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Daytona, Fla.—We arrived all safe; our household goods came in five days, so we are now domiciled in our own quarters on 1st avenue, and must say, that we are delighted with Florida and was never in a more beautiful town than Daytona. It is nature's own town. Tourists are here from all parts of the northern states. We spent five days on the beach (Halifax peninsula) and never grew tired of watching the waves rise and fall. The seagulls in their training and the huge sea-monsters in school. Last but not least the bathers in the surf trying to refresh their tired and wearied frames. Mrs. Smith is improving slowly, but think the sea breeze will aid greatly in strengthening her.

Jesse Barnett is delighted with the beautiful scenery here—is in school. They have enrolled six hundred pupils in the public school and have thirty teachers employed. I preached for the pastor here the third Sunday night and am now engaged in a series of meetings at "Holly Hill." Come to Daytona and bring Mrs. Barnett and Frank Willis Jr., with you. May God bless you and your noble work.—E. Lee Smith.

Florence.—Little Henry B. Florence, oldest son of Porter and Pauline Florence. He was eight and one-half years old, he requested his parents to bury him at Midway where his grandfather and mother would be near him, so they brought him here and laid him to rest beside other loved ones who had gone on before. Henry was a beautiful child, so bright and promising. How they will miss him at home. Only God who gave him can know why He took him away so soon, but his mission was not in vain, nor did he go until his work was finished. We will not see his face again, but the influence of his life will never die.—S. O. Y. Ray.

May 1906 be the best year the paper ever saw, and may it be the worst one you will ever see again. I expect to start out soon to preach against the saloon all over my county.—J. S. Townsend, Hugent.

I am pastor of the Dwight Baptist church now. I want the Baptist. There is a great work to do here. Please pray for us and if you are ever near enough stop in and preach for us. I love our paper and will do all in my power to put it in every Baptist home in the town. I made a strong appeal for the paper yesterday in my sermon. With a prayer that God will help you to send the gospel by the Baptist into many new homes during this year.—L. F. Parker, Ala. City, Ala.

Enclosed please find \$1.00 for The Alabama Baptist in accordance with the enclosed card, and whatever you do when you send the purse, do not fill it with currency, but if you have any pointed little tracts, you may drop in two or three if you like. Wishing you much success during this year.—J. M. Chadwick, Gadsden.

Our church has called Rev. E. L. Wells, formerly of Louisville, Ky., at present pastor at Greenville, Tenn. He has accepted and will begin his work here the second Sunday in February. He is a young married man of great promise and we are congratulating ourselves on securing him. Come to see us soon and make his acquaintance.—A. J. Ivie, Sheffield. We welcome Bro. Wells to Alabama and



Rev. Leopold Cohn and Family.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Josh. 24:15.

OUR WORK AMONG THE JEWS

Can you picture seventy-five or a hundred Jews, seated in a small, low-ceiled, not too well-ventilated hall, every eye fixed on the speaker? On whom are they gazing? On a Jew. Why are they gazing on this Jew? Because he is telling them of Jesus Christ, whom they have been taught utterly to despise. Is this not simple? Yes, but what a complex and difficult process had to be undergone to make possible such a circumstance! Only the working of the Holy Spirit can do it and has done it! Ten or twelve years ago what an impossibility it was for a Jew to come to a meeting and sit patiently listening to another Jew while he told him of his Saviour, Jesus!

Thus Leopold Cohn, a converted rabbi, a Hebrew of the Hebrews, has been preaching Christ to his brethren for the last twelve years in Brooklyn, N. Y. He met with extreme opposition at first, but gradually and surely this has been broken down and today we have one of the most remarkable instances of work among the Jews in the entire land. We Baptists may well be proud of it.

Mr. Cohn has two mission halls in Brooklyn, one in that section of the city known as Brownsville, which contains 50,000 Jews, and the other in the section called Williamsburg, with a population of 100,000 Jews. Gospel services are held in both fields, a free medical dispensary is maintained and a work carried on among the children by means of sewing-schools.

The results of the labors of Mr. Cohn and his assistants have been marvelous. Seventy Jews have been led to confess Christ by baptism, while over 500, it is believed, are believers in secret, for fear of their brethren, who would bitterly persecute them if they knew the facts. It means much for a Jew to become a Christian; much more than any gentile can realize. If a Jew confesses Christ openly he must be prepared for the worst. He is immediately thrown out of work by his brethren on account of his belief. To get work among the gentiles is almost impossible. But the power of the gospel is unlimited, and even under all these difficulties many have confessed him, and consequently suffered. One Jew, a believer in Christ, went to the synagogue on Rosh Hashona (the Jewish New Year's day) and there spoke about Christ. Those present immediately jumped on him and would

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other Jew, a young man, suffered intensely on account of his belief in Christ. He had been married about a year to a young Jewess when he became convinced that his Messiah had come. When he went home he told his wife that he had found his Saviour, even Jesus Christ. This affronted her anger and she would hear nothing more about it. He however, was baptized a few weeks later and hoped that soon his wife would find Christ, too. Her parents at length pretended that he was insane and tried to put him in an asylum. This effort proved unsuccessful, however. Then they took her away from him, and he has been separated from her since. He cannot even see his own baby.

Mr. Cohn holds meetings on Sunday evenings for Jews who are believers, at which time opportunity is given for testimonials from the Jews present. One of the most impressive testimonials given at these Sunday evening meetings was that of an aged Jewish brother and his wife. When the invitation was given for testimony, he rose promptly with great enthusiasm, took his overcoat off quickly as if for a fight, stood in front of the platform facing the large audience and said: "Friends, I have been attending this Mission for over eight years. Each time I left a meeting I used to laugh at it all but lately something has come into my heart and turned it to love Jesus. Now remember friends that I am not a young man. I'm seventy-six years old and know too much to be deceived. I tell you friends, the Lord Jesus Christ whom I used to scorn has entered my heart and dwells there (beating with his hands over the region of his heart.) He has changed my whole being. I used sometimes to be cranky but now I'm always happy. I'm doing my work rejoicing. My wife is here with me and she can confirm my statements. I am happy and I wish you all would accept the same Jesus whom I have accepted and you will all be saved as I am."

His Wife.
Then his wife rose and she too gave a testimony of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and of His power in changing and regenerating the hearts of men.

This aged couple asked to be baptized as they felt they must do the commandment of the Lord Jesus. Having been convinced of their thorough conversion I had no reason to refuse. Both of them were willing to

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Carbon Hill.—I have just returned home from a five weeks trip in interest of missions. I preached 41 sermons, traveled 368 miles, collected for state missions \$32.57, organized two Sunday-schools, one prayer meeting, witnessed two conversions, visited 45 homes, spent 28 days in service. Please give space in your paper so as the North River association can see what I am doing. Some churches have paid more than they have been asked to pay for State Missions. Some less. I will be able to collect from the churches what they have been asked for this year. Distributed 2,000 tracts. Yours in the Masters work.—W. B. Earnest, P. S.—This was in the month of January, 1906.

At the Baptist church, Pine Hill, Ala., Jan. 31st, 9:30 a. m., Mr. Robert L. Grantham and Miss Pattie Weatherly were married, the writer officiating. May their journey through life be one of happiness and crowned with abundant success.—J. G. Lowrey.

At the residence of the bride's father near Pine Hill, Jan. 31st, 3 p. m., Mr. Oscar E. Davis and Miss Lorine Wilkinson were married, the writer officiating. May abundant peace and prosperity be theirs.—J. G. Lowrey.

Rev. C. A. Strickland has moved from Maysville, Ga., to Lamut, Ala. accepting a call from the Baptist church for one-half of his time, he will prove a valuable addition to the Baptist host in that he is a strong, bold servant of the Master and preaches the full gospel, declaiming the whole truth in love. The church appreciates him as well as his amiable wife and daughter, as well as his fond mother. All the family stand for the church in all its work. Lault will give Bro. Strickland full work until his time may be called at other points in East Alabama, which will soon come as other places learn to know and appreciate him as Lault has and is doing.—J. D. Norman. (We welcome Bro. Strickland to Alabama.)

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray spent a day with us recently. It is said that a child onsh swallowed a coin, the doctor was sent for in haste. Some one suggested that the preacher also be sent for because he could come as near raising money as anybody. S. O. Y. Ray can raise money. He knows how to do it.—T. O. Reese, Geneva.

I rejoice to learn of the coming of Rev. W. M. Anderson, of St. Joseph, Mo., to our state. It was my pleasure to know and be intimately acquainted with Bro. Anderson in Oklahoma. He is an able preacher, an excellent pastor, and noble Christian man.—T. O. Reese, Geneva.

Geneva.—We had a good day Sunday. Seven united by letter at the morning service. The Florida brethren are trying to persuade me to return to that state. The church at De-funiak Springs have offered me more than I am getting here but I love the Geneva brethren and will remain. These people are the salt of the earth.—T. O. Reese.

Rev. J. W. McCollum and family, after a rest at home, expect soon to return to their work in Japan. Brother McCollum has done much good while at home in speaking to churches and conventions.—Foreign Mission Journal.

HOW TO SAVE SOULS

BY REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D.

Text: "Then the Spirit said unto Phillip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Acts 8: 29.

The treasurer of an Ethiopian queen has heard from the Jews living in his country of the great God at Jerusalem, and he has gone there to worship. He may have been present on the day of the crucifixion. I see him moving with the surging crowd out of the gate toward Calvary. He stands by the cross, and looks into the wonderful face of the man hanging between two thieves. He hears him pray for his enemies and speak words of peace to the malefactor at his side. He simply wonders. He is there on the day of Pentecost, and I see him approaching John, and saying, Can you give me something to read about this wonderful man whom I saw crucified, and who you say has risen from the dead? John replied, "Get the prophecy of Isaiah and read that." At great expense the parchment is purchased and the treasurer starts home in his chariot with his retinue about him. As he reads aloud after the Oriental custom, a man approaches, and asks him whether he understands what he is reading? "How can I except some one should guide me; come up and sit with me in the chariot, and explain to me the words of the prophet. Is he speaking of himself, or of the man I saw hanging on the cross? Philip accepts the gracious invitation, unfolds to him the way of life, baptizes him, and sends him on his way rejoicing.

Now, from this account we may learn first, some rules to guide us in personal work, and second, some of the difficulties in the way.

Rules.

Rule 1. YIELD YOURSELF COMPLETELY TO THE GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND DO WHAT HE DIRECTS. Philip had been preaching in the great city of Samaria; thousands had come to hear him, and hundreds had been converted. The Holy Spirit directs him to leave this crowded city and go into an uninhabited place. I can see the puzzled face of Philip as he tries to explain to himself why God wants him where there are no people. He might have said, the trees and stones and sand of the wilderness do not need any preaching. I should remain where there are crowds of peoples who are willing to hear me. But I do Philip an injustice. No such puzzled expression sat on his face. He went without questioning just where the Spirit guided; and, if you want to be a soul winner, you must yield yourself without reserve to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Rule 2. PUT YOURSELF ON A LEVEL WITH THE ONE YOU APPROACH, AND ENTER INTO SYMPATHY WITH HIM. The eunuch was reading the Scriptures and Philip began to talk with him about the subject in hand. He sat beside him physically and intellectually in the chariot. In this he was following the example of Jesus. To the woman at the well with the water pitcher in hand, he talked about the water of life, and urged her to drink, that she might not thirst again. To the woman fresh from the kitchen he spoke of the leaven that leaveneth the whole lump. As he walked by the field where the farmer was scattering the seed, he gave them the parable of the sower. We must give people the truth, and a peg to hang it on, a handle to take hold of it with. Learn their channels of thought, put the truth into the mind through these channels, and trust God to sink it into their heart.

Rule 3. PREACH JESUS. The eunuch was reading the chapter in Isaiah which refers to the Messiah, and when you find a man reading the Bible it is easy to begin at the same Scripture and preach unto him Jesus. The eunuch did not preach simply

about Jesus. We may tell where Jesus was born, what he said and did, and yet not preach Jesus. Many Sunday school teachers tell their scholars all they know about Jesus, but do not urge them to accept Jesus as their Saviour and Lord. What the rich Ethiopian treasurer needed was Jesus and every sinner on earth, whether he be rich or poor, learned or ignorant, black or white has the same need. It is safe to preach Jesus to everybody, for Jesus meets the need of every soul.

Difficulties.

It is easier to prepare a sermon and preach it to a crowd than to approach an individual and preach to him Jesus. There are more difficulties in the way of reaching the individual than of proclaiming the Gospel to the crowd. It takes more courage and wisdom to do personal work than to make public addresses, and sad to say most of us preachers take more delight in public address than in private soul winning. Let us look at some of the difficulties in the way of Philip, and they suggest the difficulties that confront us.

1. The eunuch was a stranger. Philip had never seen him before. He belonged to a different nationality; they had little in common but sin and the need of a Saviour. The fact that a man is a stranger to you is not always a disadvantage. If your life is inconsistent, the less he may know about you the more influence you will have with him. This explains why some parents cannot talk to their children. The children know them too well. They were there when the temper was lost and the sharp bitter words were spoken. They see in the private life the defects of character. This explains also why the husband cannot talk to the wife, and the wife to the husband; they know each other too well. If there is any obstacle in the way of our reaching those who know us best, let us at once get rid of it; go to the person who knows you and make full confession of your sin, ask forgiveness, and determine by God's help hereafter to live as you should. The most impressive thing at the funeral of Mr. Moody was the address of his son, W. R. Moody. He rose in the audience and said, "I would like to speak a word for the family. Our father gave us the happiest home in the world. Sometimes he spoke impulsively, and it may be a little sharply to the children, but when he did so he always called us up afterwards and begged our pardon. That was D. L. Moody in the home." And when we heard this testimony from the lips of the son, the great evangelist seemed to be greater still. It is noble, friends, to confess our faults one to another. If you feel that you have not been living as you should before those whom you love, do not let the sun go down before you confess the sin of it and seek their salvation.

