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Blooded Cattle, Bloodless Children

In a recent address at Cincinnati, Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, declared: "The government makes a careful study of the best methods of raising sheep and cattle, but pays little attention to the best methods of raising children. As a result little children as young as five and seven years are set to work in mining communities, boys of eight and ten used in the coal breakers, and in still other communities children carry hot glass eight hours at a stretch. The whole number in gainful occupations between the ages of ten and sixteen is 1,750,000, and of these 589,000 between the ages of ten and fourteen can neither read nor write. Russia alone of the European countries makes such a showing." Senator Beveridge spoke even more earnestly: "The purpose of this republic," he said, "is to produce a better type of manhood and womanhood, and any industrial system that robs children of the right to proper development is a crime against humanity and treason against liberty. And yet such a scheme is in operation in this hour. The deliberate maiming of infant bodies and the deliberate poisoning of young character is being committed. We are pouring into American citizenship a stream of poison whose deadly effect will be increasingly felt by this republic as the decades pass. For all of these children who are not actually put in their graves and who reach mature years become unthinking enemies of society--irreconcilable enemies, too, because the wrong done them cannot be undone or its cost repaid."



Give the boys a chance. While your little boy has time to study hundreds of little boys in Alabama are at work in mines and factories, grown up in ignorance.



A BREAKER BOY'S WORK

Have you ever seen the carefully preserved lung of a coal miner? It is perfectly black, as black as the coal the one-time owner of the lung was wont to dig. Had the lung been perfectly healthy and clean in life, it would be quite white when in death the blood is drawn from it. You do not need to ask what makes it so black; you know already--it is the accumulation of infinitesimal particles of coal swallowed by the miner while at work. With that firmly fixed in your minds, come with me to the great coal breaker, where scores of little breaker-boys are at work, some of them not more than nine or ten years of age. The noise is deafening; a veritable Niagara of discordant, grinding sounds, overpowering our brain. Thick clouds of fine coal dust hide the sun from view. We inhale the dust through mouth and nostril and our eyes are inflamed. We go away after an hour's stay, but for many hours, perhaps several days, we keep expectorating small particles of coal. What chance for life and health have these little boys who swallow this black dust until their tender, growing organs are filled with coal?

Not all child laborers are suffered to live out their miserable lives until contracted disease or exhausted vitality kills them. Many are maimed, many are killed early in their careers. These are the fortunate ones.

I have tried to do a breaker-boy's work, picking out the pieces of slate and stone from the roaring, crashing, hurrying streams of coal as they tore through the chutes. My fingers were torn and bruised, so that for days I could not use my pen. I have seen the "merry" breaker-boys with bleeding fingers scores of times. Worse than all, I have heard the weeping of the mother who could not be comforted because her little boy had been engulfed in the great, grinding stream of coal and smothered to death. I have seen little bodies torn by machinery in the textile industries, and the scarred hands and faces of the glass-house boys. A thousand times I have cried with the poet Hood:

Oh, God! that bread should be so dear
And flesh and blood so cheap!



Cheap Bodies, Cheaper Souls.

But none of the perils of the body, nor all of them, combined, equal the moral perils of child labor. To kill a boy or girl by giving him or to her too heavy burdens to bear is cruel--let us call it by its right name--murder. But if death comes quickly enough, it is less cruel than the life to which such boys and girls are condemned. Killing the soul is of far more awful import. That is what child labor does for a vast army of children every year. We take our boys and girls at a time when their souls are being born, when they are entering upon the critical period of adolescence, and ignorantly and greedily kill their newly born souls. I cannot, in this paper, go at great length into the moral perils which encompass the working child--but we must not lose sight of them.

Dear old Robert Blatchford sings dolefully somewhere that

Where wealth can work its will
White flesh is cheap to-day.
White souls are cheaper still!

A shocking song, you say? Yes, but if you knew the perils to body and soul which beset the average working child, as I know them, you would know how true the song is.--John Spargo in Woman's Home Companion.



Give the girls a chance. While your little girl has time to play with her dolly, hundreds of other little girls in Alabama are slaving in cotton factories.

THE DEBT OF LOVE.

By J. L. McKenney.

"Owe no man anything but to love one another."—Rom. 13:8.

The greatest power under the sun is love. If you can not win by love, your attempt to win souls is a failure. "Love never falleth."

The flower of love is obedience; for unless there is obedience in the life of the individual or church, it is evident that love is dwarfed and is without fruit.

Paul was laying the matter of obedience to civil authority upon the hearts of the Christians at Rome, the world's metropolis.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God; the power that we are ordained of God."

"It is of magistracy in general, considered as a divine ordinance, that this is spoken; and the statement applies equally to all forms of government, from an unchecked despotism—such as flourished when this was written, under the Emperor Nero—to a pure democracy. But since Christians were constantly charged with turning the world upside down, and since there certainly were elements enough in Christianity of moral and social revolution to give plausibility to the charge, and tempt noble spirits, crushed under misgovernment, to take redress into their own hands, it was of special importance that the pacific, submissive, loyal spirit of those Christians who resided at the great seat of political power, should furnish a visible refutation of this charge."

Honesty is enjoined as a prerequisite to influence and power.

"Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." "He must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." Pity, all men are not considerate and wise just here.

It is important that our dues to all men be promptly met and that we show respect due to persons of distinction.

And in fact to acquit ourselves of all obligations except love, which is a debt that must remain ever due.

Love—"Owe no man anything but to love one another."

Pay off all obligations as they become due, only the debt of love must remain unpaid, for love is the fulfilling of the law, a progressive, step into beauty and harmony; without love there is no real pleasure and happiness; for "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." This makes a real happy soul though ten thousand foes arise to baffle and foil it on the battlefield, and "God in him," is sufficient to make the soul enjoy the fullness of God.

As we are begotten of God or born from above in passing from death unto life, God stamps His image upon the soul and gives it His nature, an impulse to love, and fits it for every good work.

The soul that is actuated by love toward God has that living, active principle of obedience to the whole law; for love is the basal, fundamental constituency of our faith in God. It is the Gibraltar of the soul.

It was the love of God that moved Him to compassion and caused Him to send His only begotten son into the world that "whosoever believeth

in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

In answer to the lawyer's question as to "which is the great commandment in the law?" "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."—Matt. 22:37-40. Replied Jesus.

Love is the center and heart of the matter in both commandments. Our love to Him is singular and must be in the superlative degree, for it takes the heart, soul and mind—all of the affection; and "thy neighbor as thyself."

It is prescribed that we love our neighbor and have the same tender regard for him as ourselves. It is but natural that we be concerned about ourselves. But are in danger of neglecting and even crucifying our neighbor rather than ourselves. We must mortify our bodies, the flesh, carnality.

"On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." On the law of love; take away love and there remains no sum or substance.

The law is void and all the prophets taught are but dry bones when love is taken from the law. We do not wonder that the Lord Jesus kept driving home into Peter's heart the question of love: "Simon, son of Jonas; lovest thou me?" three times. Each time Peter answered, "Yea, Lord." Finally, he admitted the great truth that the Lord knew all things. "Thou knowest that I love thee."

"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." It is the golden rule reduced to practical life and religion, for "all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them. For this is the law and the prophets."

Does religion run cross grain to this law of love? No ill is done to his neighbor if he has the law of love in his heart. Are you sure that you love your Lord and Master? "Lovest thou me more than these?"

God grant that every one that reads these lines may learn more of the law of love. "God is love." How desolate is that soul without love; how great is its darkness.

Trussville.

STEADY HAND.

A Surgeon's Hand Should Be the Firmest of All.

"For fifteen years I have suffered from insomnia, indigestion and nervousness as a result of coffee drinking," said a surgeon the other day.

"The dyspepsia became so bad that I had to limit myself to one cup of breakfast. Even this caused me to lose my food soon after I ate it.

"All the attendant symptoms of indigestion, such as heart burn, palpitation, water brash, wakefulness or disturbed sleep, bad taste in the mouth, nervousness, etc., were present to such a degree as to incapacitate me for my practice as a surgeon.

"The result of leaving off coffee and drinking Postum was simply marvelous. The change was wrought forthwith, my hand steadied and my normal condition of health was restored." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason." Read the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

LOW LIVING.

We can conceive of no lower life than that which is seen in the man or woman who, while professing to be a genuine Christian, is so dishonest that he or she will not pay the debts that are contracted by him or her. It is the meanest sort of life that any person can pursue. Such a life is vastly worse than is that which is seen in multitudes of people who do not pretend to be other than ungodly. People of the world expect to be cheated by each other. None of them is surprised when the openly ungodly man defrauds his creditors. If a profane man lies or cheats, it is only what may be naturally expected. But when a professing Christian refuses to pay his debts, though able to do so, he puts himself beyond the range and limit of moral decency. He forfeits the respect of all honorable people. He calls himself a Christian! What a farce he presents! What a low specimen of humanity he is! A Christian! A follower of the Lord of heaven! And yet he keeps from his fellows what lawfully belongs to them! He has in his pocket the money of other people. And he says that he is a very respectable man! Why not? He belongs to a Christian church. Is he not, therefore, highly respectable? O, no! He may be respected by some people, because he is pleasant in manner, or wears fine clothes. Yes, and at the same time, even his clothes have not been paid for. He promised, when he got them, that he would pay for them, and perhaps he said that he would do so very soon—maybe next week; but he did not intend to pay for them. He was acting the hypocrite. He was beguiling the merchant. And the merchant, supposing that the man was a Christian, had confidence in his word; and he kept on thinking that the man was a Christian until at last he saw that he was a mere sham! And this sham says that he is a Christian! He claims to be respectable! What a low and mean life that is! If we have any reader of this kind, we say to him, Get out of the church right away. Unless you become converted, you will at last go to a place where you will have to pay your debt to divine law.

C. H. WETHERBE.

JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME.

By M. E.

