tactful and vigorous leadership of Dr. Tupper. Philadelphia and up-to-date pastors.—Baptist Commonwealth.

Dear Barnett—Happy New Year to you, your family and the readers of your (or our) paper. It is with pleasure that I note such a decided improvement in the "Baptist." We are happy in our work and hope to do better work during the present year than we have ever done before. God bless you, Barnett. You are serving the cause nobly and well, and my wish for you is that our people may stand by you more loyally than they have been doing.—A. J. Johnson, Attalla.

I am comfortably housed with my Oxanna people. Will continue to give them half time. They are good people. They gave us a liberal pounding on our arrival among them, and in many ways are expressing their appreciation of a resident pastor. I will give one-fourth time this year to Coosa Valley church, Easonville, Ala., and one-fourth to Cove Springs, Ga. The latter is a fine old town and the work is promising.—Fraternally, J. R. Wells, Anniston, Ala.

The Ford Memorial Building, provided for by the will of the late Daniel S. Ford, has been completed, and was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies. It stands on historic Beacon Hill, Boston, and is said to be one of the finest of the city's public buildings, costing about \$350,000. It is designed to furnish a home for the Boston Baptist Social Union, to which the money was left for its construction, and to serve as a headquarters for Baptist denominational agencies and work.

A correspondent writing for the Examiner from Boston, speaking of the recent meeting held by Dr. Len G. Brouton, says, "Dr. Brouton increased his hold on Boston every day of the two weeks he was here. You would not think so from reading the papers, but you could see it by thousands present at his noon meetings. The interest was tense. Teachers of elocution brought their scholars to hear a minister who was master of the voice. His sentiments were cutting, but his tones were kind. He used hard arguments but soft words. His preaching was sane. He was humorous, but on a high plane. We thank Atlanta for loaning him to us."

Minutes of the following associations for 1905 have been received to Dec. 28, viz: Alabama, Bethlehem, Birmingham, Cedar Bluff, Clarke County, Central, Chilton County, Coosa River, Etowah, Eufaula, Harris, Lauderdale County, Liberty (North), Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, New River, North River, Pea River, Pine Barren, Tuscaloosa County, Tuskegee, Union, Weogufka, and Warrior. If others have been mailed to me they have failed to reach me. It save trouble and money to send in the minutes promptly, so let the brethren send on those not in the above list at once. I will begin at once to work on the statistical tables. I will be glad for those interested to make suggestions as to form, contents, etc.—M. M. Wood, Statistical Secretary, Fayette, Ala., Dec. 28, 1905.

Rev. J. R. Curry now receives his mail at Atmore.

Please change my paper from Myrtlewood, Ala., to San Antonio, Tex., 1018 Hackberry street. Best wishes for you and your paper.—Fraternally, W. W. Howard, 1018 N. Hackberry Street.

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er Unto the
**Lord For His Goodness and
 Mercy in the Year 1905?**
 (Sermon by Rev. J. B. Hawthorne,
 D. D., Grove Ave., Baptist Church.)

"What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, yea, in the presence of all his people.—Psalms 116:12-13-14 verses.

There are moments in life when we awake to the fact of God's boundless, multitudinous and all-encompassing goodness and love and are almost overwhelmed by the thought of it. Perhaps there is no season when spiritually-minded people are more disposed to dwell upon the manifold mercies and favors of God to themselves and to the world at large than the close of a year. This has been the principal subject of my meditations during the last week of the year 1905, and the new and deeper convictions attending these meditations have constrained me to make it the theme of my discourse today.

If we are truly and habitually devout we feel vastly more, both in public and private worship, than we express with our lips. But the goodness of God which we recognize, and very imperfectly express in prayer and song, is by far the least part of it. There is a boundless goodness we overlook. God's gifts are multiplied like the dewdrops or the snowflakes, and they glide into life so silently that the most of them are not discerned by our careless eyes. Many years ago, in a small town in California, after a rain which made gulleys in the street, a man, while leading his mule-cart along the principal highway, struck his foot against a stone which a torrent of water had left exposed. When he stooped down to remove it he found it to be a solid lump of gold. Hundreds of people had passed over that treasure but did not observe it. Every day we blindly trample on blessings infinitely richer than mountains of gold. It would require a lifetime to count the favors of God that we see, but those we do not see are vastly more numerous than these. God's invisible kindnesses and mercies to us we shall behold in the light of eternity. And if we are his redeemed children, we shall spend the eternal ages to come in praising him for them.

Besides the benefits seen and unseen by us there is a goodness we misconstrue. The sublimest things in the experiences of our lives we count commonplace, and we reckon as losses and disappointments the discipline which brings to us incorruptible treasure. The benefits of God are not the pleasant things merely—our health, our successes, our pleasures and our friendships, but all the things that give us pain and stir the fountain of our tears. We are under a divine discipline. The chief element of it is suffering, but the end of it is likeness to God and meetness for the inheritance of the saints in light. "For the present it seemeth not to be joyous but grievous," etc.

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
 But trust him for his grace,
 Behind a frowning providence
 He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
 Unfolding every hour,
 The bud may have a bitter taste,
 But sweet will be the flower."

Out yonder on the mountain side there is a huge block of marble. For centuries it has slept there undisturbed. Today a miner comes and drills a hole deep into its hard bosom and fills it with dynamite. A match is applied. With a blast which shakes the rocky ribs of the old hills from foundation to summit, the block of marble is hurled down into the valley. Tomorrow other men will come and saw it and shape it, and the next day will come others who will chisel it, smooth and polish it. By and by, it will be transported to some city where it will become the topmost stone of some towering national monument. The earliest rays of morning will gild it and departing day linger

and play about its summit." Thus God deals with his elect child, who, while he has the principle or germ of eternal life within him, is still fettered by depravity and sin. To eliminate this dross he passes through sore and manifold afflictions. He is cast down from some place of financial or political or social power. His stubborn will is broken; his ungodly pride is subdued and his hard heart is crushed. But out of this ordeal he comes a purer and stronger man. He is spiritualized; he is fitted for fellowship with God and his saints; he is clothed with spiritual beauty and loveliness and prepared to be a pillar of light and strength in the church and kingdom of God.

These misconstrued blessings from God and the myriads of his seen and unseen benefits make a sum which no mathematician can calculate.

"God has made of one blood all the nations of the earth." By nature every man is brother to every other man. In this great family the blessings which come to any one member are shared by every other member. The prosperity of one is in some degree, the prosperity of all. The same is true of families, communities, classes, races and nations. The learning and culture of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome have become the heritage of the world. The spirit of freedom which God gave to the pilgrims who landed at Jamestown and Plymouth Rock nearly three centuries ago, and out of which grew our great American system of free constitutional government, is permeating all the races and democratizing every nationality on earth.

If we admit the truth of these propositions we must also admit that the obligation is upon us to recognize the favors which God bestows upon our fellow-men, in any region of the earth, as blessings bestowed upon ourselves.

Any intelligent and careful observer of the great events which have marked the year 1905, will find in them the most potent incentives to gratitude and praise to him who directs the fortunes and shapes the destinies of individuals, families, communities and nations.

The year 1905 has witnessed the conclusion of the most stupendous and sanguinary war of modern times. What a sweet relief the cessation of that mighty conflict has brought to the minds and hearts of the human family everywhere. The happy issues of the struggles have lifted a burden of harrowing anxiety not only from Japan and China, but from England, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Denmark and Sweden and from all the countries of this great Western continent. For a hundred years the rapidly growing, greedy and aggressive Russian Empire has threatened the peace of the world. The extension of her territory and authority into Asia indicated a purpose to absorb China, to overthrow the Empire of Japan and to deprive Great Britain of her East India possessions. If she had been victorious in her conflict with Japan this purpose could be accomplished in the near future. Having made herself mistress of all the East her next adventure would be the subjugation of Europe. The triumph of Japan and her recent closer alliance with Great Britain not only renders any future invasion of Asiatic territory by Russia improbable, but insures the rapid progress of the yellow races of that vast continent in every element of true civilization.

In all this every believer in divine revelation sees the hand of God. For all this every believer in divine providence will exalt and magnify the name of God.

For ages the Russian Monarchy has been the worst despotism the world ever saw. The words have yet to be coined that will express the injustice, the hardships and the cruelties which it has inflicted upon its subjects.

There is nothing blacker in the womb of hell than the crimes of that gigantic despotism. The millions of her downtrodden subjects, who for ages have been sighing and crying

to heaven for relief, have seized the opportunity afforded them by the crippled resources of the government to throw off the galling yoke of tyranny. Whether they will succeed in accomplishing all that they are attempting we cannot tell. They may not succeed in establishing a free Republic, but they will go far in that direction. They will at least deprive the present government of its autocratic power. They will have representations. The people will have a voice in the making of the laws under which they live. Under the new regime they will have civil and religious liberty. Every trace of barbarism will be obliterated. They will become, in every respect, a better, nobler, happier and more prosperous people. Such a transformation in Russia will be an abiding contribution to the progress and happiness of every other nation on the globe.

In the year 1905 great victories have been won for the cause of religious liberty. In France there has been a complete divorce of religion from the state. Henceforth, in that country, there will be no more governmental patronage of any religion. Roman Catholicism and Protestantism will stand upon the same level so far as the government is concerned. Not one dollar of the public revenue will be given to the support of either.

In England the Conservative party in Parliament—the party which enacted the infamous "Education Bill" that compels the children of Dissenters to receive religious instruction from Church of England teachers, has been overthrown. The Liberal party is now in power. It requires no prophetic gift to see that the iniquitous Education Bill will be obliterated from the statute books and that Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Lutherans Quakers and Jews will be left free to send their children to religious teachers of their own choice. The triumph of the Liberal party is the forerunner of the downfall of "established religion" in England. Such a revolution never goes backward. It is certain to continue until religion in Great Britain is as free as it is today in France, and America.

In our own country this year will go into history as one of unprecedented prosperity. There is no record of any such harvest as we have just gathered. During this year the growth of manufacturing, mining, railroad construction, ship-building, banking and commerce among ourselves and with foreign peoples, surpasses that of any previous year of our history.

During the last twelve months for the cause both of primary and higher education there has been a tidal wave of enthusiasm. The most popular institution in all this Republic today is the public school. Any man can dig his political grave by simply raising his voice against it. Everywhere throughout the land government appropriations to the public schools have been increased and every feature of the system improved. Never was the desire so general and the purpose so strong among parents to secure for their children the advantages of a liberal education. Never were the capitalists of our country so generous in their gifts to institutions of learning. Within the last year they have relieved hundreds of feeble, struggling colleges from the burden of debt and added largely to their endowment. Of the fruits of this great educational revival denominational colleges have received a liberal share.

Since William Carey unfurled the flag of modern missions and raised the sacred war cry—"The world for Christ"—there has been no such missionary zeal among Christians as we are witnessing today. The contributions received by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention during the last Conventional year are many thousands of dollars in excess of those of any previous year. The results of our work in conversions from Paganism to Christianity have been commensurate with the growth of our liberality in giving.

The assembling of the World's Congress of Baptists and the tentative organization by it of The World's Baptist Alliance has made this year the most memorable in the history of the denomination. In the language of our distinguished brother, Doctor Whitsett, "This event marks a new and glorious era in Baptist progress." In that great convocation were gathered representatives from every country of the globe, save one. In the utterances heard in that Congress it was made apparent that while there were differences on many minor points of belief and practice, there was substantial unity on the great cardinal doctrines of the Gospel and on the more distinctive features of our denomination. On the subjects of freedom of conscience, qualifications for church membership, church government, apostolic form of baptism and the obligation of the churches to carry the Gospel into all the world, there was no division.

In the movement inaugurated by that Congress it will be demonstrated that, without interfering in the least with the autonomy of the local church, the Baptists of the world can stand together and work together. Long live the memory of the year which has witnessed this demonstration of the substantial unity of this great division of the Lord's army!

What shall we render unto the Lord for the innumerable blessings that have come to us, to our families, to our friends, to our churches, to our country and to our fellow-men everywhere? God demands and expects of us some expression of gratitude. In his holy word he brands ingratitude as a sin of the deepest dye. He pronounced a fearful condemnation upon the Israelites because they forgot his wondrous works in delivering them from bondage, and the cruel machinations of their enemies. He pronounced fearful curses upon the ancient Gentiles because they would not glorify and thank for the daily blessings bestowed upon them. He asks for the recognition of himself and his gifts. He asks also that our recognition of him and his blessings shall not be a mere formality, but full of personal thought, sympathy and purpose. I know a man who left an order with a florist to send every morning, to a certain young lady in his neighborhood a bouquet of his richest and rarest flowers. That order was strictly executed through a period of ten years. When the girl discovered that he who bestowed upon her this oft-repeated token of his affection had never touched or seen one of those flowers, she forsook him and married another man. One simple flower grown, plucked, chosen, and presented to me by my dear wife would mean more than all the gorgeous posies, commercially arranged for, and sent to me from the conservatory of a professional florist. In the matter of thanksgiving let us not deal with God in any formal, conventional and commercial spirit. Let us not thank him by proxy. Let us not be satisfied with thanking him through a Christian minister. Let us coin something out of our own hearts and express it to God with our own lips.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord." Lifting the cup of salvation, in its simple, full meaning, expresses the pledging of our personality to God—the consecration of ourselves to his service. In this symbolic action we recognize him as Redeemer, Deliverer and Friend, and acknowledge ourselves his in life and death.

