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## REMEMBER THE ORPHANED CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS TIME.



DINING ROOM, BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, EVERGREEN, ALA.

Married, December 6, at the home of the writer, Mr. Thomas Miller, of Pratt City, and Miss Mary Jane Fox, of Warrior, Ala.—Thomas G. Carr.

I have accepted a call to the Carmel Baptist church, Mobile, Ala. Please change the address of my paper from Fairhope, Ala., to 8 Roper street, Mobile, Ala. Yours fraternally—Ed. S. Barnes.

Rev. H. Allen Tupper, D. D., of New York, preached at the Richmond Place Baptist church, Birmingham, yesterday. He is spending the week with his sister, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton. The Richmond Place church is hopeful of securing a good pastor in the near future.

I certainly enjoy reading the Alabama Baptist. I am a whole-souled Baptist. Brother Rice preached at the Fifth Street church on December 3. They are slow subscribing for the paper. Pray for us, that we may grow stronger.—Lucy Blanton, Huntsville.

May I not say that it was a source of pleasure to be with my old friend and brother, Rev. S. L. Loudermilk, in his meetings? The Lord greatly blessed us in the salvation of souls, and the churches were greatly revived. Eternity alone will reveal the good that is being done by Brother Loudermilk. The work there is great and the laborers are few. Our first meeting was at Narrows, on Johns Island. God bless them. They are a great people. Through special invitation I will go back in 1912 to assist in more meetings. Yours—J. L. Hand, Newton, Ala.

"Shop early" and give the clerks a chance to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Do not wait until the last minute to have your packages delivered. Have some mercy on the mail clerks and express carriers.

Please change my address from Oneonta, Ala., to Cleveland, Ala., as I have moved there, and oblige your brother in Christ—D. D. Head.

Rev. D. P. Lee, of Elba, recently officiated at a double wedding. Miss Bonnie Connor lighting her torch to Mr. Walter Whitman and Miss Knight giving her hand and heart to Mr. Bertie Patrick.

Please change my paper from 3905 Fourth avenue, North, city, to 2301 Twentieth avenue, Ensley, as I have accepted the care of the Tuxedo church and am on the field and looking for the Alabama Baptist in the homes. I am going to push our paper. May the Lord bless the paper and editor.—V. C. Kincaid.

I hope to see the day when every Baptist in the state will be a reader of the Alabama Baptist. Remember us at Shiloh in your prayers. Wishing you and yours a merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year, I am sincerely—Estelle Leverett.

(She also kindly offers to give out sample copies and try and get subscribers.)

Dr. S. M. Provence, formerly associate editor of the Alabama Baptist, preached the convention sermon before the Texas Baptists at Waco. The Standard speaks in high praise of the sermon and prints it, and it makes good reading. Dr. Provence is one of our best pulpit theologians.

On November 30 the writer officially attended the quiet home wedding of Mr. C. E. Poole, of Trinity, Ala., and Miss Elma Day, of Flint, Ala. Only the family and near relatives were present. The groom is an enterprising young farmer, and the bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. R. B. Day, of Flint, and was organist at Mt. Pisgah church—a model Christian character, and will be greatly missed.—B. P. Collier, New Decatur.

A good sister writes: "Won't have any cotton to sell, but will kill hogs later, and will remember ye editor with a few dollars of back dues."

Last Sunday we had a good service at Watts Union church. Brother J. W. Bagland is our pastor. The church has a Sunday school and prayer meeting.—Thomas G. Carr.

Enclosed find \$2, which should have been sent to you before now. I do enjoy the paper so much, and cannot do without it. I believe it gets better all the time.—Mrs. J. B. Russell.  
(Pays to October, 1912.)

We had a good day yesterday. A large congregation in the morning; good collection; house full at night; received two by letter; secured six subscribers to the Alabama Baptist in a ten-minute canvass at the church. We expect to move into our Sunday school rooms by January 1. Come to see us.—L. M. Bradley, Birmingham.

I am a little girl 13 years old. Have been taking your paper, but my grandmother has come to live with us, and she takes your paper, too. So will let you stop my paper and continue hers. I send you \$2 for my back dues and \$2 for her renewal. I give her this for a Christmas gift. Respectfully—Elsie Duckett.

I have been expecting to see an account of the Washington County Association, but no one perhaps sent an item to you. The body convened at Spring Bank. The session was very good. We have 21 churches in our county association. It is only three years since it was organized. Rev. T. E. Tucker was re-elected moderator and Brother Rhet Turner clerk. Brother S. O. Y. Ray was with us, representing the State Board, Orphans' Home and the Alabama Baptist. He is O. K. on all that work.—W. A. Darden.

Tuxedo Park has called Rev. V. V. Kincaid to the pastorate, and he has already moved on the field.

We are glad to know that Rev. D. R. Parker has come back home to take up the work at Alabama City. We pray God's blessings upon him and his work.

We have a nice prayer meeting, a good Sunday school and preaching every Sunday, morning and night, by our beloved pastor, Brother R. R. Brasher. You must visit our church.—Lucy Blanton.

Please give me credit for \$1 on my subscription to the Alabama Baptist. Will say I will be ready in a few weeks to accept a call to some church, and whether it is in Alabama or some other state the Alabama Baptist shall be one of my advisors. Sincerely—L. P. Royer, New Decatur.

Rev. J. M. Thomas, of Talladega, will be with us in a meeting at Hartford, beginning Tuesday after the second Sunday in January, 1912. We are planning and praying for a great meeting.—Frank J. Flemming.

Everything moves well. Our Sunday school averages 250. Our offering to the Orphans' Home was \$165. One young lady is supporting a native Bible woman. The B. Y. P. U. is doing the same. Congregations are large and appreciative, and are growing in spirituality and liberality daily. We are getting ready for a meeting in February. H. R. Holcomb and his singers will be with us. One young man enters the ministry. Fraternally—J. W. O'Hara, Newport, Tenn.

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## ROMANISM AND BUDDHISM.

It has often been said, and not without reason, that Roman Catholicism is baptized or veneered paganism. Roman Catholicism has grafted on to Christianity quite a good many things that originally formed no part of our religion, but were some of the adjuncts of heathen religions. In traveling through Italy and China during the summer of 1910 I was impressed with quite a number of striking points of similarity between Roman Catholicism and Buddhism, and it is my purpose in this article to call attention to them. These things which I shall mention and many others which form a part of Roman Catholicism, but no part of Christianity, were gotten from Buddhism indirectly through Rome, for it has been clearly shown that the ancient religions of Rome and Greece were greatly influenced by the religions of the far east.

In Italy and other Roman Catholic countries cities have their patron saints, who are supposed to show special favors to those cities. While visiting Chengchow, China, which is about a thousand miles in the interior, my old friend and schoolmate, Brother D. W. Herring, called my attention to a small brick structure, just outside of the wall of the city, containing an image, and informed me that it was the patron god of that city. It was evidently from paganism that Roman Catholicism got its patron saints. It is certain that they did not get them from the Bible.

I observed that the great cathedrals of Europe that have been built by the Roman Catholic church were not built for preaching purposes. They have numerous small chapels and shrines, where people gather in small groups for prayer. They seldom have any preaching. I observed that the temples of China were on the same order. They have numerous chapels and shrines, where the people go singly or in groups for prayer and other forms of worship.

In Italy the faithful will take a candle which has been blessed by a priest, light it by another candle before a shrine of the Virgin Mary, then fasten it on a metal point, kneel before the shrine and say a prayer. It is claimed that the prayer lasts as long as the candle burns. In China the candle, though smaller because of the poverty of the people, is used in a similar manner. It is lighted, then fastened on a metal point before a shrine of Buddha, and the worshipper bows before the shrine and says his prayer.

All through Italy I saw shrines on the roadside with a picture or image of the virgin Mary. In Germany and Austria I observed that these shrines contained crucifixes. Soon after I entered China I observed shrines, with images of Buddha in them, all through the country.

