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Co-operation.

The general co-operation of our churches, in our denominational undertakings, towers far above all other denominational wants of our Southern churches. We are talking about it from our smallest district association to the greatest Baptist association in the whole earth—our Southern Baptist Convention.

So important is this much desired co-operation that we have been considering the propriety of creating a new board to specially superintend this great denominational interest.

Our wants in this direction are colossal enough and grave enough to engage the activities of the greatest board that we can create.

Whether such a board could successfully handle the situation or not I shall not undertake to say. However it strikes me that our various State boards could do the work more effectually.

A wise physician diagnoses his case before he gives medicine, otherwise he might hurt rather than help his patient.

Now, what is the matter with our non-co-operating churches? Why is it that they do not co-operate? Many of our churches do, why not all?

Such a condition is not merely accidental; there must be some reason, good or bad, why it is so? What does the faithful and intelligent diagnosis of the case indicate? Several things; but the dominant symptom is, that these non-co-operating churches have non-co-operating pastors. Not that they are bad men; not that they are specially ignorant men. No, they are not; but, they are non-co-operators.

Have we any right to conclude that their churches will become co-operating churches while their pastors remain non-co-operating pastors? Certainly not; and, if we do, we will be disappointed, for it will not occur.

These pastors are the leaders of their churches, and are supposed to be called of God to the work of the ministry. They are fallible, and so of all of us. They are parties to the controversy, and must be treated with accordingly. Not to remember this is to certainly fail. These non-co-operating pastors have reason for their position and will not abandon it until they are convinced of the incorrectness of their reasoning. Why should they? Resolutions of distant conventions and the creation of new boards for their special benefit, is not likely to prove helpful to them; rather would the converse be true.

If they can be brought into contact with pastors who are co-operating pastors, and talk the matter over, they may be helped, and they may help us. We all may be benefited, and very general co-operation inaugurated. Pastors will hear and heed the teaching of pastors as they will not hear others. Our hope of a better understanding of pastors depends upon the action of pastors. As long as we have non-co-operating pastors we shall have non-co-operating churches. Let our pastors go to the throne of grace and beg that our leaders of the churches be made of one mind about our Master's business.

Our Institute work offers us the best opportunity that I know of for securing better co-operation of our Baptist people. Let our State boards utilize this department of work for all that it is worth.

Very earnestly and fraternally,
JNO. P. SHAFFER.

Save the Scottsboro School.
It is a fine property, and located in a section of very great importance to the Baptists of Alabama. Our people have already made great sacrifices for it. Only a small sum is needed to save it. Since when did we get rich enough to throw away such property as that? "Somebody else will save it if I do not help." Is that what you are saying? Somebody else is saying the same thing. Act! Act now.
L. O. DAWSON.

Few men go into politics for their health.

From Fort Deposit.

Dear Alabama Baptist:

Will you please give one of your old subscribers and readers space in your columns to speak a few deserving words of commendation and praise of our worthy and well-beloved brother and former pastor, Rev. T. J. Porter.

Bro. Porter took charge of our church about four years ago, and we had his acceptable and valuable service up to the first Sunday in last March. Our church has had some noble men as her pastors, but we have never had a better pastor nor a stronger preacher than Bro. Porter, and that is the general decision of the members of Bethel Baptist church.

It was with deep regret that we parted with him, and his resignation was very reluctantly accepted—after he had publicly begged the church to release him from any further pastoral obligations—only about 25 out of a membership of about 300 voted to release him from his pastoral obligations, and that at his own request that all vote to accept his resignation.

Bro. Porter came to us a stranger, having been called to the care of the church, sight or unseen—by faith. But we soon found that he was a man with a mission and was equal to the great work before him. He is a success as a pastor. He succeeded in developing and leading us to higher conceptions of the ideal Christian life. He is a wise and aggressive leader in the church and community, and a man true to his convictions. He is never neutral on any question of right against the wrong, but takes a decided stand and boldly stands up for God, truth and progressive righteousness against the world, the saloon and the devil.

He received and baptized into the fellowship of the church during his pastorate 30 or 40 converts—notwithstanding nearly all the people in our town were already members of some church. During Bro. Porter's pastorate we had three glorious revivals—two of which were conducted by his two brothers, Dr. J. J. Porter and Rev. J. C. Porter, and one by Rev. L. M. Bradley. The three Porters have done a great work in Fort Deposit. Truly he was a good pastor, one always ready to speak words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved,—sociable, kind and friendly to everybody. He made himself at home among his members, and even the little children were always glad to see him. Our church truly prospered under his care and leadership and today is on a higher plain of Christian living.

Bro. Porter is also a strong, bold and fearless preacher of the Word. He does not preach a one-sided gospel, but he preaches the love of Christ and also the terrors of God's law. He condemns sin in all its forms—in high places and low places. He is both doctrinal and conservative and puts the enemy of truth to flight.

It is said of some men that they soon run out as preachers, but this cannot be said of Bro. Porter, for the longer one hears him the better they like him and the better he preaches. It was the general decision that his two farewell sermons were two of the best sermons ever preached in Fort Deposit.

Bro. Porter has a host of strong and devoted friends in Fort Deposit among all denominations, whose love and prayers will follow him wherever he goes. We will always love and honor him for his true worth and the great work he accomplished in our church and community.

A devoted friend and brother,
C. H. PRIESTER.

That was a graceful act upon the part of the Edgfield Baptist Church, this city, in passing resolutions of sympathy for Dr. Kerfoot as he lies upon his bed of sickness. Most people wait until a person is dead before they offer flowers to him, and then they throw them in rich profusion upon his coffin when he can neither see nor smell them. The best time to give flowers is when one is on the earth and can enjoy them.—Baptist and Reflector, Nashville.

For the Alabama Baptist. A Sad, But Glorious Death

Was that of Thomas L. Barron, who died on last Monday morning. He left Howard College at the close of the session last Wednesday, June 5th. Somewhat unwell on leaving he grew worse on the way home, and when the train reached River Falls, his home, he had to be carried to the home of Mr. Preston Gantt till morning, when he was removed to his father's, J. D. Barron. He grew steadily worse till noon, June 10th, and whispering, "Lord let me die," fell asleep. On Tuesday morning his remains were interred in the family lot in the Andalusia cemetery.

By the kindness and consideration of Judge Alston, circuit court adjourned for the funeral and the church was crowded with friends. He was barely turned fifteen years of age, and was full of promise. His piety was beyond his years. He entered college after Christmas, and although he had never been away from home before he yielded to no evil temptations, but preserved his Christian integrity. He won the respect and approval of students and professors alike and had not an enemy in the college. It had been remarked that if he remained till he finished he would be one of the first students of the college. He was obedient as a son, affectionate as a brother, constant as a friend, diligent as a student, and consistent as a Christian. Never was one more ready to meet the hour of death.

From a friend, and college mate who knew him and loved him.
T. V. NEAL.

About Bielsh—The Jew.

I have just returned from Oakman, Ala., where it was a lot to attend the funeral of my father. I met many relatives, an aged mother, and friends. I was one of the members that first constituted the Baptist church that is there. It was my pleasure to meet the pastor, Rev. G. L. Sutton—he was expected to take part in the funeral service, but he was away—he has four churches and stations in as important a field as is in the State. May the Lord be with him.

He is now undergoing a very unfortunate experience with the influence of "The Converted Jew," Charlie Bielsh. He came to Oakman in the absence of the pastor and commenced a series of meetings, and when the pastor came he was wiping the mission boards off the face of the earth. He named our good secretary of the State Board and told the people that he had been to that town raising money for his big salary—naming the amount of his salary—and then he gave the names of the secretaries of the Home and Foreign boards and the amounts they received, added it all together, and showed how the Baptist church was using money that is given by poor people. He said that ten or fifteen per cent. only of all the mission money reached the missionary.