Are you keeping up with the "Curate" articles in the Baptist? And you say you hardly know what you think of Dickinson's contentions? I want to talk a bit about the matter. No consideration could lead me to controvert this A. J. of ours in public print, where he could come back at me, but I don't mind telling you in confidence that I have a conviction that his chief error is that he so persistently and thoroughly violates an old saying of Cicero that "the Greeks bid us adopt such an exordium as to make the hearers favorable to us, willing to be informed and attentive." In the latter portion of the second article the doctor is getting at something that sounds good to me, and I am expecting his third article (if some one prods a third one out of him) to be fine. But I submit that his first paper, as an introduction to his promised practical suggestions, did smash old Cicero's rule so completely that the pieces are too small to pick up. His readers, like all Gaul, were divided into three parts. Some it

amused, some it confused and some it "riled."

I am cosmopolitan enough myself to have gotten a bit of all three effects, so that there is not enough of either to do any special hurt. But in the name of Cicero what is the use of amusing, confusing or "enriling" if you wish to gain a hearer to the "truth." This Bro. A. J. of ours has given his brethren more good things in speech and in print, after first getting their bristles too high for them to receive them, than any three men among Alabama Baptists.

But I am so much interested in his idea of spiritual interchange among the churches that I want to get you to ask him to lay himself out at his very best—and that means a great deal—on two clear and comprehensive articles on the subject. Let the first be a strictly scriptural and expository discussion of "The Matter, Media and Value of Spiritual Interchange Among the Churches of Paul's Day." Then let the second be on "The Practical Application of This Spiritual Interchange Among Our Baptist Churches of Today."

That would seem to cover the ground that he is contending for, and I for one am willing to let down my bristles and give him a cordial hearing. There are a good many of us who are not altogether bound up by the traditions of our forefathers' Saturday conferences. As regards the interpretation of New Testament church polity, I do not at all believe that the last word has been spoken. But, in this polity wilderness if you would have me leave the path I now tread, you should first point out one more evidently parallel with New Testament principles, and if you have such a path try to get me into it without first yanking me about through the brush and briars of a far-fetched Introductory route.

There are two reasons for my asking you to ask Bro. A. J. to write those two articles.

First, you will probably see him before I do; and again I would rather not take any chances on having him mistake me for an antagonist. Locomotives and Dickinsons both look alike to me. I don't get in the way of either.

Of course I would know in either case that it was a shameful abuse of power, but that wouldn't afford me any especial satisfaction under the circumstances.

FROM BROTHER PROVENCE.

Shanghai, China December 11, 1906.
Enclosed find check for \$1. Please enter my name on your mailing list as follows:

H. W. PROVENCE
Shanghai, China."

Simply that and nothing more. I made several efforts to stop my paper from coming in care of Dr. Bryan, but in vain. Now that it has stopped coming altogether, I will try to get it started right. Mrs. Provence and I both miss the Baptist very much when we fail to get it. We are always interested in Alabama affairs.

Let me suggest that you have the copies for your foreign mail wrapped in somewhat tougher paper. The covers are often torn off in transit, and since we have United States domestic postal rates to Shanghai the copies for this office need no extra postage. By noting this your mailing clerk may save you a few stamps if it is worth while. I should like very much to see that fine boy. The best blessings be upon him. Yours fraternally,

H. W. PROVENCE.

HOW SHE HAPPENED.

From the Chicago Record-Herald.
We are favored by one of our learned friends with the following account of the creation of woman. It is translated from an old Sanskrit book entitled "The Surging of the Ocean of Time."

WOMAN.

Tradition Says There Was a Scarcity of Solid Elements at the Time of Her Creation.

At the beginning of time, Twashtri—the Vulcan of the Hindu mythology—created the world. But when he wished to create a woman he found that he had employed all his material in the creation of man. There did not remain one solid element. Then Twashtri, perplexed, fell into a profound meditation. He roused himself as follows:

He took the roundness of the moon, the undulations of the serpent, the entwining of climbing plants, the trembling of the grass, the slenderness of the rise vine and the velvet of the flower, the lightness of the leaf and the glance of the fawn, the gaiety of the sun's rays and tears of the mist, the inconstancy of the wind and the timidity of the hare, the vanity of the peacock and the softness of the down on the throat of the swallow, the hardness of the diamond, the sweet flavor of honey and the cruelty of the tiger, the warmth of fire, the chill of snow, the chatter of the jay



and the cooing of the turtle dove. He united all these and formed a woman. Then he made a present of her to man.

Eight days later the man came to Twashtri and said:

"My lord," the creature you gave me poisons my existence. She chatters without rest, she takes all my time, she laments for nothing at all and is always ill."

And Twashtri received the woman again.

But eight days later the man came again to the god and said:

"My lord, my life is very solitary since I returned this creature. I remember she glanced at me from the corner of her eye, and she played with me, clung to me."

And Twashtri returned the woman to him.

Three days only passed and Twashtri saw the man coming to him again.

"My lord," said he, "I do not understand exactly how, but I am sure the woman causes me more annoyance than pleasure. I beg of you to relieve me of her."

But Twashtri cried: "Go your way and do your best."

And the man cried: "I cannot live with her."

"Neither can you live without her," replied Twashtri.

And the man was sorrowful, murmuring: "Woe is me! I can neither live with her nor without her."

THE ORIGIN OF VALENTINES.

A fact in natural history, to-wit, that birds in Southern Europe pair about the middle of February, is said to have inspired a custom of the ancient Romans, to which the origin of the modern valentine can undoubtedly be traced. At the feast of the Lupercalia, held in honor of the great god Pan, the names of the virgin daughters of Rome were put in a box, and drawn therefrom by the young men. Each youth was bound to offer a gift to the maiden who fell to his lot, and to make her his partner during the time of the feast. How this secular custom became allied to the name of a saint is altogether a different matter. St. Valentine was a bishop of Rome during the third century. He is said to have been a man of very amiable nature, and most eloquent of speech, wherefore he was very successful in converting the pagan Romans to Christianity. Marcus Aurelius was then Emperor, a relentless persecutor of the Christians, and by his order the bishop was beheaded. The date of his death was February 14, 276 A. D. We find the statement in Archbishop Whentley's "Illustrations of the Book of Common Prayer" that "St. Valentine was a man of admirable parts, and so famous for his love and charity that the custom of choosing valentines upon his festival took its use from thence."—The February Housekeeper.

OUR ETERNAL HERITAGE.

A precious heritage we have,
Laid up in heaven above,
The incorruptible bequest
Of God's paternal love.

A source of pleasure undefiled,
Of constant peace and joy,
Which thieves can not break through
and steal,
Nor moth and rust destroy.

Its bountiful abundance will
Suffice our souls for aye;
Its wealth can not diminish, for
It passeth not away.

Then blessed be the God of grace,
Whose mercy, so paternal,
Begot us to this living hope,
And heritage supernal.
—Walter M. Lee.

FROM GEORGIA.

The figures on my label tell a bad tale on me, so I enclose a check which ought to make them put on a better appearance and speak better things. While I am doing this let me tell you that I am greatly pleased with your paper. You have placed it along up among the foremost of our denominational journals. You are doing a great work; you deserve a good word from every reader of the Alabama Baptist. I am pleased with your spirit and the excellent variety which you serve to your readers. From time to time you bring me very interesting news. I have an abiding interest in your State. Some of the most important events in my life were recorded in Alabama. Then I have sowed seed on Alabama soil from which I hope for a harvest that shall glorify my Master and give me great joy. There are men in Alabama whom I love. The initials of one of them are W. B. C., and often appear in your columns. A man who keeps on working at a difficult and tiresome task for a long series of years just because he knows it is the Lord's business while many underrate him and his work would win my love, even if he had no other virtues. But Crumpton has done this and has many other virtues besides. While I was pastor in Alabama he never wrote me a letter, although it might have been a circular which he was sending to every pastor in the state, that it did not quicken my sympathy with him and deep my interest in his cause. Let me waft him the good cheer of my Christian love.

Now, will you suffer a word about my present work? It is simple justice to the people among whom my lot is now cast to say of them, if I

say anything at all, that they constitute the noblest church of which I have any knowledge. When I have told you of gifts which they have made in a single year you can judge of their grace of liberality. The annual report of our treasurer shows that during the year 1906 we contributed to church expenses \$1,712.33; to general benevolence, \$1,101.26; to the building of a pastor's home, \$2,905.93; making a total of \$5,719.52, and we are entirely out of debt. The new pastor's home is a thing of beauty and a joy forever, and there never was a church enterprise that went through more smoothly than this one. Everybody helped willingly, liberally, cheerfully, and everybody is happy over the result. It would require some details which your space will not permit to show just how generous and noble these people are.

Advance the figures on my label as far as the enclosed check will justify, and continue to send me your paper until I tell you to stop, which if I find it necessary to do I shall try to say it in a most gentle manner.

H. W. WILLIAMS.
Commerce, Ga., Feb. 1, 1907.

THINGS THAT ARE AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD.

Prov. vi: 16-19.

1. A proud look.
2. A lying tongue.
3. Hands that shed innocent blood.
4. The heart that deviseth wicked imaginations.
5. The feet that be swift in running to mischief.
6. A false witness that speaketh lies.
7. He that soweth discord among brethren.

ADDIE CRUMPTON.

A BAPTIST EXHIBIT AT THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

The Virginia Baptists propose, with the co-operation of the denomination in other States, to erect a building on a favorable site offered by the managers of the Jamestown exposition, for a Baptist exhibit, illustrative particularly of our educational and missionary enterprises. The General Convention of the Baptists of North America will hold its meetings in convention hall of the exposition, May 22, 23, 1907, and has decided, through its special committee, to co-operate, as requested, in making the exhibit as creditable an affair as possible.

We appeal, therefore, to the proper representatives of our universities, colleges, theological seminaries and schools of high academic grade to assist in making this exhibit a success. Inasmuch as neither the general convention nor the Virginia committee has funds to meet the necessary expenses of such an exhibit, it will be expected that each exhibitor will defray the incidental expenses of its own exhibit, including the preparation and mounting of views, expressage, and the charge of one dollar per square foot for space. It is believed that most institutions will cheerfully do this, partly as an advertisement, and partly as a contribution to the fund of information for the multitudes who will attend the exposition.