As he is in every sense our Savior, all that we have and are and hope to be belongs to him. A poor man was sent to a hospital to have an arm amputated, but Dorcas the nurse, persuaded the doctors to make one more effort to save it. By the most careful nursing the man recovered and his limb was saved. By and by, the faithful nurse came to her last sickness, and while she was wasting away from the incurable disease, the man on

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CONDITIONS IN THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT.—AS TO POPULATION.

The "New South" is represented in exaggerated form in the Birmingham District. As the city is but 34 years old there are very few of its residents who are "natives." Locally speaking about all the immigrants and it is perfectly safe to ask the chance acquaintance where he came from—perhaps even what his name was before he came to Birmingham.

The population may be characterized with tolerably clear lines of demarcation along three broad planes. First, there are those who have been successful in other places, and are able and ambitious for further success along business and professional lines amid wider opportunities. It is not a truism to say that here the successful business man has succeeded. He who failed in other places and gathered a remnant to try again in Birmingham in all likelihood filed here also in the sifting of the years. The race for competence and fortune has not only been entered by the best talent of the surrounding country, but has been dominated by the advent of powerful forces from other states, and notably from the rich and populous north. The octopus arms of giant corporations have their tentacles here and suck up millions of wealth annually. This class of people are here to make money; this should be borne in mind in considering the population. Religion, morality, Sabbath are unconsidered qualities, only as they may touch business interests. The officers of the T. C. & I. R. R. Company have asked the Ensley City Council to refuse saloon license for a certain two blocks in that city, not because the saloons debauch morals and ruin homes, but because they interfere with the business of the company. "The request will be given careful consideration." To business, of course, there is no other world than this.

Secondly, there is a class of people who are looking for a fuller and easier living. They have failed more or less in making a living in other pursuits elsewhere. Thousands of these come from the towns and from the farms of this country, and other thousands are foreigners from Europe and Asia. This includes indigent white people; swarms of negroes, often both shiftless and worthless, industrially and morally; Greeks, Jews, Italians, etc., etc. Some of these, relieved of the disabilities of local environment, have "made good" and are as hopeless and dependent as before they came. Thrown out of work for a very brief period they suffer actual want and privation, and even with steady employment they have but a narrow margin above their daily necessities. For this class a living in this world is the object for which they come to Birmingham.

A third class consists of the trades workmen. Of these there are supposed to be nearly 100,000 in the Birmingham District. They are iron-workers, engineers, machinists, carpenters, miners, etc., etc. The pay roll for skilled labor is estimated at nearly \$3,500,000 per month. Here is a great body of intelligent, conservative, and reliable people, independent so long as there is employment to be had in the country; a force mighty for any interest in which their sympathies can be enlisted and their co-operation secured.

In considering the above characterization along general lines there are some personal traits which may be looked for in the population, and which, we may be sure, do not fail to appear.

1. First, then, the selfish instinct and personal interest will be largely in the forefront. The motives which induced men to come to Birmingham will naturally predominate in guiding their conduct and decisions. The men, individuals or corporations, who came to make money and have the ability to do so, will not lightly be swerved from the object in view. The one purpose fills pretty much all their horizon, regardless of who or what falls before and around them. Those seeking a fuller and easier livelihood will not be likely to scruple at the moral distinctions; and the skilled laborer, as he is a stranger among strangers, considers that "he must look out for number one."

2. The population shifts about. The most stable, of course, are the successful business and professional men. Even among these is a remarkable "moving scene" about the first of October. Seeking

better or more satisfactory quarters, or pushed out by new demands upon them, even the substantial business elements are in a state of partial flux. Among the salaried classes it is natural to suppose that disappointments on the one hand, and on the other, the appearance of new "Eldoradoes" will continually lure them to change. "Man never is, but always to be blest" with a good and satisfactory situation. A modicum buy homes and settle permanently in the suburbs, but the occasional strikes often displace thousands of miners and other skilled workmen. The writer was pastor of a church which received sixty new members in eight months and then had thirteen less than at the beginning.

3. Lack of interest in the church and Sunday school. While the saloon, the brothel, and the gambling den thrive on the vicious propensities of a population largely torn loose from the moral restraints of the former homes, the interest in religious institutions is curtailed by the feeling of transience in residence. There are doubtless more former church members adrift in the Birmingham District than are connected with the churches. "What is the use of joining the church or attending Sunday school when you don't know but what you will move next week, or next month, and almost certainly next year?" And as for a missionary interest in the souls of others—the idea enters the minds of comparatively few, since the rule seems to be "Every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost." Of course there are exceptions to all this, but the proportion of active church members to the population is woefully small.

4. Lack of true local patriotism. This makes it exceedingly difficult to obtain proper civic government, improvement, or adornment. Sam Jones said "A patriotic man is a man who will fight for his home; but think of a man fighting for his boarding house!" Put unselfish interest and self-sacrifice in lieu of fighting and you have the situation in a nutshell. The difficulty poor old Vulcan is having in getting his debts paid is an illustration of a lack of civic interest and pride. When a case becomes a municipal shame it may receive attention and not much before.

The writer submits the above as a hasty sketch of what he believes to be present characteristics in Birmingham. But at the same time he knows that conditions have wonderfully improved in the last ten years. A substantial nucleus for a large and important city has already formed, one of the very best in all the South from any point of view, and he believes that in the near future a still more rapid modification will take place—as good citizens shall lay hold to bring it to pass.

JOHN F. GABLE.

East Lake, Ala.

MID WINTER.

The Seminary is very fortunate in being able to offer to students entering at the beginning of the second half session, and to all pastors who can spend a few weeks away from their work, an exceedingly attractive course of lectures in addition to the regular work of the Seminary itself. It so happens this session that the Sunday School Board Lectures and Gay Lectures fall in successive weeks.

During the week beginning January 28th the Sunday School Board lectures will be delivered. Instead of the usual plan of having five lectures by one speaker, there will be five lecturers, each of them being an expert in Sunday school work. Each one will discuss some phase of the work with which he is especially familiar. The lecturers and their subjects will be as follows:

Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D.—The Sunday School of Yesterday and of Tomorrow.

Mr. P. H. Bristow, Superintendent of the Calvary Baptist Sunday School, Washington, D. C.—Organization an Essential Element in the Successful Sunday School.

Mr. N. B. Broughton, Superintendent of the Tabernacle Baptist Sunday School, Raleigh, N. C.—The Great Possibilities of the Sunday School.

Mr. Marion Lawrence, International Sunday School Secretary—That Big Boy and How to Deal With Him.

Rev. J. M. Frost, D. D., Cor. Sec. Baptist Sunday School Board—The Sunday School the Pastor's Opportunity.

This lecture course will be given on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights and Wednesday afternoon, beginning Monday night, Jan. 29th.

During this same week a Sunday School Institute will be held in a neighboring church, with all-day sessions and lectures on various phases of the Sunday School work by experts who will come from a distance for the purpose. On the whole it will be a great Sunday-school week for all pastors who are interested in this great department of Christian work.

During the week following, beginning Feb 4th, the Gay lectures will be delivered. The lecturer upon this subject will be Prof. Ira M. Price, of the University of Chicago. His subjects will be as follows:

General subject: The Old Testament and the Ancient Orient.

I. The Literary Character of the Old Testament and the Ancient Orient.

II. The Religious Character of the Old Testament and the Religions of the Semites.

III. The Ethical Character of the Old Testament and the Ethics of the Oriental Peoples.

These lectures will be delivered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights, Feb. 5th, 6th and 8th.

In addition to the above special courses of lectures, the regular courses given by the professors in the Seminary will be in progress. It is not practicable, of course, to announce in detail the subjects of the various lectures which will be given during the two weeks indicated, but the following general schemes will indicate the subjects discussed by the professors in the various departments.

In Biblical introduction, Prof. Eager will lecture on the Formation of the Canon, and in Pastoral Theology on Pastoral Problems.

In Old Testament (English), Prof. Sampey will lecture on Job and the Psalms.

In New Testament (English), Prof. Robertson will lecture on the Early Apostolic History.

In Church History, Prof. McGlothlin will lecture on the Reformation.

In Comparative Religion and Missions, Prof. Carver will lecture on the Comparison of Christianity and Heathen Religions.

In Homiletics, Prof. Dargan will lecture on Beginnings of the History of Preaching, and in Ecclesiology on Sociology and the Work of the Churches.

In Systematic Theology, the lectures will deal with the doctrine of the Kingdom of God and Salvation, and in Biblical Theology the subject of the lectures will be the New Testament doctrine of the Holy Spirit.

The above courses are of course open to any and all who desire to attend them. A desire has been expressed by a number of pastors to be present during these two weeks in order to obtain these special lecture courses and such regular work as will be offered in the class rooms of the Seminary during the same period. Some pastors will come for three or four weeks. Of course we hope that many students will enter at the beginning of the second half of our session to take not only these special courses but the entire second half of our session, and the date for the opening of the second half session is Jan. 29th, 1906.

To all those desiring to come I wish to say that board can be secured in the vicinity of the Seminary at reasonable prices, varying from \$3.00 or \$4.00 to \$6.00 or \$7.00 per week.

On the subject of board, I suggest that all friends correspond with Mr. B. Pressley Smith, Norton Hall, Louisville, Ky. Mr. Smith will give full information to all making inquiry.

A limited number of visitors can be accommodated in New York Hall. The cost of board there is \$12.00 per month. It would be well for those desiring accommodations in the Hall to write to Mr. Smith immediately, lest the places be taken.

I shall be glad to furnish further information to any desiring it on any of the general points of this communication.

E. Y. MULLINS, President.

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A LETTER FROM MONTAGUE.

To the Friends of Howard College:

Among the many gifts made to Howard College within the last three years not one is more highly appreciated or more useful than the handsome donation of our prominent Baptist brother, Mr. L. Lasseter of Montgomery, who at his own expense has had the main building and Renfroe Hall wired for electric lighting and arrangements made to place two lights on the grounds. This large-hearted brother, who is as generous as he is successful in business, has thus added the greatest convenience and beauty to the college and has shown himself in close touch with the development of our institution.

Another valued brother in Montgomery known all over our state and known for his energy and interest in all good works, Brother G. G. Miles, will undertake the addition of bath rooms to Renfroe Hall. Howard College has reason to rejoice in such noble friends.

By the courtesy of the pastor, Bro. J. M. Shelburne, and with his kindly assistance the endowment enterprise was on the second Sunday in December presented to the friends of Ruhama church of East Lake; and with the addition of the sums given at the association, this noble people, with not one rich man among them, reached in the offering to this great monument over \$4,500. I cannot find words with which to express my admiration of this great and notable evidence of sympathy with the growth of Howard College and the onward sweep of Baptist learning. In all the canvasses for this endowment, among all efforts in Alabama or elsewhere, there has for forty years been nothing that has more truly exemplified the spirit of sacrifice and of devotion to duty than this great deed of the Baptists of East Lake. Men who labor for their daily bread gave and gave handsomely, gave promptly and gave until it hurt to give. In this fellowship in my work, in this sympathy with our plans, I find inspiration for labor, incentive to endeavor.

In this evidence of loyalty to our College to the purposes for its enlargement, of devotion to one of the greatest enterprises of our people, is there not a suggestion, is there not a call for sympathetic effort, is there not a fraternal challenge, to the Baptist churches of Birmingham? Brethren of the Southside church, with five trustees on our board, what will you do for the endowment? Your noble pastor, ever helpful, always sympathetic, has given work and money to the monument. Your pastor is the president of our board. Will not his example lead you to help and to help now? Brethren of the First church of Birmingham, I am told that in time gone by you gave substantial evidence of regard for the College. There has been in the history of the institution no time at which loyalty has been more needed than now. Will you not go on record for the endowment?

Brethren of Woodlawn, of Avondale, of Ensley, of Pratt City, of Wylam, of Bessemer or North and East Birmingham permit me to say in all courtesy and kindness that it seems the fitting time to say what you will do. We must have \$22,500 more; will not the churches of the Birmingham district, emulating the worthy act of Ruhama church, give a large portion of this amount? You do not have to give now; you have five years in which to pay, and you begin payment nearly one year hence. The bonds or notes bear no interest and they are not liable to suit. But now is the time to say what you will do and to fill out your bonds.

If my life is spared, I must visit many sections of Alabama; I can not approach all the brethren and sisters; why not write me, then, and say what you will do, and say it without further delay. So much depends upon the speedy and happy issue of this canvass, more than you know, more than I can tell now, that I cannot too urgently beg you to respond and to respond at once. Gifts made now count far more than gifts made six months hence.

If you feel an interest in foreign missions, give; for young men whom we are educating are preparing for service in the foreign field. If you care aught for home and state missions, give; for many of the fifty young preachers, enrolled this year in Howard College, will labor in the home field.

Brethren of Montgomery, of Mobile, of Selma, of

Gadsden, I am asked by the friends of the enterprise what you have done. There are men among you who have been blessed with large means; will not those men respond to this call for Baptist development for the growth of Baptist learning?

Brethren of a hundred towns, now is the time to show your devotion to one of the greatest causes ever presented to our people.

Some of our brethren may have built costly churches. Can this fact excuse you from rendering aid in this crisis of Baptist history in Alabama? You and I know that we must look far beyond the limits of home environment and meet the larger, nobler, world-wide obligations of God's children.

Forgive me, Brethren, if I use great plainness of speech; but I am endeavoring to do the work to which you have called me and to which, I trust, God has called me.