In Rome there is a church which claims to have the body of a saint which has been miraculously preserved. It is said that the body is now just as it was when the spirit left it long ago, though it is not shown to the visitor. The Greek or Eastern Catholic church makes the same claim. In Moscow I saw where a similar body is said to rest. At the head there seems to be a small part of the skull, about the size of a quarter, exposed. This spot the faithful kiss. Dr. Beebe, a Presbyterian missionary in China, informed me that the Buddhists of China make a similar claim, and mentioned the name of the place where the body is located.

The Roman Catholic church has priests and nuns, the priests living hard by their churches and the nuns in buildings known as nunneries. It is said that Roman Catholic nuns and "Sisters" shave their heads. No evidence of hair can ever be seen about their heads. The priests and nuns of the Roman Catholic church also live in celibacy. Buddhism also has its priests and nuns, the priests living in the temples and the nuns in buildings corresponding to nunneries. The Buddhist nuns shave their heads, though they do not wear any head piece to cover their baldness, as the Roman Catholic nuns and "Sisters" do. The Buddhist priests also shave their heads. The priests and nuns of Buddhism are also required to live in celibacy. The priests and nuns of Roman Catholicism can be recognized by their manner of dress. The same is true of the priests and nuns of Buddhism.

Roman Catholics believe in prayers for the dead, and so do Buddhists. Roman Catholicism believes in

a purgatory, out of which the departed may be gotten eventually by the saying of masses. Buddhism teaches practically the same thing. Prayers are said for the dead by the Buddhists in order to lift them out of a purgatory or to a higher heaven. Roman Catholics have masses said on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of a member of a family. Similar anniversaries are held by the Buddhists. I attended such an anniversary when I was in China. The service was about as intelligible to me as a mass in a Roman Catholic church. These anniversaries are paid for by the Buddhists just as masses for the dead are paid for by Roman Catholics.

Roman Catholicism emphasizes salvation by works and seems to know little or nothing of grace, and the same thing is true of Buddhism. The doing of good deeds is greatly emphasized by Buddhist priests as a means of salvation.

There are many other things Roman Catholicism has taken from heathen religions, but I have mentioned only those to which my attention was attracted while on my journey during the summer of 1910.

W. J. E. COX.

## JUDSON RECITAL.

The annual teachers' recital at Judson College drew the usual large number of music lovers of Marion to the Judson Auditorium Monday night, and there were many present from a distance. These annual recitals always bring out the best efforts of the musical faculty, and is always a rare treat to the public. The program was made up from the modern composers, and some of the selections are very seldom heard, such as Arabeque on "The Beautiful Danube" (Strauss), Schulze-Evler; Concert Etude, "By the Seashore," F. Smetana, and Mazurka by O. Musin.

Miss Warren, violinist, played with beautiful tone and showed decided musicianship. Miss Stranathan displayed as usual her careful preparation in her singing. Miss Hanson, this being her first season here, showed decided talent in her beautiful playing. Mr. Powers played in his usual smooth and expressive manner.

By far the most attractive feature on the program was rendered by Prof. Frederic Goode, Concert Etude, by F. Smetana, which was simply masterful. Seldom, if ever, has this gifted pianist performed more brilliantly than in this recital. Technically his playing was of remarkable virtuosity; interpretatively it was full of charm. Quite a number of the audience gave vent to their appreciation by saying that this artist should be heard in some of the larger centers. The rapturous encore sustains the fact the audience was of one mind in their conception of his great success.

—Marion Standard.

Baptist interests in Florida have progressed equal to any other state in the last few years. From 20,000 members, 13 years ago we now have over 50,000, far in the lead of any other denomination, and equal or greater advance appears in church building, missions, institutions of benevolence and education. Yet we have larger institutions and more needy fields than any state, except possibly Texas. In my mission field, 70 miles in length and 12 wide, there are 22 towns and stations, with only five Baptist churches, and most of them have no church at all and many of them not preaching of any kind. Most of the immigrants to the east coast are from New England, New York, Pennsylvania, etc., and from foreign countries, and are mostly Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Northern Methodists, with comparatively few Baptists. We want more Baptist and southern people. Baptist interests around Quay are prospering more than anywhere on the east coast between Daytona and Miami. Our State Convention meets at Ocala the last day of January, 1912. Come to see us. I trust the Alabama Baptist and all its readers will prosper greatly, have a happy Christmas and New Year. Truly—S. L. Loudermilk, Quay, Fla.

Rev. A. L. Blizard, of Ozark, preached to very good sized audiences at the Baptist church here Sunday, November 19. After the sermon Sunday night the church went into conference and called Brother Blizard to serve this church for three Sundays in each month. The call has not yet been accepted, but an answer is expected within a short while.—Thomsonville Echo.

## BEESON ACADEMY.

On account of rain we failed to attend the meeting of the W. M. U. in Gadsden, thus missing the opportunity of telling our friends, the Baptist ladies of Alabama, about our work in Beeson Academy.

Beeson Academy is truly a mountain school, being located at Pisgah, on top of Sand Mountain. Holly-wood, the nearest railway station, is 10 miles away, and to reach this point we have to go down the mountain, a distance of one and one-half miles, and then cross the Tennessee river in a ferry boat.

This is the third year our school has been under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We have two teachers—Prof. J. W. Thompson, who was educated in the Mississippi College, and Miss Mabel Beeson, who is proud to be called a Judson girl.

The enrollment this year has reached 63. Among this number are three public school teachers. This school has long been noted for preparing so many boys and girls as teachers. We have a neat, pretty school building in the center of the prettiest 10-acre campus in the state.

The library contains about 225 books, but, alas, the music room contains no piano yet, and the piano fund grows slowly.

A 17-room dormitory for girls is being built in the southeast corner of the campus. The young ladies of Dr. French's church in Eufaula paid for having a well drilled, for which we send glad thanks.

Other friends have sent books, pictures, towels and pillow cases, all of which we are truly grateful for.

Our people will finish gathering their crops this week, and work will be resumed on the dormitory next week. There will be four chimneys and a front porch to build. Then the house must be painted.

The kitchen is the only finished room in the house. Three rooms have been rough ceiled and are ready for canvas and paper, but all of the other rooms are untouched.

Our people have lumber and stone, which they freely give, but they are poor, and it takes money to employ a skilled workman to do most of the work.

We ask that our friends come to our aid. Could not the ladies of some other churches do as much for us as those of Dr. French's church? Any sum will be appreciated, great or small.

Some day we hope to make you all proud of our little school.

MATTIE BEESON.

Pisgah, Ala.

## ANDALUSIA AND NEWTON.

Sunday, December 3, I preached at Andalusia for Brother J. J. Hagood, both morning and night. Last spring I made a visit to Andalusia and was rained out, there being only about a dozen persons at the morning service. Last Sunday there was a funeral of a little child of a prominent family in the church at the time for the regular morning service, and our congregation was small on that account. The brethren, however, listened with patience to the visiting brother and contributed to our work, though the offering for our work had already been made. From Andalusia I went to Troy and spent the night on my way to Newton. Brother F. S. Wood and his good wife knowing that I was at the hotel demanded that I should leave such quarters and take up my abode in their home, and it was not very difficult to persuade me to do so. I found out while in Troy that Brother Bateman, the new pastor, has made a profound impression on his church and the community in general. I am expecting to visit Troy again some time a little later. From Troy I went to

Newton

to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Collegiate Institute of that place. Something was said in the Alabama Baptist of last week about the condition of this school and its immediate needs, and I have nothing further to say along that line now. Certain steps were taken which I am hoping will result in getting the building so much needed. As soon as matters are in shape the brethren in general will be given information about the plans, and it is earnestly hoped that they will respond to the appeals that may be made.

W. J. E. COX.



## A PAGE OF SHORT PARAGRAPHS

Please change my paper from Gentry, Ark., to Springdale, Ark. I have accepted the care of the Second church here. Sincerely—J. R. Barnett.

A pastor writes: "My Dear Barnett: Prepare to faint. I am sending you what I owe you. If you don't recover I will tell your successor that I am paid up till 1913—January 1."