When the pastor came home he asked that he would not set such false ideas before his people, and he got mad and made threats of violence on the person of the pastor and moved his services to the Hard Shell Church—of course that sort of preaching suited them.

To my own knowledge some of the members have quit paying the amounts promised for missions and pastor's salary who were before good, consistent supporters of all the interests of the church.

No wonder to me that Bro. Hunter was receiving so many letters. Bro. Hunter says: "Why don't they speak out?" Well go to Oakman and see, and Bro. Sutton will tell you why a man cannot speak out under such circumstances.

They say that the letter that "The Converted Jew" carries (that Bro. Hunter gave him) is nearly worn out. Bro. Hunter has a host of good friends at Oakman and other places where this paper is displayed. Some hold to "The Converted Jew" on that

account; others think Bro. Hunter ought to get the paper from him.

I know that our boards have no better friend than the pastor and deacons at Avondale, and they would not allow any attack on them in their church, nor do they approve of it in any other church or community.

Let us protect our good pastors and churches from such outrages if possible. I have not mentioned half the details of that one case.

May God get the anti-mission spirit out of our denomination.

JNO. H. POOL.

An Enthusiastic Call.

FT. DEPOSIT, ALA., June 17.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

On yesterday our church had a called conference to reconsider the call to Bro. Catts, which had been for two Sundays. This call was revoked and renewed for all the time in one of the most unanimous, enthusiastic and spiritual conferences that it has ever been my pleasure to attend.

On motion of Bro. Priestler, our faithful superintendent of the Sunday school, Bro. Gunn was placed in the chair, where he is always at home, having such long experience in this line, having learned at the feet of that Gamaliel, Rev. David Lee, his father-in-law, one of the pious Baptists, who for nearly or quite a lifetime, was moderator of the old Alabama association, embracing the territory of Montgomery, Selma, Greenville, &c.

Several good talks, full of feeling and the Spirit, were made, melting some to tears, and there seemed to be a happy smile on the face of every one because of the unity of thought, unity of feeling and unity of purpose prevalent.

Without bringing it in the conference Bro. Priestler asked for help for Bro. Crumpton for the purchase of the Scottsboro property, which help was cheerfully granted. May God prosper Bro. Crumpton in this laudable effort.

Fraternally,
V. H. BELL.

Revival at Oxanna.

June 15, 1901.

Last night we closed one of the best meetings ever held at Oxanna Baptist church. The meeting lasted 13 days and there were 24 accessions, 15 of whom were for baptism. Bro. J. F. Watson was engaged to do the preaching, but on the second day of the meeting a postal came telling us he had fever and could not come. I found Bro. W. A. McCain, who had just come home on a short visit from Louisville, and he preached four sermons for us; his father, W. F. McCain, also preached for us once. Then at the end of the first week Bro. J. W. O'Hara came to our assistance and preached till the close. Bro. O'Hara completely won the hearts of our people. His sermons were strong, scriptural and logical, and backed up by a consecrated, earnest life. Bro. O'Hara expects to do revival work for a while and then settle for pastoral work. Fortunate will be the people who get him as pastor. Every service of our meeting was good, and faithful work was done by the members. It was a great uplift to Christians. God be praised. We have now received into Oxanna and Glen Addie churches about 97 members since I came to this field in last September.

A. A. HURRO.

"You can't say too much against the evils of whiskey; it is doing more harm than anything in the world; it isn't worth anything as a tax payer or a tuition payer either; it costs any town more, even in dollars and cents, to maintain the whiskey traffic than the traffic brings to the town revenues." This was the earnest declaration of an intelligent business man—a man who has had experience in the ways of the world and whose observations have been made at short range.—Roanoke Leader.

An ounce of pluck is worth a ton of luck.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The complete census returns in book form will be issued by fall.

Minister Conger will sail for China July 7th to resume his official duties.

A \$50,000,000 combine of cotton goods manufacturers has been organized.

A heavy snow fell throughout the central and northern portions of North Dakota on the 6th.

The State department of labor of Kansas advertises that 9,000 harvest hands can get work in that section.

It is reported fifteen fishermen were drowned off the coast from Charleston during a storm on the 1st inst.

Adam Caesar, a farmer near Wash, Ind., was accidentally shot and killed by his young wife while sitting at the supper table.

The license of Pugilist Corbett to conduct a saloon in New York City has been revoked because he kept open Sundays.

Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, was married on the 6th to Miss Emma Motte, of Washington.

Senator Tillman and McLaurin, of South Carolina, acting on the sound advice of Gov. McSweeney, withdrew their resignations.

Two passenger trains collided on the Mississippi Valley road near Vicksburg and several passengers badly injured.

James Stacey, a railroad engineer of St. Joseph, Mo., in a fit of mental aberration, murdered his wife and child and then suicided.

The government has completed arrangements to send troops to the Indian country soon to be opened up, and given instructions that all "sooner" be ejected from the territory.

The United States government has decided to issue passports to residents of the Philippine islands traveling in Europe, and to give them all the protection of an American citizen.

The government statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the total area planted in cotton at 27,532,000 acres, an increase of 2,111,000 acres, or 10 per cent. over the acreage actually picked.

A committee from the local G. A. R. Post at Alton, Ill., decorated the graves of the Confederate dead buried at that place decoration day. This custom has been carried out by the veterans of Alton who wore the blue, for a number of years.

Mrs. William Alsop, of Dunbar, Pa., suicided in a strange manner. She had tried on several occasions to kill herself, but failed. Having no other means of self destruction, and being closely watched, she ate the heads of a whole box of matches and died in great agony.

The monthly statement of the public debt, issued by the treasury department, shows that at the close of business, May 31, 1901, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,062,476,494, which is a decrease for the month of \$10,268,762.

The average condition of the growing crop is 81.5, as compared with 82.5 on June 1 of last year, and 86.4 the mean of the June averages of the last ten years. A condition of 81.5 is, with one exception, the lowest June condition in twenty years. The condition by states is as follows: North Carolina, 87; South Carolina, 80; Georgia, 80; Florida, 88; Alabama, 76; Mississippi, 82; Louisiana, 80; Texas, 84; Oklahoma, 88; Indian Territory, 85.

President McKinley at the Ohio's launching spoke, emphatically of the contentment of labor in this country. Six thousand employes of the Union Iron works, which had built the vessel, heard him. Two days later 4,000 of them struck for higher wages and shorter hours.—The laborers are again contentment.—Valdosta Times.

Dedication of Beulah Baptist Church.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

You frequently ask the brotherhood for news through the columns of your paper, which I among many others, claim to be the best paper of the South. While I hardly know how and where to begin, I want to tell you something of a good meeting which I had the pleasure of attending and taking part in on the first Saturday and Sunday of this month with the Beulah brethren nine miles above Wetumpka, in Elmore county.

You probably know of the burning of Beulah church, which occurred some twelve months ago, just after which the pastor gave up the work at that place. Then a great many of the members became faint-hearted and withdrew their membership from the organization, while the few faithful members that were left held a conference, called Bro. J. R. Caldwell and under his leadership they have built another neat house of worship; new house, new seats, new paint, all paid for and dedicated to God.

With happy hearts and renewed spirits, and with nearly all their old members returned and a number of new and happy converts to Christ, they have thus launched out with happy prospects and renewed vigor in the Master's cause.

The Sunday school, which died out because they had no house to conduct same in, was reorganized.

The sermon preached on Saturday was preached by the writer to a small but attentive audience.