It is suggested that these exhibits be mounted in substantial oak frames; that no glass be used, but simply a heavy paper man with apertures for the views which may be secured to a substantial backing by broad headed brads. For many institutions of learning a general arrangement like

the following may be desirable: a frame 2 feet 4 inches by 3 feet, with a photographic view of the faculty in the center, and views of buildings, grounds, etc., surrounding it.

Some of our larger institutions with numerous buildings, may require two or more such exhibits, and may desire to arrange their views in a different manner. Frames of about 20x36 inches would suffice for institutions with few buildings. In each frame should be a screw-eye with a flexible wire chord to which shall be securely attached a catalogue of the institution.

Directly below the group of the faculty or in a separate frame there should be a printed card, giving the following information:

1. Name
2. Location
3. When founded
4. Number of instructors
5. Present enrollment
6. Whole enrollment from the beginning
7. Volumes in library
8. Number of buildings
9. Value of property
10. Amount of endowment

Missionary or other organizations desiring to be represented should indicate at once how much space will be required.

Inasmuch as the time is quite limited in which to gather and arrange material for this purpose, we request you to state on or before February 20 whether your institution will be represented in the exhibit, and how much space you wish. Shipping directions will be furnished in due time. Replies should be addressed to the first named member of the committee at 312 Fourth avenue, New York city, N. Y. H. L. Morehouse, E. M. Thresher, E. Y. Mullins, Committee.



MARK TWAIN.

"My purpose," writes Mark Twain in his preface, "has been to present a character-portrait of Mrs. Eddy, drawn from her own acts and words solely, not from hearsay and rumor; and to explain the nature and scope of her Monarchy, as revealed in the Laws by which she governs it, and which she wrote herself."

It is not a work of humor, but at the same time it is not without humorously entertaining touches. Indeed, the book opens with the presentation of one of his basic arguments in the form of a narrative so droll as to disarm the hostility of even those whose belief he attacks.

Somewhere in Austria he has fallen over a cliff, and, no physician being within finding distance, a Boston Christian Science doctor, summing not far away, is sent for.

"It was night by this time, and she could not conveniently come, but sent word that it was no matter, there was no hurry, she would give me 'absent treatment' now, and come in the morning; meantime she begged me to make myself tranquil and comfortable and remember that there was nothing the matter with me. I thought there must be some mistake.

"Did you tell her I walked off a cliff seventy-five feet high?"

"Yes."
"And struck a bowlder at the bottom and bounced:

"Yes."
"And struck another one and bounced again?"

"Yes."
"And struck another one and bounced yet again?"

"Yes."
"And broke the bowlder?"

"Yes."
"That accounts for it; she is thinking of the bowlders. Why didn't you tell her I got hurt, too?"

"I did. I told her what you told me to tell her; that you were now but an incoherent series of compound fractures extending from your scalp-lock to your heels, and that the comminuted projections caused you to look like a hat-rack."

"And it was after this that she wished me to remember that there was nothing the matter with me?"

"Those were her words."
But next morning the Christian Scientist arrives and she and Mark Twain have a delectable discussion, and at length Mark says:

"I am full of imaginary tortures, but I do not think I could be any more uncomfortable if they were real ones.



New Books

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"

By MARK TWAIN

What must I do to get rid of them?"
"There is no occasion to get rid of them, since they do not exist. They are illusions propagated by matter, and matter has no existence; there is no such thing as matter."

"It sounds right and clear, but yet it seems in a degree elusive; it seems to slip through just when you think you are getting a grip on it."

"Explain."
"Well, for instance: if there is no such thing as matter, how can matter propagate things?"

"In her compassion she almost smiled. She would have smiled if there were any such thing as a smile."

"It is quite simple," she said; "the fundamental propositions of Christian Science explain it, and they are summarized in the four following self-evident propositions: 1. God is all in all. 2. God is good. Good is Mind. 3. God, Spirit, being all, nothing is matter. 4. Life, God, omnipotent Good, deny death, evil, sin, disease. There—now you see."

"It seemed nebulous; it did not seem to say anything about the difficulty in hand—how non-existent matter can propagate illusions."

As they talk, Mark continually fails to find coherent proof in the flowing words of the Scientist. At length he says:

"What is the origin of Christian Science? Is it a gift of God, or did it just happen?"

"In a sense, it is a gift of God. That is to say, its powers are from Him, but the credit of the discovery of the powers and what they are for is due to an American lady."

"Indeed? When did this occur?"
"In 1866. That is, the immortal date when pain and disease and death disappeared from the earth to return no more forever. That is, the fancies for which those terms stand disappeared. The things themselves had never existed; therefore, as soon as it was perceived that there were no such things, they were easily banished. The history and nature of the great discovery are set down in the book here, and—"

"Did the lady write the book?"
"Yes, she wrote it all, herself. The title is 'Science and Health, With Key to the Scriptures'—for she explains the Scriptures: they were not understood before. Not even by the twelve Disciples. She begins thus—I will read it to you."

"But she had forgotten to bring her glasses."
That the Scientist herself needs glasses, and that in the same breath in which she absolutely denies any dependence upon medicine.

He is informed, further, that Mrs. Eddy is foretold in Revelation as the "woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars."

Then he gives a serious summary of Mrs. Eddy's book:

"It is written with a limitless confidence and complacency, and with a dash and stir and earnestness which

often compel the effects of eloquence, even when the words do not seem to have any traceable meaning.

He comments on the personal honors paid to Mrs. Eddy and exclaims:

"How long do you think it will be before it is claimed that Mrs. Eddy is a Redeemer, a Christ, and Christ's equal? Already her army of disciples speak of her reverently as 'Our Mother.' How long will it be before they place her on the steps of the Throne beside the Virgin—and, later, a step higher? First, Mary the Virgin and Mary the Matron; later, with a change of precedence, Mary the Matron and Mary the Virgin."

He recognizes in Christian Science more unusual and greater possibilities than any new religion in the history of the world has hitherto offered. It has huge capital. The power and capital and authority are concentrated in the hands of a small clique, with no outsiders to criticize or ask questions. And then, moved by the sense of fair play, he presents the case of the Christian Scientist with forceful eloquence.

"And who are attracted by Christian Science? There is no limit; its field is horizonless; its appeal is as universal as is the appeal of Christianity itself. It appeals to the rich, the poor, the high, the low, the cultured, the ignorant, the gifted, the stupid, the modest, the vain, the wise, the silly, the soldier, the civilian, the hero, the coward, the idler, the worker, the godly, the godless, the freeman, the slave, the adult, the child; they who are ailing in body or mind, they who have friends that are ailing in body or mind. To mass it in a phrase, its clientele is the human race. Will it march? I think so.

He comments with humorous interest upon accounts of Science healing as given by the beneficiaries themselves in the Christian Science magazine. As:

"A little Far Western girl of nine, equipped with an adult vocabulary, states her age and says, 'I thought I would write a demonstration to you.' She has a 'claim' derived from getting flung over a pony's head and landing on a rockpile. She saved herself from disaster by remembering to say 'God is All' while she was in the air. I couldn't have done it. I shouldn't even have thought of it. I should have been too excited."

Mark Twain next turns his attention to the finances of Christian Science, and enumerates some of the many sources of income of what he terms the "Trust"—that is, the ruling clique, centering about Mrs. Eddy. He estimates that within a few years the annual income will be reckoned in millions of dollars, and that in time it will be well above an annual billion.

Then he makes the grave charge that the "Trust" has no charities to support, or even to contribute to.

"I have hunted, hunted, and hunted, by correspondence and otherwise, and have not yet got upon the track of



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a farthing that the Trust has spent upon any worthy object."

He does not stint words in expressing his admiration of Mrs. Eddy's remarkable qualities.

But he turns for a few moments to Mrs. Eddy's human weakness, and quotes samples of what she publishes under "the holy name of 'poetry.'"

"And laud the land whose talents rock The cradle of her power, And wreaths are twined round Plymouth Rock

From erudition's bower."

Mark Twain examines the basis of Mrs. Eddy's absolute and autocratic rule. There is a Board of Directors—but Mrs. Eddy must personally approve every candidate. The president is chosen, subject to her approval. No by-law can be altered unless she personally approves. The officers are elected for short terms only, so that, should they become dangerous, she may promptly put in satisfactory successors. Two "readers" conduct each church service. One reads a passage from the Bible; the other reads the explanation from Science and Health. They are expressly forbidden to utter a word of their own in explanation! And Mark Twain looks on this as the most marvellously astute idea ever originated for the safe-guarding and perpetuation of a religion.

And, moved out of all patience by what he deems human credulity, he exclaims that he sometimes thinks it "a pity that Noah did not miss the boat!"

He gives a picture of Mrs. Eddy as she appears to her followers:

"Patient, gentle, loving, compassionate, noble-hearted, unselfish, sinless, widely cultured, splendidly equipped mentally, a profound thinker, an able writer, a divine personage, an inspired messenger whose acts are dictated from the Throne, and whose every utterance is the Voice of God.

"She has delivered to them a religion which has revolutionized their lives, banished the gloom that shadowed them, and filled them and flooded them with sunshine and gladness and peace; a religion which has no hell; a religion whose heaven is not put off to another time, with a break and a gulf between, but begins here and now, and melts into eternity as fancies of the waking day melt into the dreams of sleep."

But he also summarizes her qualities as they appear to him:

"A clear head for business, and a phenomenally long one; Clear understanding of business situations;

"Accuracy in estimating the opportunities they offer;

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MRS. GIBSON'S GIVING

By Carrie O. Millsbaugh.

The floral committee had been lavish with conservatory violets, smilax, and ferns; the music had been unusually good; the sermon had been stimulating and the greetings which followed had been warm and sincere; yet Mrs. Gibson left the church with an ill concealed frown on her usually placid face.

"What is the matter, mother?" her daughter Rowena asked as they stood at a corner waiting for a car.

"Matter enough," the mother replied, sharply. "One expects to go to church to be comforted and helped, but all I have heard this whole morning has been money, money, money!"