Our church (Arley) is moving along nicely. Have about finished our meeting house. Brother Geo. W. Gibson is a good, earnest worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He has a young men's prayer meeting every Sunday night that is well attended by young and old. It certainly improves the conduct of the young men and boys. May God bless your paper and its readers. —P. I. Matthiesen, Mellville, Ala.

On last Sunday Bethel church, Union Association, accepted the resignation of her pastor. Bethel has a membership of more than 250; has been having preaching two Sundays in each month and paying her pastor a liberal salary. Can you or Brother W. B. Crumpton help the church in securing pastoral service to begin in January or later. Fraternally, etc.—J. W. Park, Church Clerk, Knoxville, Ala.

Rev. A. J. Browning, the aged evangelist, was shaking hands with Brewton friends today. He had just returned from Mobile, where he attended the revival being conducted by Evangelist Munhall.—Pine Belt News.

I am just in from a trip to Vernon, the new home of Brother Q. D. Haney, who comes from Carbon Hill to supply this field. He will have five churches. This field is indeed fortunate in getting Brother Haney, and the churches he has visited have given him a warm reception. The Vernonites are very proud of him, because of his power and because he is the first Baptist pastor that ever lived in Vernon. Fraternally—P. W. Clark, Sulligent.

Your very kind words of welcome were greatly appreciated I assure you. The brethren here and elsewhere are extending to me a most cordial welcome, and I am already beginning to feel very much at home in Alabama. Of course I could not think of even trying to be a loyal Alabama Baptist without our state paper, so you may enroll my name on the list of subscribers and notify me as to the subscription price. I will send you the cut or photo a little later. Yours for Alabama Baptists, H. B. Lovelace, Florence.

Sunday, December 3, was a fine day for us at Dargin. The congregation was larger than we expected, this being the first service since I was called to the work. We are but few in number, but trust that we are strong in Thy grace. I find a noble-spirited people at Dargin and feel very hopeful of the future. We worship in the Methodist church at present, but hope to lay the corner-stone of our new church early in January. We have called a special meeting for Saturday before the first Sunday in January, and hope to lay the plans at that time. At the Sunday service we hope to ordain Brother H. H. Mullins for deacon. Rev. G. W. Crumpton, of Columbiana, has been invited to preach the ordination sermon.—John H. Darden, Talladega Springs, Ala.

At the luncheon in Boston given by Governor Foss and others to Rev. Wilhelm Fetler, of St. Petersburg, Russia, shortly after the World's Alliance, Dr. Robert S. MacArthur told that, at the coronation of the present Czar in Moscow in 1896, it was a time of great political disturbance. The officers of the royal court did not know whom to trust. There was great perplexity as to whom should be selected to guard the person of the Czar at the coronation. Finally one of the members of royal family arose in the council and said: "If you want to know whom of all our people can be surely trusted I will tell you. If you want some one who will certainly be true and loyal and will guard the emperor with their lives appoint as policemen some of those Baptists. They are men of intelligence and conscience and honor. They will be true to their oaths and loyal to the Czar."

Dear Brother Barnett: Please change my paper from Jourdan, Tex., to San Antonio, Tex., 549 Hicks avenue. Respectfully—W. J. Ray.

We had a fine day at Crichton last Sunday. Four joined by letter. Others are coming in soon. The church is located in a splendid community, and the people are kind to their pastor. Yours in love—H. V. Daffin, Whistler, Ala.

I celebrated my 83rd birthday October 26, 1911. I have been a member of the Baptist church 40 years, and still love it well enough to walk a mile to hear preaching. I love your paper, and hope the good Lord will bless you and the boys, for you are doing a great work. Yours in faith—Mrs. Nancy Tucker.

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed find check for my subscription to your paper. This moves me up to January 1, 1913. I enjoy reading your paper very much. It is a source of inspiration to me. Wishing you and your paper much success, I am yours fraternally—Earl Holmes, Howard College.

I am sending a few words on one of your cards I like your plan. We can all afford to write a card to the paper once a week. Brother Stevens preached for us Saturday night and Sunday. We all like him and have called him for a pastor here. Brother Duellane preached for us Sunday night last. We hope to keep building up the cause here. With good wishes for the paper, I am—Mamie E. Locke, Range.

We have preaching at our church (Bethesda) the fourth Saturday and Sunday in each month; have a noble little preacher, Brother Bevis, of Birmingham, Ala.; have Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. every Sunday. I can attend only the fourth Saturday and Sunday. I was teacher for the little people till I was too feeble in age and eyesight to attend. I am 92. My subscription is paid to January, 1912; haven't received my paper for two weeks. Please send it. Yours in His name—C. S. Wallace, Vida, Ala.

Henry C. Vedder, the historian, says: "It is established beyond controversy, and no scholar of repute now wishes to question the fact, that in nearly prehistoric times there existed only the immersion of believers—that there is no instance of any abbreviated form of baptism of an infant in the New Testament records."

Dr. J. D. Owens, Sr., deacon of Pollard Baptist church, died August 21, 1911. Dr. Owens was devoted to his church, and died saying he wasn't afraid to go. He was superintendent of the Sunday school and leader of the prayer meetings. He was 63 years old, and is survived by a wife and eight children. He was actively engaged in the practice of his profession, that of physician and surgeon, for 33 years. "He is gone, but not forgotten." Respectfully—G. S. Walker.

I am enclosing you my check for \$2 for my past due year's subscription to the Alabama Baptist. I had not observed that my past subscription was out. I regret that I have not sent in my renewal more promptly. I am also sending good wishes for yourself and for the boys. I have not observed you saying very much about the mother of these two boys. It seems to me that she is entitled probably to a major part in the editorial make-up of the Alabama Baptist, so I am sending her my very best wishes, and in your next issue of picture post cards would like to see her at the head of the column. Very truly yours—H. S. D. Mallory.

(She will not let me.)

The many friends of Herman Buffalo were made sad by his death, which occurred November 11, 1911, at the home of his mother, near Toney, Ala. His remains were laid to rest in the Cross Roads cemetery. He leaves a sad mother, brother and sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death. He was a member of the Baptist church. He was nearing his 20th year. A loving son, a darling brother and a dear friend has passed to the sweet beyond.—A Friend.

In behalf of the boards of Foreign Missions of all communions, the committee of reference and council asks the intercessory prayer of the churches for China.

Rev. A. L. Davis, who came from Texas to take charge of the work at Sixty-sixth Street Baptist church, Birmingham, has already begun to make things move. Since his arrival he has baptized four and received three by letter. We welcome Brother Davis and his family to Alabama.

I send you one new subscriber; also cash for mine. Our new church building is progressing fine. We are working very hard to get the main auditorium completed by the first of the year. Wishing you much success with your valuable paper, your friend—Mrs. J. L. Green, Wodlaw.

Sunday was a good day for the Sunday school at Vance Baptist church. Brother C. F. Quarles, was elected president of the organized class; Miss Lucy Vance, superintendent of home department; Mrs. Mamie Payne, the Cradle Roll; J. T. Hayes, the teachers' training class. We hope to get our school up to the 100 mark.—J. T. Hayes, Vance, Ala.

The Etowah Baptist Ministers' Conference held its third monthly meeting Friday, the 1st. It was the most profitable one yet held, being attended by more of the pastors. Besides one consecrated layman was with us. We are very enthusiastic over the infant organization, as he bids fair to grow into a lusty youngster immediately. As net results we have already planned two fifth Sunday meetings for this month.—J. W. Keener, Gadsden.

We, the people of Hillers Baptist church, hope to begin a series of meetings the second Sunday in December, with Rev. George H. Freeman, pastor of the First church, Russellville, to do the preaching. Brother Freeman has worked with and for this church previous to this time, and is greatly loved by both the pastor and his people. We hope to have a great meeting, and that we may succeed we ask the prayers of the brotherhood, that the Lord may do great things for us in this part of His vineyard.—W. A. Fowler, Pastor.