Bro. Caldwell preached the dedication sermon on Sunday to a large congregation, after which a talk was made by Rev. Mr. Stanley. I also made a talk in which I called for a missionary collection. Several dollars were given for foreign missions.

This is a fine community of refined and cultured Christian people.

It was my good pleasure to spend Saturday night with Bro. B. F. Bachelor and his family. Bro. Bachelor has been a deacon of this church for a great number of years and gave liberally of his time and means to rebuild same.

Yours in Christ,
R. H. HUDSON.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Dedication Service at Inverness.

On the first Sabbath in September, 1900, the Inverness Baptist church was constituted with twenty members. This newly organized church at once arranged for regular service in the school building. Early in the present year the church realized its need of a more commodious house, and began preparation for one of its own.

A building committee was appointed for that purpose, and instructed to push its work till the house was completed.

Faithful and energetic, the committee went to work, and with the united efforts of the entire church, by the first Sunday in May, had a beautiful little church gracing the thriving village of Inverness.

At its regular conference in May the church decided on 1st Sabbath in June as dedication day. At the appointed time the people came from every direction to witness the dedication of the first house of worship ever erected in Inverness. Columbus, Eufaula, Union Springs, Midway, Troy and other places along the Central railroad, were represented. Union Springs and Troy, "sister cities" sent specially large delegations of visitors.

The little band of Christians that had struggled so hard to build, truly appreciated the fraternal interest manifested by visiting brethren and friends, some of whom had contributed liberally to the building fund.

Before the hour of eleven the house was full and the people still coming. While awaiting the regular hour Rev. L. H. Bowles, of Troy, made one of his felicitous addresses to the expectant congregation on the subject of Sunday school work.

The time of the special order of service having arrived, an appropriate hymn was sung by the large congregation, after which came a well chosen scripture reading by Rev. T. M. Thomas, Second Baptist church, Eufaula. Then an earnest and touching prayer by Bro. Bowles.

Rev. A. P. Pugh, Union Springs, followed in a stirring spiritual dis-

course from Ephesians 3rd chap., 16th to 19th verse.

The leading thought, unfolded and signalized, was, that the gift of the heart, with Christ richly in-dwelling, would make the gift of the house acceptable to God, and guarantee His continuous blessings on the church.

The building committee then presented its report, declaring that the house had been built and paid for according to contract; thanking all who had contributed to the fund, and asking to be discharged.

Bro. Bowles then made a very touching address to the church in presentation of the keys to the deacons.

After a fervent prayer, by Bro. Thomas, the congregation was requested to repair to the depot where dinner would be served, and partaken of by all. And what a repast it was! How those self-sacrificing ladies had toiled to prepare a beautiful spread, and then nearly suffocated in the pressing throng, in their effort to see that everybody's taste and appetite were fully gratified.

After the intermission the congregation re-assembled to listen to an instructive and helpful sermon from Bro. Thomas on the subject—"Divine Meditation."

At the close of the afternoon service the pastor, on behalf of the church, returned thanks to all who had come, and contributed by their aid and presence to the social and spiritual enjoyment of the occasion.

This account should not close without the statement that the overflow congregation was markedly attentive and orderly from start to finish, evincing no symptom that the "loaves and fishes" had in anywise influenced its presence.

It is devoutly hoped that this newly constituted church, happily worshipping in its new building, will move forward with the divine guidance and blessing resting upon all its members.
J. W. DICKINSON.

Baptist Church Dedicated.

The Baptist of Jasper dedicated their elegant new church last Sunday.

The dedicating sermon was preached by Rev. W. R. Ivey, pastor of the First Baptist church of Bessemer, subject, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16:18.

Mr. Ivey's explanation of the text was full and complete. He handled the text in such a way as to make its meaning plain to all.

A large congregation, perhaps fully six hundred people, turned out to witness the service.

Our Baptist friends can justly lay claim to one of the prettiest and most conveniently arranged churches in a town of Jasper's size in Alabama.

It cost \$6,053 and the beauty about it is, that this sum is paid in full. It is the intention, however, to expend about \$1,000 more on improvements around the church.

Rev. J. H. Longcrier was perfectly at home in this magnificent house of worship and made a most excellent and appropriate talk. No church ever prospered more under a pastorate than has the Jasper Baptist church under that of Rev. J. H. Longcrier. A year or two ago it was decided by the Baptists of Jasper to build a new church, the old church having been outgrown by the increase in membership and the progress of the town. How to raise the funds of course was a problem, but one that the Baptists never faltered in undertaking, and one they have successfully met, paying the workmen and for material the hour it was due.

There is a window in the church that was furnished and paid for by the drummers who come to Jasper—the Traveler's Protective Association, and it is a beauty, too. It is a fitting monument to the jolly men who visit us weekly and monthly.

The church is elegantly carpeted and handsomely papered inside and the woodwork is finished in hard oils. It is lighted with two magnificent arc lights, is steam-heated and contains a baptistry.

Jasper Baptists certainly have room to feel proud of their church.

There was no other religious service in town, all being suspended in deference to the dedicating services.—Jasper Eagle.

Character creates confidence in men in every relation of life.

No man lives unto himself. He is a center of influence for good or evil.

Three Corners.

AUSTIN J. THAMES.

Although I came here on business which necessitated only a year's stay, I have been busy preaching every Sunday. I have accepted the care of the church at State Line and Waynesboro. The remainder of my time is taken up in mission work.

State Line is almost in three counties and two States—Wayne and Greene counties, Mississippi, and Washington county, Alabama—therefore it is easily a good center from which to move. At Waynesboro we have a nice church building not painted, and a large membership. We ought to have preaching there every Sabbath. There is a fine school here and I recently preached the commencement sermon. The community is proud of their Dr. B. D. Gray, who is loved by everybody in Alabama. This brother is a good layman in that church.

At State Line I recently took the first collection for the Orphan's Home given by the church. A large part of this church lives in Yellow Pine, a mill town in Alabama. The Methodists have preaching monthly there; we have none. I hope to visit them some Sunday soon.

Vinegar Bend is another good mill town, where, in the union house, the Methodists have preaching monthly. This is an important point, and the place is growing owing to the construction of a railroad by the Vinegar Bend Lumber Company from that place to Leaksville, in Mississippi.

I visited them recently and found a good number of Baptists. There is no Baptist church from here on the railroad to Citronelle, a distance of thirty miles.

Recently I preached at Spring Bank, a country church in Washington county. Brother Mason is the pastor, and his efforts have materialized in a new meeting house which would do credit to any community.

Macedonia is an old country church five miles southeast of Fruitdale, and I met a large congregation there. I am doing what I can to help them in securing a pastor who can arouse them from a years' nap.

People from the north are rapidly settling up the neighborhood and now is the time for them to act.

At Red Bank, Washington county, the church house was recently blown down and an effort is being made to build a church and school house.

We are in Mississippi but in close touch with Alabama. Tell Brother Crumpton to come over and help us. There is no man more willing to help young preachers than he, and it is a pleasure to co-operate with him and a privilege to live in the State where he pushes missions.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST grows better as the days go by, and we always await his coming with pleasure.

Enclosed I hand you a year's subscription.

Auspicious Event.