In this great city, however, it is encouraging to a Christian worker to know that he may be used to God in saving the stranger. Let not the fact that he is a stranger keep you from approaching him and telling him of Jesus. The Spirit may be moving upon his heart as upon the heart of the eunuch in preparing the way.

2. The eunuch was pre-occupied. He was very busy reading the Bible, and we were taught in childhood that it is impolite to interrupt one while he is reading. And yet Philip pressed his way through this barrier of preoccupation and preached unto him Jesus. This is a busy age; men and



women about us are pre-occupied with their temporal affairs. Some of them are oppressed with the burdens of wealth; others with poverty. The business man in his office has many callers and cares; shall we go in and thrust ourselves upon him while he is thus pre-occupied? We should tell him there is one thing more important than making money, and he knows it before you tell him. He will honor you for your earnest persistence. While I was preaching in a southern city several years ago, a young man in the house where I was boarding received a note which ran like this: "My dear friend, I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I want to join the church; come around and tell me how to go about it." That note was sent by the manager of a great tobacco factory. On the previous Saturday evening a group of young men prayed for his conversion and one of them said to the others, "Boys, Monday morning at ten minutes past 10 o'clock I am going to our friend's office to urge him to become a Christian; pray for me now, and pray for me at that time, that the Spirit of God may go with me." Promptly at ten minutes past 10 o'clock on Monday morning the young man entered the office of the busy manager, and found him seated on his high stool busy with his ledger. "Can you give me five minutes this morning?" he asked. "What do you want?" was the reply. "Do you want to talk religion to me?" "O never mind, you give me five minutes." "All right, go ahead, I can stand it if you can." The earnest young Christian took a little Testament from his pocket, and opening it, placed his finger upon a verse, and read: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." "Now, my friend," he continued, "we boys have been praying for you a long time, and I have come around to tell you that I am a sinner saved by Christ, and I want to see you saved also. Good morning." The manager of the tobacco factory was not happy during that day, the figures became confused before him. He said to himself, that young man is in earnest, and I will become a Christian as I ought, and from that day to this he has kept his word.

3. The eunuch was a man of high position. He was a member of the cabinet of a queen; conventionalities surrounded him, and shut him off from the common people. It is easy for us to talk to children for whose opinion we care little, or to the tramp on the street, whose rebuff will not hurt us. It is harder to go into the company of men and women who are high in social position, surrounded by the luxuries of wealth and the dignities of honor, but Philip with the Spirit of God upon him did not stand back on this account. He was as bold to speak to the treasurer of the queen as to the rabble in Samaria. The externals of worldly position did not count much with Philip; an immortal soul was everything. It is the fashion to abuse certain wicked men in high position, but how many of us have prayed for them, and talked to them about their soul's salvation?

A certain political leader in New York City has been during the last fifteen years criticised and abused by almost every pastor in public and private; how many of us have gone to him and preached unto him Jesus? I know one man who did. While Mr. Moody was stopping at the Murray Hill Hotel, he learned that this political leader was in the house, and he went to him with an invitation to attend church and he urged upon him the importance of personal salvation. The much abused political boss lis-

tened with great attention, and thanked the evangelist for the interest that he took in him. If we talked less about men, and more about Jesus, it would be better for us and for them and for the kingdom of God. Let no position of great wealth, political honor, or social standing prevent us from approaching people, when the Spirit moves us to do so, and telling them of the great salvation.

4. The eunuch was doubtless a moral man. We read this between the lines. Men who are dishonest are not apt to be intrusted with funds. He may have been vicious in his private life, but, if he was, there is no record of it. The fact that he went up to Jerusalem to worship, and that he was reading his Bible, is a presumption that he was a decent sort of fellow. The moral man often puts his morality between him and God, and hides behind it, when we approach him in the name of Christ. He has what he ought to retain after he becomes a Christian, for the true Christian is moral. He has what it is easy for him to substitute for Christ. Morality is a good thing in the church and out of it, and we are apt to excuse ourselves for not approaching men of good character who are not Christians because we feel that they have much in common with us. And yet morality is not salvation; it is right relation with men, but not right relation with God.

A moral man in Brooklyn some time ago was arrested, and sent to Sing Sing. Years ago he was immoral and had been sent to the penitentiary for a long term. He took advantage of his liberty in connection with the medical department and escaped. He went West, married, came to Brooklyn, and was living an honest, industrious life with his wife and baby. He was arrested and sent back to the penitentiary, because, though he was all right with his wife and the child and the community, he was all wrong with the State of New York. I hope the Governor pardoned him. But his being all right with the community did not make him right with the State of New York, and your being right with men, does not make you right with God, though when you get right with God you are certain to get right with men. Jesus Christ died on the cross that you might be reconciled to God, that is, brought into right relation with a just God. Paul wrote the letter to the Romans to prove that righteousness, primarily, is not right doing, but right relation, and all our right doing is "filthy rags" until through Jesus Christ we come into right relation with God.

Though we may honor the moral man, and esteem his friendship, we should be kind enough to him to give him something better than his morality. There comes times in one's life when morality cannot comfort. Look at that home where the only child has died. The father is a moral man. Shall I tell him now of his morality? Shall I read to him the ten commandments, and assure him that he has kept them all? It would be like piercing his soul with a dagger of ice. What he needs now is a sympathizing, loving, tender Saviour, one who weeps with those that weep. It is a great unkindness in Christians to leave moral men with only their morality for their comfort in sorrow.

5. The eunuch was also a religious man. He had been up to Jerusalem to worship. He believed in God. His worship was no sham. Man is a religious animal before he becomes a Christian, and sometimes he is brimful of religious emotion. But religion does not save; it may even curse. Next to sin religion has cursed the na-

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tions. It is the religion of China and India and Africa that Christ must overcome before he can reign in the hearts of the people. Our religious nature needs to be purified. It is a sad fact that intense religiousness often dwells in the same person with uncleanness. Last summer I was a guest for a week in the home of the superintendent of a great lunatic asylum, and he told me that the patients who were afflicted with religious mania were the foulest persons in his institution. He could not understand why, but simply stated the fact. But the explanation is simple enough. Religion with Christ in it will lift a man heavenward, religion without Christ will drag him downward. Religion is either a wing or a weight; it purifies or fouls. Now when we find that a man is religious we are apt to let him alone. Why should Philip preach Jesus to a man who has been to the temple, and is now reading the Bible. And why should I go to my friend who attends church regularly, enjoys good music, admires splendid architecture and is at home with religious people. Ask him whether or not the blood is on the door post of his heart, whether he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour from sin, and his reply will indicate whether you need to urge upon him the importance of personal salvation.

Some of the most religious people are offended by the cross. They like it on the stop of their steeples, but not in their lives. They admire the attributes of Jesus, but they will not stand by Calvary and weep for their sins. They are trying to save themselves by imitating a good man, while they need to "behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." These most religious people are in greatest need of a Saviour, and they are the ones that need to be approached and talked with personally. They listen to the public sermon and pass its searching truth on to others. The Pharisees who heard Jesus were intensely religious while they were like "whited sepulchers, fair without and within rottenness and dead men's bones."

6. The eunuch misunderstood the Scripture. He was mystified as he read. Puzzling questions filled his mind. And there are not a few people today who refuse to accept Christ, because they cannot understand all the Bible. Years ago a young man rose in a meeting, asking for prayer. I made an engagement with him for a conversation at a certain hour. Next day he came with a sad face, and I asked him his difficulty. "Well," said he, "I have been troubled a long time about the question as to where Cain found his wife." This young man was a student in the university, and was letting the devil cheat him out of his soul with such quibbling. And when I answered that question, I found there were still other questions just as frivolous waiting for solution. There is much about the Bible that we cannot understand, even after we have accepted Christ, and received spiritual discernment. There is scarcely anything we can understand until we have surrendered to Jesus. Christ is himself the best interpreter of his word. A man came to Mr. Moody with a long list of questions. The blunt evangelist said: "I will answer your questions tomorrow if you will promise me one thing." "What is it?" asked the man. "I will not tell you unless you will promise to try to do." "O, well, I will try." "Give yourself to Christ," replied Mr. Moody, "and then come to me with your questions." The man went to the meeting next day to tell Mr. Moody that he had taken his advice, and now he had no questions to ask. All of them had been answered by his surrender to Jesus.

MONTGOMERY NOTES.

On Sunday afternoon, January 28th, the pastors of the city and a number of the deacons of the various churches assembled by invitation of Pastor Shelton at the Adams Street Baptist church for the purpose of ordaining four deacons. Dr. Stakely read the Scriptures. Brother Jenkins gave the charge to the deacons; the writer the charge to the church. Bro. Stewart led the ordination and Brother Geo. W. Townsend offered the closing prayer. It was a pleasant occasion. A very large Sunday afternoon congregation was present and every one enjoyed the service. Pastor Shelton has a loyal corps of deacons and faithful band of church workers.

On Tuesday morning at the study of the Adams Street church materialized a very important organization. It is an organization of the Baptist Ministers of Montgomery and adjacent counties for the purpose of evangelistic doctrinal and Baptist educational work in this section. It proposes a complete Baptist propaganda. Rev. Jno. Bass Shelton was elected chairman and Rev. H. R. Schramm secretary. There were quite a number present who participated in the discussions. A meeting is called for 10:30 a. m., Feb. 13th, at Adams Street church to complete permanent organization. All the ministers as far east as Tuskegee and Opelika; as far north as Calera; as far west as Marion and Selma; as far south as Greenville and Evergreen, are invited to meet together at that time to take part in the organization.

We at Clayton Street have started the new year with new life and zest. The Woman's Missionary Union, the Ladies Aid Society and the Baptist Young People's Union have taken on new life and are vigorously prosecuting plans. We sent away in January \$57.37 for missions, this being the regular monthly contribution.

Respectfully,
J. W. O'HARA.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, our much beloved pastor, W. A. Taliaferro, after much prayer and meditation, has felt impressed by the Holy Spirit to leave us for a similar pastorate at Opelika, Ala., be it therefore resolved as follows:

First, That in Brother Taliaferro, our church has had an excellent pastor—a man who is thoroughly alive to every denominational enterprise, one who ranks as one of the best pulpit orators in the state, and one who, as a man and citizen, as beloved by every one whose pleasure it has been to know him.

Secondly, that his family has been a source of unspeakable value to the social and religious life of our church and community.

Thirdly, That all departments of work that are fostered by our denomination have advanced under his pastorate of almost four years as they have never done under any previous pastorate of similar length.

Fourthly, That we are keenly alive to the fact that the good effects of his work have not been confined to this church and community, but the improved conditions throughout Butler county are due more to his efforts than to those of any other one man.

Finally, that we commend him and his charming family in Christian love to the Baptists of Opelika and pray that the Spirit may so attend his labors there as to make of him even a more effective agent in the cause of righteousness than he was while with us.

Passed by church in conference January 28, 1906, by Greenville Baptist Church.

SAYING GOOD-BY.

It is always sad to say good-bye to those whom you love. One of the distressing features of the preachers' lot is the frequency of these leave takings. Of course, McLarrens and McArthurs, favorably located and striking deep their roots, live a whole generation without any such experience, and there are Dawsons and Davidsons who for a decade or more can postpone the evil day, but the average preacher soon learns the lessons that "we have not here an abiding city." There is a lady who has a considerable interest in my movements, seeing that for over a dozen years she has shared them, who said to me when I was at the Seminary, "Mr. Hall, I hope you will settle down with the first church you get and stay there a hundred years." Alas for the vanity of human hopes! That was but seven years ago and this is my third move.

All this, Mr. Editor, is merely preliminary to the statement that at the first of the year we took leave of the good people at Orrville and are just beginning to settle down, after the agony of packing and unpacking of upsetting and setting up, in the little town of Montevallo. It was a sad leave taking, for surely no pastor had a kinder people, a people more considerate and generous in their relations with their pastor than the people of Orrville and Providence churches. For four years it has been a delight to preach to and to lead a flock always ready to follow. Providence gave liberally; Orrville, with larger means gave more liberally. A church that gives more to missions than it spends on current expenses (and this exclusive of individual gifts to the Seminary, the Judson and Howard), a Sunday School that spends more on benevolence than on running expenses; a Woman's Missionary Union that contributes \$300.00 to \$400.00 annually without resorting to oyster suppers or ice cream festivals, are all surely worthy of high praise. Such praise is due to Orrville. But honesty compels me to submit one serious criticism on this excellent church—there is not enough of it, a defect which it shares with many other churches in the Black Belt, and which neither pastor nor people can remedy because of the lack of material for growth.

During my four years pastorate excellent meetings were held at both churches, Providence and Orrville, with Brethren T. B. Ray of Nashville, Tenn., J. L. Gross, P. V. Bomar, W. J. E. Cox and the pastor as preachers. Twenty baptisms, with five more during the intervals, making 25 in all, represented the additions to the church by conversion, while the accessions by letter were more than offset by losses from death or removal. Orrville, however, has made some growth numerically, the two churches having in the neighborhood of 140 members. They are but five miles apart and have always formed one field, having together built a good home for their pastor. Brethren B. F. Ellis of Orrville, and Lewis Johnson of Providence, are the chairmen of the committees appointed to secure a pastor. May they have Divine guidance and speedily obtain the man of the Lord's own sending to be blessed with their loyal, faithful, warm-hearted co-operation and support is the prayer of their late pastor.

If this letter were not so long I might say something about my new field. It will keep for another letter. Suffice to say now that we are comfortably located in a cosy parsonage, neatly painted without and handsomely papered within; that we have received a warm welcome, manifested in word and in deed, and that the field offers abundant opportunities of far reaching usefulness. Of which more anon.
RICHARD HALL.

Leroy:—I have been on my present field of labor, counting by Sabbaths, four weeks. My work consists of Frankville, St. Stephens, and Leroy churches in the Antioch Association, with River Hill church at Salitka, in the Clark County Association.

This is no new field to me, having resigned this very people when I moved to Albertville, on Sand Mountain, two years since.