Mr. Nealle Black died October 25, 1911, in his 23rd year of yellow chill at Natchez, Monroe county, Ala. He was baptized in 1904 by A. P. Majors, who had been pastor of New Hope church for 20 years, and performed his funeral services at the same church October 27, 1911, amid a host of sorrowing friends. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, and was buried by the same. Thus we lose a noble young man from our church, but God knows best, and after a while we will know the best. Weep not, loved ones. Soon we will all meet on Canaan's shore, where death, sorrow or tears will not be known.—A Friend.

Sunday, November 26, was a great day with the Fifth Street church. Our Sunday school superintendent, Brother J. S. Holland, had announced some two or three weeks before that he wanted to make the fourth Sunday Home Mission day in the Sunday school. We all set our hearts on \$20 and worked to that end, and when the final count was made we found that the \$20 had been raised. Thirteen dollars and 55 cents of the amount was given by the Sunday school, \$1.60 by B. Y. P. U. and \$4.85 by the church. So you see we didn't stop till we got what we had planned for. I find that it is a good idea to name the amount you want and work till you get it. This is the way we are doing things. We had fine congregations, and at the close of the night service there was one baptized. I have been on the field since the fourth Sunday in January, and have baptized 29 in all and received about 25 by letter. Things are moving right along with us, and we don't expect to be behind when the association meets next year. In our church we have some of the salt of the earth. We would be glad to have you come and see us. May the Lord's blessings be on you and yours.—R. R. Brasher, Huntsville.



Keep your eye on the National Magazine of Boston. It's a moving power with its big editorial articles on states. Last July it published "The Charm of Alabama", then came "What Cheer in Rhode Island" in October, and for January, 1912, appears "The Untold Wealth of Louisiana".

It is evident that Joe Chapple, the editor, is a patriot, and a keen observer of national affairs. His magazine has thousands of friends in Dixie and deserves a great many more. It can always be relied upon to bring one substantial reading matter and that served up, too, in a charming way.

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"De Southern sun am shinin',  
I loves its warm'n' beams,  
De flowers am busy co'tin',  
An' I, mysef, has dreams".

Alice Harriman Co., publishers, New York. \$1.20

#### Two Noble Lives.

This little volume, by Laura E. Richards, tells the story of the lives of Samuel Gridley Howe, a typical New Englander, student of Brown university, who later graduated in medicine at Harvard college and at the age of 23 sailed for Greece, where he served as surgeon in the army and later became surgeon-in-chief to the Greek fleet. He fought many battles side by side with the Greeks, dressed like them, in the "snowy ----(?)---- and the shaggy capote". His was a life of adventure. Julia Ward Howe, his wife, who recently died, had been one of America's famous women. Her greatest bid for fame as a literary woman will rest on her "Battle Hymn of the Republic". The book will be read with keener interest by northern children than by southern, as both husband and wife were staunch northerners.

Dana, Estes & Co., Boston.



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By Marcus Lorenzo Taft.

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Philadelphia: Board of Foreign Missions of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. 50c cloth, 40c paper.

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By Rev. Franklin Weidner, D.D., LL.D., Vols. I and II. Wartburg Publishing House, Chicago. \$3.00

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Eight illustrations in color by George W. Gage. Marginal decorations on each page. 12mo. Ornamental cloth, \$1.35 net. Postpaid, \$1.50.

J. B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia.

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By Jane Brewster Reid.

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The Baker and Taylor Company, Publishers, 33 East 17th Street, New York. \$1.25 net.

I will tell you all I know about our oyster supper. It was fine, and we had a large crowd out. We had stews, fries, cream and six nice cakes. We made \$45 and cleared \$30.20. The Ladies' Aid is getting along fine. They have 12 members. Mrs. Guy is president; Mrs. Story, treasurer; Mrs. Brown, secretary. Mrs. Jarvis, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Lallier, Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Scarbrough are the members of the society. The Sunday school is getting along fine, and so is our school. Rev. J. W. Haynes will be down Sunday to preach. I will be glad. I enjoyed Thanksgiving fine eating turkey and cake. I am 12 years of age. Your dearest friend—May Kay, Gannt's Quarry.

I have resigned at Elyton to take the work at Marbury and Mountain Creek, Ala. (Three Sundays at Marbury and one Sunday at Mountain Creek.) I began the work the first Sunday in December. Send me samples to each place. I will do my best for the paper. When I can serve you call me. Yours in the work for Christ—A. D. Glass.

Another "prodigal son" has returned. I have accepted the pastorate of the church at Headland and am on the ground, with prospects of a fine year's work. Please send me the Baptist. Yours fraternally—E. G. Penn.

(Glad the wanderer has come home.)



## THE WAIFS OF OUR CITIES

One of the sad spectacles in our great cities is the night children who sell gum, candy and papers on the streets. These little vendors become creatures of independent habits before they reach the age of puberty. Through small habits learned by loitering near saloons, and even in the rear rooms frequented by prostitutes and vile men, they become familiar with the vulgarity and immorality of the street and learn their language and their ways of life. All of this knowledge, far beyond their years, results in defiance on the part of these children against parental will and authority. That children should be kept off the streets at night by the police, and that parents should be impressed with the importance of the most strict supervision of the child's recreational hours, are two matters of the greatest moment in the protection of the child.

The investigations by the Chicago commission show that messengers and newsboys have an intimate knowledge of the way of the underworld. Their moral sense is so blunted as to be absolutely blind to the degradation of women and the vile influence of vicious men. Thus early in life they become diseased both in body and soul and grow up to enter a career of crime and lust.

Many of the immoral influences and dangers which are constantly surrounding young children on the street, in their amusements, and in business life, may be counteracted and minimized by proper moral teaching and scientific instruction. Educators have come to feel something should be done directly by teachers in schools and elsewhere to impart some kind of instruction to counteract the evil knowledge which children acquire from evil sources.

The commission believes that in the case of children beyond the age of puberty sex hygiene may be taught in schools under carefully trained and scientifically instructed teachers. For younger children the parents should do the teaching as the part of a sacred duty. In the case of the father being unwilling to do so, let the family physician be called to teach the son. The mother, with her maternal instinct, will find the way and means to warn the daughter of the dangers which may beset her. In colleges and universities sex hygiene should be universally taught.

Here is a problem for parents, and the church ought to lend its aid. More and more cities are attempting to provide healthful and carefully guarded places of recreation for the children. Children must and should have amusement and recreation, and they will find it in some way.

## UNIFORM DIVORCE LAWS

The United States has the unenviable distinction of having the highest proportion of divorces of any country in the civilized world, except Japan. In this land the proportions stand one divorce to eleven marriages. The states have different laws regulating marriages and permitting divorces. In consequence what is regarded as a valid divorce in one state is not so regarded in another. It may happen that parties legally married in one state are not so regarded in a neighboring state. This confusion leads to laxity and lessens the sanctity of marriage. The evil, it is confessed, has become a very serious one. To remedy this, Representative G. W. Norris, of Nebraska, has introduced a joint resolution in the house "That for the purpose of securing a uniform law on marriage and divorce throughout the union the president of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to ask the governors of the different states to send representatives to a congress of delegates for the purpose of formulating a uniform law on marriage and divorce and submitting the same to the legislatures of the different states."

These delegates are to meet in the hall of the house and report their findings and recommendations to the president, who shall forward the same to the governors of the different states, with the request that they be laid before the state legislature. It is hardly possible that action will be secured on the resolution at this session, but the matter is vital and it is hoped that the people of the country will communicate their desires with reference to the resolution to their representatives.