In the name of all for which we as a people stand, in the name of hopes and longings for which the fathers prayed and toiled, by all that we love and cherish, by the struggles that noble souls are making today to put our college beyond want and pinching need, by the certainty of triumph, if only we are loyal and forget in the glory of sacrifice the poverty of self and the smallness of home limits, I call upon you, Baptists of towns named and not named, Baptists of city and of country, to help, to help now, and to help so largely that Alabama shall be known in the years to come as the state that with far-seeing wisdom rose to meet opportunity as the state that gave most and gave most quickly for Baptist learning in all the southern land.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

January 2, 1906.

R. S. GAVIN RESIGNS AT BESSEMER.

To the Members of the First Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama:

Dear Brethren and Sisters—You are aware of the fact that I am suffering from a diseased hip. I have consulted the best surgical talent and skill in Mobile and New Orleans, and am assured that a cure can be effected without an operation. But I must quit work, they tell me, for two or three months. I do not believe the physicians will allow me to do any more pastoral work before the middle of March or first of April. And furthermore, they have ordered me to take my rest in the country. This I have arranged to do. Now I am unwilling to continue to be your pastor in name only. You may be willing to be in very fact, without a pastor during the time of my inability to serve you; but I do not believe the cause ought to go that long without pastoral care. I, therefore, hereby offer you my resignation, effective at once; and I trust you will accept it and call my successor immediately. The conditions here make it very imperative that the pastor be on the field all the time. Every day he is absent, makes against the cause. I hope you will not allow your sympathy for me and mine to influence you in this matter. Please do not refuse to accept my resignation because you feel that the acceptance if it will put a minister and his family without a home. The Lord has been good to us in the past; and the future to us is as bright as His promises are sure. We are not despondent, not even a little bit. The Baptist cause is doing well here now, and it must not suffer for want of pastoral oversight.

It is useless for me to say that I have enjoyed my connection with you; you know I have. And it is equally useless for me to say that I regret that this pleasant connection must now be severed. But our personal likes and dislikes must yield to the will of Him whose we are, and whom we love and try to serve. This is one of the great doctrines I have tried in my weakness to preach unto you from the beginning. And may our God abundantly bless you in all you plan, and in all you do.

Yours sincerely, &c.,

R. S. GAVIN.

Allow me to add an explanatory word to the above so that the brethren of the State may know that I am by no means an invalid. As paradoxical as it may appear, yet it is true that while I have been forced to lay down the work at Bessemer on account of my health, still I have never been in better health, generally speaking, than I am now. For the

last several months I have suffered much with my left hip, and, like a great many others who suffer, and do not know what is the matter with themselves, I charged it up to rheumatism. A short time ago I went to my doctor-brother in Mobile, and he carried me to New Orleans to Dr. Matas. They both decided that the trouble is with the bone of my hip; and that it can be cured permanently without the use of the knife, provided I will quit work for a season—"get right lazy," as Dr. Matas expressed it;—go to the country, and eat all the good things that come my way. My general health is excellent and my appetite always responsive. I'll be ready for work again by the time the apple trees bloom. In the meantime, I shall go to the country, "eat, drink (milk and good water, understand), and be merry." My address will be Yantley, Ala. It's Mrs. Gavin's father's home, and they have yellow-legged chickens galore. You remember I used to be a Methodist. Yours in Him—R. S. Gavin.

OUR PAPER MISSION.

If you believe in the mission of this paper write me for the name and address of some one to whom you can send it occasionally, after you have read it.

Write me a letter or drop me a card telling of your willingness to help and I will send you a name and address. If you can help only a little write anyhow. Give me a list of your friends who would like to help some. Send no papers to me.

God is richly blessing our labors. Meetings are in progress all the time now. Will last about all winter. Some forty people saved the past month. The people are Responsive. Address: B. A. Loving, Secretary, Persimmon, Oklahoma Ter.

I want to tell you of our service last Sunday at Cedar Bluff. We used for a text Matt. 5:16, emphasizing good works. At the close of service we made an offering for the orphans home. Among the contributors was a widowed sister with six children, who opened her purse, turned it bottom upwards, emptying its contents to the last cent. Many eyes were wet with tears. The sister told me she did this because she couldn't help it. The amount from congregation was \$22.75. I say God bless our sacrificing women. A happy Xmas to you.—H. W. Roberts.

Heart Trouble

The heart itself has no power—no self-control. It is made to beat by a tender nerve so tiny that it is scarcely visible to the naked eye. Yet ten thousand times a day this delicate nerve must assist the heart to expand and contract.

This nerve is only one of the branches of the great sympathetic, or INSIDE, nerve system. Each branch of this system is so closely allied with the others that weakness or irregularity at any point is apt to spread. Heart trouble frequently arises from Stomach trouble through sympathy, and Kidney trouble may also follow. For each of these organs is operated by a branch of these same sympathetic nerves—the INSIDE NERVES.

In Heart, Kidney and Stomach troubles, it is of but little use to attempt to doctor the organ itself—the most permanent relief lies in restoring the INSIDE NERVES. Dr. Shoop regards these nerves to be the real cause of such troubles. The remedy—known by physicians and druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative—is the result of years of endeavor along this very line. It does not dose the organ to deaden the pain—but it aims to go at once to the nerve—the inside nerve—the power nerve—and builds it up, and strengthens it, and makes it well.

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The Postum Pure Food factories are the largest in the world, the business having been built upon absolutely pure food products, made on scientific lines, "for a reason" and the plain unvarnished truth told every day and all the time. These factories are visited by thousands of people every month. They are shown into every cranny and examine every ingredient and process. Each visitor sees Postum made of different parts of the wheat berry treated by different mechanical methods and one part blended with a small part of pure New Orleans molasses. So he knows Postum contains not one thing in the world but Wheat and New Orleans molasses. It took more than a year of experimenting to perfect the processes and learn how to develop the diastase and properly treat the other elements in the wheat to produce the coffee like flavor that makes suspicious people "wonder." But there never has been one grain of old fashioned or drug coffee in Postum and never will be.

Another thing, we have on file in our general offices the original of every testimonial letter we have ever published. We submit that our attitude regarding coffee is now and always has been absolutely fair. If one wants a stimulant and can digest coffee and it does not set up any sort of physical ailment, drink it.

But, if coffee overtaxes and weakens the heart, and it does with some).

Or if it sets up disease of the stomach and bowels, (and it does with some).

Or if it causes weak eyes, (and it does with some).

Or if it causes nervous prostration, (and it does with many).

Then good, plain, old fashioned common sense might (without asking permission of coffee merchants) suggest to quit putting caffeine (the drug of coffee) into highly organized human body, for health is really wealth and the happiest sort of wealth.

Then if one's own best interest urges him to study into the reason and "There's a reason," he will unearth great big facts that all of the sophistries of the coffee importers and roasters cannot refute. Take time to read the following from the famous Dr. B. F. Underwood to The American Physician:

Coffee as a Factor in the Production of Gastric and Cardiac Disorders.

By B. F. Underwood, M. D.

The pathogenetic properties of coffee have received but scant attention from medical authors, although, it is not doubtful, I think, that, more than any other single substance, coffee is responsible for the great prevalence of nervous, gastric, and cardiac diseases at the present time, and that the great increase in sudden deaths from heart affection in recent years may be justly set down to the use or abuse of coffee as a beverage.

Shoemaker, in his "Materia Medica," treating upon coffee, says: "Used in excess it disorders digestion and causes functional disturbance of the nervous system, shown by headache, vertigo, mental confusion and palpitation of the heart. It increases secretion, blunts sensation, exalts reflex excitability, increases mental activity and may produce insomnia and great nervous restlessness," and this is as much as any medical author has to say upon the subject.

In my case it may be merely the zeal of the recent convert which inspires me, but I feel strongly from both my personal and professional experience that there is so much more that could and should be said about the deleterious effects of coffee and its potency as a factor in the production of disease. This has been so strongly impressed upon me the past winter that I am impelled to make a contribution to the subject, by reporting a few cases in which coffee was so manifestly causing or continuing the disease that it could not be ignored.

Case I. In the latter part of December, 1903, I had under treatment, an old lady, 74 years, who was convalescing from an attack of pneumonia. She had responded favorably to the treatment and was doing nicely except for a peculiar rise and fall of the temperature and an irregular action of the heart. She had been troubled more or less with weakness of the heart and at this time its action was giving me a good deal of concern, its beat being irregular and feeble, and at times much more so than others. A study of conditions and causes threw no light on the case until I found that the irregularity was more marked on the mornings when she had coffee, which she did not have every morning. As I could not discover any other cause I advised that she should not take the coffee. After some demur on the part of the patient she acceded and Postum Cereal was substituted for the coffee. A favorable effect was almost immediately apparent; the irregular action gave place to a steady, regular beat, the pulse became fuller and stronger, the temperature became normal and the case went on to uninterrupted recovery.

Case II. The result in case one set me thinking. For some years I had been troubled with nervous dyspepsia, with cardiac irritability, and at times great irregularity in the action of the heart, inter-

mittent beat of the pulse and much nervous depression, all of which, in spite of treatment was steadily getting worse. I had had light enough thrown on the case, if I had not been so blinded by prejudice that I could not see. As, for instance, on one occasion, when the cook, who did not believe that coffee was any good unless it rivaled in color her ebony face, gave me a cup of coffee one morning that was fairly up to her ideal, and which, although I noticed that it possessed nearly the strength of Samson, I drank without consideration.

I had been feeling rather better than usual for a day or two, but soon after breakfast I was attacked with such peculiar sensations that I was unable to go out, and was obliged to call upon a colleague for treatment. Singularly enough, although I had the feeling that I was under the influence of some drug, it was not until some time afterward that I realized that I had been poisoned by the coffee. Under strong tonic treatment I grew better for a time, but in December, 1903, I began to grow worse again, and treatment failing to effect any improvement, it began to look as if I was in danger of a complete breakdown.

The colleague who was treating me was suspicious of kidney disease, but an urinary analysis cleared up that point, but I did not improve. It was at this time, as I have said, the result in case No. 1 set me thinking, and I found from a study of the modalities, that I was worse and more depressed after taking coffee, and it finally penetrated into my inner consciousness that possibly coffee was the cause of my condition. I took my own prescription and gave up coffee, with the result of an almost immediate change for the better. The depression disappeared, the cardiac disturbance ceased, and the dyspeptic symptoms lessened and a steady improvement set in.

Case III. About the same time I had under treatment a young lady suffering from chronic nephritis who presented an almost endless variety of symptoms, which would yield to treatment for a time, only to return in an aggravated form. Among the more persistent and annoying of these was a gastric irritability with an absolute refusal of the stomach to digest or absorb any food, progressive emaciation with great weakness, and a constant sensation of hunger with nausea and frequent spells of vomiting, when the food taken would be returned unchanged; palpitation of the heart, oedema, hectic fever, colliquative sweats, etc. Under treatment and a most rigid diet the mitigation of the symptoms was very slight.

I had advised her that coffee was injurious and should be given up, but it was not until her condition was almost hopeless that she could be induced to follow my advice and refrain from coffee. The beneficial effect of this was apparent at once; the stomach began to recover its tone, the irritability ceased, the vomiting stopped, and the food taken was digested and absorbed; the sensation of continual hunger disappeared, the emaciation lessened and her strength slowly returned. Of course, the disease has not been cured, but a cure which seemed hopeless, before has been made possible.

As a result of these experiments, to which more could be added, in all cases of intractable nervous or gastric diseases I have come to regard coffee as an incitant, and an important, if not the chief, factor in the production of the disease, and to insist upon its discontinuance as a part of the treatment, and, I may add, with uniformly good effect. I have found also that, although the giving up of coffee has been in many cases done only under protest and with great reluctance, it has been attended with but little difficulty when a palatable and satisfactory substitute was provided. In my own case and in that of the others described I used the Postum Cereal and found it entirely satisfactory. Even the most inveterate coffee drinkers after a short use of the Postum seem to lose all desire for coffee and to be perfectly satisfied with the Cereal.

Study the subject and apply the facts to yourself.

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Field Notes

A CHRISTMAS SPENT IN PRAYER.

Dear Bro. Barnett and Bro. Baptists of Alabama:—I cannot forbear telling you of our meeting at Sardis church. We have been praying for a revival Christmas and the Lord has graciously answered us. We began Saturday, Dec. 23. On Sunday after preaching we took collection for state missions with good results. Then began a week of work and prayer. In all my work as pastor I never saw people work as those Sardis saints worked Christmas week. The people were filled with the spirit of the Master. The brethren went from house to house. The sisters prayed; all seemed to feel his own personal responsibility and worked accordingly. The self-righteous, moralist as well as the hard hearted sinner, was brought to the foot of the cross and there found the Lord precious to their souls.

The meeting closed Saturday, Dec. 31, with 14 additions to the church, 11 by experience and baptism and as we gathered by the side of the beautiful pool, the earth covered with frost, the bracing breeze from the southwest, the voices of God's saints sang clear out on the morning breeze, it made one think of the long ago when Paul and his band kneeled at the beach and prayed as the people stood by a crackling log fire and warmed while 9 of the 11 that were to be baptized calmly walked down and were buried with Christ in baptism.

More than one was heard to say I never saw the like before. We feel that this week of prayer goes into history with eleven servants who will stand the test and burdens of true Christians.