A most auspicious event, in which the interest of our best representative people has been centered of late, and the like of which would be a novel and thrilling experience in any church, was the ordination of Rev. E. M. Stewart on the evening of June 6. The service was one of superior interest, in which the pastor had the assistance of Drs. Crumpton and Stakely, of Montgomery; Dr. Stakely preaching the sermon and Dr. Crumpton delivering the charge. The ordination prayer, a great and ardent supplication, was offered by the pastor. To a large congregation, Dr. Charles A. Stakely, in that finished style that is so rare and so delightful, was heard with increasing appreciation. The subject, "An Introduction to Jesus," was given an interpretation worthy of the thought of the truly great, and the sermon was one of sustained melodies throughout. He holds his audience to the spirit of the occasion, pleasing every one by his charming grace of manner and expression. This superb manner, and the brilliancy of his work, makes him notable. Dr. W. B. Crumpton, an acknowledged great man and always sound throughout his career, is too well known to require comment or to speak of the sterling excellence of the charge he delivered. Such, however, was made in his strong, characteristic convincing tones. In the estimate of true worth, where merit is recognized, no one stands any

higher by way of individual work, and he was especially fitted for this task by the fact of his reserve fund of practical as well as theoretical knowledge. It is a matter for local pride, though, that the great and genuine interest of the evening centered in the young man who well deserves the triumphs which were his on this occasion, and it will redound to his credit that the unanimous testimony was, that he is the *creme de la creme* of our young men. When we think of the average young man with his defects, the flawlessness of the character of this one "floats like fumes of incense." He has been admirably educated, principally at Howard and the Seminary, and with natural, unaffected manner and pleasing personality, we have an abiding faith in his ability and trust that he may achieve that distinction and grace vouchsafed only to the chosen few. A dainty tribute of which to be proud was a tiny diamond, presented to him with these words: "The Spirit saith: To him that overcometh will I give a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saying he that receiveth it;" which exquisite bit, being a gift from our excellent ladies, enhanced the beauty of the sentiment.
GREENVILLE.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From Middle Alabama.

I was at Liberty church (Shelby Association) the first Sunday and Saturday before in June. Rev. Wm. Kidd is pastor of said church.

Three brethren, viz. Bro. A. F. Carden, youngest son of Rev. J. H. R. Carden; Bro. J. E. Adams, youngest son of Rev. Abraham Adams (both of these good old brethren have passed to their reward after a long and useful life in the service of the Lord) and Bro. L. M. Chesser, he being the eldest son in his father's family, were elected to the office of deacon—the writer being present. The church decided to ordain them Sunday; I was requested to preach the ordination sermon, text Micah 5:5. These noble young men have interesting young families and enjoy the esteem and confidence of the community.

It was a pleasure to me to meet the church. I was baptized into the fellowship of said church and set forth in the work of the ministry by the same. Many of the old familiar faces were not there, but their places were well filled with bright and sparkling youth. Bro. Kidd has a noble band.

The next week I met Mr. J. W. Durr, of Montgomery; Mr. Wm. Davis, of Anniston, and Capt. Woolfork, of N. Y., looking after the rich mineral interest around said church. I was pleasantly impressed with these gentlemen.

I had the pleasure of attending two very interesting prayer meetings near Weldon town while I was at home. Three of my churches having kindly let me have a rest in this month I have never failed to be at these churches, when possible, and have only missed three times in five years at Dogwood.

I was called on to attend the funeral services of Bro. Columbus Cunningham at the Salem cemetery, near Montevallo, the 2d Sunday at 11 o'clock. He was a Presbyterian, and one of the oldest citizens of the county. He was born in one mile of his place of burial. He never moved out of the county, but traveled extensively. A host of friends and relatives were present.

Rev. Jones, of Montevallo, preached at Dogwood Sunday evening. We took a mission collection at the close of service of \$2.55.

Dogwood has a fine Sunday School.
JAMES D. MARTIN.

Prof. Clark of the Northwestern University of Chicago, is reported to have said to his class in literature: "The society girl is a parasite. She lives on her father, and, in return, she gives him nothing."

"She is of no benefit to the world, and there is no need of our keeping such a weight with us." The young man who seeks a society girl for a wife is on the wrong track.

"May God help him that marries one of them, for he is tying a millstone around his neck." All of which, as The Boston Herald suggests, is English literature with a vengeance.

Interesting Meeting.

Eufaula Times.

Yesterday afternoon in the pastor's study of the First Baptist church the Ladies' Aid Society held a specially interesting meeting. The subject was "Sanctification." The readings were along that line: Miss Carrie Berry recited a beautiful selection, "Unknown to History." Her sweet face and simple, expressive manner perfectly portraying the young girl and the soldier the story told about, whose "hearts of gold" broke together, yet apart.

Dr. Wharton recited the following poem composed for the occasion, and by special request from the society we publish it in full.

Moonstruck.

BY M. B. WHARTON, D. D.

I looked, and the stars like diamonds shone,
Till the moon's pale mantle was over them thrown.
And then she appeared as the queen of the night,
Though every one knew that she borrowed her light.

And thus in the lower human sphere
I have seen great galaxies disappear,
The geniuses of the land decline,
And fools with reflected glory shine.

The Senate was once a shaft of light
And it gilded the land with effulgent bright,
But its Websters, Clays, Calhouns are gone,
And political hucksters mount the throne.

The church once gleamed a luminous band,
Obedient all, to the Lord's command,
But the good and pure to the rear repair,
And the vile her holy vestments wear.

The pulpit once o'er the nations flamed,
And God's pure gospel alone proclaimed,
But the clown and jester entered in,
And it lost its power o'er the world of sin.

Society too was refined and pure,
And woman her modest garments wore,
But cards, and wine, and dances gay,
Have banished the light of the home away.

The nation itself begins to fall,
The stars on its banner are dead and pale,
The dream of the fathers has faded soon,
And all for the light of the glittering moon!

O what is this moon that with baleful light
Obscureth the great and pure from sight,
That draweth the tides of life awry
And crazeth the souls that are struck thereby?

The ansher from out the sky is rolled,
In thunder tones—"It is gold, gold, gold!"
A deceptive orb, and of sordid worth,
But the stars all fade when it blazes forth!

O moon withdraw thy arrogant face,
O stars come forth from your hiding place,
Shine on till the glorious god of day
Shall banish the mists of the land away.

For the Alabama Baptist.

To the Zion Association.

I regret that after having planned for nearly a year concerning my summer's work, in the Zion Association, that a very deep bereavement in the recent death of a relative makes me deem it my duty to remain in North Alabama for this summer, where I can discharge religious obligations of as much importance as those in the Zion Association, and, at the same time, meet the responsibilities this new dispensation of Providence places upon me.

Meeting with the Executive Committee, according to promise, I stated my condition, and the decision was kindly left to me. Although it has all occurred in the past three weeks I have carefully weighed the matter and feel that I am discharging my duty in resigning my work in the Zion Association and remaining in North Alabama. I need your prayers.

Fraternally,
T. V. NEAL.

The general ignorance of the Bible is still appalling. While the rage is on for clubs—all kinds of clubs—history clubs, Shakespeare clubs, literature clubs, and so on, suppose that clubs be organized for the study of the Bible. Is it not distressingly pitiable that the modern novel and sensational newspaper are daily devoured by the multitudes, while the Bible lies on the table covered with dust?—Texas Baptist Standard.

Success is a jealous mistress and must be wooed zealously.

Hwanghien, China.

Dear Baptist:

I reached this, my new home in China, on the 3rd of this month. Reached Shanghai on the 9th of April, and spent two weeks there most pleasantly and profitably. While there I had a fine opportunity of studying the dealings with the Chinese in hospital work. In Shanghai there are three splendid missionary hospitals—the buildings for each having cost from ten thousand to thirty thousand dollars. All of these hospitals are doing a good work.