## EDITORIAL

## HOW ALABAMA STANDS.

Seven months of the Southern Baptist Convention year have passed and we have given:

To home missions to Dec. 9. \$ 6,559.63  
To foreign missions to Dec. 9. 10,405.65

We are asked to give for the year:

To home missions.....\$25,000.00  
To home missions (chapel building)..... 3,000.00  
To foreign missions..... 36,000.00  
To foreign missions (debt)..... 4,000.00

Five months of the State Convention year have passed and we have given to Dec. 9:

To state missions.....\$ 6,708.57  
We are asked to give for year 32,000.00

W. B. CRUMPTON.

## BIBLE FRUITS

The Bible is the most fruitful book in the world. Its fruits have been of the highest and holiest character. An innumerable multitude of people of all classes have received vastly more good from the Bible than they have from all other books combined. One example out of many may here be given. A minister tells the story of meeting a Christian woman in her home, who handed him her Bible. Upon opening it he found the following inscription: "Daniel Rowley. From your friend, Cyrus W. Field, New York, January 1, 1849". The giver of that Bible was, as many of our readers know, the man who laid the first trans-Atlantic telegraph cable. We quote from the writer of that incident as follows: "Possibly, in his busy life, Mr. Field did not stop to think what the influence of this Bible would be, but the influence of the Book was marked. The recipient became a thoroughly consecrated man. His home was dedicated to God. His daughter said that he had family worship morning and at night. Not only so, but his family were always in their place at church. He was superintendent of two Sunday schools. The influence of the dear old Bible did not stop here; it has been like the tree planted by the rivers of water, striking its roots down deep in the promises of God. Not only his children, but his grandchildren have come in the church, one by one. What is this, after all, but taking God at His word?" The gift of that copy of the Bible was the sowing of divine seed, the fruits of which have been appearing for more than sixty years, and the total harvest far exceeds any human computation. But the present results are only a mere beginning of what is to be in the endless years. The fruits are embedded in the lives of many of the descendants of the man to whom that copy was given; and they will go on, reaching still other people with widening power. Here is a lesson for many of our readers. They can not make a Bible, but they can give copies of the true one to those who may be led by it into eternal life.

## SALOONS IN WASHINGTON

Senator Works introduced a bill in the senate designed to regulate and limit the saloons in the District of Columbia. This provides that in the future all licenses shall be confined to the business sections, and that the number of licenses issued shall not exceed 100. It also provides that no licenses shall be issued for saloons "nearer than three squares of any alley occupied for residences or places usually called slums". The present number of licenses, it may be said, is some 530. The commissioners of the district are opposed to this measure. They say for one thing that no one wants a change; there is no demand in Washington for any such stringent measure. The bill is not likely to get out of the hands of the committee unless the people of the city and nation make their desires known.

## A NOTE FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

Letters, letters, letters! How they do pour in, but no money!

The calls for help are distressing. There are more of them than ever before. It is sad to turn them down, but the board has gone as far as it dare go this year.

The cry of the unsettled pastors is plaintive. The pastorless churches all want "strong preachers, good mixers and men of education", but alas, they name a salary no preacher can live on.

Half of the month has gone and

ALMOST NOTHING HAS COME IN FOR MISSIONS.

Six months must pass before the Mission Boards will be before some of the churches again, if the schedule is observed. Already the last month for Home and Foreign Missions, before the Convention, has passed in some of the districts.

DID ALABAMA FARMERS PRAY FOR GOOD CROPS?

Whether they did or not, the Lord gave them the crops. I heard a brother say: "Dale county made all the meat she can use and no end to corn, syrup and potatoes". That is the truth of most of the counties. But

God's cause is allowed to suffer, while the farmers hold their cotton for better prices.

Merchants, bankers and all are withholding their means because the farmer is holding his cotton. With smoke houses full of meat, cribs full of corn, warehouses full of cotton, how can we plead poverty? How can we ever again face our merciful Heavenly Father and ask Him for blessings on our business? Think you that God will not take advantage of such behavior on the part of His people!

People of God, His cause is suffering right now. Postponement on your part means certain disaster to important interests, which we and our fathers have cherished for years.

I am not writing simply of missions and other interests fostered by the State Board of Missions, but of all the interests fostered by the Convention.

W. B. C.

## THE SALARY OF PREACHERS

Recently we saw an article on the above question and gleaned from it the following:

The average salary in the Presbyterian church is \$880. Taking out the city synods, it shows the average \$710.

The Congregational church had an average of \$893, but nearly two-thirds get only \$717.

The Methodist Episcopal showed the average is \$886. But outside the city conferences with their larger salaries, one-third of their preachers get \$607.

In the United Brethren the salary average is \$473. The writer said:

"The Baptists—a mighty strong church—have the worst record. The average was \$325."

He reached the conclusion that 75,000 of the 100,000 or more preachers in the United States received salaries ranging from \$500 to \$600 a year.

The pity of it is that many churches could easily pay more if they would. Here is a human document from a preacher which we reproduce:

I have been thinking for several months of saying goodbye to the pastorate and going on a farm. It is almost impossible for me to keep up appearances on my present salary. I have prayed every day to be kept from making a mistake. I love to preach. There is nothing else that gives me so much real joy. But when I see the unconcerned, indifferent church people I can not help but say, what is the use? At one point they are behind six months with my salary. Their actions indicate that they do not intend to pay up.

My boy is now out of school at work trying to help me make ends meet. Years ago he used to say, "Papa, when I get to be a man I'll be a preacher", but he does not say that any more.

God pity the man who goes into the ministry to make a living, but God pity the people who will let a divinely called man suffer for the want of a living.

Rev. A. T. Camp has been called by the Northport church as pastor for the ensuing year, and it is expected that he will continue as pastor—West Alabama Breeze.



# ALABAMA BAPTIST

## PROGRAM

Of Fifth Sunday Meeting of Fourth District of Cullman Association, to Be Held at Bangor Baptist Church, December 30-31, 1911.

Saturday, December 30.

7 p. m. Introductory sermon by Rev. W. H. Absher.

Sunday.

9 a. m. Devotional meeting conducted by Rev. J. R. Brown.

9:30 a. m. "Qualifications and Duties of Deacons"—Rev. R. C. Ledbetter.

10 a. m. Sunday school address by B. R. McAnnally.

11 a. m. Missionary sermon by Rev. C. O. Lovengood.

1:30 p. m. "The Relative Duties of Church and Pastor"—Rev. W. Y. Adams.

2:30 p. m. "The New Testament Law of Tithing"—Rev. J. E. Creel.

6:30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. A. A. Pannell.

All of the above questions will be open for general discussion after the opening speech.

Each church in the Fourth district is requested to send messengers.

J. E. CREEL,

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Sunday, December 3, was a good day in Greensboro. Five under watch-care at the morning service. In the evening service we had present both the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations, hence a large congregation. We appreciate their calling off their services to meet with us. The welcome to us has been very pleasant in many ways. We owe our thanks most sincerely to the good women of Newbern for a Thanksgiving box. It contained fresh meat and other things good to eat. We found it hard to know how to thank them acceptably, as we appreciate the box so much. The outlook is very bright here.—J. A. Beal.

Dear Brother Barnett: Enclosed you will find \$2 to pay for the dear old paper. I am sorry I neglected paying so long. I don't see how I could get on without it. It gets better every week. Many good wishes for you and yours.—Mrs. N. R. Boyd.

(She is paid to January, 1912.)

The Alabama Baptist is an appropriate Christmas gift. Send it to some relative or friend and let it be a reminder of your thoughtfulness each week during 1912.

My churches are doing fine. Our services at Newville Sunday and Sunday night were well attended. Collections were good. This is a growing town on the Abbeville road, in Henry county. My other churches—Bluff Springs, Kelley and Good Hope—are doing fine. They are a pleasant people to preach to. Brother Barnett, come to see us, and bring the boys. Yours in Him—J. L. Hand, Newton.

At a mass meeting called by the Chilton County Baptist Association of the Sunday schools of the county, which met at Clanton December 3, 1911, a movement was set on foot to organize the Sunday schools of the county into a Baptist Sunday school convention, and ten schools went into the organization. Rev. S. M. Adams was made president and J. N. Parrish secretary.

Rev. J. C. Galloway is our pastor at New Harmony. Although the fourth Sunday in November was the first time he preached for us, yet we feel sure he will do a grand work here. Brother Langly served our church for four years, doing much good for the Master's cause, and we accepted his resignation with deep regret. We are going to start our Sunday school again soon. We ask the prayers of all, that we may be able to do more for the Master.—L. H. Jenkins, Dadeville.