I was assisted in preaching by Rev. John A. Collins, we began to trouble the baptismal waters early in May and broke the stillness of the waves the third time, Dec. 31. The oldest candidate 86, the youngest about 12. So you see they are falling in all along. Praise the Lord, if every one should read these lines that is opposed to missions.

Please note the following: Twelve months ago this church had preaching in a school house because the old church had become so dilapidated it was dangerous. We now worship in a nice finished edifice. We have thrived for missions and almost tripled in numbers, doubled the pastor's time and almost quadrupled his salary. If this is not enough to convince the most skeptical it would take one from the dead to do it.

I don't know whether the Alabama Baptist finds any of this kind or not but this scribe finds them. This church has only had an ignorant boy for a pastor. So brethren cooperate with the pastor you have and pray the Lord to send you a better one and God will bless your efforts.

Oh for the day when they that hear will heed. Brethren pray for us.—J. E. Lowrey, Jr., Albertville, Ala.

Carbon Hill—Let me bother you with a few words about my field of labor. I do not say that my field is the best in the state, but I do say that it is one of the best. I came to Carbon Hill just two months ago, and since then, seven have been added to the membership of the church. One hundred dollars has been raised by Ladies Aid Society and B. Y. F. U. \$15.64 for state missions, and arrangements made to build a pastor's home. We were welcomed to our new home with a pounding, which filled our pantry with all kinds of good things for the table. From the date of this pounding until Xmas good things continued to come to us, and on Friday night before Xmas, we were run in upon by a host of people, who made us know in a substantial way, that Xmas to us, would be a good one. It was a good one. And as a token of our appreciation, we are

going to do our level best for the up-building of the church, the good of the people and the glory of God. My work will consist of First church, Carbon Hill, and the church at Fayette, Ala. I am just taking hold at Fayette. Here I believe that (under the Lord) I shall do a good work. I never visited a people who impressed me more favorably. While this church has been without a pastor for sixteen months, it is anything but a dead church. Several have been baptized during the year and others are waiting to be baptized. When I came here, I was all broken down in health. Now I am as well as ever in my life, in fact I am five pounds heavier than ever before. How thankful I feel to the giver of all good gifts, no one but myself knows. I have gone to work in earnest along all lines, and earnestly appeal to you and all the dear brethren, to pray that my work may be a success. I love the Alabama Baptist, and hope to do more for it than ever before. Bro. Barnett, come up and I will take in the two towns with you for the paper, and give you the best bed and the best we have to eat while here. With Bro. Wood at Fayette and Bro. Earnest at Carbon Hill and with the help of God and all the brethren, we are expecting to bring things to pass in these parts. Bro. R. M. Hunter spent several days here during Xmas visiting his mother and two brothers, and while here he preached a very excellent sermon. Come again Bro. H., we are always glad to have you. I have been informed that Bro. J. V. Dickinson of Jasper, will move to Clayton in the near future. I hate so much to give him up; but hope the Lord will supply his place at Jasper with some good man without delay. With best wishes for you and the Alabama Baptist, I close.—A. E. Metcalf.

Pine Apple—The record of last year's work is now completed. It is not in our power to change it. Eternity will reveal it as we have made it. Let us be of good cheer therefore, as we turn our faces towards the new life of a new year of time. The following will give you an idea of some of our efforts: The L. A. S., a bazar, from which was realized: \$73.00. Twenty dollars from an oyster supper given by L. A. S. The Sunbeams gave an entertainment Dec. 24th as a Christmas offering to the Orphanage, from this \$8.00 was realized. The programme is as follows:

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3. Christmas Greeting—Bert Kyser.
4. Three Little Texts—Jean Stanford.
5. Bringing Gifts to Jesus—Sadie Melton.
6. Jesus Loves Me—Lola Mae and Juliet Norred, Billy Melton, Annie Laurie, Clara and Virginia Hardy.
7. "After Times"—Louise Melton.
8. "What is it?"—Clara Hardy.
9. Songs—Tell Mother I'll be There—O'er the Ocean—Rob Hardy.
10. Beautiful Words of Jesus—Sunbeams.
11. The Babes of the Bible.
12. The Price of a Drink—Willie Colman.
13. Little Light for Jesus—(Pretty)
14. Reading—Miss Frankie Colman.
15. Four Open doors of Christmas—(Pretty.)
16. Tommy's Prayer—Irene Reynolds, Neil Coleman and Jimmie Norred with tableau.
17. "No Money", recitation.—Henry Melton.
18. Choir, Hark My Soul—Joy to the World.

The Sunbeam Band will work with renewed zeal and I cannot wish you any better wish for the new year than that all may try to abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
MRS. CLAUDE HARDY.
Jan. 2nd, 1906.

HEAD NOISES

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Do you have buzzing, ringing noises in your ears? Is there a snapping in your ears when you blow your nose? Then you have Catarrh in your ear passages, and your Eustachian Tubes—the passages from the throat to the ears—are closing up. You may have no discharge from the nose or throat, but the delicate inner parts of the ear are steadily being destroyed. Those irritating noises show how dangerous the trouble is becoming. As they grow worse they often worry people into nervous prostration and insanity. There's one thing certain—Head and Ear noises are always the forerunners of loss of hearing. Neglect the trouble in your ear passages and deafness is the sure result.



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Sylacauga:—Dear Bro. Alabama Baptist: I wish for you just as many glad and happy new years as any religious paper on earth may have, because I believe that you deserve them. Under God the Alabama Baptist is bringing on the kingdom of God among the children of men.

It has been a good time in this pastor's home during the Xmas just gone. In fact, it has hardly gone. Think of it. No pastor has better people than this one. Not only has the Lord blessed us all along through the year in all our churches, but he has put it into the hearts of the brethren to make glad the pastor's heart in ways substantial. Some cash has been sent to the mission boards, twenty-five dollars from Sylacauga Sunday-school for Orphan's Home on Christmas eve Sunday. Our Ladies Aid Society here has recently made some money to pay off another note on our new church pews, the pastor's salary is about all paid and on the Xmas tree old Santa Claus found a good check good at the bank for the benefit of the pastor. Think of it! Then time would fail me to tell of the turkeys sent to us before Xmas and only one left now to tell the sound of the gobbling that used to be.

Bro. Editor, do you like "spare-ribs and back bones?" Well my folks do too, evidenced by the way we have used up the generous supply sent us by various and sundry brethren, and sisters. In fact, I am not boasting of anything save the goodness of God in leaving some of the kind folks yet on the earth. Why we are stepping on nice rugs sent us by some of these good folks. And we are cutting butter and carving hens brought to us, and sopping ribbon cane syrup sent us, and I am spending money given me besides the check. But I must stop or I will tear my paper and ruin my pen for very joy.

Fayetteville Sunday-school had a Xmas tree which made glad the hearts of all interested. At Sylacauga under the auspices of the Odd Fellows, everybody had a Xmas tree. On 5th Sunday 7:30 p. m., we all had a closing year service at the Presbyterian church here and three pastors here discussed somewhat Phil. 3; 13. We had a good time.

Now on this, the first day of 1906, I find my petitions going to God for His blessings on us at Vincent: Fayetteville and Sylacauga during this year, that it may be the best of all yet given us in the Master's work.

Next Sunday we ordain four new deacons, Brethren J. W. Langley, J. W. Batson, J. N. Peters and Wylly Ogilvie at Sylacauga.

Some weddings are among our people and among all these joyous experiences, we are called on to mourn the death of some of our good members.

At Fayetteville recently the wife of Bro. Jno. H. Jones was laid to rest, and at Sylacauga two days ago a large crowd of friends and relatives followed the remains of dear old Sister Francis Harris to her place in the silent city of the dead. Sister Harris had lived here a faithful, bright Christian for more than fifty years. Though blind to this world's scenes for a few years before her death, her faith in God brightened with the growing years. Everybody in the Coosa River Association will remember well when I say that Sister Harris was a sister of Aunt "Ducky" Flakes, known far and wide all over this country for her Christian work before she went home to God. Dear old Sister Fluker of Vincent, mother of Mrs. Dr. McGraw, is the only surviving member of the family.

Sister Jones of Fayetteville, was a modest, faithful Christian, leaving in her death a husband and several children to mourn her loss. Bro. Jones is the oldest son of old Bro. Hardy Jones along ago a Baptist preacher in West Coosa county and who died a few years ago in Chilton county. Bro. J. L. Jones, also a young preacher, who died at Brundidge years ago and whose widow is our Sister Jones in the Orphanage at Evergreen, was

a brother of this Bro. Jno. H. Jones, so recently bereaved.

Bro. Editor, come to see us this year, be good to the paper and the folks as you have been and take proper care of the babe, "F. W. Jr."

Your Bro.
C. J. BENTLEY.

Wilsonville:—I shall certainly "keep my eye on you" and will try to use some of the pens in the interest of the Alabama Baptist.

As the new year approaches I look with increased hopes to the future for the interests of the Baptists of Alabama and of the world with the increase of opportunities, that are coming to them, then comes the increase of responsibility. May God help us to do our duty bravely and persistently.

With the Alabama Baptist and her wide awake editor, to keep before our people the crying needs of our work. With W. B. Crumpton, verily the best secretary in the Southern Baptist Convention, to outline the work for the Baptist host, and with the eminently wise and polished Montague to hold the rudder of the interests of Howard College, and with that prince of presidents of female colleges, Dr. Robt. G. Patrick, to guide safely and surely the interests of dear old Judson, why need the great hosts of Baptists falter? Let us go on! By the generosity of Messrs. Claud and Henry Jackson, C. E. Weldon and W. A. Hammond, I had the pleasure of a three weeks outing on the St. Marks river and on the gulf shooting at ducks and jerking at fish. Well we caught and killed and shot and shelled. It was great! I never enjoyed an outing so much.

I turn my attention to my work for the Master with renewed energy and determination. With the best pastorate in the state, I am to love them more and serve them better. Just think of it—Wilsonville, the cleanest town I ever saw. No whiskey, no gambling, not a habitual swearer or real profane man in the town always peaceable and quiet, yet busy. I believe we have the best order of any place. An excellent school with a corps of competent teachers.

Harpersville, the quiet, unassuming but ever reliable and possibly among the oldest churches in Shelby county, I shall endeavor to serve for the seventh year. Bethesda ("4 mile") is a great church, great because of its numbers and its ability. We are increasing there in zeal and knowledge of the work and you may listen for a good report from her at the Shelby Association which this church will have the honor to entertain in 1906, and then there are the faithful few at Bethel. We will try to summon courage and with more prayer and faith maintain the dignity of the Master's cause and hope for united effort to increase the usefulness of the church.

We feel somewhat slighted that the editor does not come and preach once at least in, I think, the prettiest church in the country outside the cities. You have a cordial and pressing invitation to come and look into the faces of the best folks you ever saw at Wilsonville, Harpersville, Bethesda and Bethel.

Wishing you and yours a prosperous New Year, I remain,
Fraternally yours,
O. P. BENTLEY.

I am delighted with the paper that you are giving us now and wish you many happy returns of the yuletide and much success as editor of the Alabama Baptist. We were glad to see the face of Frank Willis, Jr., and extend congratulations to you; it is the highest honor bestowed upon a household, a guest fresh from the hand of God given into your keeping to be trained for the service of the Master and the good of humanity.

The mother's page is a noble addition, and I trust will be a strong link, binding the hearts of the readers of the Alabama Baptist into a closer union and more loyal support.

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SAMPLING PREACHERS.

Much has been said in our religious newspapers and by the brethren in private about sampling preachers, that is, inviting them to preach what is known as trial sermons, with a view of extending them a call if both parties are pleased. It is condemned severely by some of our editors and by many of the brethren who occupy prominent pulpits. We used to think that these brethren were right and that the custom ought to be abolished. But we have seen and heard some things in recent years that has caused us to change our minds somewhat on this subject. We are inclined to think that as a rule a church ought to see and hear a preacher before extending a call to him. Some of our brethren take the position that it is best for the church to send a committee to hear the preacher and then have them report the impression he made on them. But this is impracticable in many instances, and even where it is practicable the preacher might please the committee and fail to please the church, or he might not please the whole committee, but would please the church.

And we think it is unwise for a church to call a pastor on the recommendation of one or more prominent brethren. Sometimes a brother is recommended to a field not because he is particularly adapted to the field, but simply because he is a personal friend of the brother who recommends him. If our churches in general acted simply upon the recommendation of others, they would be disappointed many times in the pastors they called. We do not object to recommendations. They are wise and proper but churches ought not to be governed always solely by them. Sometimes a preacher is recommended simply because his friends want to get him a place, and at other times he is recommended because he is doing no good in the field he is occupying and if let alone would come down, so to speak, to a less prominent field, but one better suited to his ability. His friends, however, do not want to see him in a less prominent field, so they send in their recommendations to the prominent pastorless churches, and many times unsolicited. Our personal friendship for a brother will sometimes influence us to go beyond our judgment in recommending him to a pastorate. What we have said on this subject has not been suggested by any particular case, but by a number of cases that have come under our observation. We know a church of some prominence that had two men recommended to them. One was much more strongly recommended than the other and if the church had called without hearing either of the men, the other brother would have received few if any votes. They decided, however, to hear both men preach, and the result was that the brother whose recommendations were not so strong and numerous received a unanimous call to the church. Both were good men but one of them won the hearts of the people. We have heard it sometimes said, "Rev. Dr. ——— Called him to the field." We believe that every man ought to stand on his own merits.