Rowena looked up in surprise. "Why, mother, there was nothing said when the regular offering was taken; and it occurred to me that if I believed with all my heart that the heathen are perishing without the gospel I should have made a stronger plea for the missionary collection than Dr. Davidson did."

"Well, that wasn't all, although I am sure I don't know what more you would want him to say; but Mrs. Converse came to me the minute the service was over and asked if I wouldn't give something this year to the women's society. I am not a member; I don't see why she should expect me to give."

"Perhaps," said Rowena gravely, "she thinks it a privilege to give others the light which you Christians say has brightened your lives, the bread which you say has fed your souls, and the knowledge which you claim has given you peace. Indeed, in my ignorance of these matters I have sometimes thought that, aside from the question of salvation, there must be a satisfaction and joy in this life which, if one were as earnest and devout as Mrs. Converse seems to be, it would be a pleasure to share with others. She probably wants you to have the 'more blessedness' of giving, too."

Mrs. Gibson was silent a moment. Rowena was certainly queer. She was not a Christian, although sometimes she seemed to be near the kingdom; but she had built up a code of morals for herself, the foundation stone of which was justice, and she was getting very critical.

"But, Rowena," said her mother at length, "it seems to take away all my enjoyment to hear so much talk about money when I go to church to worship. I am willing to give a reasonable amount to the church, but—"

"But you would rather not give anything; isn't that it, mother? Or you would rather give just as little as you can without seeming penurious. It isn't a privilege and you haven't much faith in the promises that Dr. Davidson repeats. You want everything that the Lord in His infinite kindness is willing to give, and you pray more for material things than for spiritual blessings, but you want to keep all He gives, or spend it on those whom you especially love. You want a beautiful, well appointed home, and you want Francis and me to be well dressed and to entertain, but you really do not care whether the heathen are saved or not, and it doesn't matter much whether the poor in our cities and on the frontier have the gospel preached to them, or whether the agents of Satan entrap them."

"Rowena Gibson!"

"Mother, here is the car. Don't you

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dislike street cars?"

"Why?"

"Because you never ride in one without paying out money. It is absolutely sickening the way the conductor watches you till he has your fare in his hand. Why, I believe it sometimes costs our family a dollar a day to ride when we have shopping to do; and the worst of it is, the merchants won't give us anything after we have paid our fares to visit their stores without some sort of return; and we can't go to a lecture or concert without paying out money, and even society makes heavy demands on our purses. It is a dreary world certainly when we cannot even send a letter to a friend without expense. Sometimes I wish I could escape from the tyranny of shop keepers and dress makers and curio dealers who say, 'Freely you have asked, now freely pay'; but the worst of all is that we should be expected to show our gratitude to One who gave Himself utterly, vicariously, for us by cheerfully obeying His command to give as He has given us."

"Rowena," said her mother, coldly, "let us drop this subject. We have had enough of it for the present."

"Mother," said Frances, who had not gone to church, "I want you to give me ten dollars tonight so I can hurry down town in the morning and do some shopping. I have been looking over the morning papers while you were at church, and I see that there are some fine bargains in lace."

The ten dollars were taken from a well filled purse and the family proceeded to dinner, but Mrs. Gibson was not happy. Frances was unmistakably worldly; she never thought of going to church any more, and Rowena had been decidedly censorious today. Things were decidedly out of joint. To make it worse, Frances went to the piano as soon as dinner was over and began to play the lightest, most senseless kind of pieces, and there crept over Rowena's face a wistful look such as her mother had never seen there before.

Then, because she was a Christian, although a weak and faltering one, as she acknowledged to herself Mrs. Gibson went upstairs to her own room to pray. Yet even her first words rebuked her.

"Dear Father," she said humbly, "I am weak and helpless and blind, I am selfish and unloving. Forgive my lack of gratitude, and give me wisdom and strength and guidance. My children have been under Christian influence all their lives; yet one is cynical and the other worldly. Give me, I pray, my children for thee. Help them to

see the beauty and comfort and joy there is in the Christian life in spite of their mother's shortcomings. Take away this wayward, restless will of mine and give me peace and assurance. Give me evidence that I am really accepted of Thee and that my poor, stumbling prayers will be answered."

"She is asking a great deal for one who dislikes to give even a little," murmured Rowena, who had gone to her own room in time to hear the last sentences of her mother's prayer. "I wonder that Christians don't ever fear that God will get as weary with their asking as they get with appeals from the pulpit and friends. And yet mother must be a Christian, or she wouldn't pray like that. I wish I could be one."

As if an echo of Rowena's words had come to her soul, Mrs. Gibson was again stung with bitter self reproach, and, falling once more on her knees, she cried out in anguish for forgiveness and help; for an unselfish spirit and for grace to give herself and hers, her powers and her possessions, freely, and constantly to the Master. At last, with full surrender, came a sense of God's favor she had not enjoyed for months, and very penitently she sought Rowena.

"Dear child," she said, tenderly, "your mother is a very imperfect sort of Christian, but she truly desires to be unworldly; and more than anything else she desires to see the salvation of her children, to whom, I fear, she has often made the Christian life seem strangely unattractive."

For a moment she stood waiting for Rowena to speak, and then, throwing her arms around her daughter's neck, she said bravely: "Rowena, forgive my selfishness; and whether you can respect me or not, try to believe that I am in earnest now."

It was Rowena's turn to be moved. "Mother," she said, gently, "I am not indifferent to these things, but ever since I have known what heathenism really is I have thought that if I should become a Christian I should want to be a missionary. Would you be willing?"

Mrs. Gibson went to the window and stood looking at the sunset for some time before she replied: "This morning I should have said 'no' very curtly. This evening I can only say, 'Yes, if He wills it so.' From this time, daughter, I shall try to choose His will and be satisfied with His plans."

"Then pray for me, mother."

A half hour later mother and daughter rose from their knees with happy hearts and radiant faces. They talked a while of the future, which was to

be one of sacrifice and service, and then went together to the parlor to ask the gay young girl, still playing waltzes, if she would not accompany them to church.

"Why, certainly," she replied cheerfully. "This day has been a bore. I have half a mind to turn good."

After the service Mrs. Gibson slipped a bill into the hand of Mrs. Converse, with the invitation:

"Come over tomorrow and talk with me about missions. I want to know all about the fields and then I want to give with intelligence and system, for the Lord has opened my eyes and my heart."

OUR WORK IN ARGENTINA.

As is known the Southern Baptists have just begun work in this republic; their first representative having arrived in Buenos Ayres November 30, 1903. The working force has since been increased, until at present we are nine, five men and four women. All have to learn the language and hence these first months have been devoted almost wholly to its study; and while the Spanish is not a difficult tongue compared with many that our missionaries have to master, it is nevertheless true that it requires at least one year of careful study before one can begin to do independent work. Hence our first regular preaching place was opened November 29, 1904, in Buenos Ayres; the second, April, 1905, in Rosario. At both places the Lord has given good congregations; and there have been three baptisms in Buenos Ayres. Several others have professed conversion at each place, and what is more have given proofs of a change of life. The work at these two halls has been supplemented by outside work. The homes are fairly accessible and often our best work is done in the family circle. When it is not possible to enter the home we still have abundant opportunity in the parks and streets. Everything indicates that the country is open to the gospel. The missionary can not possibly use the many opportunities that are offered. Even if he works until night, he has to leave people who are ready to listen. We are so often received kindly that it is easy to overlook the occasions that do come when we are rebuffed. Other preaching places will be opened as more of us become able to speak the language. All are happy and well and ought to be even more thankful than we are for the high privilege of working for the Lord in a field so great and promising as is Argentina.

REV. S. M. SORRELL.

The ladies of the Aid and Missionary Society of the Midway Baptist Church are happy over their Christmas offering for missions, and we have just observed a week of prayer which was certainly a feast for the soul. The dear sisters feel like they will do more for missions than ever since enjoying this week of prayer. The following officers have just been elected:

President—Mrs. M. W. Brill.
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For eight years (with exception of Vice President) these dear ladies have been faithful and true to every interest of the Society.

A MEMBER.

ROANOKE PASTOR'S SERMON.

The following is a sermon preached by Rev. T. J. Porter, pastor of the First Baptist church at Roanoke:

Text, 1 Tim. 1:15: "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

The glorious Gospel of the blessed Christ is expressed in one word; that word—salvation. I love those blessed words, salvation, saved, redeemed, Jesus Saviour. To the believer, they mean something. They mean a great deal to the sinner. They are the sinners only hope. This world can never deliver one sinner from his sins. The gift of eternal life is not worldly, but the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. The mission of Christ Jesus to the world.

Why did the "Christ of God" lay aside his royal robe, step down from his throne in heaven, come to a dark and sin cursed world, take upon himself the form of sinful flesh and die the ignominious death of the cross? The grand purpose of the Redeemer's advent, is clearly stated in the text—"To save sinners." Christ Jesus had but one mission and only one to this world. But do you say he came to heal the sick, raise the dead and open the eyes of the blind? Yes, he went about doing good, but he came—"to save sinners." He often healed the body that he might reach and save the sinsick soul. The great Apostle Paul thought himself the chief of sinners, and he argued that the great purpose of the Redeemer's coming was to save sinners and that he had saved Saul of Tarsus and would save all who would come unto him by faith.

The super sanctified Pharisees and scribes boasted of their piety and did not feel the need of a Saviour and were not looking for a Redeemer but for a king. So when Jesus announced his mission to the world this self-righteous tribe laughed him to scorn. This tribe is not all dead for we have a few of them who live in the twentieth century. But the voice of the Son of God is heard in the world as it was in the time of the ancient Pharisees and we hear him speaking now—"hear ye him." "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." "The Son of man has come to seek and save that which is lost." Jesus did not come to this world to restore the temporal kingdom of David but he came to save the lost. He was the world's greatest teacher, the world's greatest preacher, the world's greatest philosopher, but he did not come to teach the world a new theology nor a new philosophy, he came "to save his people from their sins."

Oh redeemed soul, saved and washed in his own precious blood, can you not join with the great hymn writer, Isaac Watts and sing from the very depths of your heart—

"Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns,
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains,

Repeat the sounding joy.