We welcome Mr. John S. Pearson, formerly the business manager of the Biblical Recorder, and now secretary-treasurer of the Progressive Farmer and Southern Farm Gazette, who will have headquarter in Birmingham. Dr. Hight C. Moore writes: "He is a young man of the finest spirit, genial, whole-souled, industrious, efficient. He is quiet and unassuming; a valuable man all around. We are indeed sorry to lose him from Raleigh and from North Carolina. We congratulate Birmingham, and hope you will take good care of him and in due time send him back to North Carolina."

Rev. J. W. Hamner, editor of the Alexander City Outlook, publishes the picture of Rev. Arnold S. Smith on the front page in the issue of December 8, and in a tribute of more than two columns gives his readers some idea of the good done by his pastor during his 12 years of service. He does not forget to praise the pastor's wife for her gracious and consecrated life, and has good things to predict for little Miss Mildred, their eldest daughter. We join with Brother Hamner in his appreciation of the splendid service of this consecrated pair.

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on November 29, the contracting parties being Mr. Neal Nabors and Miss Ada Smith, Rev. George Freeman officiating. May God's richest blessings be theirs through life.—Mrs. G. G. Mullins, Dargin, Ala.

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Editor Alabama Baptist:

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Sunday, November 26, was a good day with us at Jonesboro. We received three members. We have a good class now in the teachers' training course. The pastor and family were not forgotten on Thanksgiving. The young people of the Brighton Baptist church came down in numbers and gave us a splendid pounding. God's blessings on all.—R. W. Carlisle.

The evangelistic campaign in Columbus, Phoenix City and Girard, under the direction of the evangelistic staff of the Home Board, grows in interest and power. More than 200 have already been saved, and about 150 have united with the churches so far. There are eight churches in the campaign. I have never seen a greater day than we had Thanksgiving. We had a continuous service from 9:20 a. m. to 4 p. m., with a change of leader every half hour. At Girard, where Brother Mount and I are laboring, we are having a fine interest. Fourteen have been approved for baptism, and many are concerned. On January 7 we go to Central church, New Orleans, La.—T. O. Reese, Home Board Evangelist.

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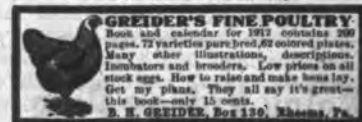
## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 1st Day of December, 1911.

Estate of Callie Louise Evans, Minor. This day came C. H. Colvin, guardian of the estate of Callie Louise Evans, minor, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

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At the Etowah Association this fall it was planned that the pastors and preachers of the Etowah Association should hold monthly conferences. The first was held one month since. The attendance upon this first conference was small. The second conference has just been held. The attendance was very encouraging. The talks and discussions were very helpful, and all became very much enthused, and each and all agreed to be present at the next conference. The themes discussed were as follows, viz: First, the plausibility and possibility of appointing two or three spiritually and intellectually qualified laymen to visit each and every church in the association and present the New Testament plan of finance, laying especial stress upon the support of the pastors, the purpose being to effect such a support of the pastors so that each pastor can give his whole time to preaching and pastoral work. Secondly, the possibility and plausibility of pastors and preachers co-operatively doing this work. Thirdly, the possibility and plausibility of correlating the churches and effecting the same result. No definite conclusions were arrived at, and the whole matter was continued for further discussion and possible determination at the next meeting. A fifth Sunday meeting was determined upon for the fifth Sunday in December, to be held with the Baptist church at Keener, Ala. Every preacher agreed to be present at this fifth Sunday meeting. It will meet on December 29 and continue through the 30th.

D. P. GOODHUE

**Alabama Baptist:**

I presume a little news from me will be in order, as it has been quite a while since I have had the pleasure of giving you an item from the First church here. Not that there has not been plenty of good things coming our way, by way of the Lord's blessings handed down to us through the pastorate of our much beloved minister (R. S. Gavin), whose untiring efforts along all pastoral lines, coupled with sound and logical sermons and the high esteem of other denominations and non-denominational and the love of his own flock, is bringing harvest returns. We are in a continuous revival. Scarcely a Sunday without additions. Sometimes five or six at a time. Baptisms are more frequent than ever before in the history of our church. Our average is more than \$5 per member this year for benevolences, doubling almost any previous year. We are contributing to more objects of benevolence than heretofore, and more members are contributing. It is the purpose of the pastor and deacons to have every name, if possible, to appear on the benevolent pay roll another year.

The church is more nearly a unit in all good works than we have ever been, and our congregations are decidedly the best in the city. Every department of the church work is in a healthy condition. I cannot close this without mentioning the good work through our W. M. U., whose members are consecrated, and each of whom forms a spoke in the wheel of our church, which at every turn is bringing good results to our work. Our Sunday school—well, some of

you may have a larger school, though I am sure no better, and one whose percentage gains for the past six months is greater. Prof. S. R. Butler is our superintendent. He is also president and owner of our Butler High School. So you see he is an educator of the head and heart also. He is a consecrated worker for his Master, and his work is bringing fine results.

We are proud of our pastor and his lovely family, of our Sunday school and its superintendent and teachers, and also of our W. M. U., its officers and members. We thank the Lord for these conditions, and look to Him for increased blessings in 1912.

M. B. NEECE.

Huntsville, Ala.

Just a word to say that the Cahaba Association is to be congratulated on securing two of Birmingham's faithful pastors. I refer to Brother Swain, who is now located in Marion and is in charge of Pine Flat and Hopewell churches, and Mr. J. A. Neal, who is located in Greensboro and is in charge of the Greensboro and Newbern churches. Two splendid men in charge of two splendid fields. I love the old association, her faithful pastors and churches. I trust the brethren who have been on the field for some years will extend to these new pastors a hearty welcome, and that together they may be blessed in developing this splendid territory into what it should be for the Master.

Just another line or two about an important matter: The churchless pastor and the pastorless church. On this important question we must recognize the two factors that exist—the divine and the human. Earnest, believing prayer should be made by the pastor and by the church for divine direction, so that His will may be known and done. At the same time pastors and others can be helpful in bringing the churches and pastors together. We should be exceedingly careful in what is done just here. A pastor who has been a failure—in fact a disturbing element in several churches—should not be recommended, less the thing is repeated and another church be torn to pieces. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

In the past 10 months God has blessed me in putting at least three pastorless churches in touch with pastors, and I praise Him on this bright Thanksgiving Day that they are making good in their respective fields. It is a delicate work, but a blessed work. Eternity alone will reveal the good that our beloved secretary of State Missions has done along this line.

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In taking up my work at this place as a pastor I should like so much to join every other Baptist pastor in Alabama in the effort to add at least 5,000 to the subscription list of the Alabama Baptist, and while we are doing this work among our people let our worthy editor remain at his post and continue to give us the best reading matter that goes into the homes of our people. My brethren, can't we do this work for Brother Barnett and make the dear brother feel that we have an interest in him and his work (as well as in the little Barnetts) and close the year 1912 with the new list on his desk? Here's believing we can and will.

We shall be glad to have you run up to see us, Brother Barnett. The people of Russellville know how and what to do to make you feel right glad that you have some part in the great work of the Baptists.

My work as pastor of the church began the 1st of November, but because of the dilapidated condition of the pastorium my family did not join me on the field till afternoon of November 30. In the meantime the church got busy, and as a result of their business the pastorium presents a neat appearance with its new dress of gray, one new porch, new floors, new steps all around, beautiful new paper, with finishings of white on the interior; and still the half hasn't yet been told. Oh, Mr. Editor, just think of a preacher coming on a field, he and his wife being met at the train by a reception committee, conducted at once to the pastorium, where there is a good fire, and where the furniture has been arranged by loving hands so that it looked like home in every sense of the word; and last, but not least, we took one peep at the pantry. My! My! Wish you could have joined us—just in that peep. There was meal, flour, hams, lard, sausage, coffee, sugar, jam, preserves, jelly, fruits, eggs, potatoes and—well, only the Lord and my wife knew just what was on that table. Mr. Editor, is that the way they treat you in Birmingham? If not, move to Russellville and help us sing "Tickled to Death."