It goes without saying that the preacher and people are all happy over the reunion.

No father, returning after long absence, ever received warmer greeting, or more generous welcome than we did upon and since our arrival.

The brethren in this community vied with each other in their efforts to make the pastor and family happy and glad. Brethren Palmer and Little met us with vehicles at the depot, and threw wide open their homes and made them ours while we waited for the arrival of our freight. Since our settlement here, all our neighbors have been neighbors indeed, regardless of denominational ties.

They pounded us our second night of housekeeping, and filled, literally filled our pantry with edibles of a dozen varieties and nearly a month's supply, or possibly two. They sent us in a start of chickens of the Plymouth Rock variety, and we are milking a neighbor's cow. One of our neighbors sent us a fine pig. Well, we will itemize no more, but with our hearts thank them for their kindnesses, not neglecting to say that the saints of St. Stephens have also remembered us with good things, too.

A word as to the outlook. Our people are taking hold with alacrity, and I hope to do better work here than ever before. Already a committee is devising plans and specifications for a new house of worship at Salitka and next Saturday we will take up with Frankville conference the practicability of immediately undertaking to build a parsonage. We are all so far as denominational enterprises are concerned, "regulars." Indeed, this people have for many years regularly contributed to the general support of denominational work.

The association meets next fall with my church here, and I've got the editor booked for a personal visit. Will give you chicken, milk, butter and eggs, and do our best to give you subscriptions "to boot," and I know you will say when you've seen this beautiful section that it is the prettiest of the State's many pretty sections. I mean before the association to send you a picture of our church here, the credit for the building of which so very largely goes to Bro. Dabney Palmer, who sleeps quietly in the church yard, and Rev. S. A. Adams, the church and home building pastor of Jackson church.

Again, a word as to the field I left behind me:

I left it, not because I could not stay, for I speak honestly. I think every man, woman and child of the entire field would have been glad for me to have remained.

First, I left because the condition of my voice and lungs demanded a milder climate and next because my people here were so anxious for my return, and third, because I felt in my heart that God wanted me to return.

I left a wide field, a noble people, and when they shall have been developed, as rapidly, they are being done, it will be one of the strongest fields in all Alabama. I am thankful to leave on the field at Albertville Bro. Stodgill, a useful and excellent minister of the Truth. And to have been able to place at Fort Payne and Collinsville, my son, W. A., Jr. May God give them both a successful service to a well beloved and deserving flock.—Wm. A. Parker.



THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

FLORIDA LETTERS FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

I closed my last with the suggestion that Florida was a good place for old men. I am going upon the supposition that old men know a good thing when they see it. The old men are certainly here. Every station you pass, you see them. They are not natives, as you will discover as soon as one speaks. Many of them have purchased homes and are permanently settled, but most of them are here only for the winter. One old man from New York State told me he never began to live till he came to Florida. I should think this a great State for the negro. Living is easy and labor scarce. The negroes that are here are generally uncertain as laborers; but some of the more frugal ones are accumulating property. Think of paying two and a half dollars and sometimes more for a man and a plow a day! Anybody who is willing to work can get good employment in Florida. One brother told me of an Alabama boy who landed in the State a few years ago, without a dollar, who now lives in a three thousand dollar home, surrounded by a fine orange grove, all his own.

A brother asked me for my estimate of Florida as a place to invest money. While I do not consider myself an authority about such matters, I have an opinion which may be worth something to somebody. It is this: Land, well selected, is a safe investment here, as almost everywhere in the South. Every day will add to the value of such land, though it may be some time before the advance will be large. If I wanted to go into the orange business and had the money, I would purchase, if possible, an orchard already established, rather than worry with young trees to bring them through the critical eight or ten years to the bearing stage. In either case I would not think of living away from my possessions. Absentee landlords are the victims of many mishaps. I saw one large orange grove which had just changed hands—one hundred thousand dollars were the figures. My head grew dizzy hearing about the fabulous fortunes made. The last of the oranges are being rapidly gathered for shipment. It is a glorious sight to see a grove hanging with oranges and grape-fruit.

Fishing in Florida

is something I have heard of all my life. I imagined I would fish every day and have fish to eat at every meal. It is the only sport I am really fond of. The inland seas one sees as the train carries him through the State go to impress him with the probability that the tales he has heard are true. Think of a State with more than 4,000 square miles of territory covered with lakes and rivers!

Alas, for my hopes along fishing lines. Wherever I went the fishing ground was somewhere else. Even where the lakes and rivers were, nobody fished. At one place the moon was wrong, at another too much water. At a beautiful place on a stream I sat and watched my cork for three solid hours without the slightest suspicion of a nibble. I had fish to eat only on two occasions. My visit in this respect was a dismal disappointment. I heard it said that the successful way at some points was to hire a darkie and his boat at two and a half a day; but there was only one of me and if I had chanced to be at the favored spot, I should have thought the figures too high for the sport.

Alabamians in Florida.

Besides Brother B. M. Bean and his wife and Brother Green Allen, I met at Arcadia Brethren Watson, formerly of Covington County, and Kelly, of Troy. Brother M. S. Stevens, formerly of Randolph County, has been pastor of Nocatee. He has developed into a very useful preacher, greatly loved everywhere. Dr. Dawson and his family, with his parents, from Newton, at the same place, gave me a most hearty welcome. I preached there to a full house one night. Brother Ed. Dunklin, reared in Florida, though born in Alabama, is a good preacher, living at Oxford. Brother H. H. Sturgis travels as missionary and sells books from Sanford. Some of the Dallas county people will remember his old father as one of the very best preachers in the State years ago. Brother Hurley from Pike County, now at Oakland, insisted that I visit his section and see the best orange groves in the State. Brother Akin,

once a member of Adams Street church, said: "I came to Florida to get rich raising oranges and just as I was getting comfortably fixed, the freeze of '95 killed all my trees; but I am doing right well, notwithstanding my backset."

Brother W. B. Hare and wife, of Montevallo, are successfully running the Blind, Deaf and Dumb School at St. Augustine. W. A. Hobson and wife at Jacksonville, and a brother Johnson, reared in Selma, son of Wm. Johnson, once a merchant there, who now lives with his son. These are all the Alabamians I can now call to mind. Each and every one of them are loyal to their adopted State, but they have fond recollections for the old State and had many questions to ask.

The Health of Florida.

I heard many stories of marvelous cures of throat and even lung troubles from a sojourn in the State. I found overflowing sulphur wells at many places. I doubt not the good health of many is due to this sulphur water. One of the most remarkable springs I ever saw is a few miles from Apoka. Pure white sulphur water boils up from crevasses thirty or forty feet deep and forms a broad, deep river. The owner will not allow a gun fired near the springs, but keeps the ground liberally supplied with corn for the squirrels and wild turkeys, which are very tame. Think of sixty-eight of these fine birds, some of them gobblers of immense size, eating corn in a few feet of you.

A hotel is being erected on the grounds and I predict that a great health resort will be developed at this beautiful spot.

Secretary Geiger lives at Apoka in a lovely home. This is a fine community in a healthy section, reached by two railroads.

"The Freeze of '95"

is the period from which everything is dated. Here at Apoka there were great groves, twenty-five years old. In one night at this one point, it is estimated seventy-five thousand boxes of oranges froze on the trees. Only a few days elapsed before another severe freeze completed the work of destruction. Since that time the people have had no heart to undertake to renew their groves, though not far away are some of the best in the State.

Baptistically.

Florida is improving at a rapid rate. Nearly two thousand are added to the churches annually by baptism and more than this ought to come in by letter. But the Baptists who go to Florida are not unlike those who move to other States—many of them are Trunk Baptists when they land; a little later they join the great army of Lost Baptists and thus they go marching on. Brethren here and everywhere are asking the same question: "Is there no remedy?" I believe there is, if Baptists could readjust their forces to meet the new conditions.

I saw a new thing among Baptists. It was at Arcadia. The church called a brother in Tennessee, whom they had never seen and with whom they had never corresponded. The committee had made inquiry and recommended him to the church. The church had been pastorless only three weeks. It is worth while to think about this plan to take the place of the tedious and unsatisfactory method of sampling.

The following extract from Secretary Geiger's report will surprise the thoughtful reader, as it did me: "We believe that Florida is eminently worthy of the most earnest missionary endeavor. Have other States somewhat of which to boast? So have we. In material resources and natural advantages, Florida is a gold mine.

"Florida produces a greater variety of trees, fruits, vegetables, and farm products than any other State. It produces kaolin, which is pronounced superior to any known. It also abounds in immense deposits of phosphate rock, from which the markets of the world are being supplied. Florida is the only State in the Union producing sponges, the crop being worth, annually, half a million dollars. Florida has a greater extent of sea-coast than any other State—some 1,560 miles; and at Pensacola we have the best harbor south of Newport News, it having a depth of thirty feet and being large enough to accommodate all of our nation's battleships. We are nearer the Panama canal than any other State; and there is now being built from the mainland of Florida to Key

West, our most Southern city, a railroad which will be known in history as one of the most wonderful railroad engineering feats in the world.

"Florida is less subject to extremes than any other State. It is neither so hot nor so cold, so wet nor so dry as in other sections our country, nor is it so subject to tornadoes or other storms. Florida has an unparalleled winter climate, and the climate in summer is likewise fine; the entire peninsular being almost constantly fanned by breezes either from the Gulf of Mexico or the Atlantic Ocean.

"Despite the fact that Florida is regarded as the nation's sanatorium and that many scores of people come among us in the last stages of illness and die here, thus abnormally increasing the number of deaths occurring within our borders, the average death rate is less than that of almost any other state, it being only 10.89 per thousand. In view of this fact, and fact of its genial climate, it is no wonder that Florida leads all the States as a resort for health seekers and tourists.

"These many favorable conditions unquestionably augur that Florida is destined to be one of our most wealthy and populous States."

My stops at St. Augustine and Jacksonville were very short;—the weather bad. There were many things of great interest to see; but I skipped them. The Ponce de Leon at the former place, I passed in a carriage. They charged me nothing for a glance at the outside of the building. They say the cheapest room is seven dollars and a half and the highest one hundred dollars per day.

The Home of the Queens.

While at the Orphanage at Arcadia, I thought I would put the crowns on the three noble women there; but I found others worthy of crowns at St. Augustine, when I saw what could be done for the blind, deaf and dumb, I was ashamed that I had never been in Alabama's school for these unfortunates at Talladega. Heaven bless the patient, self-sacrificing women who find their greatest joy in making the lives of these poor children happy. Think of making the dumb to talk! That is being done.

One night I attempted to tell the children and teachers "How a boy got through the lines to the Confederacy." It was an experience I shall never forget. The blind were at my side, sitting with sightless eyes, but ears, not dull of hearing, intent upon catching every word. In front were the silent throng of bright faced boys and girls, their eyes lit with eager expectation. A charming young woman, graceful in every move, was my interpreter. She entered heartily into the spirit of the speaker and with face and gesture made plain to the minds of the dumb children the words which had been instantly caught by the blind at my side.

Alabama has given to Florida two couples who are building monuments more lasting than granite, B. M. Bean and wife at the Orphanage and W. H. Hare and wife at St. Augustine in the Deaf, Dumb and Blind School.

Yes, and Another—

in the persons of W. A. Hobson and wife. I stood in the middle of the fire-swept district of Jacksonville. For a mile in one direction and two miles in another, the flames cleaned up everything. The Baptist church and parsonage and all the preacher's belongings went up in smoke—not a thing left. Now almost the whole territory is covered with the finest of modern buildings. The Baptist church is on one of the most commanding corners in the very heart of the city. It is built of stone, conveniently arranged and is one of the handsomest structures in the city. The spacious home for the pastor, hard by the church, is a model of convenience and comfort.

Who did it? Our own Alabama boy, whom we have loaned to Florida for a little while. It is amazing to see what God has done through him. The past year his church raised for all purposes something over \$15,000. The pastor was getting ready for the press the annual report. Among other things, this report will show a list of the members and every cent that each has given. Why not? A church cannot run without money and it is simply business for the names to be printed and credit given to those who have honored the Lord with their substance.

Dr. Wharton was at Jacksonville, beginning a
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RECEIVED MANY PRESENTS.

Mrs. Bush and I shut up our home and spent Christmas away, part of the time at home with our parents and part with the church and neighborhood at Ramah.

Many pleasant little gifts came to remind us that some one loved us. The simple legend, "For our beloved pastor" written on a slip of paper pinned to a nice crisp bank-note brought tears to our eyes. The little Sunbeams class at Ramah after vainly trying to decide what to get for a Christmas present, timidly came with a little offering from each one requesting us to get something to remember them by.

Among the other presents was a nice new overcoat given by my father.

The church and community at Three Notch, too, remembered us very nicely indeed, at our last appointment over there the ladies filled a nice barrel with good things to eat and shipped them to us by express prepaid. 'Twas indeed a season of good cheer with us. We are very grateful.

Well I will not close this without a word about our work since the association in October. The churches have done splendidly along lines of benevolences. Having raised in three months \$76.78 in cash and merchandise for the Orphanage, \$82.60 for missions and \$14.01 for Ministerial Education a total of \$173.39 besides having missed one appointment from sickness.

There is a great deal of work needing to be done here and the supply of laborers not large and some of us hampered by difficulties. We are rejoicing however, at the addition shortly to be made to our forces in the person of Rev. J. V. Dickinson and family who are to move here March 1st. Bro. Dickinson having accepted a call to become pastor of our church here.

One encouraging feature of the work is the amount of good that is being done by the organization of the ladies and children here in our association.

Your paper is splendid, we hope it may continue to improve.—J. Henry Bush Clayton.

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 or 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.

Every heart sufferer may have Dr. Shoop's book on the Heart. It will be sent free, and with it you will receive the "Health Token," an intended passport to good health.