DR. BOMAR'S RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Dr. E. E. Bomar as associate secretary of the Foreign Mission Board which took effect on January 1st, makes it possible for some church to secure the services of a most lovable, capable and consecrated man as soon as Brother Bomar shall gain his strength. The Religious Herald says: "The Board was sincerely reluctant to part with this most lovable and faithful man, and even when it was found that he was not strong enough to continue active work in the field, it was hoped to find something in the office better suited to his strength. But the physician peremptorily orders absolute rest, and thinks that any responsibility would be too heavy for him. So he cannot undertake any work

for the Board, and his official relations with it are ended. It can be said without reservation that he leaves with the sincere love and respect of every member of the Board, and that their earnest prayers will follow him wherever he may go. In these brotherly sentiments hundreds of Richmond people share."

We owe it to Brother Bomar and our readers to state that it was largely due to his planning, co-operating and writing, that our Christmas Missionary Edition was such a helpful and delightful number. He has our love and prayers.

Alabama's Educational Growth.

The cause in Alabama was never more hopeful and the denomination is growing rapidly in influence. The whirlwind campaign conducted by President Montague raising more than \$50,000 in three months for the Howard College endowment fund has been the most significant event in our Baptist history during the past year, and not only united our Baptist forces but demonstrated beginning to realize their strength. Howard is beginning to be what Judson has been for years, the pride of Alabama Baptists, for under the magnificent leadership of President Patrick, Judson has become a synonym for all the womanly graces. Our orphanage under the indefatigable Stewart has become an asylum and beehive of industry. Alabama Baptists are proud of Dr. Montague, enthusiastic over Dr. Patrick, appreciative of John Stewart, but all love Dr. Crumpton, who is known up and down the state as "our beloved secretary." Under God we believe he is the greatest power for good in our organized work. Alabama Baptists have been good to me and the paper has passed the 10,000 subscription mark.—Frank Willis Barnett, in the New Year's edition of the Standard, Chicago.

SWEARING.

"Do not swear. There is no occasion to swear outside of a printing office. It is useful in proof reading, and indispensable in getting forms to press, and has been known to assist in looking over the paper when it is printed; but otherwise it is a very disgusting habit."

The above paragraph we clipped from a secular newspaper. There is not only no occasion for swearing outside of a printing office, but there is no occasion whatever for it inside of a printing office. It is not "useful in proof reading," but hurtful. It is not "indispensable in getting forms to press," but is a positive hindrance to such work. It does not "assist in looking over the paper when it is printed," but only makes matters worse. Editors may be truly said to be educators and we are always sorry when they are disposed to make fun of such a vile, wicked, senseless, "disgusting habit" as swearing.

Perhaps there is no sin more common than swearing. A gentleman, who believes that swearing is a "disgusting habit" is sometimes embarrassed in traveling by the practice of this "disgusting habit" on the part of men who otherwise seem to be gentlemen. It is painful in walking along our streets to hear men and boys giving expression to their sentiments in useless, disgusting profane language. It is the most useless and senseless of all habits. When men steal or murder or fight or drink to excess, or gratify their passions in any way, there is usually some reason for it. They either find pleasure or profit in it, but swearing brings neither pleasure nor profit. We will not say that no gentleman will swear, but we do not hesitate to say that no one is a gentleman when swearing. The most habitual swearer will refrain from swearing when in ladies' presence if he has any self-respect, and by this it is admitted that swearing is ungentlemanly.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

On Sunday we took part in the farewell service of Rev. E. Lee Smith at the West End Baptist church. After a gospel sermon in which Brother Smith urged the church to stand together and be of one mind and rally to the work the members came forward to say good bye to Brother Smith. It was a tender scene and the presence of the Lord was felt. On account of his wife Brother Smith goes to Daytona, Florida, in the hope that the sea breeze and balmy air will help her. He expects to engage in evangelistic work until Mrs. Smith's condition is bettered. Brother and Sister Smith leave behind many friends who will pray God's blessings upon them. They have our love and sympathy and we hope the Florida Baptists will be good to them.

Jesus was in all points tempted like we are and yet without sin. Buddha only claimed to be sinless after long years of struggle, and in the life of Confucius there is little of the heroic, while Mahomet stands by his own confession, terribly condemned. In the Old Testament who will you place by the side of Jesus? Will it be Adam? But Adam lost us Paradise. Will it be Abraham? Abraham could say that which was not true. Will it be Moses? Moses forfeited for himself the Holy Land. Will it be Job?—but Job said: "I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Will it be David? But the ghost of Uriah rises to haunt his imagination. This man has done nothing amiss, moaned the dying malefactor. I have shed innocent blood shrieked Judas. Surely this was the Son of God, cried the centurion at the cross.

Christianity has made great strides since the days when Roman emperors led captive generals at their chariot wheels through the streets of Rome to the chivalric treatment accorded the Spanish admiral by his American captors and Togo's treatment of Rojensky. And so the spirit of christianity is silently pervading and transforming the barbarities of war, for where armies are butchering one another, men and women wearing the red cross at the peril of their own lives, are administering impartially to the needs of the wounded and the dying, until Clara Barton and Florence Nightingale may well be called angels of the battlefields. War has already ceased to be the past time of kings. Even an emperor these days must look well to the wishes of his people. Nations have already ceased to war. A party who wages war without a just cause has the moral force of the world against him.

The News-Scimitar says: "The cry is being raised that we are having a return of puritanism. That a change from the wide latitude and licentiousness of the past is at hand, no observing person will deny. Whether or not this spiritual growth will involute and turn in upon itself until it becomes the genuine puritanism of old may not now be determined. Puritanism is not pleasant while it lasts, but its effects are most salutary. Puritanism gave to the American character its great strength and invincibility of purpose. It produced great men and its influence yet remains. A return of puritanism would be oppressive to those who have been accustomed to so much latitude, but it would give stamina and force to the centuries to come long after it has passed away. No matter what we call the change, a change is taking place and that change is directed against the use of whiskey. Failure in one place or in a dozen places does not cool the ardor of the advocates of this reform. The more opposition they meet with the more determined they see."

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NEWS NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Texas Baptist Standard prints the picture of Rev. J. L. Gross in its issue of Jan. 4th, with an appreciation, calling him the "Apostle of sunshine." We believe that under God Joe Gross is destined to do a great work in Texas.

We extend our sympathy to Brother Gavin, who is forced to give up the pastorate temporarily for the reason as he puts it "that his walking machinery happens to be out of fix." We trust that rest and quiet will soon put him on his feet again.

We welcome Rev. W. A. Parker, Jr., back to Alabama from Texas, and pray God's blessings upon him in the new field at Ft. Payne.

"I have been far and seen much," said a visitor to the city yesterday, "and I have just taken a look at the new First Baptist Church which is going up on one of your principal residence streets. It will be a majestic structure, and if it does not eclipse anything to the South, it will have few equals. Montgomery will be justly proud of this handsome place of worship and the Baptists of your city deserve great praise for attempting such an enterprise. Marble throughout, with ample room for all requirements of a modern church, and occupying an entire block facing four streets, I can picture no better building or location."—Montgomery Advertiser.

Please announce that Mr. William A. Davis, of Anniston has accepted the trusteeship of the endowment fund, and that I am turning over to him all money that comes in. Some friends are paying in advance. We have almost as many students in college now as we had in total last year; and some more are coming.—A. P. Montague.

Please find enclosed \$1.00. Move my figures up to Jan. 1st, 1906. I am well pleased with the paper. I have been taking it for over twenty years. Please change my paper from Tusculumbia to Jasper, as I have moved to this place.—J. O. A. Pace.

Married—On Thursday night, Dec. 22, 1905, at the bride's home near Alpa Springs, Ala., Mr. O. D. Ruff was married to Miss Emma Fuller, the writer officiating. Mr. Ruff is a member of the Baptist church at Prattville, Ala. May peace and happiness attend them through life.—H. R. Schramm.

Mrs. Calder B. Willingham, wife of our missionary to Japan, whose serious illness has given so much anxiety to her husband and kindred, is still quite sick at Dr. Kelly's Sanitarium in Baltimore. We rejoice, however, to hear that she is steadily climbing the hill back to health. Dr. Willingham speaks in terms of warmest gratitude of the kindly attentions of the Baltimore people to Mr. and Mrs. Willingham, especially of the marked goodness of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Levering.—Religious Herald.

We are not at all surprised to hear that Dr. Oliver Fuller Gregory has already found his way into the hearts of the Staunton people. He is a valuable addition to the brotherhood of Virginia Baptist ministers. His alert and practical mind and his warm heart are always enlisted in denominational enterprises and his earnest and fruitful ministry will be a source of joy and strength to his church. We lay on him now our loving command that he gather Baptist News in Staunton and the region round about and forward it weekly to us. Herald readers will wish to know how the battle goes in the metropolis of the Valley.—Religious Herald.

Dr. B. F. Riley, who lately resigned as pastor of the First church, Houston, Texas, has decided to establish a high grade female school in or near that city, but it will not be ready before October, 1907.—Baptist and Reflector.

DIVERSIFIED EMPLOYMENT (By H. M. Long.)

In stating this subject it may be proper to state in the outset that it is in no sense a debatable

question, but a proposition, or statement of a fact that every right thinking, fair-minded person will accept without cavil. Again, as I see it, the proposition is directly in keeping with the line of thought pursued by the Apostle Paul in the 12th chapter of his first recorded letter to the church at Corinth.

In this chapter, viewed as a whole, the Apostle teaches that spiritual gifts are diverse, but to the end that all may be profited. God has diversely bestowed them for the general good of the church. Says this inspired writer: "There are diversities of gifts, but the same spirit." As the gifts among the membership are diversified, it logically follows that the employment of members in church work must also be diversified. For as the hand can not do the work assigned to the foot, nor the ear perform the functions of the eye, neither can a Christian endowed with one kind of gifts effectually do the work to be performed by one with quite a different gift.

A brother might have the gift of teaching and hence make a success in that line, but as a prophet be an utter failure. One may attain to a large measure of efficiency and success as a deacon, or pastor's help, but as a preacher he might make miserably poor progress. There is no question that some men, who might have made fairly good deacons have become nugatory by undertaking to preach when they were not divinely called to such work, nor did they have qualifications for it. Having failed as preachers, and, for some reason, not undertaking anything else, they have become almost, if not altogether lost to the church.

This being the case, too much care can scarcely be exercised by the pastor and church in the distribution of labor among the members, for mistakes—injurious in their effects—are liable to be made along other lines, as well as that already noticed.

That each member should have some part of church work to do, goes without saying, for as slothfulness, or bodily inactivity is regarding to the physical growth of a child, so is religious inactivity a hindrance to the spiritual growth and development of a Christian.

This being admitted, let us proceed to notice the matter of diversifying the labor of the members. As already intimated, not only must there be a diversity of employment, but in assigning work, reference must be had to special fitness for the work. Two or more elements must sometimes combine to qualify one for a given department of work. As in the case of bishops and deacons, the Apostle in I. Tim. 3: 2-9, mentions several things as essential to fitting men for these respective offices.

Too often brethren are chosen to do certain work without reference whatever to their personal fitness, and hence as often the work fails to be performed aright. A man may be ever so well informed even in the scriptures and possess a fair degree of executive ability, yet if he is lacking in piety and consecration, he is not the man to superintend a Sunday school. So in choosing officers and teachers for the Sunday school, care must be exercised that suitable ones be selected.

The same holds good in selecting church officers, such as deacons, clerks, treasurers, etc. So of appointing committees, of which some churches have a goodly number, and it were well they should have, for, besides keeping up the varied departments of church work, in that way a larger per cent. of the membership may be brought into requisition and given employment. It were well that some employment in church work should be given every member of the church.

As the employment of every member of the natural body is important in that it conduces to the health of the body and stimulates growth and development of the body in all of its members, so is it of much consequence touching the spiritual development of the church, that every member bear some part in the work of the church. For as the Apostle very aptly puts it, the church is very much like unto the natural body. To maintain a good degree of health in the natural body, and to stimulate the development of the same, the hands, the feet, the eyes, the ears—in fine, all the members of the body must execute their respective functions in any work undertaken by the body. It is even so with

respect to the church and its members. They must all contribute according to the gifts bestowed upon them.

For "unto each of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Wherefore he saith: When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.... And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ; till we attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness after the wiles of error; but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, even Christ; from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love."

DEAR READERS.

In a short time our China mission work will be before you in a special way in our religious journals. Now may I have a talk with you about our Lord's work in Yongchow. The Lord has greatly blessed us this year. Our church has been greatly revived and a number of our members have showed great interest in the salvation of the unbelievers. I have never seen such interest manifested on the part of the people as was during the spring. In the summer we had a series of meetings. Two services a day for prayer and the reading of God's word with the native Christians. The third meeting was for the heathen. Many had to be turned away for want of room to seat them. While we only baptized sixteen at the time of the meetings, there were hundreds who professed to believe in the Saviour. The people were greatly moved by the Spirit of God. Yet they are in the world, and are so ignorant of spiritual things. They are like Israel when God took her by the hand to lead her from her bondage in Egypt to the land of promise. In these meetings the whole congregation would declare for Christ. One must believe that these great numbers were moved by the spirit of God. But to deliver them from the evil one is a great work. It is a spiritual warfare. I was never so impressed with these thoughts as at present. Following these meetings I was with the brethren in Chinkong, and no less interest was manifested at that point. But the interest is not confined to these places where we live. In May I took a trip by boat to the east of Yangchow for ten days. People everywhere gave heed to the message that we took them. We never had such crowds to hear the gospel and by portions of scriptures many seem to be longing for a better life. The needs of this field are great. The city Yangchow is located on the Grand Canal fifteen or twenty miles from Ching-Kiong, where the canal crosses the Yangtse river. It has a population of 400,000. There are seven large cities in this section with many towns and villages between where the gospel is not known. Only one city besides Yangchow where we live has a missionary. This territory is a plain in the Yangtse valley sloping toward the river on the south and the yellow sea on the east. The Grand Canal passes through the center from north to south. The eastern section is intersected by small canals, thus furnishing easy way of travel in evangelistic work. The small Chinese boats come in very useful. We need at once two families for Yankchow. Our present force is not sufficient for the city of Yangchow, to say nothing of the rest of this territory. The willingness of the people to leave makes it necessary that we put forth greater efforts to reach the people with the blessed message of salvation. At present our board has two male missionaries in Yangchow but Dr. Evans must give his time to the medical work. Who among my readers will hear the call and come over and help us to save these lost ones for whom Christ died. May each of us be led aright in our decision as to what God would have us do.