May Father Time pay to the order of you and yours the sum of 365 happy days during the year 1912.

Fraternally,  
GEO. H. FREEMAN,

Pastor First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ala.

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### DR. W. M. COLE DEAD.

Dr. W. M. Cole died at his home in Blountsville Sunday morning. His death was due to paralysis. He had been in delicate health for several years, and his friends have realized for some time that the end was near.

Dr. Cole was about 65 years of age, and had lived a useful life. As a minister of the gospel he was able and fearless, and was held in high esteem by his denomination (Baptist). He served for a number of years as moderator of the Blount County Baptist Association.

As a physician he stood well and had the confidence and respect of the people. He served for a number of years as county health officer.

He was a Mason and stood high in the order, and was given a Masonic burial.

In his death the county has lost a good citizen, his community a good physician, his denomination a good servant for the Master.

To the bereaved relatives our hearts go out in sympathy.

The funeral services were held at Mt. Tabor cemetery and were conducted by Rev. D. D. Head.—Southern Democrat.

Enclosed find an article which I wish you to publish and a couple of silver wheels, on which I hope to ride with you up into 1914. So far your company has been pleasant, and I trust as we journey we may ever be congenial. And may others join the silver caravan and thus fill your Christmas larder with many rare good things, all of which you richly deserve, for you have fought many a valiant battle for the hard-working pastors of our great state. And may Christmas be to you a joyous occasion. Fraternaly—R. M. Hunter, Flomaton.



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**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.**

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 27th Day of November, 1911.

Estate of Henry Coleman, Deceased.

This day came Joel F. Webb, administrator de bonis non of the estate of Henry Coleman, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 19th day of December, 1911, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

J. P. STILES,  
Judge of Probate.

**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.**

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County—Probate Court, 23rd Day of November, 1911.

Estate of Mary Hill, Deceased.

This day came Dave Hill, administrator of the estate of Mary Hill, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 20th day of December, 1911, be appointed a day for making such settlement, at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.

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Dear Brother

I understand your executive committee is soon to meet. I wish I could be with them. The average executive committee of our associations does not appreciate the importance of their office. Most of them do nothing between the sessions of the body, and of course have nothing to report. Generally the association rewards them for their inactivity by reappointing them for another year.

My idea is, they should have a meeting as soon after the close of the association as convenient and go over the whole field. A map of the association should be before them showing the location of the churches. The map should locate all the destitute points and the school houses that might be used by pastors for Sunday afternoon meetings. A report ought to be in hand from every church in the association. Is there a Sunday school? If not, the executive committee ought to devise means to have one in a church without a pastor? The committee ought to join with interested members in securing one. Are the pastors poorly paid? The committee ought, in a delicate way, to help in an effort to have the salaries increased.

Did the churches fail to give regularly to the benevolent causes of the denomination? The committee ought to try and introduce the schedule by sending the best speaker they can command to be with the church at the regular meeting day to discuss the value of systematic giving, or maybe a better way; if the church is willing to have an all-day meeting the Saturday before, or some other day, if it suits better, and as many of the committee be present as possible to discuss the work.

The committee might divide and hold two such meetings the same day in different parts. Churches ought not to be let alone when they are doing nothing. Our schedule provides for a month for associational missions. The committee ought to put forth special efforts to have good collections on that day from every church for that purpose.

No church with monthly preaching can reach the people without a protracted meeting. It is largely true of all churches. The committee ought to see to it that a meeting of at least a week is held in every church between sessions of the association.

Much can be done to stimulate interest by going through the minutes of the last session and showing in a circular letter just what was done by each church.

When the churches and pastors learn that somebody is taking notice of the figures in the minutes they will have pride to see that a decent report is made. I had before me such a table this morning gotten out by a moderator. I sent it to the Alabama Baptist for publication. This moderator,

by his activity, has put the association almost in the front rank in the state in four years.

A good plan followed successfully by some of the associations, is to employ a fine young man from the seminary for three months, beginning July 1. One paid \$50 and others paid \$75 per month. The money was easily collected on the field.

Another way not to do is, to elect a preacher of the association, fall out among themselves about who shall have the job, write to the State Mission Board of the appointment and ask for an appropriation. The preachers who wanted the job and all whom they can influence will not help the missionary, and he will come to the association without receiving anything from the churches, will make no report nor will the executive committee. The board is done with all that sort of co-operative work.

Let the associations determine to do this work themselves and not ask for outside help. They can do it.

I am glad you are going to have a meeting of your committee. The Lord give you the spirit of wisdom and co-operation.

Fraternally,  
W. B. CRUMPTON.

**ORDINATION SERVICES.**

On the second Sunday in November the Baptist church at Sycamore set apart to the full ministry Brethren Joshua Edwards and B. B. Gay. The church was examined by Rev. W. P. Shaw; the candidates by the writer. The charge to the church and also to the candidates were delivered by the writer. Brother A. C. Yeargan, of East Lake, preached the ordination sermon and offered the prayer. Brother Yeargan's sermon was forceful as well as instructive. Brother Gay is a good man, just in the prime of life, and his familiarity with the Bible will enable him to accomplish great things in the Lord's kingdom. Brother Edwards is a young man of sterling integrity and piety, and has convictions of his own and is not afraid to stand by them. He is now in school at Sylacauga.

We have a young man awaiting baptism next Sunday (second Sunday in December). The work at this place, as well as at Hackneyville and Providence, is moving on nicely.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Carey Association will be held at Hackneyville.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to the Alabama Baptist.

J. L. INGRAM.

Headland has a new pastor, Brother E. G. Fenn, from Texas. Newton has no pastor. Brother Blizard will go from Ozark to Thomasville, Ala., the 1st of January. J. W. Partridge is doing fine in Dothan. Newton needs a new school building very much. Midland City gave \$25 to State Missions last Sunday. G. W. Harrison preached to four churches and makes shoes during the week.—A. G. Spinks.

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If our moderators and clerks would take interest in the work throughout the year, how much could be done.

Fraternally yours,  
**W. B. CRUMPTON.**

**Some Facts From the Minutes of the Tuskegee Association, Sixty-sixth Annual Session.**

All churches sent letters to the association.

Twenty-five out of the 28 churches sent messengers.

Every church reported having a pastor.

Every church reported as paying something to their pastor—\$33 the smallest.

Twenty-one churches reported baptisms, seven reported none.

Twenty-five churches report Sunday schools.

Twenty-four churches gave to Associational Missions.

Twenty-six churches gave to Home Missions.

Twenty-seven churches gave to State Missions.

Twenty-seven churches gave to Foreign Missions.

Twenty-seven churches gave to the Orphans' Home.

Twenty-one churches gave to the aged and infirm ministers' fund.

Seventeen churches gave to denominational education.

Thirteen churches gave to ministerial education.

Twenty-eight churches gave to two mission causes—Associational, State, Home and Foreign Missions.

Twelve churches gave to all mission and benevolent causes.

Nineteen churches gave to all causes, omitting Bible and colportage.

Gave for missions ..... \$ 3,106.93  
Gave for education ..... 2,034.86  
Gave for benevolences ..... 1,125.46

Total sent from home ..... \$ 6,249.23

Pastors' salaries ..... \$ 1,112.32

Other home expenses ..... 5,375.00

**\$19,749.07**

Sent from home in 1911 ..... 6,267.25

Sent from home in 1910 ..... 3,295.80

Increase ..... 2,968.45

Sent from home in 1908 ..... 4,388.45

Increase ..... 1,878.50

Total of all contributions,

1910 ..... 12,475.43

Increase 1911 over 1910 ..... 7,274.64

Average per capita 2,635 members:

For Associational Missions ..... \$ .14

For Home Missions ..... .30

For State Missions ..... .34

For Foreign Missions ..... .39

For missions ..... 1.17

For home ..... 2.36

For all purposes ..... 7.43

I shall return to Brantley, Ala., in a few days, so please change my paper from Louisville, Ky. I have enjoyed my work in the seminary, but am returning to my field of work again. Fraternalty yours—H. D. Wilson.