From Shanghai I went up to Cheefoo and spent a week with Rev. and Mrs. Peyton Stephens and Miss Thompson, who left Hwanghien during the recent trouble. While in Cheefoo we stopped in the house built by Dr. Yates as a summer home and now owned by his daughter, Mrs. Seaman, of Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and Miss Thompson came on to Hwanghien with Mrs. Ayers, the four boys and I, and we are all now living together in the house of Rev. C. W. Pruitt, who is still in America on his vacation. They will remain with us until we learn enough of the language to keep house alone, and will then move into their own house.

Hwanghien is a nice city with a population of 100,000. It is located in a very rich county, which has a population of half a million.

The Lord has given this great harvest into the hands of Southern Baptists, there being no other missionaries in the county than the three families and Miss Thompson sent here by our Board. These seven people are by no means force enough to properly reach these half million people, and there is great need here for additional laborers.

I have been wonderfully pleased with the cordial welcome extended me by the native Christians and their friends here. They all say that they are exceedingly happy that a medical missionary has been sent among them, and are sure that a great deal of good can be accomplished by a hospital here. Not only do the natives encourage me, but the Europeans both in Shanghai and Cheefoo assured me that great opportunities for good are presented to the medical missionary. When I went to the American Consulate in Cheefoo to get my passport, Consul General Fowler turned to Mr. Stephens and said: "I have been in China many years and have learned the value of the medical missionary and I always welcome him. You will find by the help of a medical missionary you will now have a hundred converts at Hwanghien where you have had one before." I pray that the Lord may so use me as to fulfill this prediction.

The hospital work in China has grown to considerable proportions, there being about one hundred missionary hospitals now in the empire. But among this number not one is owned by the Southern Baptist Convention, and I am exceedingly anxious to know what man or church is to glorify the Master by building the first Southern Baptist hospital in China. I would like so much for it to be an Alabama man or church.

I find that building is less expensive here than in America, and that with five thousand dollars, gold, a lot can be purchased and a very nice hospital built and furnished. I am not authorized, however, by our Board to make an appeal for this money. But I feel assured that the Lord is directing this work and that the money for this hospital will come in due time. I am not worrying over it, but only feel anxious to have the hospital completed by the time I learn the language sufficiently well to speak it, which I hope will not be more than twelve months. Until then I shall give one hour each day to teaching English in boy's school, two hours to dispensary work and the remainder of the day to studying the language.

The Chinese are a much more intelligent people than they are usually supposed to be by Americans. They are capable, with the proper education, of transacting any business. In places like Shanghai they hold responsible positions as accountants in large banks and other business places conducted by Europeans as well as by Chinese.

The density of the population out here is simply remarkable. Take in this province, Shantung, there are only 53,762 square miles, about the size of Arkansas, and yet there is a

population of 36,247,835, or 557 per square mile.

The great need of giving the gospel to the 450 millions of people in this empire cannot be overestimated, and as we now see how loyal they are to Christ when they accept Him, a much greater interest should be taken in giving them the gospel than ever before.

I had an old soldier of the cross to walk fifteen miles to see me a few days since who was greatly persecuted during the recent trouble. He was beaten nearly to death more than once because he would not recant. He was loyal and each time told them that he belonged to Christ and they could not hurt him; that they could kill him but he would then be all the happier. He felt that the Lord wanted him to open his windows wide toward Jerusalem and he defied the mob by cutting off his cue.

Some time since a young man in another province accepted Christ and he was not only persecuted by those outside his home who are opposed to the Christian religion, but his father disowned him and drove him away from home. Afterwards he was carried to a missionary hospital dangerously ill and his nearness to death caused his father to relent and he went to the hospital and asked to be permitted to see his boy. The request was granted. The old sinner was carried into a nice, clean ward in the hospital and after seeing the tender nursing which his boy received and how different all the surroundings were from his own home, he soon said: "This must be heaven, of which the Christians speak, and if there is really a better place than this I wait to go there." He became an inquirer and accepted Christ.

T. W. AYERS.

The Jew.

DEAR BAPTIST: Allow me, please, to set myself in a clear light before my brethren regarding the converted Jew, Bielah. I stated in the ALABAMA BAPTIST that I did not know anything wrong of this Jew, and I still say so. When he is about me he speaks as if he were in harmony with all our work, and I know of no immoral conduct regarding him. But my letter has brought forth another shower of letters. So let this be an answer to them all:

1. I want these brethren who know these things to write it in the ALA. BAPTIST, so that the churches may be warned.

2. I will bring the matter before my church for investigation just as soon as I have sufficient positive proof that this man is living an immoral life, or that he is doing anything to injure our cause.

I have not the evidence. Let the brethren send it to me. We should be fair in our dealings with all men.

About two months ago, upon the hearsay of some brethren, I wrote the Jew a letter of warning and admonition, but he has not answered my letter yet. I will never uphold any man in our denomination who is not a Baptist in principle and in practice, and who does not live a moral life. And I assure you that as soon as the brethren have sent me in the evidence my church will use the pruning hook to good effect. But if the brethren are too modest or timid to tell what they know, then how can they expect the church of which the Jew is a member to take action?

There is another man in West Alabama who is fighting the Boards and everything else in our denomination, except himself, and he is prominent in immorality, and yet these brethren all about it, let him go on in his unbridled liberty of saying and doing as he pleases. He was written up by the Illinois papers, and came to our State with an unsavory reputation, and has succeeded in sustaining his old name. We have suffered on account of such men. How long shall we endure?

R. M. HUNTER. Avondale, Ala., June 13, 1901.

The reason for the refusal of the University trustees to contribute the customary \$100 to the student's magazine, the Corolla, is that the trustees do not approve of the way the magazine is edited, and particularly object to certain articles in that magazine criticising some of the officers of the University. In future the Corolla will be revised by a committee of the faculty before publication.

Father's Christian Influence.

I saw my father's imperfections while he lived. They were mountains of evil to my deluded youthful mind. His Christian life was, to my unappreciative mind, a mole-hill. Since his imperfect natural body has passed over the road that was so thickly strewn with temptations and lies silent in its mother's restful embrace, there is no doubt in my mind as to his future. Today his sins are mole-hills and his virtues mountains of living light to me.

His hours of family devotion were often worrisome to me. I thought little good could ever come of such service, but today they are the dearest of my boyhood memories. Forcibly they remind me of a passage of Scripture that seemed to be to him a great and oft-recurring incentive to continue in the good work of his Savior, viz., Ecc. 11:6. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." I have no doubt that this passage often encouraged him to continue his reading of God's Word, and praying before eight children, none of whom were Christians, for none of us were converted until the last was born. But he lived to see seven of us Baptists. When he knew not how God would turn it to good he trusted Him whose word never proves untrue.

I know little of the effect of his life upon the seven, but to me it is the most animating and soul-cheering of anything that my mind has yet reverted to.

When I would be discouraged at so little visible fruit coming from my life work, I am encouraged by the faithfulness of my deceased but living father. "He being dead yet speaketh."

Fathers, let us bear the sacred colors, it is our Father's plan to save the boys. It will help them in the conflict.

If my example shall be to my dear boys what my father's has been and is to me, I shall be amply rewarded for all my sacrifice and labor. I know many a conflict is trying, but, if we win, the victory is glorious reward. The devil is not giving us much battle except some great victory is to be won or lost. I am to live in my dear ones as my father lived in me if I am found faithful.

When father had nearly run his race he expressed himself to me, alone, as being perfectly satisfied that at any time God should call him he would enter upon that higher life that awaits the finally faithful. Happy thought to him who knows the time is near. "Though I pass through the valley of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil."

These words seem to light up the way of father the last time I interviewed him on the subject of the future.

If there is any subject that I fail to do justice more than all others this is it. Volumes could not express all the good done me by a dear father's faithful life, language (human) can not express the good and comfort coming to me from this God-given blessing.