For the free Book 1 on Dyspepsia book and the Book 2 on the Heart "Health Token" Book 3 on the Kidney you must address

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Dr. Shoop's Restorative Tablets—give full three weeks treatment. Each form—liquid or tablet—have equal merit. Druggists everywhere.

DR. SHOOP'S RESTORATIVE



THE SLEEPY MAN.

"Nurse says the sleepy man Is coming—let us run, And watch him through the keyhole; 'Twill be such glorious fun."

So they softly crept to the playroom, Little Ted and blue-eyed Nan, And waited long and patiently To see the sleepy man.

At last it came their bedtime, And nurse looked all around For Baby Nana and Little Ted, But neither could be found.

So then she sought the playroom, And lo, behind the door, The sleepy man had caught them both! And laid them on the floor! —The New York Tribune.

TOMMY'S PERPLEXITY.

"I really can not understand," Says little Tommy D.; "For honest, I don't like to think Mother doesn't know, you see."

"She taught me which is my right hand, And which my left should be, And now, then, which is your left hand?"

My mother said to me, And when I showed her, then she said, 'Yes that's right, Tommy D.'

"So I really can not understand, And that's what bothers me, For I don't like a bit to think Mother doesn't know, you see." —Our Juniors.

A LITERARY MIND.

When all my dollies want to sleep, And kitty will not play, I like to take a story book To pass the time away.

I read the pictures every one, About the bees and birds, And when I have the pictures there I do not need the words.

And after while my dollies wake, And kitty wants to play, So I put up my picture book Until another day.

BUYING A PAPER.

Here, boy, let me have a paper." "Can't." "Why not? I heard you crying them loud enough to be heard at the City Hall."

"Yes, but that was down 'tother block, ye know, where I hollered." "What does that matter? Come, now, no fooling. I'm in a hurry."

"Couldn't sell you a paper on this here block, mister, cos it b'longs to Limpy. He's just up the furdest end now. You'll meet him."

"And who is Limpy? And why does he have this bolc?" "Cos us other kids agreed to let him have it. Ye see it's a good run, 'count of the offices all along, and the poor chap is that lame he can't git around lively like the rest of us, so we agreed that the first one caught sellin' on his beat should be thrashed. See?"

"Yes, I see. You have a sort of brotherhood among yourselves?" "Well, we're goin' to look out for a little cove what's lame anyhow."

"There comes Limpy now. He's a fortunate boy, to have such friends." The gentleman bought two papers of him, and went on his way down town, wondering how many men in business would refuse to sell their wares in order to give a weak, halting brother a chance in the field.

—Exchange.

TWO LITTLE TALKERS.

Johnny was a little boy, and they were trying to teach him to talk. Polly was a little parrot, and they were trying to teach him to talk.

Polly belonged to Uncle Tom, and Uncle Tom was proud of him. But Johnny belonged to mamma and papa would then say, "you wait and see. Johnny will talk before your parrot will." And they waited.

But all Polly said was "Craw, craw, crawl!" And all Johnny said was "Agoo, agoo, agoo!"

One day Uncle Tom went to Polly's cage. "Polly," he said, "say 'Pretty Polly!'" And what do you think? Polly did! He said "Pretty Polly!"

Uncle Tom ran to mamma and told her what Polly said. "O, ho!" said mamma, "Johnny has been talking all the morning."

But Johnny did not say "Pretty Polly!" Johnny said "Mam-ma!" over and over again.

Now Johnny has grown to be a big boy; he can say a great many things. But Polly can say only "Pretty Polly!" —Stella George Stern, in St. Nicholas.

A STORY OF LIGHTS.

Hardly had the sun disappeared and birds tucked their heads beneath their wings to rest when one of the night birds flew close to an electric light.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You give so little light compared with the sun."

"I do the best I can," said the light. "Think how dark this corner would be if I were not here! People walking and driving might run into one another, and some one might get hurt."

"That's true," said the bird, and away he flew. Then he came near a gaslight, standing apart from houses and busy streets.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You do not give as much light as the electric light."

"I do the best I can," said the light. "Do you not see that steep bank just beyond? If I were not here, some one might fall to see it and fall."

"That's true," said the bird, and

away he flew. Soon his sharp eye spied a lamp in a window.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "You do not give even as much light as the gaslight."

"I do the best I can. I am in the window to throw light down the path, that Farmer Brown may see the way when he comes home. I do the best I can."

"That's true," said the bird, and away he flew.

But again his sharp eyes spied a light—a tiny candlelight in a nursery window.

"Of what use are you?" asked the bird. "Your light is so small. You do not give even as much as a lamp."

"I do the best I can," said the candle, "and I can easily be carried from room to room. Nurse uses me when she gives the children a drink of water at night or sees that they are snugly covered up in bed. I do the best I can."

"That's true," said the bird; and away he flew, thinking, as he saw the many lights here and there, little and great: "All are helpers."—Harriet S. Warren, in Kindergarten Review.



THE CLEVER KITTENS.

"My cat speaks French," said little Jeanne. "As plainly as can be; Says 'si vous plait' (that's 'if you please')."

And thanks me with 'merci' I know, because I understand Each word she says to me."

"And mine speaks German," with a nod, Said Lisa from the Rhine; "Says 'bitte' when she wants a drink, And 'ja,' of course, and 'nein'; I wouldn't have a cat that spoke A different tongue from mine!"

"That's true for you!" sweet Nora said, With merry look demure; "Me own, shpakes Oirish! Whin I set A saucer on the flare An' ask her would she like some milk, The darlint tells me 'Shure!'"

I met those kittens afterward, No matter where now how; I listened well to what they said— Would you believe it now, They spoke in English, evry one, And all they said was "Matow!" —Woman's Home Companion

Does your baking powder contain alum? Look upon the label. Use only a powder whose label shows it to be made with cream of tartar.

NOTE.—Safety lies in buying only the Royal Baking Powder, which is the best cream of tartar baking powder that can be had.

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OUR BABY'S PICTURE.

By F. M. McConnell.

"I have sent the baby's picture," said my wife to me one day,
"It was fading, and I feared that it would soon be gone away,
And I want her precious features always with us while we live;
Though her spirit has returned to God, who was so kind to give.

"Not that I have e'er forgotten, or I ever can forget,
The smallest part of baby's face, so firm in memory set;
But I feel that, when I see it, our child's not far away;
And it's not so far to heaven as we sometimes hear them say.

"When I left my home to wed you, many days I was alone;
You were gone to tell of Jesus; I was foolish I will own—
But I was so sad and lonely that I shed some bitter tears,
Till our baby came and sweetly smiled away my childish fears.

"You thought I would be happier than I ever was before;
You did not see the shadow that fell across our door;
But again, when I was lonely, through my tears I tried to sing—
I could almost see death's angel, hear the rustle of his wing.

"I somehow knew our darling babe would not be with us long;
And the thought of parting with my child made tears flow with the song,
When in the cradle I had laid my baby down to sleep,
I often thought, 'not with us long,' and, as she breathed, would weep.

"Then you thought my fears unfounded, nor could I tell their source;
But they made my spirit gloomy still, and pressed with constant force;
Till at length disease laid hold of her and baffled doctor's skill,
And we stood beside her little form, so pallid and so still.
"Jesus let her stay here with us till our hearts were full of love;
Then He sent His angel to our home and summoned her above.
With His 'Suffer little children' He would raise our tearful eyes,
And our hearts so sore and bleeding, He would fasten in the 'skies.

"I would not let a murmur fall, though it was hard to bear;
But He knows best, and I resign my darling to His care,
"I'll keep the larger picture hung where we can always see
Her little face, and think she says, 'Come up to God and me.'"

"The picture was received today; it hangs upon the wall,
It looks just like our angel looked; I almost hear her call.
O God! how many times my heart has bled, and longed, and sighed—
No one but Thee will ever know—since our precious baby died."

Yes, let it hang where we can see it, in the frame so white,
'Tis all we have of her that's gone to dwell in worlds of light.
O, sweetest Comforter divine, extend Thy blessed hand,
And guide our feet until we press with her the golden strand!

—Southern Baptist Tribune.



A PARENT'S PLEA.

My little boy is eight years old,
He goes to school each day;
He doesn't mind the tasks they set—
They seem to him but play.
He heads his class at raffia work,
And also takes the lead
At making dinky paper boats—
But I wish that he could read.

They teach him physiology,
And, O, it chills our hearts
To hear our prattling innocent
Mix up his inward parts.
He also learns astronomy
And names the stars by night—
Of course he's very up-to-date,
But I wish that he could write.

They teach him things botanical,
They teach him how to draw,
He babbles of mythology
And the discoveries of science
And gravitation's law;
With him are quite a fad,
They tell me he's a clever boy,
But I wish that he could add.

—P. McArthur, in Life.

LAWS FOR JAPANESE WIVES.

Although Japan has revealed herself as highly enlightened in so many spheres of civilization, she has not yet applied reformatory principles to the institution of marriage, says Harper's Weekly.

When a girl is about to marry, her mother impresses upon her various rules of conduct to be followed during her wedded life. Some of these are:
"Be always amiable to your mother-in-law and father-in-law.

"Don't talk much.
"Get up early, go to bed late, and never sleep in the afternoon.
"Until you are 50 never mix in crowds.
"Do not consult fortune tellers.
"Do not wear light clothes.
"Be humble and polite.
"Never allow yourself to be jealous.
"Even if your husband is in the wrong, never get angry."

JUVENILE PHILOSOPHY.

The Baptist Commonwealth tells this story of juvenile philosophy:

Georgie, aged five years, had gone into the pantry against his mother's orders and had picked the frosting from the cake baked for dinner. Corraling him in the kitchen, his mother spanked him. Georgie did not cry. The chastisement did not even make him mad. He took it philosophically. When it was over his mother dropped into a chair. Georgie stood looking out of the window. There was a deep silence for two minutes. Then Georgie looked around at his mother and very solemnly said:
"It's a nice day, ain't it, mudder?"

MANAGING A HUSBAND.

Make him comfortable.
Don't be critical at any time.
Above all, don't criticise him in public.
Cultivate a sense of humor.
Make light work of worries.
If you must tell him the mischances of the day show them to him as a joke.
Encourage him to feel that home is a refuge, not a clearing house for your perplexities.
Let him bring his men friends home with him.
And don't look distressed if he once in a while expresses a desire to go out with them—Selected.



I LOVE YOU.

By E. H. Foss.

I love you, and the little arms
Around my neck are softly stealing,
And wistful eyes with all their charms
Are lifted up to mine appealing,
And velvet cheeks to mine are pressed—
Sure to be ever thus caressed
Elysium one would ask for never.

I love you, and across my face
Soft fingers pass (where time is sealing
The stamp of years) as if to trace
And smooth it out by touch and feeling;
While two sweet lips are pressed to mine,
They set my heartstrings all a-ringing—
Sure, child-love must be near divine,
Such comfort to my soul 'tis bringing.

I love you, and upon my breast
Above my heart, her heart is beating
And baby darling takes her rest,
While sunny summer hours are fleeting,
My heart goes out to God above,
While gazing on her dainty form,
That he has given baby-love
To be a comfort in life's storm.

—Methodist Recorder.

MOTHER'S WORK.

"My mother gets me up, builds the fire and gets my breakfast and sends me off," said a bright youth.
"Then she gets my father up, and gets his breakfast and sends him off. Then she gives the other children their breakfast and sends them to school; then she and the baby have their breakfast."

"How old is the baby?" asked the reporter. "Oh, she is most two, but she can talk and walk as well as any of us."

"I get two dollars a week, and father gets five dollars a day."

"How much does your mother get?"
With a bewildered look the boy said: "Mother! Why, she don't work for any body."

"I thought you said she worked for all of you."
"Oh, yes, for us she does; but there is no money in it."—Watchword.

CHEATING A BABY.

Little Margery ran into the house, her eyes sparkling and her cheeks flushed.

"Mother," she exclaimed, "mother, can anybody be arrested for cheating a baby?"

"Why, answered her mother, "why do you want to know?"

"Well," said the little girl, "I saw the lady next door fixing the baby's bottle for him, and she put a lot of water in it."

SHIELD YOUR NERVES.

A beautiful woman gave the following advice to a girl admirer: "Shield your nerves, and don't let them become too sensitive. Make yourself take life calmly. If you lose a train, don't pace the platform wildly, but inquire when the next comes in, and sit down calmly to wait for it. That's just what most women don't do; they sit down, perhaps, but they tap the floor with their feet, clench and unclench their hands, and are apparently in a fever heat of excitement over the arrival of every train that comes in, even though they have been assured that theirs is not due for another half hour. That half hour of waiting means to them a frightful wear and tear of nerves, and they are practically weeks older for it. Try to cultivate calmness; but if you cannot do that all at once, you can keep your face still."—London Family Herald.

I CORINTHIANS 8:11.

"For through thy knowledge he that is weak perisheth, the brother for whose sake Christ died."

Observe the difference in the translation here and in the King James Version. In the King James Version the future tense is used but in the Greek the present tense is employed and the translation here is more in accord with the original.

I do not think that the explanation given by some that the term "brother" may be properly understood as applicable to men in general since we are brothers by reason of our relation through Adam and that in a sense Christ died for all men, is satisfactory. The explanation may be possible but it is hardly probable. It is true that the language in the preceding verse, "For if a man see thee who hast knowledge sitting at meet in an idol's temple &c.," might indicate that the reference was to an idol worshipper, yet the language in the succeeding verse, "And thus, sinning against the brethren &c.," seems to indicate that he has in mind one who is a brother in Christ. The context in general seems to me to indicate that the reference here is to one who is recognized as a brother in Christ Jesus.

This being true, is it possible for us by our conduct or example to cause one who has been truly born of God to utterly and forever lose his salvation? I think not. I do not believe that the context warrants such a conclusion. It is evident that this verse, indeed this whole chapter has for its purpose the restraining of God's people from conduct which might not be hurtful to them but harmful to those who are weaker than themselves. Some are too weak to make distinctions that the strong can and do make. It is the duty of a believer to sacrifice much, even to surrender his liberty if thereby he may save a weak brother from conduct that might dishonour the name of Christ. The influence or usefulness of a Christian may be destroyed by conduct which he is led into by the example of a church member in whose Christian character he has great confidence. "That man has very little of the spirit of the Redeemer, who had rather his brother should perish than himself be abridged, in any respect, of his liberty."