2. If the mission of Christ Jesus to the world was to save the lost, what is the mission of His church?

If Jesus had but one purpose in coming into this world and dwelling among men and if that great purpose was the salvation of the lost, then may we not inquire concerning the mission of his church in the world. The church of Christ like her great and supreme head, has but one mis-

sion, and that is "to seek and save that which is lost." I know that this is not considered modern theology by some of our "higher critics," but it is the doctrine that Paul preached in the text. Give the unfaithful and unbelieving critics a wide berth for a few moments and hear Paul in my text—"Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners." Why did Jesus found his church? "To save the lost," He said to his church: "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you." This is truly a faithful saying and worth, of all acceptation, that Christ came into the world and established his church and the first and only obligation of his church is to seek and save a lost world from sin.

Do we believe that men are lost? Does our churches of today believe as they ought that the world is lost and condemned before God? Oh, Christian men and women, hear me today—if you believe as you ought that this world is lost, what are you doing to redeem it and bring it back to God? No, we don't believe as we ought, that the world is lost, and going down to hell without love in God. Many twentieth century Christians accept the doctrine of the pulpit dude, who said: "My dear beloved congregation, I must preach plain to you today and deliver to you God's message." "Now if you don't repeat to some extent and believe in a measure you will be damned in all probability."

Is the world lost without Christ? "Hear ye him" again—he that believeth not shall be damned." But we often console ourselves with the Universalist idea of God's goodness and mercy and try to believe after all if our loved ones live the life of the wicked and die the death of the unbeliever, that in some way we know not how, they are better off and go to a place of rest.

In one of our western cities lived a rich young man who in the time of Christ would have been called "the rich young ruler." This moralist died the death of the unbeliever. A good Christian neighbor went to this home of death to comfort and console the bereaved mother. When she entered that home of sorrow she found that heartbroken mother kneeling by the dead body of her only boy. Her kind hearted neighbor said: "Oh, sister, don't weep over your dear boy, he's better off." The mother of the dead young man with tears streaming from her eyes replied: "No, don't tell me my boy is better off for he is not better off, my poor boy is lost and lost forever." Oh, beloved do you believe today that your unbelieving boys are lost? If so why not bring them to the Saviour before you are forced to say as did the weeping mother of the rich young man, "my boy is lost and that forever."

This is a faithful saying and worthy of our acceptation that the mission of Christ's churches is to save sinners.

Do you ask how may the church save the lost? Certainly not by ethical culture. I would never undervalue education, but education is not salvation. I would rather if I have to choose between the two, my boy would learn his alphabet in heaven than to read latin and Greek in hell.

I shall never forget the first session of the Clear Creek Baptists Association of Illinois that I attended. The brethren were as usual appointed to read the letters from the churches and I am always interested in the reports from the different churches.

Some of these letters read as follows:

"Dear brethren—We are at peace with the world." And I said to myself and the devil is happy and well pleased with such a church. The reader read on: "Foreign missions, blank; state missions, blank; home missions, blank; associational missions, blank; additions by letter, blank; by baptism, blank." The whole thing was a blank. I said in a sermon: "Brethren, of these blank churches, go home and raise money and erect a monument and set it up before the door of your churches and write across its face these sacred words, we so often see on coffins: "At Rest." Either build your monument or do something to save the lost. A church that hasn't enough power with God to save one soul from sin in twelve months is not the church of Jesus Christ. Such churches are anti-Christ, and have no place in his dominion.

We have gotten too far away from the doctrine of the Fathers. We no longer preach and believe the doctrine of total depravity. I once referred to the doctrine of total depravity in a northern church and a deacon of that church called me to task about it. He said we no longer believe such doctrine. I said that's true, we have gotten too far away from our program—the Bible—and we are many of us today preaching a sugar taffy gospel instead of the gospel of the blessed Christ. We are reading the sermon on the mount after the following fashion: "Ye are the sugar of the earth." We have ceased to sing the old hymn our fathers sung. It has been banished from our hymn books:

"Buried in sorrow and in sin,

At hell's dark door we lay;

But we arise by grace divine

To see a heavenly day."

The church of our Lord and his Christ is the "ground and pillar of the truth." It is the mission of the church to let her light shine before men, that she may be the means under God of saving the lost souls within the radiance of that light from their sins. Yes, let us sing with the fathers more and more in our churches of today, that old gospel song:

"When I was sinking down,

O, my soul! O, my soul!

When I was sinking down,

Beneath God's righteous frown."

Joining a church is not being saved. Let no man deceive you, God is not mocked. Jesus speaks again, listen! "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." What are we doing to lift up the fallen world and bring it back to God. We as churches are doing more today than we have ever done and may God by his grace enable us to do more, yes, far more this year than we have ever done in the past. Some pedo baptist denominations have been on the decline for a number of years. Why is this true? They are evangelic, but not evangelistic. Usually our churches spend two weeks in the year in special effort to save the lost and fifty weeks in training and developing church members. This ought to be reversed. We ought to spend fifty weeks in special effort to save sinners and two weeks in training church members. Christ came to seek and save the lost. Christ set up his church in the world and gave that church a commission. He said: "Go preach the gospel to every creature." His charge was to preach his gospel to a lost and sin cursed world. The mission of a church of

Christ Jesus is to "save his people from their sins."

3. The mission of the individual Christian—What is it?

Surely not to sit down and sing. "O to grace how great a debtor." Jesus said to the Galilean fishermen: "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." Andrew found the Lord and went immediately and told Simon. The Christian has one business only as a follower of Christ, and that is to seek and save the lost. Oh, you say, I haven't the qualifications for a soul winner. There is but one chief qualification, the others are helpful but not absolutely necessary. If you know Jesus in the pardon and forgiveness of your own sins you are competent to become a successful soul winner. That is all the great Moody knew when he first took up the work of an evangelist. It is not always argument and great learning that touches the sinner's heart, it is the Spirit of the Master. Every church of a hundred members ought to have twenty-five soul winners among that hundred.

The story of the profane blacksmith will illustrate my point. This old country blacksmith was known far and wide for his awful profanity. He was, as Paul said of himself, "the chief of sinners." There lived in that community a rich infidel. The infidel was very smart and was always able in his own estimation, to meet the argument of all the preachers and theologians in his community. But a revival started in the little church across the way, and the old profane blacksmith was converted one night. The mission of the individual Christian is to seek and save other sinners, so bright and early the next morning the converted blacksmith went to his infidel neighbor's house to tell him about the Saviour he had found. He went to the gate after the good old country style and called his infidel neighbor out to the fence and after a hearty handshake, the converted blacksmith said: "Neighbor, I have come—" he broke down and wept like a child. Wiping away his tears, he continued: "Neighbor, I was converted last night, and I have come to tell you I am interested in your soul." The earnest words and sympathizing tears of the converted blacksmith touched the infidel's heart as it had never been touched before, and he said: "If that's religion I want to be saved, and I want you to pray for me right here." Was the infidel saved? It goes without saying. That converted blacksmith knew Christ was his Saviour and that was the necessary qualification to lead his infidel neighbor in to a saving knowledge of the world's Redeemer.

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars." We sing, "Will there be any stars in my crown?" That depends on our success as soul winners. If we have stars in our crowns we must be about, "winning precious souls for Jesus."

Somebody is ready to say, oh, well, if we make soul winning our only mission some will be lost. Yes, some will be lost even after we have all done what we could, but beloved, the King of Glory will say unto you in that great day when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed: "You have done what you could, well done good and faithful servant." Yes, you can say to Jesus on that great day as the noble young man said on the day

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AN ALARMING CONDITION.

Will the white people of Alabama stop and reflect?

The new constitution of Alabama makes an educational qualification for the negroes to vote; but under the "grandfather clause" no such qualification is required of the whites. A stimulus is thus given to the negro to improve himself mentally so as to become a qualified voter; but a premium is put upon ignorance among the whites.

While this clause was put in to retard the negro and advance the white voter, a blind man ought to see that it operates exactly the other way.

It is notorious that the negroes are sending their children to school. After the schools open it is next to impossible to hire a negro child to nurse the baby in any home. It is equally notorious that many white parents are careless about the schooling of their children. Almost any country teacher will tell you of the many white children who do not avail themselves of the opportunities they have. Senator Beveridge, in a speech in the United States senate the other day on the child labor bill, now before congress, used the following language:

"While the white working people of the south, composing the enormous majority of the entire white stock of that section, are increasingly sending their children to the mills and thus wrecking the future of the white race, the negroes of the south are increasingly sending their children to school and thus improving the future of the black race. We are deliberately weakening the white race of the south while gradually strengthening the black race of the south.

"I am glad to see the negro children going to school; but it is heart-breaking to know that the white children are being made their inferiors, physically and nervously, and, in the far future, mentally. And to what end? To the end that the already unhealthy fortunes of northern capitalists who own these southern cotton mills shall be made still greater. The nation is alarmed over the unrighteous power of unrighteous fortunes; and yet we go on swelling these fortunes with the blood and lives of American children."

A great cry is now being raised against licensing the "negro dives" in our cities. High license is being put upon the saloons so as to make it impossible to maintain a saloon where the meanest and cheapest liquors are dealt out to negroes. Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, is put as an advocate for prohibiting the sale of liquor to negroes, just as the government forbids the sale of liquor to the Indians. This, he argues, would help to keep the negro from criminal life. No argument is needed to prove to a thinking person that that would be the result on the negro. He would greatly improve morally and that means inevitably social and financial improvement also. But what about the whites? Under this idea they are to have the exclusive right to drink liquor. Is argument needed to prove to any man that a law which keeps liquor away from the negro and leaves the white man free to use it insures to the betterment of the negro's condition in every way, and the ruin of the white race?

Are the negroes to be blamed for their desire for an education? Are they to be cursed and demeaned if they improve under prohibition laws,

which remove from them the greatest enemy to their progress? Certainly not. It is "heart-breaking" to see how blindly we are rushing on to the destruction of the white race. Often while we are trying to enact laws to put the negro at a disadvantage, we unwittingly do exactly the opposite.—W. B. Crumpton, in Montgomery Advertiser.