His unworthy son, W. H. CONNELL, Stanton, Ala.

FROM HEALING SPRINGS.

Causey-Kelly.

On Thursday evening, May 30th, at eight o'clock, numerous friends assembled in the Academy hall to attend the marriage of Miss Marguerite Lula Kelly to Mr. Zachariah Causey. As Miss Pettus began playing the wedding march the bridal party entered the front entrance of the building, and the bride, robed in a lovely silk of light slate color, trimmed in white chiffon and ribbon, wearing the usual veil of white chiffon and a lovely white wreath, gloved in white kid and shod with white morocco, made a picture of perfect loveliness as she was borne up the aisle and under the arch of grand magnolia buds and blossoms, by the strong arm of her noble groom, who was attired in a handsome suit of black.

The brief but appropriate ceremony, which made them husband and wife, was pronounced by Rev. T. E. Tucker. The only attendants were two little flower girls who strewed flowers in the way.

At the close of the ceremony the

bridal party were ushered to select seats, where they also witnessed the opening exercises of the commencement of Healing Springs Academy for session of 1900-1901.

After these exercises had lasted two hours they were closed until the following day at two p. m., when the commencement program was resumed and numbers of selections and pieces were executed by the pupils of the school. Then, on the following night, was the final close of exercises, and everybody had a good time, and said they never knew when Healing Springs intended having such a time again.

The pupils certainly spared no pains in making these exercises enjoyable.

DORCAS.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At Valley Creek Church.

June 2nd was a great day with Valley Creek Church of Unity Association. This church is about four miles west of Plantersville, and on the first Sunday in June we had our children's day. It was indeed a day of sunshine and flowers. The exercises were excellent; the house seemed transformed into a veritable palace of God. Never before in the history of old Valley Creek has such a day been spent within her walls. The collection amounted to \$11.08.

At noon dinner was announced which was served in abundance by the ladies, and greatly relished by all present.

In the afternoon we had an excellent sermon by Rev. I. Windsor. He took for his subject, "Flowers," which was a fitting subject for the occasion.

The feature of the day which was most important was the presence of the charming wife and family of Bro. Windsor. The collection for bible funds, \$8.77; total, \$19.87.

We have a flourishing Sunday school. We have about 50 on roll; average attendance, 30.

With best wishes for the dear old ALABAMA BAPTIST, I am yours for the Master. Let every church send their pastor to the Chautauqua.

LULA V. MITCHELL, Plantersville, Ala.

There is a tale to the effect that the Baptists and Congregationalists of England are to unite and become one denomination. That simply means that the Baptists will go out of existence. Indeed the English Baptists have already largely gone out of existence. The first step towards this going out was their open communion. Next was their open membership. This union with the Congregationalists will end them once for all. But let us not think that all English Baptists will be thus entrapped into denominational suicide. No; there will be thousands upon thousands who will not bow the knee to Baal. Real Baptists hold nothing in the way of real Christian union such as the New Testament enjoins. We are already on the only ground of union there is. We have the one body, the one Spirit, the one hope, the one Lord, one faith, the one baptism and the one God. There is not a thing we have that we can reasonably and loyally think of giving up. So far as others have the cardinal principles which we have, we rejoice in them; but we cannot give up the one body nor the one baptism for the sake of a union which would leave either or both of them out.—Baptist News.

Meditate on this from C. H. Spurgeon: "You cannot grow in grace to any high degree while you are conformed to the world. The life of separation may be a path of sorrow, but it is the highway of safety; and though the separated life may cost you many pangs, and make every day a battle, yet it is a happy life, after all. No joy can excel that of the soldier of Christ; Jesus reveals himself so graciously, and gives such refreshment, that the warrior feels more calm and peace in his daily strife, than others in their hour of rest. The highway of holiness is the highway of communion. It is thus we shall hope to win the crown; if we are enabled by divine grace faithfully to follow Christ 'without the camp.' The crown of glory will follow the cross of separation. A moment's shame will be well recompensed by eternal honor; a little while of witness-bearing will seem nothing, when we are 'forever with the Lord.'"

NEWS NOTES.

By a unanimous vote the Presbyterian general assembly at Philadelphia declared in favor of a revision of faith.

An expedition will sail about July 15th to search for Lieut. Peary, the arctic explorer. He has not been heard from since March 30, 1900, when he was at Fort Conger.

Some unknown person has written a letter to Thos. Edison, the inventor, threatening to kidnap his 12-year-old daughter unless a large sum of money is paid.

The funeral of ex-Gov. Tanner, of Illinois, which took place at Springfield on May 26, was the largest in that city since the burial of President Lincoln.

The supreme court of Ohio has sustained the law allowing heirs of persons lynched to recover damages from the county in which a lynching occurs.

Dr. J. M. P. Otts, one of the ablest of Southern Presbyterian ministers, died suddenly at his home in Greensboro a few days ago. He was a writer of ability, having published a number of works on the Holy Land.

William Atkins, a Cumberland Presbyterian preacher, of Jackson county, Ala., did a clever bit of detective work and earned \$300 last week by tracking to his hiding place and capturing in the mountains James Whitecotton, who is under indictment in San Jacinto county, Texas, for murder.

REDUCED RATES.

Southern Railway Announces Reduced Rates as Follows.

On account of International Convention B. Y. P. U. of America, Chicago, Ill., July 25th-28th, Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Chicago and return, from all points on its lines, at rate of one first class standard fare for the round trip. Dates of sale July 22, 23 and 24, final limit July 31, 1901.

By depositing tickets (in person) with Mr. F. C. Donald, joint agent at Chicago, between July 25 and July 30, inclusive and on payment of fee of fifty (50) cents at the time of deposit, an extension of the final limit to August 24 will be granted. The joint agent's offices will be located in the main terminal depots at Chicago at which passengers arrive.

Account Annual Meeting, Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, Milwaukee, Wis., July 23-25, 1901, Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Milwaukee, Wis., and return from all points on its line, at rate of one regular first class fare for the round trip plus \$2.00. Dates of sale July 20, 21 and 22, final limit July 28, 1901. A fee of fifty (50) cents will be charged by joint agent at Milwaukee for validation of return portion of tickets.

Effective May 1st Southern Railway announces round trip rates to Buffalo, N. Y. and return, account of the Pan-American Exposition. Choice of routes via Washington, D. C., or Cincinnati, Ohio.

Cincinnati, O., and return, account International Christian Endeavor Convention, July 6th-10th, 1901. Rate of one first class fare for the round trip from all points on its lines of Southern Ry. Tickets to be sold July 4th, 5th and 6th, final limit July 14th, 1901. By depositing tickets (in person) with joint agent at Cincinnati, on or before July 10th, and on payment of fee of fifty (50) cents, an extension of final limit will be permitted to September 1st, 1901.

Detroit, Mich., and return, account National Educational Association Meeting, July 7th-12th, 1901. Rate of one first class fare for the round trip, plus \$2.00 membership fee, from all points on lines of Southern Ry. Tickets to be sold July 5th, 6th and 7th, with final limit July 16th 1901. By depositing tickets (in person) with joint agent at Detroit on or before July 12th, and on payment of fee of fifty (50) cents at time of deposit, extension of final limit until September 1st, 1901 will be permitted.

For detailed information as to rates, reservations, schedules, etc. call on or address any agent of the Southern R'y. connections.

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THE brightest lightning slumbers in the darkest clouds.

LOVE is the nutriment of all the graces. With its increase faith becomes manifold and hope as bright as the sun at noon day.