G. W. PIERCE.

Field Notes

Goodwater, Ala., Dec. 26, 1905.—On my return from Talladega Springs where I had been visiting and enjoying the hospitalities of my Union Springs people I was presented with a nice ham, which came in very nice time "as the other one had given out". And on arrival at my own town a card was handed to me which advised that there was an express package for me, and to my delight, I was reminded of the saying Brother J. C. Bentley used, when he received a nice new buggy and harness from his good people, "He said go and do likewise." As I opened the box I found a handsome overcoat given by the good ladies and friends of Hollins as a Christmas present. For which kindest regards are tendered. We have some fine workers at Hollins among the ladies, who cause things to be done. Our work there has only been in progress two months, but we are delighted with the field and hope to do great things for the Master and accomplish much good among the people. On Christmas morning, wife and children were made glad too, and we could rejoice together, as we opened a box and divided the many nice things which my good sisters of Union Springs had expressed to us. Wife and children join your pastor in thankfulness to our good people who are minded to remember us on the anniversary of our Savior, and to our Heavenly Father who did give the first great gift to all mankind. Let earth receive her King. Peace on earth, good will to all men.

The writer had the pleasure of celebrating Christmas eve by uniting a couple in wedlock at 3 p. m., at the bride's father's, J. G. Waldrop, Miss Lula Waldrop to Mr. Silvester Ogburn. May their pathway ever be strewn with brightness. Quite a number of friends and relatives witnessed the scene and made merry the occasion. Fraternally.

R. W. CARLISLE.

Pratt City—In the midst of the confusion and labor incident to settling in the new home and the demands of the "Christmas tide," I have not found time until now to speak of the delightful receptions tendered me and my family since coming to Pratt City.

First, on Thursday night, Dec. 7th, the church welcomed us in a gracious and substantial way. Wife and I and the two children with us had been hard at work all day putting things to rights. After supper the weariness, the new surroundings, the pouring rain outside combined to produce a feeling of loneliness and homesickness hard to shake off. When suddenly, such a stamping, and scraping such a buzz of voices on our front piazza! In they came, men, women and children, till they filled the halls and rooms upstairs and down. Each brought a package of something to supply our pantry, of furnish our table. The warm hand-shakes, the sincere words of welcome refreshed us, made us glad and soon our weariness was gone.

On Sunday afternoon, 10th inst, brethren representing the Baptist Minister's Union of Birmingham, met with the church and gave the new pastor and family a hearty welcome. Bro. J. A. Hendricks, the preceding pastor, was master of ceremonies. Addresses were made by him, and by Brethren Longcrier, of Ensley, Gable, District Missionary, and Dr. Shelburn of East Lake. Bro. Glasgow, pastor of the Methodist church here, assisted also in the service. The "new pastor" responded as best he could. The church and congregation filed past and gave the hand to all the ministers present in pledge of welcome and co-operation in work.

But why tell these things? They are commonplace, occurring week by week. Ah, well! let us magnify the common-place, and attend with care to the things that are easily done. These are the things that give friend-

ly cheer, that gird with strength, that lift up the hearts and hands of men in power and noblest endeavor. And "The seeds of good we sow, In both shade and shine will grow, And will keep our hearts aglow, While the days are going by."

I. A. WHITE.

Pratt City, Dec. 27, 1905.

NOTES FROM PINE APPLE.

I am reminded by the reception of a package of writing pens, sent as a Christmas present by yourself, of a request made by you for me to write for the Alabama Baptist. The last communication I made to you under the above caption got me into hot water, and this explains my long silence.

At the beginning of this year, I mapped out what I desired my churches to accomplish in the way of material improvements on the church buildings. I wanted to see the church house at Repton painted, a new church built at Excel, a bell for the Monroeville church, and a bell for the church at McWilliams church and the church at the latter place painted. All these improvements have been made with the exception of painting the house at McWilliams. I have had a hard struggle at Excel, but thanks be unto the Lord a neat church house stands there as a monument to the untiring energy of both pastor and people. Dr. Crumpton becomes their leader there and we hope to see great things accomplished there for the cause of God. This is one of the most inviting mission fields perhaps in Alabama. But, may be I had better stop right here as it was just here where I got into hot water in my last notes.

Always at the close of a year, I instinctively turn my mind, and survey what has been done and lay plans for the accomplishment of something better in the future. The Lord has greatly blessed me, and my work, and I take courage to do more for His blessed name. For a dozen years I have stood as the only representative of my immediate family upon this earth, all the others having gone before me to the unseen world. This sometimes makes me lonely, but the spell soon wears away, and I am as happy as any one need be here.

There is one mission point, where I realize that the Lord is giving His approval to my work. You remember where you visited the meeting of the Bethlehem Association. It would do you good to visit that place again. When the Monroeville church extended its call to me for the fourth time to become its pastor, I requested that I might run down there and keep up the mission at Oak Grove.

My work for 1906 will be the same as this year except the giving up of Excel and taking on Zion church. I have never been anything but a practical Missionary Baptist. Sometimes I have been misunderstood in my work, and sometimes criticised, and sometimes censured. But these things don't move me. I am ready to spend and be spent for I count not my life dear unto myself in order that I may win some.

The churches as far as I know in this section are supplied with pastors. And Bro. Editor, I believe the majority of the pastors down here are kind of fixtures, that is they are here to stay. I don't think that the Annual Conference will make many changes in the pastors here.

Be it said to the credit of our people in this section of South Alabama, that there was practically no drunkenness here during Christmas. I have been informed, that an effort will be made to close the dispensary at our county capital at the next meeting of the legislature. May God lend His Divine sanction to the effort, and close this door to ruin. I will stop, and if this don't find its way to the waste will write again.

W. N. HUCKABEE.



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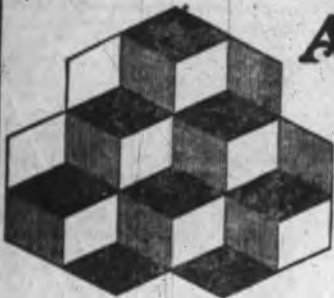
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Miscellaneous Notes

DR. A. J. BARTON'S RESIGNATION.

Dr. A. J. Barton has resigned his position as Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board and returned to the pastorate. He becomes pastor of the Beech Street Church, of Texarkana, Ark., where a field of great possibilities opens to him.

It was with sincere and profound regret that the Board accepted his resignation. His work had been done with conspicuous fidelity and ability. His special services in compactly organizing our enlarged work among the Negroes, with its delicate and difficult phases, met with the heartiest approval of the Board, while his general field work was strong and efficient.

As Secretary we found him a most agreeable fellow-worker. He is one of our strongest men, and will always be found on the right side and at work.

The Board appointed a committee to prepare a statement expressive of the Board's sentiments towards Dr. Barton and his work, which is contained in the following:

An Appreciation.

Rev. A. J. Barton, D. D., for some time Field Secretary, having resigned in order to accept an important pastorate to which he believes the Lord is leading him, the Home Mission Board with regret consents to his withdrawal from a work which he has discharged to its complete satisfaction.

Dr. Barton's relations with the Board during his term of service have been of the most agreeable and fraternal character, and his services as Field Secretary have been eminently wise, energetic, consecrated, and efficient, fully meeting our expectations and eliciting our admiration and gratitude.

The Board takes occasion to put upon record this expression of its feelings towards our late Field Secretary and to communicate the same to him, with the earnest hope that the blessings of God may abide upon him in the pastorate and make him in that sphere, as he has been in the place just made vacant, a mighty power for Home Missions throughout the State of Arkansas and the whole South.

W. W. Landrum,
 E. L. Connally,
 B. D. Gray,
 Committee.

REV. C. D. DANIEL GOES TO EL PASO TEX.

It will be sad news to many that Brother C. D. Daniel will soon give up his work in Cuba. Over a year ago he had several severe hemorrhages from the lungs and it looked as if he could not live.

He recovered strength rapidly, and was soon earnestly at work. Still he had doubts as to whether he should try to continue his work in Cuba. Some months ago he tentatively offered his resignation, which was made final recently, and accepted with great reluctance by the Board. He was immediately appointed to take charge of our Mexican work at El Paso.

Previous to going to Cuba he was engaged in the Mexican work in Texas, and his return to that field fills all hearts there with joy. Dr. Gambrell is delighted, and so is Dr. R. B. Smith, of the First Church, El Paso. A great field is opened to Brother Daniel, and he is admirably qualified for it.

Our joy over his going there has somewhat modified our grief over his leaving Cuba, where he has done so much good and led our work with the sacrifice, patience, fortitude and courage of a hero. The fine climate of Western Texas, it is believed, will exactly suit Brother Daniel, and we are expecting great things from him in that needy field now ripe unto harvest.—Home Field.

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THE ORPHAN'S HOME.

The following report was read and adopted at the last session of the Muscle Shoals Association, but by some means, failed to appear in the minutes, which I regret very much. It is the first time that a report adopted by the association since I have been clerk, for more than 20 years, has failed to be printed in the minutes. I thought I had sent it to the printer, but as it is not in the minutes I suppose I did not send it.

JOS SHACKELFORD, Clerk.

Report on Orphanage.

As should be known to every Baptist in Alabama, our Orphan's Home is located at Evergreen with Rev. J. W. Stewart as superintendent, who is universally recognized as the right man in the right place. He is indeed a father to the fatherless, and to him is due, more than to any other one man, the wonderful success of this institution. The Home was established twelve years ago in a small rented house, and by the indomitable energy of Bro. Stewart and his unwavering faith in God, aided by the generous gifts of the Baptists of the state, it has been made to grow in size and usefulness until it has now more than one hundred children, and owns property to the value of thirty thousand dollars, consisting of 80 acres of land divided up into farm, garden, orchard, pasture and grounds around the premises. There are four brick buildings known as the "Circle Cottage," "The Scott Cottage," "The Infirmary" and "The Bush Dormitory," which afford facilities for the assignment of homes to the inmates as their conditions and necessities require. The various buildings and the farm and appertinencies are under the supervision of competent men and women, and the whole institution is in a flourishing condition. In addition to the moral, mental and spiritual training, the children are taught to work and tenderly led to a life of usefulness. The good that has come and will continue to come out of this work, cannot be estimated by human foresight—eternity alone can disclose it. Of course, as the institution grows, there is a corresponding increase in its needs, and we most earnestly urge our brethren to continue to maintain it by their gifts their sympathies and their prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
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RESOLUTIONS BY HURTSBORO BAPTIST CHURCH.

On the 27th of October, the sweet spirit of Miss Annie Joe Head was called from the home of her childhood at Auburn, Ala., to the mansion above. She was a woman of rare virtues, possessing all the traits that make a true and noble woman, an exemplary Christian life.

Her home life was beautiful. She was ever mindful that her influence would be everlasting and was so clad with the spirit of her Lord, that she considered no sacrifice too great for those she loved, her life was like a snowflake which leaves a mark but not a stain. The result of her work shall ever live. She was an enthusiastic church worker, and served happiest in its service.

Her last work among us was an effort to remodel our church building and when the work is completed it shall be as a memorial to her name.

Therefore be it resolved,

1st. That by her death the church has lost a consecrated member, the Sunday-school and Aid Society a faithful zealous worker.

2nd. That we bow in submission to the will of God, who doeth all things well.

3rd. That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to her bereaved relatives as they mourn the loss of one whom they, and we loved and sadly miss.

4th. That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and published in the Alabama Baptist.

MRS. G. W. LONG,
MRS. L. L. TORBERT,
MISS ETHEL HARBUCK.

Rev. J. O. Hixson—I invite your attention to the last words of the seventeenth Psalm; which were almost the first and last words uttered by Rev. J. O. Hixson, in the holy service of God; these words being the motto text of his most famous sermon, delivered by him 55 years ago, at the age of 21 years, and recalled by him again Oct. 20, 1905, just the day before his faithful Christian spirit was translated to the God who gave it. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake, with thy likeness."

We have for this obituary a long and useful life, born in Georgia Aug. 2, 1829, and closed in Union Springs, Ala., Oct. 21, 1905. Left us footprints from the cross leading up to glory! A Baptist life and ministerial life; a private life, a public life and a religious life; a life opposed to wrong and in defence of right; a long laboring life for Christ and a life with double action against sin and the devil; a life complimentary to the educational work of Mercer University, and a life that is a credit to the Baptists of Georgia; a life that some people loved, and a life that all good people admired, and a life that nobody hated; a life spent in reading, writing, preaching and teaching Christian doctrine. Faithful servant, sweetly rest!