This whole chapter must be considered in order to thoroughly understand the verse now under consideration or any other verse in the chapter. The church at Corinth existed amidst the heathen, or idol worshippers. It was a custom among these heathen to have feasts on the sacrifices they had offered to their gods and these feasts were usually held in their temples and invitations were extended to their friends and neighbors to partake with them. In this way members of the church of Christ would sometimes be invited to such feasts and among them there would be some who were still only babes in Christ and perhaps had a hankering after the flesh pots of Egypt. Some boasted of their knowledge and claimed the liberty of doing as they pleased in certain matters, without regard to others. Paul admits the argument they might make that an idol was nothing and that there is only one true God, but he says that this knowledge is not in every man. Some are weak and have not the knowledge that will prevent them from stumbling in the circumstances mentioned. He warns those who might boast of their liberty to take heed lest their liberty become a stumbling-block to them that are weak. He warns them against wounding the consciences of them who are weak by going into the heathen temple and eating the meat that had been offered in sacrifice to idols.

It seems to me that the language employed by the apostle preceding and following this verse indicates that the danger to the weak brother, through the conduct of the one addressed, is not that he might perish everlastingly though he were a true believer, but that the danger was that of wounding his weak conscience, causing him to stumble and destroy his Christian influence. The use of the word "stumbling-block" in the ninth verse and the phrase "wounding their conscience when it is weak" in the twelfth verse and the repeated use of the word "stumble" (Rev. Ver) in the thirteenth verse, warrants this conclusion. It might also be added that this is a supposititious case the apostle mentions. He does not say that such a case had occurred but utters the language as a warning.

The following language from Dr. Dagg very forcibly expresses what we are to learn from this text. "When the stronger Christian will not, for the sake of a weak brother, deny himself a carnal indulgence, he exhibits a criminal disregard for his weak brother's spiritual interest. The tendency of his conduct is the ruin of his weak brother; and the criminality is to be judged by its tendency; and is the same, whether the tendency goes into effect, or is prevented by the interposition of divine grace."

The principle which moved the apostle Paul is expressed in the thirteenth verse. "Wherefore, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh for evermore, that I cause not my brother to stumble."

W. J. E. COX.

CONDITIONS IN THE BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT—AS TO MORALS.

When the writer first heard of Birmingham nearly twenty years ago, it was called "Bad Birmingham." The reputation of Birmingham water was that "it would either kill or fatten," and the same was true of its morals. Both have been materially improved since those days, especially the water. But as with all growing cities the public morals leave much to be desired.

As is usually the case the immoral elements center around and find their chief expression in the saloon. There are somewhere between 150 and 200 of these eruptions on the body municipal in the Birmingham district, and they exercise an influence out of all proportion to their numbers and importance. This is also usual. City officials commonly bow to power wherever they recognize its presence, and that most frequently seen and felt is enthroned upon a beer-keg, crowned with a dollar mark, and holding a whiskey bottle for a scepter. There is only one superior power recognized in the district and that is the great corporation. When its officers speak to the city government even the saloon moves its habitation and seeks other quarters.

Lawless and greedy, the saloon, with its parents and offspring, panders to the lowest passions of humanity with the highest degree of success in Birmingham. Judge Feagin, of the criminal court, on a recent Monday morning delivered a telling lecture to both classes of criminals—the tempters and the tempted. Twelve cases of drunkenness, half of which were violations of Sunday restrictions, furnished his text. Property holders, without whose endorsement the saloons could not be run, were equally guilty with the direct operators. Twenty reputable property holders stand back of each saloon. Perjury was freely committed in the violation of oaths taken to observe Sunday and all other restrictive laws. 3015 arrests is the record of a single year for drunkenness (an average of nearly ten for each week day) and of these about 300 were Sunday drunks. Yet trivial arrests are persistently discouraged in the police force.

In a comparison of this number of arrests with that of 45 other cities, some with a larger population, some smaller, the figures showed that an average of one out of 184 of population was arrested for drunkenness in other cities, while in Birmingham one out of 12 was brought before the judge. There was only one town about the size of Birmingham which had a larger percentage of arrests, by a fraction, and that was Youngstown, Ohio. Birmingham's experience with the saloon is that it demoralizes the police, debauches morals, destroys self-control. The writer has seen on several occasions police officers coming out of saloons, sometimes two together, wiping their lips and lighting cigars. From the general character of the saloon business it is safe to infer that they not only had drinks, but that they were so much interested in selecting their cigars that they forgot to pay for either of them.

A natural corollary of the taste for liquor manifested by the inhabitants of the district is the number of murders which take place. The county coroner recently used this language: "Within the past 40 days 14 killings have occurred, and the one suicide was the result of an attempt to murder a woman. * * * In a number of instances the deaths were cold blooded murders, according to the evidence. I want it understood that these crimes do not include the persons found dead on the roadsides, many of whom

I believe were murdered, neither does it include crimes of assault with intent to murder."

Gambling is another feature usually found in combination with the liquor traffic. This ranges all the way from betting on the stock market in "bucket-shops," cotton futures, etc., through horse-races and base ball, by pool, billiard and card tables, to roulette, raffles, and craps. It is openly alleged that, although the police occasionally make a spectacular raid, yet three taps on the bell before forcing entrance assures that nothing of any consequence will be found.

Birmingham evaded the responsibility of policing the state fair held last fall, packing it off on Ensley, which could easily plead inability, and the consequence was the following:

Resolved, That the Pastors' Union of the Birmingham District considers that the operators of the recent state fair permitted a grievous outrage on the community.

First, by permitting the open sale of liquor on the ground, contrary to law;

Second, by offering special inducements to school children to attend, whereupon boys were seen to bet their dimes and quarters at alluring gambling devices;

Third, organized gambling on the horse-races, contrary to law, by pool selling, was openly operated, although the fair authorities received protests concerning it.

A fourth resolution called upon the fair association to give assurances that these things should not be reproduced in future fairs, but it does not appear of what value such assurances would be since they were given in connection with the last.

Another feature of Birmingham's immorality is the recognition, to the everlasting shame and contempt of the police and city authorities, of houses kept for lewd purposes. Propositions have been openly made, and so far as anything to the contrary appears, are agreed upon as the policy of the city government, that a certain ward shall be set apart as the "red light district." Unfortunate residents of that ward have protested and appealed against the double wrong, first of recognizing and then of segregating such places, but so far as the writer knows without definite result. If an immoral place has a right to exist in one ward of the city it has the same right in others and will exercise that privilege. Woe to the sons and daughters of Birmingham by reason of those who put the bottle to their neighbors lips and make them drunken, when life is wasted, honor is lost, and virtue is despoiled.

Opposed to these evil forces we Baptists have, in Birmingham proper, the First and Southside churches, (one of these burdened with the cost of a new house); the 27th St. church, hovering between life and death; the North Highlands church, exceeding weak with its house unpaid for; and the Fountain Heights church, but a feeble band. The Elyton church on the West side is dead, killed by whiskey as much as anything. Our remaining churches are off in the suburbs, where the middle-class workmen have their homes, away from the cess-pools of vice and crime. And yet these overflow and send their waves to all the remotest corners of the district. What can our down-town churches, with their few hundreds of members staggering under their burdens, do for the 50,000 of the city?

East Lake, Ala.

JNO. F. GABLE.

"SOMETHING FOR NOTHING."

The cost of "Something for Nothing" is the lesson of the hour in insurance, railroad and industrial circles, and nowhere is there such a perfect illustration of that theorem as the legalized liquor traffic of America affords at the present time. Not long ago the slick popular swindle of license as a just indemnity for liquors legalized devastation, was hailed as a "solution." But instead it has come to be one hope of immortality for the liquor business itself, and its evil principle of protection for vice and permission of lawlessness for a price has dangerously infected business and politics alike.

FRANK WILLIS BARNETT,
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CHRIST IN US.

Incarnation is the law and life of the religion of Jesus Christ. All, everything in it is to be embodied in us. We and Christ are not two, but one; and all the facts of His marvelous life are to be transferred to us and inwrought in us by the power of the Holy Spirit and they become our life and experience, so that we become partakers of the Divine Nature, and feed on His body and blood.

As Jesus was not born after natural generation, but was conceived by the Holy Spirit; as He grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom so are we to be born of the Spirit and are to grow to the full age and size of a man in Christ Jesus; as He was baptized by the Holy Spirit, so are we to be baptized with the Spirit; as He was crucified, so are we crucified with Christ, are to die to all to which he died. As He was raised from the dead, by the power of God, so we are to be raised from the death of sin to walk in newness of life. We are to realize in us and know the power of His resurrection. All the gracious facts of His divine life are to be taken out of history and the past, and put into the living present, and a living experience.

That which is true of the divine facts are true of the divine persons, God the Father is to dwell in us; our bodies are to be His abode. His temple; "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men and He shall dwell among them; this pertains not only to a future golden age, but pertains to the golden experience of the present. God said by a prophet, long before apostolic commissions were issued: "Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." Jesus said of the obedient one, "My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our abode with him." We are charged by example to pray that "We may be filled with all the fulness of God."

The Holy Spirit is to abide in us, "For He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." "Because ye are sons God hath sent forth the Spirit of His into your hearts." "That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us." "As God hath said, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people." What strong statements we have in the Word of God about the indwelling of God. How animating, all-powerful are such promises, such conditions.

This great truth of an indwelling God, close, intimate, profound, mysterious, conscious and sweet has its full flower and fruit in the person and appropriation of Jesus Christ. "Abide in Me and I in you," is His law of fellowship and holy interchange. We are to have Him "to dwell in our hearts by faith." "Christ in us, the hope of glory" is the sum and substance of the Gospel "Know ye not that ye are reprobates except Christ be in you," this is the degree of reprobation. An indwelling Christ is salvation, conscious salvation, a salvation which really saves, all else is but the show, the feint. It is the indwelling Christ which roots and grounds in love; the indwelling Christ makes us rich in fruitage.

There is a Christ of history. He must be taken out of history and put in our hearts. There is a Christ crucified, dead, buried, but he must be taken from the cross with all the agony, shame, efficiency of that death and put in our hearts. The cross, His death on it must be our boast, our life. On it we must feed, by it we must live. Out of Joseph's new tomb He must be taken and put, with all the thrilling and tremendous power of His resurrection in our hearts, to quicken all our impulses, passions, principles and live by the deathless energy of his resurrection power. It is Christ in us, not Christ even at His Father's right hand—Christ in us which is the hope, assurance to us of eternal glory. Ever live in me, Oh! Christ! the author of all life! the source of all joy! The happiest of all unions! The holiest of all life! The certainty of heaven.

"SHALL THERE BE BAPTIST BISHOPS?"

This question was recently raised by a brother in the columns of The Standard, of Chicago. We are very much in favor of Baptist bishops, indeed, we believe that if all bishops were Baptist bishops the Christian world would be nearer the teaching of the New Testament. By all means let us have Baptist bishops wherever they are needed and let them possess all the authority the New Testament bishop possessed.

But the article referred to is a criticism of our form of government. The writer thinks our system of government is weak. He even questions that we have any system for he inserts an interrogation point after the word system. He thinks there are three salient evils traceable to our system, that is, if we have any system. These evils are (1) the delay of preachers who are without churches in finding new fields, (2) churches sometimes remaining for a long time without pastors. These two points, by the way, were discussed some time ago in the columns of this paper by several brethren. And (3) over-trustful churches are imposed on by base pretenders. But are these evils due to our form of government or to some other things? Other denominations that have a different form of government experience the same difficulties, more or less. Furthermore it would not be difficult to mention more than three objections to any one of the other forms of church government with which we are familiar.

Every now and then some Baptist brother who is dissatisfied for one reason or another with the Baptist way of doing things expresses in the columns of some newspaper his disapproval of our polity. Well, if a brother in the Baptist camp does not like the Baptist polity, let him find one that he does like and if he can't find one among those now existing that suits him let him make one of his own. Baptists will not hinder him. They would rather have him go elsewhere than to listen to his carping criticisms. We believe that the Baptist form of government is like that found in the New Testament and brethren are wasting their time in criticising it for Baptists will never give it up. Our form of government is one of our distinctive principles for which we have contended through the centuries and we don't propose to give it up because some half way Baptist of modern times is displeased with it.

INDIFFERENT CHURCH MEMBERS.

We have often been asked what we think is the duty of a church towards a member who persistently absents himself from all the services of God's house and repeatedly declines to contribute anything to aid in supporting the church and who at the same time can give no good reason for such conduct. There are some such persons in all churches that have a large membership and some are to be found in many of the smaller churches. No one, it seems to us, can doubt the statement that every member of a church is under obligation to attend the public services of his church regularly as far as possible, and to assist in meeting the expenses of the church as far as he is able. His covenant obligation binds him to do this. But if his church has no covenant to which he has subscribed he is nevertheless obligated to do these things by reason of his church membership. Surely church membership alone, which is voluntary, demands of one these simple services and his love for the Master, who has redeemed him, ought to make such duties pleasant rather than irksome. But what ought to be the course of the church towards such members? After they have been earnestly and faithfully labored with any they still persist in remaining indifferent we do not hesitate to say that the church ought to withdraw fellowship from them. When one continues to take no interest whatever in the work of the Lord it is to us very good evidence that they have never been born of God, and a church is only for those who have experienced regenerating grace.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

"We cannot have our business ruined," is the reason given by Thos. Lally, president of the Minnesota Liquor Dealers' Association, why Minneapolis saloonists will fight the Sunday saloon closing crusade of the Minneapolis Home Protective League.