RESTLESSNESS is the spirit of the age. Everything produces restlessness but Godliness. When the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth tranquility will be supreme.

"Stare decisis et non quæta movere"—To stand by things decided, and not to disturb those which are tranquil, is an old Roman law phrase, nor has it lost its piquant application yet.

NATIONAL histories tell us but a stiva of the great world. Unwritten history is like unseen forces—they are the strongest and most potential. What a record the deeds of unwritten history would be!

SUCCESS generates envy in some quarters. Selfishness generates complaint. If murmurers and grumblers and foreboders of calamity were at the helm of State great would be the fall of it. "Sticks and stones are thrown only at fruit-bearing trees."

The denomination of Baptists is girding itself everywhere for a great onward move. Every year the ranks grow stronger by reason of highly cultured men and women. The pulpits become more formidable. The press is improving. The educational institutions more potent.

THESE demons of worldliness, of selfishness, of carelessness, of pride, of sensuality, that go careering through your soul, are like the goblin horseman in the old legend; wherever that hoof-fall strikes, the ground is blasted, and no grass will grow upon it forever.

TALK is cheap. Promises cost nothing. There are men who belabor presidents, governors, judges and even editors. With a port and strut they tell what they would do if they had those places. Like Absalom of old, they seek to ferment discontent for selfish purposes. They remind one of the fabled tortoise, the ambition of which prompted him to desire to fly. He needed only to be raised in mid heaven and he could pierce the sea of air like the eagle. Accordingly the eagle was engaged to take him into the upper realms. Up they went together but the tortoise made haste to come down alone when once he was released.

THE STATE MOURNS.

The death of Gov. William J. Samford, the Chief Executive of this Commonwealth, is a source of profound sorrow to the people of Alabama. He was a pure, upright, Christian man and Governor. He leaves a heritage to his children and to the people, marked by a spotless character. A higher eulogy cannot be pronounced.

He died in Tuscaloosa where he had gone to attend the exercises at the State University. The end came Tuesday night, the 11th, at 10:55, with his family at his bedside. His remains were brought to Montgomery Wednesday afternoon, and lay in state in the Supreme Court room amid a profusion of a magnificent floral offering, until 12:45 Thursday. All our people did honor to his memory by taking a last look at his remains. All public building and business houses were draped in mourning colors. His remains were escorted to Opelika by the local military, a committee from the city council, State officials and members of the Constitution Convention.

Hon. W. D. Jelks, president of the senate, succeeds him as Governor. On the 13th day of June he took the oath of office, and hence was then proclaimed Governor of Alabama by virtue of the Constitution of the State.

The question will be asked: Who is Gov. Jelks? What qualifications has he that will fit him for the high office? Is he equal to the demand? In reply to these questions, which will naturally arise, we wish to say to our people, that Gov. Jelks is a native of Bullock county, in this State, and was educated at Mercer University, Macon, Ga. He is a thoughtful, conservative, painstaking, business man.

For many years he has been the editor of a newspaper in Eufaula. He knows much about the spirit and temper of our people and their wants and their needs.

Mr. Jelks has been successful as a leader, as a member and president of the State Senate, though he has never sought leadership. He has convictions on questions of State polity and what is best for the States' welfare, and he will not hesitate to express his convictions and act upon them. This is his history. We have confidence in his honesty, integrity and patriotism. He has never been a demagogue. He is too honest and brave and clean to get into the cesspool of demagoguery. He will now come face to face with issues that will test him. The designing politician, having no higher aim than selfishness, will seek to influence the Executive to further personal ends.

Gov. Jelks, naturally, will look to the day when he will, perhaps, want to succeed himself. This is perfectly legitimate and honorable; but in doing this, the good of the State, and every community, and the rights of every citizen must be first considered. Future promotion or continuation in office, must be subordinated to these great interests. Being confronted with certain State problems, and having to deal with them in a variety of ways, the wisdom, prudence and judgment of the Governor will be taxed to the very fullest extent.

There is but one fear we have concerning his successful administration of the office and a wise guidance of the ship of state, and that is the falling of the Executive into the hands of the Philistines.

Gov. Jelks is among the young men, and it is nothing more than may be expected, that the young men will seek to be heard or give direction to the administration. We do not object to our young men taking a lively interest in State issues. We are the young man's friend. We rejoice in

his success and bid him God speed in every noble impulse and honorable undertaking.

But we, here and now, warn Gov. Jelks of the intemperate, the gambler, and the blasphemer. After he has ransacked the State, if he can't find a fit man for office, outside this class, then he can take from that class, and not till then. Every moral citizen demands that the whiskey drinking, carousing, gambling set be forever retired.

As Baptists, we ask for no consideration as Baptists, but we do claim as citizens that in the Executive appointments men of high morals and exemplary character shall receive consideration on this account. Hence we say, we have full confidence in the ability and wisdom of Gov. Jelks in his faithful discharge of the demands of the office. If he does not fall into the hands of the demagogue, and the designing "ward" politician, he will land the old craft into a haven of peace and success.

Let us then rally around him, give him our best support, so long as he stands above passion and prejudice and selfish influence, for he comes into office hampered by no promises or political debts, but free and untrammelled to act upon his own judgment.

We shall, as his friend and one of the people, watch, with profound interest, his administration, praying God's guidance upon all his hands findeth to do.

SUNDAY last, we spent the day in Savannah, Ga., and conducted the 11 o'clock services for Dr. John D. Jordan, the pastor of the Fourth church. We were glad to find such a large congregation and we know they come to hear the pastor, for no one knew twenty minutes before the service but that Bro. Jordan would preach. At the conclusion of the service eleven united with the church, making forty within the past three weeks. A revival is going on in the church, quietly but surely. The mid-week prayer meeting and Sunday service is all the exercises engaged in. Dr. Jordan is doing a great and effective work. He is highly appreciated and esteemed, not only by his members, but by the people of Savannah. He has the largest Sunday night congregation of any church in the city. He is a success as a pastor and preacher, and his people are proud of him.

NATURE has claims that cannot be disregarded except at the expense of health. Truly we are fearfully and wonderfully made. What marvelous possibilities lie out before us. How careful we should be of these bodies of ours, and yet some people abuse and torture and ruin the very temple made for the indwelling of God. A young woman may wear tight corsets if she chooses, but nature will remove the rose from the cheeks and put pallor there. She may apply cosmetics and ruin a beautiful complexion with muddy hues and muddy spots. The elastic step and the luster of the eye will be taken away, and she will be old at thirty. Nature enacts no law without affixing a penalty for its violation. It is a sacred duty imposed, to care well for the human body. A strong mind in a strong body is what we should strive to have. The human body is the great poem of the Great Author. Let us study it, read it, find out what we can about it, and give it the protection it demands.

Force of character is the most formidable in the world. Force of arms may prevail, but it leaves a sting, if not a mine of dynamite. But force of character is indomitable, impregnable. Yea, it is Godlike. It had its fairest and fullest illustration in the career of Queen Victoria. Contrast her in any particular with Napoleon Bonaparte.

FIELD NOTES.

Funds are being raised in Abbeville to erect a new Baptist church building.

Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention can be had by enclosing five cents for postage to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala. 3t

Dr. Robt. G. Patrick, president of the Judson Institute, is in the city attending the Alabama Educational Association.

Mr. Davis Stakely, son of Dr. Chas. A. Stakely, is at home from Mercer University, to spend his summer vacation.

Dr. Patrick, of the Judson, preached in the Baptist church at Livingston Sunday. At the morning service three new deacons were ordained.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton preached to the Baptist people of Abbeville last Friday night and Sunday night, and the Abbeville paper had good things to say about him.