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Two months later she would have lived out three score and ten years.

Her husband, a most acceptable preacher, widely known in South Alabama, preceded her to "a home beyond the skies" just two years.

She leaves one son, H. T. Crumpton, pastor at Dawson, Ga., on whom the mantle of the father seems to have fallen, and seven daughters, all grown and in homes of their own. Their loyalty and devotion to their mother in the months of her continued suffering was beautiful.

When I first knew her she was a bride living on the plantation with her husband in Dallas county. She had just graduated at the Judson, where for years she had lived, as she was the adopted daughter of the president of the institution, Dr. Henry Talbird.

In all the relations of life she was faithful. Her husband felt that his health demanded life in the open air, so after serving town and city pastorates he moved out on a farm and became pastor of country churches. He had evangelistic gifts and was much in demand to hold meetings. This took him from home for weeks at a time. The wife and children were necessarily often alone. Who can know her anxieties but those who have undergone like experiences? Sometimes the children were ill or the business of the farm going wrong,

away tolling in the vineyard of the Master. But no one ever heard a murmur from her uncomplaining lips. Somewhere, sometime, a monument should be erected to the wives of preachers, who have borne burdens known only to themselves and God, while their husband were away giving themselves to carrying the message of salvation.

Mrs. Crumpton's religion was unpretentious, undemonstrative. She died as she had lived, calm and serene, and the simple service at the home of her daughter and at the grave was in keeping with the character of the deceased.

This is the end of a beautiful life.  
Heaven's blessings on her children!  
W. B. CRUMPTON.

**OBITUARY.**

Brother Ed Prince, a consecrated Christian, a devoted husband and loving father departed this life November 24. Brother Prince was in his 43rd year. He professed faith in Christ in his teens and joined the Baptist church at Freedom, and was ordained deacon this summer. All who formed his acquaintance loved him.

He left a wife, two girls and three boys and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Rev. Bob Austill and I conducted the funeral services.

Brother Prince died the death of the righteous, for he was happy in his last hours, with bright, sweet smiles.

W. T. HALL,  
His Pastor.

**MASTERTON-MILLER.**

A wedding that will be of interest to many friends over the state of Alabama was that of Miss Ruth Miller and Mr. W. Guy Masterson, which was solemnized on Sunday morning, December 3, at 10:30 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sinclear Broadus, of Decatur, Ala.

Rev. Clay I. Hudson officiated in the presence of a limited number of intimate friends. The room in which the ceremony was performed was beautifully decorated in the bridal colors of green and white, large ferns and mistletoe being used as an appropriate background.

Miss Miller was taken from the Baptist Orphanage at Evergreen, Ala., about eight years ago by Mr. Broadus to a home in which she has received parental love and care.

Mr. Masterson is a well-known and highly esteemed young man of Decatur. He holds a responsible position with the Brock & Spight Company, wholesale distributors, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Masterson left for a week's visit to the groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Masterson, of Moulton, Ala. On their return they will keep house on Walnut street, Decatur, Ala. They have the sincere congratulations and best wishes of their many friends.

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**HEALTH BRINGS HAPPINESS.  
BULL'S HERBS AND IRON  
BRINGS HEALTH**



**THE CAUSE** To properly treat any disease, it is first necessary to ascertain the cause, to get at the root of the trouble. The cause ninety-nine times in a hundred is poisoned blood, for every part of the body receives its nourishment from the blood; therefore, if you have impure blood in your veins, those impurities are distributed throughout your whole body, causing sickness and disease.

**THE EFFECT** Sluggish, impure blood is the most disastrous thing the system has to contend with. It breeds disease; retards digestion; causes constipation; heart palpitation; dizziness; headaches; nervousness and wrecks the whole body generally. It produces that tired, indifferent, good-for-nothing feeling, brings on the blues and makes you feel as though life were not worth the living.

**THE CURE** W. H. Bull's HERBS and IRON is an ideal combination of medicinal herbs and Pyrophosphate of Iron, which makes it invaluable in all cases of liver, kidney and stomach troubles, and is especially recommended to women suffering from female weaknesses in any form. W. H. Bull's HERBS and IRON makes pure, rich, red blood and strengthens heart action. Invigorates the nerves and restores the organs to normal health; cleanses the bowels and insures perfect digestion; creates a hearty appetite and eliminates uric acid from the blood. Mrs. T. Dilworth, Aberdeen, Miss., writes: "I have tried your Herbs and Iron and can vouch that it did me a great deal of good, especially in cleaning up my system and in putting new life and energy into my body."

**THE GUARANTEE** W. H. Bull's HERBS and IRON is sold by all druggists. Here is our Guarantee. Get a bottle, take two-thirds of it, and if you are not satisfied that it is improving your health, take the remainder back to your druggist and he will refund your money—every cent of it. If your druggist's supply is exhausted ask him to order it for you from his jobber.

JACOBS & Co.

**WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC**

OLDEST AND BEST CURE FOR MALARIA.

**NO CURE  
NO PAY**

A Fine General Tonic. Contains no arsenic or other poisons. Leaves no bad effects like quinine. If your Druggist or Merchant can't supply it, write to ARTHUR PETER & CO., Gen. Agts, Louisville, Ky.

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# LOVEMAN, JOSEPH & LOEB'S

## Plea For Early Shopping



Loveman, Joseph & Loeb wish to aid the campaign waged for early Christmas shopping and ask for your co-operation. Not only will our public benefit themselves, but every one concerned if they will do their Christmas shopping early in the season and early in the day.

We are frank in stating that for two weeks before Christmas our store does a "capacity business," and as Christmas day draws nearer the pressure of our business is intensified at every point.

We can truly advise you that our stock is now at the highest mark of completeness and our sales force in the highest degree of efficiency.

It is now two weeks until Christmas, and our store presents the appearance of a great

Gift Palace. The entire four floors of Birmingham's Big Store is in holiday attire. Every department has its holiday wares on display. Old Santa rules regally in the Toyland on the fourth floor.

A "Wishing Bureau" has been established on our first floor, where little children and their larger sisters and brothers—and all grown-ups, in fact—may wish for anything in Loveman, Joseph & Loeb's Big Store and have their wish gratified merely by wearing a "wishing button" every day from now until Christmas. Santa Claus himself is presiding over this Wishing Button Bureau.

We would call your attention, too, not only to the possibilities of modifying the unnecessary hardships incident to holiday

shopping, but to the special advantages of making selections early from complete stocks.

It is but natural that the things that are choicest, the things the most to be desired, are those things that are first sold out and "picked over."

So it is not only for humanitarian reasons that we urge you to begin your holiday shopping at once, but as well as for the benefit that you yourself will feel in the timeliness of your selections.

Don't be a "Christmas rusher" and get red in the face. Do your shopping early and save your time and temper. You know what those last few days before Christmas are—Be Wise.



### Santa Claus Headquarters at Loveman, Joseph & Loeb's

Under his personal direction the fourth floor of this big store has been converted into a veritable Toy World

**Get a Wishing Button**

Wish for the toy you want for Xmas at our wishing bureau—wear a "Wishing Button" and your wish will come true.

A world that is peopled with the wonderful dolls of Nuremberg; wooly animals from Vladivostock that have not been seen since the days of Noah's Ark; funny little figures that are but mock humans, and created by the ingenious peasantry of France; substantial toys of iron and wood the product of your practical Uncle Sam; queer little figures that have come packed in the tea boxes of the healthy Chinaman; China tea sets from the same Austria that sends us China Dinner Sets; toy soldiers brought up under the discipline of the Britishers.

But we couldn't half tell the story if we used this whole page. Men and women have become little boys and girls again as they walked along the roads of this marvelous world of toys.

They know reading about Toys isn't half as funny as seeing them—bring the children early to this glorious toy world on the top floor of Birmingham's big store.

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