A VISIT TO THE CLASS ROOMS OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

The attention of the denomination has been called time after time to the splendid work that is being done at Howard college.

Representatives of the college in public addresses have not failed to give the facts to the people.

Dr. Montague has visited almost every nook and corner of the State and many people have been drawn to the college as they listened to the burning words of one whose best thoughts are given to the interest of the college.

We may listen to the speeches of others and read their articles in the papers, but when we visit the class rooms and look into the internal work of the institution we are made to exclaim, "The half has never been told."

On the morning of February 5th, in company with Dr. Montague, I visited the class rooms and had a feast of good things.

The professors were hard at work. It didn't take the visitor long to discover that each was master of the situation. The students in every class without a single exception manifested a spirit of deep interest in the way of profound attention and promptness in answering questions propounded by the professor.

Our first visit was to the class room of Prof. J. A. Hendrix. He was hearing a class in logic.

His questions were clear and pointed. We soon discovered that he was familiar with his text.

The answers from the students gave evidence of careful preparation.

Prof. Hendrix is an alumnus of Howard college. He also studied at Columbian university.

Our next visit was to Prof. A. J. Moon's room. We found him busy with a class in freshman Greek—doing practical work translating English into Greek.

A spirit of ease and naturalness showed that he was familiar with the subject.

He goes down to the very root of the matter in his work.

Prof. Moon is also an alumnus of Howard college. After graduating there he went to the University of Virginia and afterwards took a special course at the University of Chicago.

We went from Prof. Moon's room to that of C. P. McCord, who is also an alumnus of the college.

I looked on, but took no notes. Hence I will have to let Dr. Montague report.

In company with Bro. J. M. McCord I visited the chemistry room and there found Mr. Carey McCord, son of our beloved brother, conducting experiments with the senior class. The work went on smoothly and well. It lays foundation for exhaustive knowledge of the subject.

Mr. McCord, young, scholarly, thoughtful, clean, gives promise of a noble, useful life. He will soon begin the study of medicine, and when he

enters that profession he will carry into his work a high conception of its responsibilities and a faithful, gallant Christian manhood.—A. P. Montague.

Continuing our journey, we came next to Prof. J. C. Dawson's class room. He was hearing a class in French. The class was small, but composed of fine young men.

The translation of English into French was at sight.

I don't know whether there are any born teachers or not, but I thought as I listened to him that morning that he must be one.

That gift with his acquirements makes him a great teacher.

Prof. Dawson is a graduate of Georgetown college. He also studied in Paris, Berlin and the University of Chicago.

We visited Prof. Edward Brand's class room, but he had no recitation at that hour.

I have heard students speak of him as a teacher at different times and they always speak in the highest terms of his scholarly attainments.

Prof. Brand is a graduate of the University of Kentucky. He also spent some time pursuing his studies at the University of Chicago.

We called at the class room of Prof. Albert Lee Smith, but no recitation at that period.

Prof. Smith is a son of A. D. Smith, who taught in Howard college for several years, and was president of the college one session.

He is a grandson of the late Dr. Mell, of the University of Georgia, and a nephew of Prof. P. H. Mell, formerly of Auburn, Ala., but now president of Clemson college, S. C.

Thus you see he belongs to a family of teachers.

Prof. Smith is a graduate of Howard college. He is scholarly and a young man of fine promise.

A visit to the class room of Prof. J. W. Vardaman was to have a repetition of some things we had already seen in the way of work.

We found him and a large class in elementary algebra at work and they meant business.

Prof. Vardaman is full of energy. It didn't take long for the visitor to see that his purpose was to get the boys to know algebra, and judging from the effort on the part of the boys they seemed as anxious to know it as he was for them to know it.

He is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

We called on Prof. D. F. Stakely, but no recitation at that period.

Prof. Stakely is a son of Dr. Stakely, of the First Baptist church of Montgomery. He is an honor graduate of Mercer university.

His advantages from childhood have helped him to lay the foundation for a life of great promise.

I don't believe there has ever been a time when better work was done at the college than is being done now. The college has never been better equipped for work and yet there is much needed to be done. It won't be long before another dormitory will be needed.

Among the large number of preachers attending the college there are fifteen or twenty married. These young men bring their families with them, and that is right. House rent is high and will continue so.

The college owns land bordering on the campus. Would it not be a good thing for individuals or associations throughout the state to build small

cottages on the college land for the benefit of those young men? Let them pay enough rent to keep up insurance and repairs.

Let the cottage have the name of the association that builds it, and if there is a married man from that association attending the college let him have the preference.

Dr. Montague in his article on plans for permanent work struck the keynote as he always does.

There are not less than twenty thousand boys in Alabama under Baptist influence. A large number of these boys ought to be in Howard college. A great many are not there because somebody is not doing his duty.

The pastor is in a position to do a great deal of good by putting before boys the advantages to be derived by going to college.

If he thinks of the usefulness of the boys he will be found doing his duty in that respect.

J. M. McCORD.

FROM EVERGREEN CHURCH.

As it has been some time since you heard from Evergreen church, I will drop you a few lines.

We are still enjoying our Sunday school. For the past few years there has been such interest with our young people till we have a very nice school here.

Our penny system is still at work here and it sure is a nice idea, for nearly every Sunday our very smallest children bring their penny and give it so cheerfully.

Owing to the amount of young people here the advanced class decided its number, and we now have classes from one to four in numbers. Advanced teachers, Mr. G. W. Taylor and Miss Sallie Jones, Intermediate, Mrs. Mary Taylor; primary, Miss Mabel Cox.

We also have the B. Y. P. U. I think it has done a great thing for us here.

Dear Brother Upshaw came into our community and saw at once the young people needed help and he began to encourage them and in a few weeks we had a B. Y. P. U. organized, and in a month or so we were strengthened in the line of union work. We were very sorry to give up Bro. Upshaw, for he gave us two long years of faithful work and God's richest blessings we hope may follow him.

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FRANK WILLIS BARNETT
Editor and Proprietor.



A. D. GLASS
Field Editor.

RATE BILL AND ITS EFFECT ON NEWSPAPERS.

According to the interpretation of the Interstate commission, hereafter nothing but money can be received by railroads in exchange for transportation. This ruling will do away entirely with the policy in force with the majority of railroads of purchasing all advertising with transportation. If these railroads must pay cash, few newspapers, outside of the prominent ones in their own systems, will receive any advertising, except from a few of the larger systems, and those that are not in the system will not be as generously patronized by the railroads except to publish time tables and special excursion ads, as there is a great difference between paying cash for advertising and paying for it in transportation. The principal hardship, however, will fall upon the country editors, who, in former years, received a great deal of editorial transportation free. It is a question whether this ruling will be sustained by the United States court, for it seems that the railroads have a right to pay for advertising with transportation. For, as has been pointed out, if the government has a right to decide in what form even a legal debt of a railroad can be paid, can it not just as well compel a farmer to pay cash for his farm and not pay for it by some other arrangements, such as, for instance, trading the property for property in some other locality, etc? Money, itself, is only a medium of exchange. It is a pertinent question whether or not the buyer and seller have a right to decide upon what medium of exchange is satisfactory to them. They, and no one else, are the ones to be satisfied, but until this view prevails we must abide by the acts of our Alabama solons. We will be handicapped in getting to see you, so please don't wait for the editor or his Field Glass, but send in your remittance.

IT WILL HURT BUSINESS.

Every reform movement started is sand-bagged with the slogan "it will hurt business." Try to do away with saloons and this cry is started: "It will hurt business; try to run out the houses of ill fame, and we are told by property owners "it will hurt business;" try to close the bucket shops, and we hear it whispered "it will hurt business;" try and pass a Sunday law, and smug members of the church will uplift pious hands and with a hypocritical smile sing in unison, "it will hurt business;" try and put an end to child labor, and great corporations howl "it will hurt business;" and so on down the line. Well, what of it? Suppose it "hurts business." Is business the only thing that is sacred in the United States? Is business to be our God? Is there nothing higher than money making? Any business that is done at the expense of decency, morality and humanity ought not only to be hurt, but wounded unto death. We say go on with necessary reforms if business is paralyzed.

NEVER BE ASHAMED OF YOUR PARENTS.

It almost seems a gratuitous insult to even hint that any young man would ever be ashamed of his parents, and yet we have seen such cases, for sometimes it happens that father and mother make sacrifices to send their boys to college and they return home, with their heads filled with new notions about society, and because they have been permitted to move in circles where men and women have a certain social glamour, the old folks at home seem courted and unfit to mingle with the set which has adopted him. No doubt many who read this will call to mind some such persons with contemptuous pity. Every true boy ought to feel that his own father and mother are in a niche above him and do everything in his power to honor them and to show them that he is proud of them.

STILL SINFUL.

We are divinely permitted to judge people by the course of their general conduct. It is in vain that one says that he does not do anything particularly bad, if some one of his acts be of such a character as to show that he was stating a falsehood, while professing to be truthful, and knew that his statement was false. A holiness evangelist, in writing about the exaggerated reports which some of his holiness brethren had given of their work, says: "I have gone to places and met our own people from other places where meetings were held and such reports were written up, and I have found that the results were not at all what they were reported. I do not believe that these brethren intended to make any false reports, but they were wanting in judgment, and that to the injury of the cause of Christ." If those reports were "not at all" in accordance with the facts, then the writers of them certainly knew it, and it is worse than useless for their apologists to say that the writers did not "intend" to make false statements. The simple truth is, these men are not only still sinful, but they are greater sinners than are thousands of moral men who do not claim to be Christians, for they are both truthful and honest. Truthful people are sometimes careless in reference to statements which they make, but they will not say that a religious meeting was a great success, knowing that it was well-nigh a flat failure. A real Christian is truthful, and it is not necessary that he should be "wholly sanctified" in order to keep truthful and otherwise worldly decent. We also say that if a Christian would have a good measure of spiritual power he must be genuinely sincere, and make a practice of confessing his sins to the God who knows his heart, and delights in forgiving penitents. A hearty spirit is a confessing spirit. Is yours like that?

FIGHT THE LIQUOR RING.