The Standard asks:—Is it wise to endow our denominational schools? Is it to endow them quickly, or to permit them to attempt to carry on their important work with too few teachers, underpaid, and inadequate equipment of apparatus and building? No sane Christian man will answer these questions save with an emphatic yes and recognition of the folly of expecting best results from insufficient educational capital. All this being true, it is the duty of the Baptists of Alabama to rally to the support of Dr. Montague and help him raise the endowment for Howard College.

Dr. P. T. Bell was a useful man in the pastorate, and did a great work while secretary of the Sunday-school Board (we will never forget a speech he made to the seminary students about the work) but we confidently believe the best years of his life were the last ten put in as editor of the Christian Index for during the past ten years the Baptists of Georgia have done great things. In 1900 the gifts to missions aggregated \$44,848. At the convention in Macon, last November, the grand total for these objects was announced as \$104,607.35. He and the Index under God had much to do with this increase. The Index is an old paper with a long and honorable history but we believe that its brightest and best days are ahead for it has been wonderfully brightened and strengthened since the new year. Long may Dr. Bell live to direct its policy.

It is well said few of us object to big fortunes per se. We don't want too great a proportion of the national wealth to get into too few hands, as has happened already, and is happening more and more. We don't want our laws, or the breach of them, to give an unfair advantage to the very rich who want to be richer, at the cost of the poor. But to fortunes legitimately won by men fit to win them, and who merely levy a lawful tribute on benefits conferred by the community, we have no objection at all. Such fortunes are the signs of general prosperity. We like to see them grow, and admire the spending of them in the same spirit in which we admire the lavish diffusion of sunshine. There is no objection to riches, then, provided the right men gather them in the right ways. But when men like Rogers can conduct themselves flippantly and arrogantly on the witness stand and defy the laws and make a joke of judges it gives us a distaste for plutocracy.

Rev. Rufus W. Weaver, in speaking of Baltimore, says:

Baptist churches are too segregated; those that formerly occupied the center of the city have fled to more hospitable residential districts. In our down-town districts there are 13,000 white people among whom there is no organized Baptist work. Large areas of population formerly occupied by the well-to-do are now the abiding places of foreigners and poverty-stricken Americans. In our city we need to adopt the methods of work now being used by our foreign missionaries on the foreign field; for our home field is presenting identically the same problems that our foreign missionaries are solving. The situation that we face calls for the same holy passion that our foreign missionary leaders, acting under the inspiration of the Great Commission, have awakened in the Baptists of this city and the Southland as they have contemplated the condition of the lost heathen world. Shall we take a deeper interest in the spiritual condition of the lost men and women in China than we will take in the spiritual condition of the lost men and women of Baltimore, who happen to be our neighbors?

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

POCKET BOOK NEWS.

They are going mighty fast. Many write that they are "De-lighted" with them. If you don't send quick the best ones will be gone.

We have sent out a number of postal cards with special offers. If you get one and care to accept, please be sure and sign the post card and return it with your remittance as you will get your purse quicker than if we have to stop and go through the list to find your name and the date to which you are paid, and then we keep no record of the special offers. The best and easiest way for all is for you to sign the card.

If you got a card with a special offer on it and are already paid ahead don't think we are trying to force you into paying still more in advance. We have gone through the list and notified those who were eligible and merely set forth the terms. If you don't want to accept the offer just throw the card in the waste basket.

We are anxious to get our subscribers paid ahead so that they will not be worried about back dues and can read the paper with greater pleasure knowing that it is paid for many in ordering their papers stopped write: "We don't enjoy reading the paper on a credit, and as we can't pay in advance, just stop it." If you are paid up to Jan. 1906, you needn't worry for we are not worrying about you, it is those who are a year or more behind that trouble us.

If you paid up one year in advance and received Smith's Magazine, of course you are not entitled to a pocket book, for this would be giving premium on premium, but while we don't insist on it yet we will be pleased to have those who took advantage of the Smith offer send \$2.00 and advance their subscription still another year and get a purse. To keep from answering so many letters we mailed out cards stating just how far \$2.00 would move up your subscription. In many instances the date would be Jan. 1st, 1908. A lot of these on our mailing list would look mighty well when we showed it to our big advertisers.

I do not ask you to send the pocket-book because I have so much of my own money to put in it but as I take up collections at my churches every Sunday I will need one for that purpose at least. Inclosed find postage to cover the mailing. Wishing you a great year in your work and peace and prosperity to your family.—L. C. DeWitt.

Dear Brother:—Enclosed find check for (\$2.00) two dollars subscription to the Alabama Baptist from Jan. 1st, 1906, to January 1st, 1907. If this justifies a pocket book please send one to my wife as I don't need one.—Jno. A. Fleming.

A brother writes: I received your card Saturday telling me if I paid for my paper to Sept. 1907, I would be entitled to one of your free purses, so please find enclosed \$2.00 which will pay for my paper till Sept. 1907. Bro. Barnett please send me one of your ladies' purses as I want to make my wife a present of it. Please pick out one of your nicest ones to send me. We certainly enjoy reading your papers.

A sister in Mississippi writes: Enclosed find \$2.00 for which please renew my subscription to the Alabama Baptist for one year. If I am entitled to one of the purses please send me a gentleman's. (She got one for her husband.)

Albertville: Pocket book just at hand. Am proud of it. When it gets empty of money like it came to me and I can't get the money to pay for the Alabama Baptist in advance, I shall stop the paper. Let's get on firm basis and quit reading on a credit. I received the pocket book as a birthday present. I am 66 years old. Success to your paper.—L. Chambers.

Enclosed find check for one dollar to extend my time to your valuable paper and if you think I am entitled to a pocket book, please send it to me at Opp.—Rev. W. H. Webb. (Of course he was entitled to the purse and got it.)



The Great February Furniture Sale

"The Sale of a Thousand Bargains."

On an immense wave of popular enthusiasm the February Sale was launched last week.

So enthusiastic has been the rush of buyers—so careful and painstaking our plans for the sale—so unusual the furniture bargains—that success is already assured.

We want you to share in this success—to come and enjoy the event—to take fullest advantage of the rare chance to furnish your home at the Greatest saving that you will ever know again.

Just a few specials from the House of a thousand Bargains.

Solid Oak Dining Chairs, cane seat, with plain arms, strong and substantial, and finely finished. Regular price \$1.35, special sale price... **\$1.00**
Dining Chairs, golden oak, with box leather seat, beautifully polished and made and finished in the finest manner. Regular \$3.00 chair, special sale price... **\$2.25**
 \$13.50 for six.

Iron Beds, four feet, six inches wide, sixty inches high, seven spindles, a head and a foot; one inch posts, brass top, rails and knobs, head and foot. Regular \$6.00 beds, sale price... **\$4.25**

Iron Beds, colonial design, bronze and gold finish and circle head and foot, full size, well made and finished. Regular price \$11.75, February sale price **\$8.25**

Solid Oak Dressers, 42 inch base, 24x30 oval mirror, swell front, carved and brass trimmings. Regular \$22.00 Dresser, special sale price... **\$11.75**

Mahogany Finished Dresser, 41 inch base, mirror 24x30 inch. A beautiful design, elegantly made and highly polished. Regular price \$2.50, February sale price... **\$18.00**

Solid Oak Rockers, curved high arms, cobbler seat, carved back, a strong and comfortable rocker. Regular price \$3.25, special sale price... **\$2.50**

Same chair in mahogany finish at \$2.50.
Golden Oak Dining Tables, 45 inch top, 5 feet extension, round center pedestal, with claw feet. These came in either round or square top. Regular price \$16.50, special sale price... **\$14.00**

Golden Oak Sideboards, quarter sawed, 48 inch top, mirror 16x28 inch, has fluted columns, neatly carved, swell front and handsome Colonial design. Regular \$28.00 value, special sale price... **\$22.50**

Golden Oak China Closets, 36 inches wide, 67 inches high, French plate mirror at top and bent end glass front. Regular price \$20.00, special sale price... **\$16.50**

Leather Couches, solid oak frame, covered with genuine leather, biscuit tufted, with best steel construction cushion, that sell regularly at \$32.00, February sale price... **\$27.50**

Ladies' Writing Desk, of birch mahogany, 38 inches high, 26 inches wide, well made and nicely finished, with long drawers and stationery departments. February sale price... **\$7.75**

Three Piece Parlor Suit, of mahogany Sheratin, covered in two tone red inlaid designs in back and inlaid lines. Regular price \$50.00, February sale price... **\$34.50**

LOVEMAN, JOSEPH & LOEB, B'HAM, ALA. The Largest Store South of the Ohio.

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A SISTER'S GOOD ADVICE.

Dear Brother Barnett:—Since receiving your most excellent pens, my husband has wished to write and thank you, but has not found the time. While he is breaking the Bread of Life away from home on this lovely Lord's day, I have decided to use one of those pens in a heart to heart talk with my country sisters.

My Theme is Our Paper.

Dear Sisters:—Do you live inconvenient to church or Sunday-school as I do? Are your boys restless on Sundays? Do you wish to interest them? Then take the Alabama Baptist. Oh we do enjoy everything in it. It is an "all around" family paper. When a very young girl, I read the first issue, and have been reading it ever since. In my young days, it helped me to be a better Christian. It helps me now to be a dutiful wife and mother. It grows better and better all the time. Oh sisters, enjoy this paper with me. You can pay for a year's subscription by selling 8 or 10 pounds of butter, or a few hens, or a few dozen eggs, or four bushels of sweet potatoes, or you can make a few garments for your colored neighbors. A small cotton, potato, pindar or pea patch worked by your boys will enable you to take it. Oh if you only knew what you miss by not taking this paper you would make any sacrifice to do so. Take a little cash this very day and send for three months subscription. Read it with and to your children if you wish to interest them. Now a few words to my sisters who read the Alabama Baptist. Let us send the paper to those who have it not. Let us tell the good things we read in it to others until they too will become subscribers. We are told that "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." God help us to speak fit words for our beloved paper.

MRS. J. B. KILPATRICK.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

Although hearts are still sore with the sadness of President Harper's passing on, those who are charged with the impressive responsibility of carrying on the great university cannot allow their sorrow to stand between them and the continued prosperity and progress of the institution. They must at once proceed with their work, and friends of the university must bend their energies to make it as great and as successful as President Harper would have striven to make it. Work at the university is going on, just as the first president desired it should proceed, just as in his last letter of instructions he directed it to go on even while his body laid in state upon the campus.

Dean Harry Pratt Judson has been chosen as acting president by the trustees, and faculty and students are zealously attending to their duties. To have done otherwise would have been to dishonor President Harper.

Not only are the internal affairs of the university by their normal and stable condition giving evidence of the wisdom and farsightedness of President Harper's administration, but friends are arousing themselves to new and friendly deeds. The university's founder is showing his faith and regard for the welfare of the school by making at this time another princely gift. His latest contribution to the university not only adds another million to its endowment, but provides several special funds for present pressing needs. Mr. Rockefeller announced to the board of trustees at their meeting on Monday last that he would give to the university \$1,450,000!

This magnificent fund is to be devoted to the following purposes: For estimated deficit in budget for 1906-7, \$205,000; for law school deficit to June 30, 1907, \$89,000; for books, \$20,000; for scientific collections and equipment, \$10,000; for improvement of the campus, \$15,000; for special assessments and fire protection, \$8,000; for incidental expenses, \$3,000; for endowment July 1 next, \$1,000,000. Besides this Mr. Rockefeller gives to the general endowment \$100,000, the income to be paid to Mrs. Harper during her life.

If any one has cherished any future of the university's future, this gift by Mr. Rockefeller at this hour should remove all apprehension.—The Standard.

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THE STATE OF ALABAMA, PROBATE COURT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, January 30, 1906.
This day came G. W. Wood, administrator of the estate of A. J. Wood, deceased, and filed his application in writing and under oath, praying for the sale of certain lands therein described, the property of said decedent, for the purpose of paying the debts due by said estate; and whereas the 5th day of March, 1906, has been set as a day for hearing said application and the testimony to be submitted in support of the same.
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that notice of the filing of said application and of the day set for hearing the same, be given by publication once a week, for three successive weeks, in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this County, notifying all persons in interest to be and appear before this court on the 5th day of March, 1906, and contest said application if they think proper so to do.
SAMUEL E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 11th day of January, 1906.

Estate of Haywood Williams, deceased. This day came L. S. Williams, administrator of the estate of Haywood Williams, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 9th day of February, 1906, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.
1-17-06

OBITUARIES

IN MEMORY OF MRS. A. E. BURNS.

It was in the fall of 1891 that I as a ministerial student entered the famous old school of Capt. R. H. Pratt at Six Mile, Ala., where I first met the subject of this article. She belonged to the Thomas family of Bibb county, possibly one of as well known families as any other in that section of the state. She was Miss Fannie, but to distinguish her from a cousin of hers by the same name Capt. Pratt called her Little Thoams, which title she ever afterwards bore, even her husband finding great pleasure in using it as a pet name.

She had been a student at Six Mile for one or two sessions before I came, and had already established for herself a reputation, both as a diligent student, and a Christian girl of very rare qualities. I was associated with her for two years in the class room, and had an opportunity of observing her general deportment from day to day, which I am happy to say would always bear the closest inspection. In fact she seemed to be as scrupulously honest and sincere in everything she did as any person I ever knew.

On leaving school she devoted herself to teaching, in which profession she became quite proficient, giving perfect satisfaction wherever she had any opportunity of serving in this capacity. But such a noble spirit as she was destined to a higher calling than this; so in due time she was found by our beloved brother, Burns, who invited her to become his co-laborer and help meet, which place and whose love she accepted with all the fidelity of her Christian spirit. To say that she served well in this capacity is to use but the mildest terms.

As a step-mother she was ideal, as a mother devoted to charge; and as a pastor's helper her life speaks better for itself. Suffice it to say that all who knew her loved her, and esteemed her very highly for her works sake. Wherever her husband's lot was cast as a preacher of the gospel, she was found by his side, endeavoring to make his work in a sense her own, and thereby making the work not only a success but a pleasure as well.

Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying: Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all."

So on the 29th day of Jan. at 6:10 p. m., her Lord called her into a higher service. So well had she wrought here that He had need of her elsewhere, and she closed her eyes to mortal scenes to be with Him who rewards us according to our own works.

On the 31st we laid her remains to rest in the old family cemetery near her old home in Bibb county.

The Lord abide with our brother, and his family, and comfort them in this their great sorrow, and seemingly irreparable loss is the prayer of their friend and brother.

J. H. LONGCRIER.

Yates:—The many friends of Mr. J. C. Yates throughout the state, will be grieved to learn of his death at his late home at Carlowsville, Ala., January 27th.

Mr. Yates was favorably known and highly esteemed in both business and social circles, and had been a devoted member and a deacon in the Baptist church for many years.

He was born in Dallas County, Alabama, September 25th, 1849, and was married in 1868 to Miss Sallie A. Stanford, of Oak Hill, Ala., who, with four children—all married—survives him.

Mr. Yates was a victim of that dreaded disease, consumption. He had traveled nearly all over the United States in search of health, but failing to find it, returned home to spend his last days with his family. His children who are living are Mrs. J. W. Jackson, Mrs. C. M. Hunter, H. J. Yates and Dr. Carlyle K. Yates.

McMullen:—In memory of Marvin McMullen, who died Dec. 31st, 1905, after a lingering illness in his 25th year. Yes, the death angel has taken another darling boy from a mother's heart and home, but thank God he became sweetly resigned, and left no doubt on our minds of his hope of Heaven.

Ah! lasting, sweet, memories!—the loving words from his dear, dying lips: "I'm not afraid to die, though I never joined the church." "Just so I die easy." "My brothers have done all they could for me." "If the loving sympathy of friends could restore me to health, then I'd get well." "What a good mother." And in answer to her questions, "Yes, you've gently led me, and now, your prayers are answered, for I am trusting Jesus and don't fear death."

Thank God, his promises are sure. How sweet to trust Him! Yes, so sweet to kiss the rod that smites, when He heals our broken hearts, and gives us strength and wisdom to understand that "All things work together for our good, if we love the Lord."

Yes, Marvin has joined father, and two brothers, on the other side, free from pain now, but left mother, and four brothers, to follow on, and meet the conflicts of life.

But may we be an unbroken family again, in the "house of many mansions," in the "sweet bye and bye," when God himself will dry our tears. Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
MOTHER.

Baird:—It is with much regret that we chronicle the death of Mrs. Elisa Ann Baird, which occurred Saturday, Dec. 16, 1905, and who was buried in the family cemetery at the old home the Monday following. Mrs. Baird was born in Lamar County, Alabama, Nov. 16th, 1839, united with the Baptist church Oct., 1856, and was married to Rev. Duke O. Baird Oct. 27th, 1857.

Mrs. Baird had been in ill health for some time but only a short time before her death did her illness cause serious alarm. She was more than sixty-six years old at the time of her death and had lived a consistent Christian from the date of her church membership. In prosperity and adversity she was the same; in sickness and in health she bore her burdens with fortitude and when the angel of death knocked at her door she murmured not but peacefully submitted to the will of Him who gave her existence and her spirit was wafted by the angel of God into the realms of the Heavenly Jerusalem, where there are no tears nor sorrows but only peace and joy forever. She leaves behind to mourn her departure a husband and three children besides a number of relatives and a host of friends.

To them we extend our heartfelt sympathy and pray that the consoling power of the Holy Spirit will comfort them in this great time of trouble. May the Spirit of God uphold and spare her dear old husband many years longer to fill his exalted position in the ministry and may his strength which is now so greatly impaired be renewed that he may continue to be instrumental in the hands of the Lord in bringing many more men and women to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."—J. I. Kessler.

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Minister's Union.—A mass meeting of the Baptist pastors of Montgomery and adjacent counties met in the study of Adams Street church for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Minister's Union for Central Alabama. Present, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Dr. C. A. Stakely, John Bass Shelton, Jno. W. O'Hara, H. R. Schramm, R. H. Hudson, C. C. Page, E. M. Stewart, George W. Townsend, J. A. Jenkins, W. J. D. Upshaw. The meeting was organized by the election of Bro. Shelton chairman, and H. R. Schramm secretary. Bro. Schramm stated the object of the meeting and called on Bro. Crumpton to lead in prayer. Dr. Stakely outlined the scope of the work that it was to reach over Central Alabama. The object to hold our ground and reach out for more souls, get nearer to each other. Bro. Shelton told how he was in favor of such a movement and how necessary for us to teach Baptist doctrine. Bro. Crumpton spoke and said he felt that he was in a Baptist meeting and concurred in the work suggested. Bro. O'Hara endorsed the work. Bro. Townsend spoke and said he felt that he was in a Baptist meeting. Bro. J. A. Jenkins also spoke favorably of the work, so did Bro. C. C. Pugh, Bro. J. R. Caldwell came in and spoke. The writer also spoke in favor of movement. Bro. O'Hara offered the following resolution: Resolved that we the ministers of Montgomery and adjacent counties meet on Tuesday after second Sunday in each month in Montgomery for purpose of fraternal greeting, arranging and prosecuting plans for evangelistic, theological and Baptist educational work in our bounds. 2. That we meet every three months or as often as may be agreed upon in points adjacent to Montgomery.

This was discussed and a substitute offered by Bro. Crumpton to meet February 13, and put the resolution in committee's hand that would be appointed by this meeting for permanent organization. Carried. Motion that chairman appoint committee on permanent organization, carried. Motion to meet February 13, 10:30 a. m., carried. Meeting adjourned by prayer Bro. J. R. Caldwell.

After adjournment Bro. L. M. Stone and J. B. Byrd from Georgianna, came in.

Chairman appointed following committee: H. R. Schramm, chairman; Dr. C. A. Stakely, Jno. W. O'Hara, Geo. W. Townsend, E. E. George. This was a very interesting and profitable meeting. Many more should have been present. Brother Stewart read cards from following brethren that could not be present and endorse the movement and could count on them: Bro. N. C. Underwood, P. V. Bomar, R. G. Patrick, Dr. Provence and E. E. George. We had free entertainment. We hope on 13th February to have a large number present. Come down Brother Editor, to our meeting for this movement means an increase of subscribers for Alabama Baptist in Central Alabama.

H. R. SCHRAMM,
Secretary.

I am to notify brethren of Central Alabama of the meeting on February 13, 10:30 a. m., at Adams Street Baptist church and urge them to come. I ask the brethren of Central Alabama to be sure and come. This is an important meeting, and we need you.
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Madame Johanna Gadski at Judson College.

A large and enthusiastic audience, composed of visitors and music lovers from all over the state, was assembled in the Judson Auditorium Tuesday evening, January 30th, to hear the magnificent concert given by Johanna Gadski, soprano, and Frank LaForge, pianist.

From the moment Madame Gadski first came on the stage, handsomely gowned in embroidered blue satin and pearls, until the final number the applause was great for the wonderful artist.

She first gave a group of German Leider, among which the "Widmung" of Schuman, "Er ist Gekommen" of Franz and the "Erl King" respectively completed the beautiful presentment. In these her voice was full of virile beauty, wonderfully trained and effective.

The second group was devoted to such American composers as Mc Dowell, LaForge, Mrs. Beach and Van der Stoker. In the great favorite "The Year's at the Spring," by Mrs. Beach, Madame Gadski reached a powerful climax and completely captured her audience. So great was the enthusiasm that it had to be repeated.

In this group were also two very charming numbers by her accompanist, Frank LaForge. Mr. LaForge came forward in the triple capacity of accompanist, soloist and composer. As an accompanist he is a model in pianistic finish, musical understanding and rare sympathy. It is quite remarkable to play twenty-five or thirty songs from memory, but this he did, weaving the background in, as though it were literally part of the songs being sung. As a soloist, he was heard in a McDowell "Etude de Concert," "The Liszt Rhapsody No. 12" and as an encore a Leschetizky "Arabesque." His technique is brilliant and particularly clear and he possesses much temperament and emotional warmth, as was shown by his masterly accompaniments.

The last numbers were selections from Wagner. In these Madame Gadski seemed to possess almost super-human strength and quality of voice. She effaced technique. One though not of her manner of singing but of the intensity of its expression. The "Schlummerlied" was sung with exquisite art, and "Dich Theure Halie" from "Tannhauser" furnished a fitting climax for one of the most brilliant concerts ever given at Judson College. As long as her insatiable audience clamored for more songs, she gave them, and for her kindness she deserves our sincerest praise and gratitude.

After the concert a reception was given in the parlors, where the people were permitted to meet Madame Gadski.

JUDSON REPORTER.

The treasurer and central committee are greatly pleased with the fine foreign mission contribution for the past quarter, and show from societies and bands a total for foreign missions only of \$1,492.85. The China Xmas offering is also in advance over that shown at a similar time during any previous year; as is evidenced by the report soon to be printed.

While rejoicing with the earnest workers, whose prayers and work have accomplished so much, the committee plead that during this month much be done for state and home missions. Only ten (10) weeks and the annual report will be made. Shall all pledges have been met, and our Alabama sisters happy? We sincerely trust so.

Did you get an Alabama Baptist pocket book? If not, why not? They are worth having and easy to get. If you want a good one, better send right away. The demand for them is great.

Miscellaneous Items

Our work is doing nicely. My ladies have a good sum for Xmas offering, of which I feel very proud.—Mrs. R. M. Hunter, Enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. William Christopher Jordan request the pleasure of your company on Wednesday, February the fourteenth, from one to six o'clock p. m., at our home near Midway, Ala., Golden wedding, Frances Ann Thornton-William C. Jordan.

Bro. T. V. Shoemaker, Daytona, writes: "Please say to all the pastors of the state that Bro. E. L. Smith, pastor-evangelist, has just come, to the state for his wife's health and his services can be had by any church desiring to hold special services. Bro. Smith has been pastor in Memphis, Tenn., and has just resigned a great work in Birmingham, Ala. While God has wonderfully blessed him in the pastorate he seems especially adapted to evangelistic work and having known him intimately for several years, I heartily commend him as a man of faith and a preacher of the Word. Brethren, write him about holding meetings. His address is Daytona, Fla."—Southern Baptist Witness.

The lecture-study department of the extension division of the University of Chicago is prepared to cooperate with any church, Sunday-school or combination of these in courses of lecture-studies upon "The Life and Teachings of Christ." A series of six lectures on a more exhaustive course will be provided and presented where planned by Professors Shafer Mathews, T. G. Soares and H. L. Willett. Communications should be addressed to Walter A. Payne, secretary, University of Chicago.

At the recent annual reunion of Brown University it was announced that Andrew Carnegie had made a gift of \$150,000 toward a new library to be called the John Hay Library. The cost will be \$300,000 and the extra \$150,000 is to be raised by alumni and friends of the institution. If our rich men would only rally to Howard it would prove a source of greatest blessing upon all our work. Dr. Montague would be charmed to get in touch with any liberal Baptist.

The Baptist Courier says: Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, a member of the faculty, has been chosen by the trustees acting president of the University of Chicago. Mr. Rockefeller announced to the meeting of the board of trustees Monday, January 22, that he would give to the University another \$1,450,000. Of this amount, one million is to go to the endowment, the balance, \$450,000, is given for special purposes.

Howard College needs a large gift for the endowment. Let us pray that some rich Alabama Baptist may be led to give liberally.

Dr. E. E. Folk says: "Rev. Humphrey B. Folk and Miss Ruth Parrish were married at the home of the bride in Midway, Ky., on January 23. The ceremony was performed by the editor of the Baptist and Reflector. Mr. Folk has resigned the pastorate of the church at Midway. The members there speak of him in very high terms. He has several other fields in view, but has not yet decided just where he will locate. His bride is a lovely lady and will be of great help to him in his work. We extend to them our most cordial congratulations with our warmest wishes for their happiness and usefulness in life." The Folks have been such a blessing in Tennessee and Missouri that we would be glad for one of them to make Alabama his home. Will some good church second our suggestion and invite Bro. Folk to come and spend his honeymoon with them.

Dr. E. E. Bomar filled the pulpit of the first church of Gainesville last Sunday at both services.—Christian Index.

Dr. T. N. Compton, who comes from Kentucky to supply for the First church, Savannah, during Dr. Jordan's absence, will assist Bro. A. W. Bealer in a meeting at Thomasville some time in March. Dr. Compton has a fine reputation as an evangelist.—Christian Index.

We were very much grieved a few days ago to learn of the death of one of Miss Willie Kelley's brothers. He died somewhat suddenly at his home in Monroe, La. This faithful missionary of the Cross and the rest of the family have the sympathy and prayers of a host of friends.—J. E. Barnes, in the Argus.

Rev. J. M. Shelburne of East Lake, Ala., has been elected as vice-president of the Foreign Board of Alabama. Brother Shelburne has done a fine work at East Lake, and we trust that as vice-president of the Board, he can exercise an influence which will be for great good in the Master's Kingdom.—Foreign Mission Journal.

The hearts of brethren all over the state, and in many other States as well, will go out in loving sympathy to Dr. L. R. Gwaltney in the death of his wife, which occurred in Rome on the 17th inst. He has been a loving comforter to many, in their times of sorrow, carrying them the comfort that is in Christ Jesus. May his own heart know this in fullest measure now as the shadows rest on his heart and home.—Christian Index.

Rev. Robert J. Burdette, pastor of the Temple Church, of Los Angeles, Cal., is having a happy time in his work. New members are being received at every prayer-meeting. Sunday services are held in the armory which seats 1,800 persons and congregations fill the house. It is now expected that the new temple will be ready for occupancy some time in May when the church can hold services there.

We congratulate Dr. W. L. Pickard and his great First church of Lynchburg. The fourth anniversary of the present pastorate occurred on Sunday last. With a membership of over 1,100; a flourishing Sunday school; frequent accessions, 106 being added during the past year; the church united, harmonious and enthusiastic, and with congregations taxing the capacity of the building, this great and progressive body enters upon the new year with high hopes and broader purposes.—Religious Herald.