ALBION HIXSON,
Third Son.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. R. C. Burt died at her home near Ft. Deposit, Ala., Dec. 4, 1905. She was about 79 years old at her death. She was twice married. First was married to Mr. Thames, leaving one son, Mr. Joseph Thames. Afterward she was married to Rev. R. M. Burt who died about 1893.

Sister Burt was one of God's sweetest saints, always ready to do all in her power for her Master's glory, willing, loving and cheerful giver. She joined the Baptist church near Calhoun, Ala., when about 20 years of age. Lived a consistent faithful Christian life and died in the faith. We shall all miss her "till we meet again." Her pastor,

W. J. D. UPSHAW.

Cole—Mrs. Fannie Cole of Gordo, Ala., who died at her home Dec. 17, 1905, had been a consistent member

of the Baptist church since early life, and was one of the charter members of the Gordo Baptist church. Her pure life and amiable disposition won to her many friends who extend their sympathy to the bereaved husband and relatives. May we trust in God who is able to give everlasting comfort to the weary.
H. B. D.

Little Grace Baker McKee departed this life Dec. 6, 1905. She was the cherished idol of devoted father and mother five sisters and two brothers, age one year nine months and 2 days. Death at all times is sad, even when aged die—the aged and mature whose lives lie all behind them and go down to the grave. Yet it is hard to say good-bye. But oh, when the young fair and beautiful, sink by the wayside, in rosy tint of being's dawn. Then death to us is revealed in his most cruel form.

Thus the little feet of little Grace Baker McGee, no more shall tread the path of life, they are now wending their way through the golden streets of "the beautiful city of light."

Two white hands laid lightly
Across her snowy breast,
Two white lips closed gently
Our Grace has gone to rest.

We tried to keep her with us
We loved the darling so,
Although the Savior called her,
'Twas hard to let her go.

No longer weep over vacant chair,
She has one at her Savior' right hand,
And though she has gone from our circle at home,
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The plan adopted last year of working up one association at a time, securing the help of the vice president of the association, if possible, was greatly facilitated by the kindness of Bro. J. G. Lowrey, who proved his "genius for details" in suggesting dates and places and in providing for the comfort and conveyance of the visiting sister.

Having previously tested the hospitality and good cheer at Mrs. W. W. Bettis' home in Thomasville, who is vice president of the Clarke county association, we gladly accepted her invitation to stop over night with her as we entered the Bethel Association for a week's work. The down-pour of rain that greeted our sorrowful eyes, did not deter the vigorous and courtly Mr. Wm. Nickols from coming in to escort us to

Nicksolsville

and to the home of his son, Mr. George Nickols, when all the outside discomfort was soon forgotten in the hearty good will and unbounded attentions of his family. When one finds Judson girls within that means a delightful atmosphere of intelligence and graciousness, and here the eldest daughter of this Christian home delights in church work in all of its phases as well as in the adornment of the home. We were very fortunate in securing Mrs. D. E. Day as the leader for the Sunbeam Band organized at the pretty new church Sunday morning before starting for Forest Springs. The fine little president rejoices in the name of Custis Bush Hasty and the ladies face is a benediction to the little folks who love her dearly and whom she leads so willingly. The ladies are wishing for a society but so great is their modesty and so scriptural are they in "the honor preferring one another" injunction that it is hard to find one willing to assume the presidency. This will not always be the case, however, we are sure, as they admit the necessity of organizing in order to do the great work allotted woman in our day.

In company with Bro. Horace Pugh, we started out, nothing daunted by the cold wind and the winter roads for

Forest Springs,

and there it seemed as though we had come upon a piece of home, as we greeted the children of our dear friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Smith. Many and fond were the memories that rushed through our mind as we thought how often we had "sat together in the heavenlies" with them, in the dear old Southside church at Birmingham and rejoiced that wherever they go they work for the Lord. Mrs. Ed Smith is the president of the Ladies Aid Society, to which they will add a missionary feature and begin by pressing the Christmas offering for China. A fine Sunbeam Band was organized in the hush of the Sabbath morning, added solemnity being given by the quiet and beauty of the woodland scene. Mrs. Dr. Todd and Mrs. Horace Pugh will lead the lambs. The duly elected president is Johnny Todd, and just as bright he is, as ever a boy was made.

Bro. Ben Singleton accompanied by Miss Gilmore and Miss Bennett, the latter we had met at Pine Hill, at the association, were present to carry us back with them and though the weather was severe and the wind in our faces, the comfortable surry shielded us from the discomfort, in a great measure and we found ourselves at

Putnam

and in the midst of Mrs. Singleton's a most interesting family. Again we fared forth and found the faithful ones at the church awaiting our coming. The L. A. Society with Mrs. W. A. Waitman as president, will adopt the Quarterly Mission Literature as their study during the new year and received the little envelopes for the

Christmas offering gladly, that they may bring in their gifts to the Babe of Bethlehem. Miss Alma White and Mrs. B. D. Johnson accepted the care of the Sunbeam Band, newly organized with Clifford Singleton as president. We have bespoken him for Howard College—such promise do we foresee in his young life. Thus ended the Sabbath day, and we rejoiced that the three newly organized bands had been placed under the fostering care of the L. A. and M. societies, and had been received by them as sacred trusts. We were brought on our way to

Nanafalia

by kind offices of Miss Lou Compton who holding the good horse Henry well in hand, "went like the wind" which was blowing cold enough. Beside the warm hearth of Mr. and Mrs. E. Q. Bailie we forgot everything but how pleasant it was within and after resting a while, wended our way to the historic church, where the children and the ladies had gathered, despite the cold. We were glad to meet again, our former Sunbeam leader, Mrs. Annie Harper, nee Westbrook, and rejoiced that she will undertake the children again—showing that sweet spirit that is forgetful of self and even in keenest swearing thinks of others. A fine band was organized with Vernon Compton as president, and a hard matter it was to decide among so many bright boys and girls, but the rotating in office that pertains in Sunbeam ethics being used at one time or another. We insisted upon the ladies re-organizing. The Alabama W. M. U. cannot do without them. These societies stand in the roll call of our earliest organized work. So by unanimous consent Mrs. E. Q. Bailie was elected president, and the Christmas offering will at once claim their attention.

The gallantry of Mr. Earle Dial and the fortitude of the good horse Henry, was again tested, as we turned our faces toward

Aimwell

and the wind! But the sisters were at the school house to meet us, Mrs. J. J. Marion, the president of their society, among them, and a crowd of children with their young lady teacher. It was too cold to keep them long, but we sowed the school house, figuratively speak, "ankle deep" with mission literature, which was carried home by the children, and who can tell "what will the harvest be?" Again the unlimited kindness of our country brethren was proven and failed not, when through the frosty air, and behind a team, whose mettles cannot be rivaled and in a buggy, the timber of which it was made, having been grown providentially just for these roads, we were brought to the kindly shelter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lewis' care, and within the radiance of their good fires, which seems to mean more to this scribe just now than any other "creature comfort!"

The morning found us again at a school house filled with good folks and their children. It was cozy as could be and just as warm as could be wished and such a rousing meeting we had! The Ladies Aid, added the missionary feature to their work and their president Mrs. M. L. Norris, together with others expressed herself as encouraged and desiring to do greater work than ever before. The children rejoiced that Miss Reba Lewis, who is also an enthusiastic member of the Laides Society, will be their Sunbeam leader, and feel proud of work for that great and good woman, Miss Willie Kelley, whom many remember and still love. We feel as though we are treading on historic, yea on sacred soil when we remember this is the native heath of our beloved missionary. We felt this even more sensibly when after a pleasant drive in the middle of the day from Union Grove to

Miller

with Mrs. Mary Watts, we were welcomed to the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Chas. H. Miller, and learned that the latter was Miss Willie's cousin, county and it was our pleasure furthermore at

Octagon

to see the "eight cornered house" in which she taught school and which is revered by the older people because it was used as a church many years before the present building was raised.

Here again we thanked God and took courage because if there be one consecrated, energetic woman in a church, a Sunday school can be maintained, and missions brought to the minds of the people. Mrs. G. Glass is just such a Christian at this church and under her guidance and that of the excellent teacher, Mrs. M. E. Johnson, a large Sunbeam band was constituted. There were no fewer than forty children who will join with Chas. H. Miller, Jr., as their president. It was a pretty sight indeed when the four little officers were installed. May it be but the beginning of their "attempting great things" for God! Many coincided with Mrs. Glass in saying that at this point it is almost an impossibility for the ladies to meet in a society during the winter months, on account of the roads—any one being skeptical on the subject of the tenacious quality of the soil, let him come and stick in it and see if he can get away with a tranquil temper. At any rate it will be a pleasant task in the spring for the vice president of the Bethel Association to come among this people and help them to larger things. A Christmas envelope was left for each member and whether they must perforce, "for-sake the assembling of themselves together" during the winter months or not the sisters may "lay by them in store as the Lord hath prospered them," and the gift will be acceptable to Him. Since His head has rested on Mary's bosom womanhood has been elevated, motherhood has been consecrated and childhood has been dignified.

Our last appointment failing to materialize, and there had been heretofore no disappointment, nor hitch in any of the plans so admirably laid out by Bro. Lowrey, we turned homeward in the wee sma' hours of the morning in order to catch the train. We shall never forget the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Henson, of Octagon, who found "the stranger" and "took her in," and ministered to her, and then took her on her "way rejoicing." It will ever be a memory, that early morning ride—"lenc alec" preceding the fast horses that took no note of bad or boggy road, swinging his lantern seeming a veritable "will o' the wisp" in weirdness, but in reality the friendliest little candle that ever shown in this "dark world." This the faithful old servant "pointed the way" and "allured" us toward the brightening skies—and home.

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"As falls the serene and yellow leaf, so was the death of Mrs. Rebecca Elizabeth (Sample) Gibson, wife of the late Col. L. A. Gibson, of Clay County, Ala. She died at Ashland, Ala., Feb. 27, 1905. Was born in Putnam County, Ga., Nov. 6th, 1827. A woman of rare gifts and noble traits of character. Truly can it be said of her she did her part as friend, neighbor, wife and mother. She was a faithful, consistent member of the Baptist church, was noted for her charity and hospitality. Many who read this loving tribute will be reminded of pleasant hours and days spent with her in her beautiful, cheerful home at Gibsonville, where she passed most of her married life, and where she raised an interesting family, all of whom she saw married and settled in life except one who was the stay and solace of her declining years.

There are those who are as sunbeams

As they daily go their rounds,

They are worthy of remembrance,

For but seldom are they found,

As I write this lovely tribute,

Of an aunt I dearly love,

Who is ransomed by our Savior,

In the Heavenly courts above.

—E. M. G.

Rev. James William Dickinson, son of the late Hon. James Shelton Dickinson, was born at Grove Hill, Ala., on the first day of Jan. 1849, died at Knoxville, Ala. on the 14th day of Sept. 1905.

Brother Dickinson was educated in the Grove Hill Academy and a high school in Virginia. Was converted in early life and united with the Grove Hill Baptist church, and soon became an active and zealous member. He read law under his father and soon would have been ready to be admitted to the bar, but feeling that he had a more sacred calling he gave up the idea of the practice of law, and in June 1879, was licensed by his church to preach the Gospel and in August, the same year was ordained and called to the pastorate of Grove Hill and other churches. He soon became one of the leading pastors in the association. Taking a very active part in all the work of the denomination. A very zealous missionary worker, giving liberally of his means to missions and to every other worthy object.

In his belief was sound and scriptural—without hobbies except that of the Apostle Paul. Faith in a sacrificed Savior as the only means of salvation, which he always emphasized in his preaching. He was a man of very decided convictions and was firm in them, but charitable toward those who differed with him. As a public speaker was eloquent and forcible, using the best English. But for his modesty might have filled any pulpit in the state. He was humble and reserved, rarely ever spoke in the state convention.

In February, 1889, he left his native town and county and went to Perry county, where he served Hopewell and other churches. While there he became owner and editor of the Marion Standard. Not having much taste for journalism he soon sold out the paper. At the end of six years he resigned his churches in Perry and accepted a call at Ozark. From Ozark he went to China Grove, served four village and county churches. His next field was at Knoxville, Ala., where he was pastor of churches until his health failed. It was there his life work ended and his spirit went home to God to receive his reward.

Brother Dickinson was married to Mrs. Mary Jane Beckham on the 23d day of February, 1873. They had one daughter born to them who died in infancy and six sons, all the sons are living and about grown, and all members of the church. May not the mantle of the father fall on some one of the sons. Sister Dickinson and three

of the sons are living in Groev Hill at the same home they left sixteen years ago.

By his request Brother Dickinson's body was brought to Grove Hill and there buried by the friends of his youth. In the death of Bro. Dickinson the writer has lost one of his best friends, having been raised up together in the same section and entering the ministry near the same time we were thrown together in meetings and traveled together great deal, helping each other in meetings. I found him to be a very true friend. He leaves numerous friends and relatives in Clarke county to mourn his loss. May God's grace sustain them all till they meet their loved one where parting is no more.

J. H. CREIGHTON.

Our community at Red Level was saddened recently by the death of Dr. A. G. Atkinson, who had lived to a ripe old age. He was born Feb. 5th, 1830, and died Oct. 25th, 1905. Brother Atkinson united with Fairmount Baptist church when quite a young man, and served as deacon for a number of years.