We have the chance of a life time to get some real temperance legislation passed if we will only show our real strength and not be frightened by the shouting of the saloon gang. It is not a time for compromises and makeshifts, but the hour has come for a finish fight. It is no time for those who want things to happen to sit around on goods boxes at home and whittle and say our county wants local option, but what's the use going up against the saloons, for they put in their man. Why, of course they did when they had such fellows to fight. Get up your nerve and begin to work and create such a temperance sentiment that a strong committee will be enabled to bring such pressure to bear on your weak-kneed representative that he will see that when he lines up with the whiskey element and votes that it means his political grave. The saloon power cajoles and threatens and punishes their tools, but deem it strange when moral citizens arouse themselves and begin to talk of signing the political death warrant of the men who betray them and their cause.

I want to beg the pastors to stick to the schedule. The Foreign Mission Board is in desperate straits and the Home Board is in as bad condition; but February is for State Missions. The other boards come later. We are going to do our best for them in their season. Don't let anything side-track State Missions in February.—W. B. C.

GRAPHOLOGY, EGYPTOLOGY AND ASSYRIOLOGY

An eminent professor of la Sorbonne of Paris, M. Binet, has just played a very mean trick on graphologists. These gentlemen have been pretending for a long time that they could readily tell a man's character and intelligence by his handwriting. Professor Binet has just given the result of his investigation to the public in a very curious and amusing volume. He submitted to the experts a number of letters, ingeniously mingling together those of great men, assassins, thieves and honest citizens. According to the report, once in a while the graphologists guessed right, but in a majority of instances they were grotesquely mistaken, praising a criminal and damning a man of unquestioned integrity, according precedence to an assistant clerk in a grocery store over some of the greatest modern writers and scientists. We suspect that more often than is known some of our expert higher critics get their data confused and when men like Sayce and Reich get after them they appear less infallible. It seems to us that some of their methods in arriving at their conclusions are about as trustworthy as the following story:

An Egyptologist and an Assyriologist were disputing about the relative advancement of the two ancient peoples whom they were studying.

"Why, sir," said the Egyptologist, "do you know that there have been found in Egypt remains of wires which prove that they understood electricity?"

"Humph!" observed the Assyriologist. "We don't find any wires in Assyria, and that shows they understood wireless telegraphy."

TREAT THE COLORED PEOPLE BETTER.

The following editorial appeared in a weekly paper published in the south. It is worth reading. Does it condemn you?

"While in the city of Atlanta a few days ago we had occasion to hear an address which was delivered by one of the most distinguished white Baptist ministers in the country, who is also pastor of one of the leading churches in Atlanta. Early in the same day on which the address was delivered the minister received an urgent message by telephone from the daughter of a dying man who requested the presence of the pastor in order to converse finally with him before his decease. The pastor went and found the sick man perfectly conscious, though approaching the end of his life. The dying man assured the pastor of his sense of the forgiveness of his sin and of his acceptance with the Lord Jesus Christ. He felt confident that after death he would be at rest and so was prepared to go. He took occasion in his conversation to express to his pastor his regrets for whatever failures had characterized his life. We shall reproduce one confession made to his pastor, as perfectly as our memory will permit, just as it was related in our hearing by the minister in question:

"Among the regrets of my life I particularly regret, as I approach the end, that during my life I did not treat the colored people better. I have not been as kind to them as I should have been. When I was a young man I read a book written by one 'Ariel,' the purport of which was to show that the negro's origin was different to that of the white man. The reading of that book colored my views relative to the negroes and powerfully influenced my treatment of them. But now I seem to see heaven itself and can hear the redeemed, and I tell you the souls of many black people are up there. If I could only live my life over again I would treat the colored people better than I have done during my life, and I would do all I could to lead every one of them to Jesus Christ."

PARAGRAPHS

Please announce that Dr. M. B. Wharton, of Eufaula, will preach our baccalaureate sermon at the next commencement.—A. P. MONTAGUE.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Larimore request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Mattie James, to Mr. Rufus Allen Pruette on Wednesday evening, February 13, 1907, at 3:30 o'clock, at home, Vashti, Ala.

Great success to you and the paper. Come down and see me some Sunday. Everything in Roanoke is moving nicely. We will give our \$1,000 to missions this year. We have paid our pledge to Howard College, \$200. Yours very fraternally, T. J. PORTER.

My field of labor for the present year is with the Concord Church, Coosa County, Good Hope; Bethlehem and Bethany Churches of Elmore County. I hope to secure some new subscribers on the field during the year. With best wishes I remain yours fraternally D. S. MARTIN.

I read with much interest Dr. Montague's communication in a recent issue of the Baptist on "How to Make the Success of Howard College Permanent." I believe the suggestions are well and timely. At the Howard, is the place for Baptist boys, and every Baptist ought to send his boys there if possible. Here is my hand and heart for greater things all along the line.—C. T. CULPEPPER.

Dear Bro. Barnett:—I am sorry to trouble you again with a request for minutes. If the brethren knew how I am embarrassed by the lack of minutes, in my correspondence with the census bureau in Washington, about our statistics, I am sure they would send needed minutes at once.—M. M. WOOD. (Brethren help Bro. Wood get together the necessary facts. Send him the minutes he asks for.)

The fourth annual session of the Florida Winter Bible Conference, opens on February 10, 1907, and continues until February 24 in Gainesville, Fla., to be followed by a two weeks' session of the Christian Workers' Institute, and a two weeks' session of the great Chautauqua Assembly. The Conference is interdenominational. Low rates have been granted Gainesville to the last of April. For further information write to Ferdinand Bayer, Secretary, Gainesville, Fla.

In the Baptist of 23rd of January, the president of Howard, presents an earnest appeal to the pastors of our churches in behalf of the Howard. For myself, I like what he says. If our pastors will do what he suggests, the College will be more thought of and prayed for, and better advertised than ever before. Brethren, I think that we owe it to the college, to our boys, to the denomination and to our Lord to do what Dr. Montague suggests in the article referred to.—JNO. P. SHAFFER.

On the fourth Sunday in November, 1906, there was constituted a Baptist Church at Wellington, Ala., in Calhoun County, where the Sea Board crosses the L. & N. R. R. north of Anniston, thirteen miles, with twenty noble brethren and sisters, who, with the Odd Fellows, built them a house with Odd Fellows' Hall above before they were constituted. On the second Sunday in December they called myself as their pastor. We have increased by letter, three; total, twenty-three. Take collections for missions every meeting. Organized a Sabbath School on the fifth Sunday in December. Now have an attendance of forty scholars. Will have an organ by the next third Sunday. Also the church painted on the outside. We have great confidence in the Lord that we will soon have the banner church in the rural district in Calhoun County. Brethren pray for us. We haven't asked any assistance of the board.—W. F. M'CAIN.



REV. T. J. PORTER,
Roanoke, Ala.

FROM CARBON HILL—WOMAN'S WORK.

Carbon Hill, Ala., Jan. 27, 1907.

A most beautiful entertainment was given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church at the home of the president, Mrs. G. S. Gilder, on Friday night last. When the guests had gathered in the parlors and halls, decorated for this occasion, it was announced that the time had come to hem the aprons—as this was an "Apron Party." Of course every young man was anxious to show his skill in the sewing line, so much amusement was found in this feature of the evening. Delightful refreshments were served in the dining hall, decorated in holly and flowers, and the proceeds of the evening were given for the benefit of our little church. Our society is young and we are not "rich in money," but our ladies are doing such faithful work and we trust that we will soon have one of the best societies in the state.—CLYDE C. METCALF, Secretary and Treasurer L. A. S., Carbon Hill, January 29, 1907.

Some days ago I wrote you asking you to mention in the columns of your paper, the fact, that the Abbeville Baptist Church is without a pastor. For several years Rev. F. M. Woods has served the church, but he has recently accepted a call from the Clinton Church.

Abbeville is the capital of Henry County and is a town of 1,500 or 2,000 inhabitants. The church owns an attractive modern building and a comfortable parsonage. We think that available preachers will communicate with us without charge. I am authorized to say that the church will pay for the ad. Correspondence may be addressed to me. Fraternally, CLARENCE J. OWENS.

The citizens of Athens, Ala., have undertaken the erection of a \$10,000 Conservatory of Music and Dormitory, a gift to the Athens College, the Methodist College for young women, of which amount about \$5,000 has already been pledged. Correspondence has been entered into with a contracting architect. The new building is expected to be ready for occupancy by next September.

The building when complete and furnished, with the extensive additions and improvements made during the past two years, will represent an expenditure of about \$30,000. These additions have been made necessary on account of the rapid growth of the school. Quite a number of students were turned away last session on account of lack of room.

PARAGRAPHS

Married at the Pastorium at Forest Home, Ala., Sunday afternoon, January 27, by H. R. Schramm, Mr. Jessie Herring to Miss Rosa Boutwell. May peace and prosperity attend them through life.—H. R. SCHRAMM.

Please change my address from Haulk, Tex., to Gadsden, Ala., R.F.D. No. 2.—REV. J. R. RAMSEY. P. S.—As W. B. Crumpton says I repented and came back to Alabama.

Alabama Baptist:—This is to certify that Revs. B. C. Hughes and J. L. Busby are duly appointed collectors for Shelby County Association. They are hereby commended to the favorable consideration of all. By order of the Association.—C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

Dear Brother:—If your readers could all hear Dr. Eagers' lectures at the Judson School on Italy and her people, beginning February 11th, it would be quite a privilege. Could we not hear them through your good paper? It seems that it would be excellent reading.—J. R. CONGER.

Rev. Dr. Perryman has just conducted a splendid revival at Morristown.

The First Baptist Church, this city, has called G. W. Sherman, D. D., who begins work March 1st.

Carson & Newman College has already enrolled 457 students, an increase of 87 over last year.

Rev. Earl D. Sims, our State Evangelist, is now holding a meeting with the Rutledge Baptist Church, Jefferson City.—S. E. IVES, Jefferson City.