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Our Work Among the Jews.

(Continued from 1st page.)

follow the Lord under any circumstances. So as usual, arrangements were made for them to go before the deacons and pastor of the Marcy Ave. Baptist church on a Friday evening. There they spoke concerning their faith in the same way answering all questions put to them in a very satisfactory manner. Although they know little English yet the Christian friends could see the joy of the Lord beaming out of their faces.

After their examination they were asked to tell their experience in the prayer meeting of the church; and they did so, the man placing his hand upon his heart and saying cheerfully: "I have Jesus Christ right here in my heart." It was decided that they be baptised the following Sunday evening.

The man was not ashamed or afraid to tell all his Jewish friends that he was going to be baptised and consequently their grown up children heard of it and were shocked. They came to their parents' rooms on Sunday afternoon and stayed there over night, watched them, begged them and threatened them so that it was impossible for the aged couple to leave the house. They, however, hope to be baptised some time in the future.

It does not disturb the Jews so much when a young man becomes a Christian but when a man of mature judgment changes his religion they feel very angry.

Now, in closing, the field is large, the outlook is most encouraging. The need of a suitable building for the rapidly growing branches of the mission in Brooklyn has been keenly felt for some time.

God gives us ministers of love
Which we regard not, being near;
Death takes them from us; then we feel

That angels have been with us here!

Let us then, while we have the opportunity, rally around our Jewish mission and support it generously, giving liberally of our means to carry on its grand work, remembering that "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren, (the Jews) ye have done it to me." A suitable building will cost \$50,000; \$1,000 is on hand. Will you help?

The following letter was received by Bro. Cohn from a Jew who happened to get hold of a copy of "The Chosen People," containing an appeal for the building:

A Letter From a Jew.
(A Literal Translation from the Hebrew.)

"To whom is woe, and to whom is sorrow?" (Prov. 23:29). Is it not to

thee, who hast erred like a lost sheep. One uncircumcised gave me thy edition called "The People The Chosen," and I read there very wicked things. 'Thou hast stretched thy mouth to evil. Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother, but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.' (Ps. 50: 10). Thou praisest the Gentiles (Christians) more than the Jews. Art thou lacking knowledge, or art thou crazy? 'Behold a living tongue is but for a moment' (Prov. 12: 19). Doest thou not know that Israel are the children of mercy, and it is the reverse with the Gentiles? Has thou not heard when the great wise man, Dr. Herzl, blessed be his memory, appealed, the hearts of the poor Jews were willing to give him silver and gold to one treasury, in order to rebuild Zion quickly in our days? Fifty million dollars he collected from the poor Jews. And if it be true what thou hast written that the Gentiles and their faith are better, why do not they give thee fifty thousand dollars to build that house that thou wishest to have for thyself and for the other apostates who follow thee and whom thou didst proselyte? This was not, and was not created, and will not be. The Gentiles did not build a house for Jews in the past and will not build in the future. And if the thing will be and will come to pass, that the Gentiles will build thee this house that thou art wanting, a thing impossible, then will I also do a thing impossible, namely, I will follow thee in thy footsteps, and thy God shall be my God. But as far as the East is from the West so far has the Crucified One removed the hearts of the Gentiles from the Jews. And how long will thou be a fool to cleave to the enemies of thy brothers and sisters? And also thou hast done more wickedly to draw after thee many from among Israel to mix up with the Gentiles and learn of their works." Signed, M. Lierman.

(The letter is much longer, but the reader can guess it all.)

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"He got to be a mere skeleton, and was hardly able to walk. My Aunt advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment. So great was her faith in it that she gave me a small piece of Soap to try and a little of the Ointment. I took it home without any faith, but to please her I tried it, and it seemed to dry up the sores a little."

"I sent to the drug store and got a cake of the Soap and a box of the Ointment and followed the directions, and at the end of about two months the sores were all well. He has never had any sores of any kind since."

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FIELD NOTES.
Leroy.—The young people of this community met at the church Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14th, and organized a B. Y. P. U. I was chosen as the first president. The other officers were: Vice President, William Palmer; Secretary, Miss Annie Little; Program and Social Committee, Misses Ruby Johnson, Eula Parker, and Bettie Little; Solicitation Committee, Dabner Palmer and Ida Little. We want the readers of the Alabama Baptist to pray for us that we may be successful in our work. And that we may be instrumental in the advancement of Christ's kingdom. God bless you and your good paper.—Douglas R. Parker.

Sheffield.—To the churches and individuals pledging aid to the Baptist church building fund of Sheffield at the convention in July, 1905.

Dear Fellow Christians and Co-workers: We take this opportunity of thanking you for the interest manifested in our welfare, and the substantial aid rendered us by your contribution to our necessities. To those who have already forwarded the amount subscribed we wish to express especial gratitude, and to those who have not, we will be glad to send the same greeting upon receipt of amount subscribed.

Praying God's especial blessing upon all those who have helped us in this work, I am, Yours fraternally—
A. J. Ivie, Treasurer Sheffield Baptist Church.
Done by order of the church Jan. 28th, 1906.

Ft. Payne.—One cold, wet day, nearly a month ago, I got off of the A. G. S. train at Ft. Payne, and for the first time in my life looked out upon this beautiful little city. I was called here from Texas, and my work as pastor began with the new year. I find myself in the midst of as fine a folk as ever you saw. Yes sir, these are the Lord's people. I preach here twice a month, and at Collinsville twice. I think this one of the best fields in the state. My people here fell in upon us last Wednesday night and my, what a pounding. I can't begin to tell you what all they brought, but it was fine—just what all, we needed. Such treatment makes a preacher feel like he is appreciated.

Our Collinsville brethren are pure gold. I was there last summer in a meeting with my father. I learned to love them then.

Now Brother Barnett, I have learned most impressively that, nothing helps the preacher more than the right kind of reading. You may depend on me to stand by the Alabama Baptist. I have come to serve God and put myself as much as in me is, into the denominational life of the state.
W. A. PARKER, Jr.

SYLACAUGA, ALA.
Jan. 30, 1906.
Bro. Barnett:—Make your printer go back and set me right in my last article of 24th inst. He makes me say Bro. "W. T. Stevenson of Thorny Springs," and it should be "W. T. Stevenson of Warm Springs." Then the word "efficacy" of all our "deacons" should be "efficiency."

Then the word preface "in speaking of Norman's lecture should be "purpose." I wouldn't kick of folks would not come and say look here "why did you write so and so." See? And then Bro. Editor, Sylacauga postoffice didn't receive a copy of the paper the week following Christmas and that you know caused a fuss. Not because any body is mad but just because we all miss the paper. See?

Hope you and yours are well. We are all O. K. Sad about death of Bro. Burns' wife.—C. J. Bentley.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Shanghai, China, Dec. 14, 1906.—Dear Friends:—As our hearts thrill with the joys of the coming Christmas-tide, our minds naturally revert to the home-land and the loved ones whom we have left behind. We wish for you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May the coming year be one of great ingathering of souls throughout the length and breadth of the Master's vineyard.

China is growing beneath the burden of progress, and is trying with the price of blood to check the Christian movements, but by the power of God some of her subjects are being and will be saved.

China is in a state of unrest and we know not what the outcome will be. Yet we do know that the Prince of Peace is more powerful than the powers of darkness and we feel that His name will be glorified in the end.

A few days ago there came to us a huge red envelope which enclosed a slip of red paper on which was written a few Chinese characters. This proved to be an invitation to a Chinese feast. When Chinese small children are a month old a feast is spread for the household gods (they had about forty in number) and some for their friends. It was to one of these feasts that we were invited. Of course we could not do otherwise than go. After arriving the ladies retired to the mother's room where fruit and cakes were served. Then the tiny little one was dressed in gorgeous robes of red and taken down to the cold reception room where its head was to be shaven. While this duty was being enacted we were ushered into the dining room where a sumptuous feast was awaiting us. I have not yet learned to relish Chinese food, but Mr. and Mrs. McDavid seemed to enjoy it immensely. One of the smartest women in Loo Chow and who is also a believer, was at our table. During the meal she and her little girl sang two gospel songs, one of them being "Jesus Loves Me." We trust that this woman will have great influence in that heathen home.

Things here seem dark now, but we know that behind the clouds the sun is still shining and that our prospects are as bright as the promises of God. Pray for us and for more laborers to enter into the harvest fields.

Yours in Christian love—Mrs. T. M. Thomas.


Jackson:—Acting upon the old adage "better late than never," I want to thank you for the pens; but will not make any promises that I will write oftener for the paper. Occasionally I fail to get it and am greatly disappointed for it is an anxiously looked for visitor to my home every week.

Just now "I am in a strait betwixt two," have been called to Daphne and Point Clear churches. Will have other work in Baldwin county. This is a work of great promise. My churches in Clarke county, two of which I have been preaching to six years, the others three and two years, insist that I not leave them unless it be for my own good—this touches my heart and makes me willing "to spend and be spent for them." I am enlarging my plans proportionately with our different boards and was very much encouraged last Sunday when Amity church gave more than half as much for State Missions than she ever gave before for all purposes combined. Here is a dollar; put it in your pocket. Give my love to Mrs. B. and the children for I feel we are indebted to them as well as you for the splendid paper you are giving us. You are doing a great work for God among the Baptists of Alabama.

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**POLICY ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE
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In reply to many requests from all parts of the State relative to the aims and objects of the Anti-Saloon League I will attempt to answer some of these questions.

"We will work in line with the political machinery of the democratic party and will accept all of its rulings. We will stand by the men that are clean, just and God-fearing. Men that are willing to say if required to do so that they stand for a general local option law for the State. This, we believe, will remove the whisky question out of the State and county politics and will allow a majority of the voters to settle the liquor traffic question. We believe that this bill will save the State thousands of dollars.

"In answer to the dispensary question. The dispensary will fare the same as the saloon. A majority vote should remove the dispensary just as a majority should vote out the saloon, as will be provided in our bill. The league stands ready to assist all counties who want to exchange the saloon for dispensary where the temperance people are not yet ready to take the advanced step on abolishing the whisky traffic entirely. We shall expect the temperance forces in these counties to co-operate with our cause by sending men to the legislature in favor of a local option law. I want to say right here, with all the emphasis I can command, if the counties hope to obtain relief by exchanging the saloons for the dispensary they must work together and join hands with advocates of the local option plan. As saloons are the whisky men plans they want nothing better.

In reply to the numerous requests as to what other reforms the Anti-Saloon League will stand for, I will say that the fight on the saloon is our supreme object. This being a moral and Christian movement, should be sufficient to insure all men that we will stand for pure politics and a fair deal. Justice shall be given to all reforms where fair play demands. If you fear justice, our cause may not suit you.

"We have no secrets in our organization. We will not hold our meetings behind closed doors. Every action will be open and above board. We invite the criticisms of the public if you have a just one.

We expect to succeed this year. Yes ninety per cent. of the actual mileage in Alabama is already restricted by temperance laws. All of our opposition comes from the whisky elements of the towns and cities. We are only asking for a democratic measure in order that the majority may rule. Not a single candidate in the State has come out and openly announced against us, while a decided majority of the candidates have expressed themselves favorable to our local option plan."

JAS. D. NORMAN,
Ass't. Supt. & Campaign Mgr.

Dr. G. W. Young, D. D., of Kentucky, will come to Alabama March 1 to spend five or six weeks, preaching, praying and speaking for the success of the Anti-Saloon cause in the State, will our friends of every name and order in every town and city get together, and decide that your town needs his services, and write me at once that we may arrange the list of appointments as best we can to reach all the cities and larger towns with as little loss of time and expense as will be possible? We regret he can't reach every point, but the short time will not admit of this. He is a power for the anti-saloon cause, and we hope to make March the greatest one Alabama ever witnessed on the temperance line.

JAS. D. NORMAN,
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Those who heard Dr. Young at Anniston and those who have heard him since remember that he has the power to stir the people. Pastors, give him a chance to talk to your people.

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Florida Letters from Brother Crumpton.

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meeting with encouraging prospects. **The Sensation of Being Robbed.**

Really the sensation comes a little later when you realize what has happened. While the business is going on, you are surprised that the crowd doesn't move on, while you are jammed helplessly against the end of a seat. When you finally get away and in your seat, you continue to wonder at the senseless jam. What did those half dozen fools mean to be pressing through the oncoming passengers? May be the truth dawns upon you, and may be it doesn't, until you have need of your pocket book. I have been traveling all my life and have many times congratulated myself on my good fortune and have often said I didn't believe any man could run his hand in my pocket without my knowing it. It is humiliating to find the thing done without the slightest suspicion on my part that anything was happening. It cost me only five dollars, but another lost sixty dollars and his transportation. The mystery grows as I reflect about it. With my coat buttoned and the overcoat buttoned, how on earth did he extract a pocket-book from bottom of my pants' pocket without my suspicioning it? One never ceases to have new experiences in this funny world.

The Railroads

ave everywhere. The great million-

aires have done much in bringing this about. Plant, with his millions, built the East Coast line extending to Miami, nearly to Key West. The Seaboard is a great system in Florida also. The tourists are here—an immense army. They spend their money freely and are a great delight to the natives; but many a poor fellow has put his money into hotels and boarding houses for the tourists who never came. One can hardly realize that the middle of January has brought no frost to Central or South Florida—indeed they very seldom have frost in much of that state.

A Georgia brother said: "Crumpton, I am surprised that you

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these years, not to have been to Florida before." It does seem strange. I am glad I came at this late day. The trip has greatly refreshed me, and I return to my work with a cheerful, happy heart.

Doubtless some of the brethren have grown a little impatient that their letters were not answered. One cannot rest if he allows his mail to follow him. My mail is all stopped in Montgomery and I promise soon to let the brethren hear from me.

W. B. C.

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