He practiced medicine for 30 years and just after the war did a great deal of practice for the widows of soldiers free of charge. Brother Atkinson leaves two sons, and a devoted, self-sacrificing wife to mourn his death. Also quite a host of relatives and friends.

The Doctor was for a long time a Master Mason, and loved the fraternity. Peace to his ashes. We miss him.

S. P. LINDSEY, Pastor.

On December 9th, after a 3 months illness, Brother George W. Hughley, in response to a call from his Heavenly Father, passed into the great beyond, to receive his rich reward. Brother Hughley was born in Wilkes county, Ga., Feb. 7th, 1841. August, 1865 he united himself with the Baptist church. He moved to Crawford in 1868 where he lived till the day of his death. He was a pure true, consecrated Christian and a very useful member of his church. During his three months illness he suffered greatly, but bore it patiently, without a murmur, and died as he had lived, a loyal subject of King Emanuel. Among his last words were, "I am going home to Jesus." His death is a great loss to his family, the church and community, but great is his gain!

He leaves a wife, five children, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his departure. About an hour before his death he asked his Heavenly Father to take him home.

Though we shall miss him we desire to be resigned to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

His pastor, F. L. WIMBERLY.

MRS. EVIE M'DONALD.

On the second day of September, 1905, as the leaves were purpling in the autumn sun and nature was preparing for the harvest time, God called to the glorious Harvest Home beyond, the soul of Mrs. Evie McDonald. Born November 13, 1869, joined Mt. Zion Baptist church August 1884, she lived a consistent Christian life to her death. To her husband, whom she married December 24, 1891, she was a lovable companion and loyal wife, and to her five children whom she leaves to mourn her loss, she was a consecrated, self-sacrificing mother. What a consolation it is to her bereaved husband and children that she told them just before she died to meet her on the other side.

All, without Jesus would seem dark hopeless and sad. The grave would be triumphant over its victory. But glorious thought, while all is dark and sad now, our faith points to the glorious morning of the resurrection when our bodies shall come forth as incorruptible as our souls.

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Just as we are about to order supplies for the month the valuable car comes from friends in Jackson county filled with corn, flour, meat, hams and other good things, so very necessary in a family of more than one hundred and twenty. Now if all the Sunday-schools will join the regulars we will be free from debt when we go to the convention in Talladega.

Our school has outgrown the temporary rooms we were occupying and we must build. We have \$1,000.00 from the estate of Mrs. Ray of Deatsville with which to start this building. Who will help us, with this much needed building?

To all friends who have sent us gifts either in goods or money, we want by this note to thank most cordially. We cannot well write a letter to all but thank every one of them and praise the Lord for allowing us to have such friends and set our faces toward the future with hope and zeal.
JNO. W. SMITH.

Allow me to say through your columns that I have changed my place of mail and I now get my mail at Randolph, Ala., instead of Briarfield. Any of the brethren wishing to write me will note the change. I also wish to say that our year's work for the Lord has closed, let it be great or small. I feel like I have done but little but am resolved to try to do more for the Lord. This year I received into my churches by baptism 40, a number by letter and some restored. Collected for the different institutions fostered by our denomination sixty dollars (\$60.00). Paid visiting ministers for service forty-three dollars (\$43.00). Paid to pastor's support three hundred and twenty-six dollars (\$326.00). Repairs one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00). Now brethren, pray that we may do more. Let's all resolve by the help of the Lord that we will do more and pray more for our brethren in the ministry. Your brother in His work.
S. SMITHERMAN.

At Bethesda church, Independence, Ala., the fourth Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 3 o'clock our B. Y. P. U. exercises were commenced by two being made one. Mr. A. W. Wyatt was married to Miss Mary E. Jackson, the writer officiating. The writer baptized Mr. Wyatt this summer in the fellowship of Bethesda. Miss Jackson is also a member of Bethesda. These are fine young people and good workers in the church and the Union. May peace and prosperity attend them through life.
H. R. SCHRAMM, Pastor.

Dear Editor:—A happy new year to you and your readers. I am delighted with your paper which seems to grow better every issue and your Christmas issue was fine. I am delighted to see so many complimenting the paper through its columns but many compliments are passed in my presence and I suppose many others that you never hear of. Every Baptist ought to have it in the home and should feel that he was not doing his duty as father, or if no father the mother should have it to come. No home ought to be considered complete without a religious paper.
Yours for service,
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I sought release from my burdens
In the sacred chamber of prayer.

With spirit contrite and humble
I bowed with reverence sincere,
While the peace of that chamber
Quickly banished my trembling fear
I uttered no word of petition.
For words are superfluous there;
The Spirit makes intercession,
In the holy chamber of prayer.

I lingered long in the chamber,
My spirit communing with God;
He gently chided my murmurings
And told me how he had trod
The wine-press alone for my sake,
And he promised ever to share
My burdens and trials, if only
I'd come to the chamber of prayer.

I promised, and sweetly there came
A holy peace into my life;
My troubles were gone and I turned
Cheerfully back to the strife.
I've learned the secret of strength,
And burdens are easy to bear,
If only I take them to Jesus,
In the trying chamber of prayer.
—Adiel J. Moncrief.

What Shall We Render Unto the Lord For His Goodness and Mercy in the Year 1905?

(Continued From Page 2.)

whom she had bestowed so much care and kindness would come to the door of the hospital, ring the bell and leave this message: "Tell Dora that it was the arm she saved that rang the bell."

Oh beloved; as we stand before God to worship this day, let us realize that these hands, these eyes, these feet—all the faculties, powers and members of our personality—belong to Him "who loved us and gave himself for us."

"I will pay my vows to the Lord, yea, in the presence of all his people." This means an open confession of Jesus Christ. Ruskin, a distinguished ethical philosopher, art critic and essayist in the latter half of the nineteenth century, declared that shrinking from a public confession of faith in Christ is not humility and modesty, but nothing less nor more than infidelity, and is inspired by the same feeling that moved Peter to deny Christ. If there are men and women here today who are hoping for salvation and immortal glory through Him who "came into the world to save sinners," let them demonstrate the genuineness of their trust and hope by a confession of Jesus now in the presence of his people. While they refuse to do this their hope is a delusion and their feet are in the way to destruction.

Dear friends, let not this day's sun sink behind the western hills before we have called to remembrance the manifold mercies of God to us, to our families, to our churches, to our country, and to the world in which we live. Inspired by the recollection of all that he has done for us, let us pay our vows unto the Lord in the presence of his people. Let us surrender to him our property, our influence, our minds, our hearts, our lives—our all.

Oh thou great source of being; Creator, Ruler, Lord of the universe; ere thy creative smile had sown the flowers and ere the glad hills look'd flowers and painted their beauty; ere the glad hills looked upward, or the earth with swelling bosom waited for her child; before eternal love had lit the sun, or Time had traced his dial-plate in stars, thou didst think of us; thou didst foresee our fall and provide for our redemption. And now, in the last hours of this dying year, our deepest, tenderest, and sweetest thoughts shall be of thee. From the depths of our secret souls we salute thee; we bless thee; we magnify thee; we exalt thee, and crown thee Lord of all.

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To the creditors of the Birmingham Mining and Contracting Company, a corporation, was by decree of this Court of December 23d 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, of the same shall be forever barred. Witness my hand this 23d day of December, 1905.
J. W. ALTMAN,
Register in Chancery

FROM SOME OF MY CORRESPONDENTS.
(These letters were not written for publication.)

W. B. C.

E. Crawford, Sauty Mills, Ala.

"Ours was a very pleasant session of the DeKalb Association. We missed the presence and sweet counsels of our beloved Moderator who has presided over us so kindly and sweetly for so many years. I am glad to say to you the report from the churches enabled the Finance Committee to make a very favorable report. The collections during the session were reasonably good.

"While we would have been so glad to have seen you and felt that you could have done us a good work and been worth a heap to us in our association, we know your business and work was such that you could not meet with us. In behalf of the association, I want to thank you for arranging for Brother Dunaway to come and be with us. His sermon was good and enjoyed by the association and I think all that heard him. His speech on missions was excellent, I think the very thing we needed where we met this year. He just held the people spell bound as long as he talked. His speech on education was fine, and in fact we don't think they could hardly be bettered, and I think Brother Dunaway was glad he came.

I am going to try to work up a Baptist Rally some time in the future, somewhere in our association. Maybe you can come then or help us some other way."

Jno. T. Ashcraft, Florence.

"We appreciate more than words can tell the magnanimity of our Baptist brethren in other parts of the State for helping to establish the cause in this country. Our people here are in better spirits than I have ever known them before. We have had reasonably good crops and the prices are fair. Crime is rapidly being eradicated from our county. The criminal court does not have one half the work to do that it had six to ten years ago. I believe the Baptist church is doing a good share toward this moral improvement, and I confidently expect, in the course of a few years, to see our cause self-supporting in this county, and contributing its share toward the great work in other sections.

I improve every opportunity to call the attention of our people to the generosity of our brethren in other parts of the state and to urge upon them systematic giving."

M. W. Gordon, Brewton.

"My own church has increased her contributions to missions over 50 per cent and yet we are doing nothing. I am trying to get my people to give systematically to missions, etc., as well as current expenses. These are splendid people. I am hoping for good things."

Mrs. F. B. Skipper, Georgiana.

"I see in the Alabama Baptist you are calling for help in the state mission fund. I enclose \$5.00, which I intended to spend for rugs. I feel that I had rather do without the rugs awhile, and help the good cause along."

W. A. Taliaferro.

"We missed you very much at our Association. Of course we tried to do the best we could, still that did not take the place of the "Old reliable." Our church went to \$478 for all missions this year against \$162 four years ago. We hope to do better next year."

F. W. Shanks, Glass.

"Wishing you all the possible success in getting more for missions this year than ever before. Our church is the banner church in the East Liberty Association, having given more per capita than any."

L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa.

"I begin my fourteenth year here Dec. 1st. I may be biased in my judgment, but I believe that God has made this to be easily the first church in Alabama in many ways."

W. W. Lee, San Antonio, Tex.

"I think I am about well now. My improvement for the last month has been very rapid, and I now look and feel like a well man, though as yet I have not attempted to preach. I think I will like Texas if I can find work here, but I still wish I could go home."

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MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Dear Bro. Barnett—Will you give me space in your paper to say a few things for the Ministerial Board of Education to the denomination? It seems from several things that the denomination does not fully understand the nature and function of its board appointed by the convention. Questions have been asked publicly and privately about it. Constantly remittances are incorrectly sent. So it has seemed to us that a few statements might do good.

1. First let me say that the board regards itself as a servant of the convention representing the entire Baptist brotherhood of Alabama. We will try to discharge our duties as best we may be able to see it. We help young ministerial students at Howard College and the Seminary; and faithfully devote any contribution as the donor may direct. This is the limit of our function as we understand it. "Yet, if any individual or church should constitute us their medium for aiding any student elsewhere we would be willing to serve them.

2. Let the brethren remember that the Ministerial Education Board was constituted by the convention, and is distinct entirely from the State Mission Board. Both are servants alike of the convention. Many brethren send money for Ministerial Education to the State Mission Board. Brethren, if you would reflect, you would not do that. It is a waste of time, energy and stationery, for Bro. Crumpton has to call a halt in his work, acknowledge receipt and then remit it to us, to whom it should have been sent at the first. There is no more reason why you should send money for the Ministerial Education Board to Bro. Crumpton than you should send money for State Missions to our Board. In either case the whole work of resending and re-receipting must be gone through with. And in either case it would ultimately get to its proper destination. What I would have you remember is that the two Boards are distinct—Bro. Crumpton is secretary of the State Mission Board and Rev. J. A. Hendrick of the Ministerial Education Board, Dr. C. C. Jones, who has served the board so long and so faithfully; having been relieved of that work, at his own request. Send contributions for each object to its own board. State Missions to Dr. Crumpton at Montgomery, and Ministerial Education funds to Rev. J. A. Hendricks, East Lake. We have our own books and make our own reports to the convention. Attention to this will save time and trouble.

3. We wish the brethren to know also that our work this year is the heaviest that it has ever been. We have already matriculated some fifty-three (53) ministerial students at the college, and the most of them need aid, and a few of them sorely. Our cry and prayer is for more men, and better equipped men. Many of our churches are pastorless and the men they need are not available. Now what will we do for these men God has given us? We must have large contributions if we meet the demands upon us. These are noble, bright young men of splendid promise. Shall we adequately help them? Surely, brethren, you will not forget this work.

4. Lastly, we will be glad to give any brother any helpful information about this work that may be in our possession, if desired. Shall we now look in vain to the churches for means to prosecute this important work? We pray not.—J. M. Shelburne.

Now that all is over between us and Russia, the world is asking the question: What, then, is the greatest significance of the war? My answer is that it means, in particular, the birth of the New China, and, in general, the birth of a new era for the people of the Asian lands. As for the rise of Japan, it is purely incidental. In 1903 we were pretty nearly as great as we are in 1905. All the Asiatic people now recognize that the axis of the Asian world has been shifted. They had been resigned to their fate, and had given up all hope of regaining the lost freedom of the state of nature. The Japanese success, first on sea and then on land, struck this enervated world like a cannon ball. The eyes of the nations of Asia are now turned upon Japan; and it is upon her that they base their hopes. So writes a gentleman who signs himself a French Diplomatist; and many others are of the same opinion.