Minutes Received to date, January 31: Alabama, Arabacoochee, Bessemer, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bibb County, Cahaba, Calhoun County, Cedar Bluff, Central, Central Liberty, Clarke County, Cullman, Eufaula, Harris, Marshall, Mobile, Montgomery, New River, North River, Pike Barrens, Randolph County, Salem-Troy, Shelby County, Tuskegee, Union and Zion. I greatly need copies of those not in the above list. Some one please send me one at once.—M. M. WOOD, Secretary, Furman, Ala.

Yesterday was an ideal Lord's day for religious services, and at the First Church, we had a delightful time, both morning and evening. The congregations at each service showed a decided growth, not only in size, but also in interest. We had two professions of faith at the evening service.

The Church at Girard on yesterday extended a unanimous call to Rev. L. N. Brock to their pastorate, and it is hoped that he will see his way clear to accept.—H. M. LONG, February 4, 1907.

Why the Difference?—Our Orphan's Home, the organ of the Orphan's Home of the Synod of Alabama, comes to our table, and an interesting item in the last issue is the receipts from the five churches in the City of Birmingham, and they foot up the neat sum of thirteen hundred and fourteen dollars and sixty-six cents. If some one should ask me why the Baptist churches of the same city give so much less, I would say, "I don't know."—J. NOBLE STEWART.

A Workers' Institute will be held at the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., February 18-22, 1907. The program provides for thirty-four lectures of one hour each. It was in the minds of the committee that the lectures as a rule would be about forty or forty-five minutes in length, and would give time for discussion or asking questions about twenty minutes.

The committee that prepared the program asked Bro. J. J. Hurt, of Conway, to take the program in charge and act as moderator at all the meetings, or provide some one for that place. He has been asked to be very strict as to time and see that all lectures are kept within time limit.

IN MEMORIAM.

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I want to heartily indorse Dr. Montague's plan for the Judson and Howard. I think that it is a capital idea, but getting the churches to take hold of it is the trouble. First so few will see the article, for so few take the Alabama Baptist. The first step is to get the Alabama Baptist in every Baptist home and that is in his plan. It looks to me sometimes that it would pay for every pastor, colporter, and missionary to turn loose everything and canvass for subscribers for the Baptist, for if the paper was in every Baptist home then Dr. Montague, Dr. Patrick, J. W. Stewart and Dr. Crumpton could reach the people with their plans. I want to add one more thing to the plan to fill Howard with students. Judson has more now than she can find room for. I suggest that some of our wealthy brethren and sisters arrange a fund for Howard and Judson to loan to poor worthy boys and girls money enough to enable them to get an education and then pay it back. By this source those having the money could do much good and many poor boys and girls would become very useful in life, and the Howard and the Judson would be filled with students.
H. R. SCHRAMM.

The article of Dr. Montague in last week's Alabama Baptist is full of excellent suggestions and I for one am ready to help carry them into effect. It has been a great pleasure all the time to help my alma mater in any way possible. There is no object to which my people contribute any more readily than to Howard college. I expect before many years to see the boys and girls who today help to raise money for the Howard and Judson be students in these respective institutions. I believe these two colleges and their correlated schools will go along ways toward meeting the issue raised by Dr. Dickinson as to the better solidarity of our work. By all means let us support both with our money, our prayers, our boys and girls, our loyalty and hearty co-operation.

J. W. O'HARA.
Montgomery, Jan. 31, 1907.

Last Tuesday morning Mrs. Sarah J. Irwin, nee Martin, died. She was born in Georgia in 1840. She united with the Baptist church in 1854 and lived in it until 1898, when her husband united with the Methodist church and she joined him in that communion.

She was married to Mr. R. C. Irwin in 1858 and at the time of her death had spent 48 years of her life with the companion of her choice. She leaves to mourn her loss the aged companion, a son, W. M. Irwin, who was water bound in the delta and could not reach West Point in time for the funeral service, and a daughter, Mrs. Ella Pruitt, of Bessemer, Ala., who was at the bedside of her mother in the last hours. Three children born of the union have gone on before.

The interment was in the Shaffer cemetery, near Siloam. A large number of friends were present. Elder H. K. Coleson, of the Church of Christ, conducted the services. Every one who knew her speaks highly of her Christian character, good deeds and neighborly ways. Many friends extend their sincere and heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved.
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CHRISTMAS AT THE ORPHANAGE.

More of thought for the pleasure of the children than ever before characterized the sending of gifts this Christmas. A large number of the children received individual gifts from friends who clothe them, and the sending of boxes of things containing something for every one was the rule. Perhaps in this the Judson girls led. The gift of the friends of Hurtsboro of a quilt with the names of all the donors worked on it was especially noteworthy. The people of Selma sent so many different packages it is difficult to mention them all. The good people of Brewton, to be sure there would not be a failure of any of the larger girls getting some gift, sent the money with the request that it be spent for that purpose. If some of the old friends, true and tried, fall out of the ranks of the generous, they will find their place taken by the friends from Opelika. They have almost overwhelmed us this winter with kindness.

One brother sends a hundred dollars, and says if there is need for help on the current fund he will send something later. This brother never fails to do this thing at this time of the year. Another brother never fails to send his twenty-five dollars for Thanksgiving. Above all the gifts in value, and not second to any in appreciation, was the big car of corn from Jackson county. It was so large that the boys grew tired hauling corn. They finished unloading it about nine o'clock on the night of December 24 so that it was not difficult for them to fall asleep and allow Santa Claus to have full possession of the house. A brother whose name we are not allowed to give sends, as he has been doing for years, twenty-five dollars with the request that the money be divided among the children, and it was done as he wished.

All the children who had been baptized received a Bible, and that by most of them seemed to be appreciated more than anything they received. **BAPTIST—FOUR**

If I may be allowed to pass a criticism I would say the matter of fun and frolic was overdone, and we have in mind that the holidays will not last quite so long another year. The children had a world of fun, but the workers had more work than usual, and entirely more than was necessary. The influence of the holiday season since the days passed has not been good. Three days will be enough hereafter to spend playing.

JOHN W. STEWART.

SPURGEON ON THEATER-GOING.

Are there not many persons who find in the theater precisely that kind of recreation and rest which is most useful for the discharge of their daily work?

"It may be," said Mr. Spurgeon, "but I don't know any of them. You see, I live in a world apart from all these things, and so do my people. We argue this way: Granting it perfectly safe and profitable for myself to go to the theater, if I go, a great number of those will go to whom it will do positive harm. I will not be responsible for alluring by my example into temptation which but for myself-indulgence they would entirely escape.

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never go near them, and why? Not because there is any danger of my passing through the gardens to the gambling tables. No; but a friend of mine once related the following incident to me: One day Mr. Blanc met me, and asked me how it was I never entered his grounds. Well, you see, I said, 'I never play, and as I make no returns whatever to you, I hardly feel justified in availing myself of the advantage of your grounds.' You make a great mistake, said Mr. Blanc. 'If it was not for you and other respectable persons like yourself who come to my grounds, I should lose many of the customers who attend my gambling saloons. Do not imagine that because you do not play yourself you do not by your presence in my grounds contribute materially to my revenue. Numbers of persons who would not have thought of entering my establishment feel themselves perfectly safe in following you into my gardens, and thence to the gambling table the transition is easy.'

"After I heard that," continued Mr. Spurgeon, "I never went near the gardens. And the same argument applies to the theaters.—Pall Mall Gazette.

SOME GOOD WORK.

During the Christmas holidays two young men who are members of my church went out to Compton on the North Bessemer car line and began a vigorous campaign, making house to house visits during the day and preaching in the school house there at night, for ten days and nights. As a result of the untiring efforts and consecration of these two young, bright brethren, J. S. Hartsfield and H. H. Friar, a church was organized on Sunday, Jan. 6, by the following presbytery: Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, Rev. Lofton, Rev. Livengood and W. W. Howard. More than fifty people went into the organization and called Bro. H. H. Friar to the pastorate of the church for full time, and he has moved out and he and his estimable wife are happy in the work.

On Sunday, Jan. 27, the following presbytery met to ordain Bro. Friar, viz.:
Rev. J. M. Hewie, C. M. Cloud, W. L. Henson and W. W. Howard. After passing a very satisfactory examination, Bro. Friar was set apart to the full work of the ministry; Rev. W. W. Howard preached the ordination sermon, Text, II Tim. 4:2: "Preach the word." Rev. J. M. Hewie delivered the charge to the candidate. Rev. W. L. Henson delivered the charge to the church and Rev. C. M. Cloud presented the Bible and led the prayer. It was a great day for every one, and especially a peculiar pleasure to the writer, as I was Bro. Friar's pastor in Kansas City, Texas, where I first met him, and God used me as an instrument in getting him into the work. The Lord has blessed Bro. Friar abundantly, considering he has only been in the ministry a few months.

Bro. S. O. Y. Ray has taken hold of the work out at Compton and they have already raised over \$1,100 on a new church building. Bro. Ray has a way of getting hold of people and their pocket books as well. Brother Friar and his good people are planning great things for the future. The outlook for the work is very promising.

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Under and by virtue of a decree rendered by the probate court of Geneva county, Alabama, rendered on the 15th day of January, 1907, by P. C. Black, judge of probate, I will, on Monday, the 11th day of February, 1907, at the artesian basin on court square, in the city of Montgomery, Montgomery county, Alabama, and within the legal hours of sale, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, for the purpose of division among the heirs of said estate, the following described real estate, to-wit: The following described real estate situate in the city and county of Montgomery, and State of Alabama, to-wit: Beginning at the southeast corner of Arthur street and Plum street, thence east on south side of Plum street two hundred feet, thence south three hundred and fourteen feet to Cherry street, thence west on north side of Cherry street fifty feet, thence north one hundred feet, thence west one hundred and fifty feet to Arthur street, thence north along the east side of Arthur street two hundred and fourteen feet to point of beginning; being in Block "B," in section 13, according to the plat of the Highland Park Improvement Company, recorded in the probate office of said county in plat book 1, page 106 1-2, 2d. seq. M. A. Davis, widow of said deceased, having filed her written consent thereto, her dower interest in said land will be sold so as to vest in the purchaser the complete title.

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