Three hundred baptized in one day is the record of Rev. J. E. Barnard, at Anniston, Sunday, as the result of a great revival he has been carrying on in that city the past three weeks.

Rev. R. S. Cox died at his home in Northport last week. He was well known and a man of prominence and influence in his section in religious and educational affairs. He leaves a widow and several children.

Rev. W. J. Elliott reports two good services at Fitzpatrick, Sunday, with one addition by letter. He begins a series of meetings at Wetumpka next Sunday, assisted by Evangelist H. L. Martin, of Ozark.

The Alabama Educational Association; the Alabama Press Association; the Alabama Commercial and Industrial Association; and the Constitutional Convention, are all holding sessions here this week, and the city is full of visitors and delegates.

Rev. T. M. Callaway returned from West Point, Ga., the latter part of last week, where he went on account of the death of a brother, and conducted the usual services at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.—Talladega Mountain Home.

The flunky reporters of the associated press are very tiresome. They have now discovered that "President McKinley is devoted to his wife"—as if that were a rare thing in a husband. These toadies should give the country a rest.—Sparta Ishmaelite.

Let every dawn of the morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let everyone of these short lives leave its own record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for ourselves.—Ruskin.

The BAPTIST acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to the marriage of Miss Callie A. McLendon to Mr. Joseph F. Parson, which took place in the Baptist church at Ramer, in this county, last night at 8 o'clock. They will be at home after July 1st at Snowdoun, Ala.

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The meeting at the Baptist church is still going on and our people are being preached to as never before. Rev. F. H. Watkins, a graduate of Howard College, has been delivering two sermons a day since Sunday to large and attentive congregations. Linden needed shaking up. It is getting it.—Linden Reporter.

The revival meeting at the new Baptist church continues, with prospects of much good resulting before it closes. Rev. A. E. Burns, of Columbiana, who is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. H. Longcrier, is one of the State's ablest preachers and his sermons are eagerly listened to and favorably commented on by large congregations.—Jasper Eagle.

Rev. H. L. Martin was conducting a meeting at Mariana when he was informed of the dangerous illness of his father, Rev. A. L. Martin, at Abbeville. He hurried at once through the country to Dothan, arriving here Monday night. He took

the first train to Ozark to get his wife and then go to Abbeville.—Dothan Home Journal.

Misses Willie Kelly and Emma Boardman delivered lectures at the Baptist and Presbyterian churches respectively, last week to appreciative audiences. As men were not allowed at either lecture, the scribe does not know what occurred, except from hearsay. Those present say the lectures were highly interesting.—Uniontown Herald.

Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, of Elba, came up to the University commencement and to visit his daughter, Mrs. Wood Rice. He preached at the Baptist Chapel at Tuscaloosa Friday night; at Big Creek at 3 p. m.; Saturday, at Big Sandy 11 a. m.; Sunday, and at Little Sandy Sunday afternoon. He is a good preacher, a good man and has done much faithful work in the ministry.—Northport Breeze.

We regret to say that the condition of Rev. A. L. Martin is not improved any, in fact he continues to grow weaker and his death would be no surprise at any moment. Dr. Martin is one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, and has a host of friends throughout this section who will deeply regret to know of his serious condition. We yet hope he may make a change for the better and get well.—Abbeville News.

It is a pity that so popular a man as Mark Twain, the great humorist, has gotten into a tangle with the clergy over the missionary question in China. He will find it hard to prove that the missionaries were guilty of looting, and even if he should succeed, he will find that he is not adding to his popularity. He would have a barren victory as the man who wins an argument from his wife—worse off than when he commenced.—Eutaw Mirror.

Mrs. Lutie Rochester Burrows, the beloved wife of Dr. Lansing Burrows, pastor of the First Baptist church this city, died at her home on June 8th. Mrs. Burrows had been an invalid from rheumatism for twenty-five years, but bore her sufferings with a sweet and patient Christian resignation. She was a lady of the highest culture and noblest character, and as with Mrs. C. H. Spurgeon, there radiated from her sick chamber influences of light and love to bless and help mankind.—Baptist and Reflector, Nashville.

I returned last week from Birmingham, Ala., where I had been two weeks assisting pastor J. M. Roden in a meeting with the Second Baptist church; had a very gracious and deeply spiritual meeting and six accessions. Bro. Roden is one of the Lord's noblest men, and he has a good people who are justly proud of their pastor. The Lord abundantly bless them. Last Sunday was a good day with Grace church, this city; had a very tender meeting at 11 a. m., and one received for baptism. Three received for baptism at our regular meetings within the last few months.—Jno. H. Riffe, Monroe City, Mo., June 10.

Rev. G. W. Townsend came in Saturday from Deatsville, where he has been holding a meeting. He reports a "glorious meeting there, the best in the history of the church. This was the verdict of all. While it was a Baptist meeting its influence reached out to all the denominations represented there, and many old troubles were wiped out. Bro. Townsend only remained in the city a few hours and then left for Ramer, in this county, where he holds a meeting this week. He will be open for engagements of this kind all the summer, and those wishing to secure him in a meeting can correspond with him at Montgomery.

Many bright speeches were made at the Howard College Alumni banquet at the Morris last night. The Rev. Mr. Riener was one of the best talkers. Among his anecdotes was this: A minister of a church believing in infant baptism announced from his pulpit that he desired all who had unbaptized infants to bring them the following Sunday and have them baptized. The choir master who had hymn-books for sale, was a little deaf and did not catch the preacher's remarks. He thought the members were requested to bring hymnals, so he jumped up and shouted, "and those who haven't got 'em can buy them from me at 75 cents apiece."—Age-Herald.

I have just returned from Oxanna where I was in a meeting with Bro. A. A. Hutto. There were 24 additions, 15 by baptism and nine by letter. Bro. Hutto had expected Bro. Watson, but sickness prevented. So when the time came, he began his meeting. Bro. W. A. McCain preached two or three times the first week and his father last Sunday. Bro. Hutto had the meeting well started when I got there, there being 12 additions already. The work that was done the last week was strengthening the church and gathering in those already impressed. The influence extended into the other churches. Bro. Hutto has a fine field, and it has a good pastor. The Lord is blessing him. I am glad to be in the State to stay now.—J. W. O'Hara, Columbia, Ala., June 15.

At the First Baptist Church Sunday morning only a few braved the rain storm to attend service, but at the evening service the Church was filled to its fullest seating capacity to hear the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Stewart. His subject was "A Covenant" between Amaleck and Jacob. He drew a strong lesson from the text, and plead with all to come and make a covenant with God. He is a young man and an Alabamian, his home being at Greenville, Ala. He has been attending the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., coming from there to this place to work with the people of the First Church, and will join heart and hand with the pastors of the other churches in helping to upbuild Sheffield in Christian work.—Sheffield Reaper.

There was an interesting election of deacons at the Baptist church on Sunday. Instead of a sermon Pastor Dawson read some passages of Scripture relating to the office of deacon and made some remarks thereon, after which the election was held by ballot. No nominations were made and everything was conducted in a very solemn and impressive manner. Three deacons were to be elected and the following gentlemen were chosen for this responsible position: Dr. T. M. Leatherwood, Mr. Jos. W. Read, Col. Henry B. Foster. The other deacons of the church, who with these new additions make a very strong and able board, are: Judge B. H. Williams, Dr. J. L. Fant, Prof. T. W. Palmer, Capt. A. F. Prince, Mr. J. S. Yerby, Mr. A. J. Roby.—Tuska-loosa Gazette.

Miss Willie Kelley, Baptist Missionary to Shanghai, China, and whose home is in Marengo county, this State, spent Sunday in Livingston, and delivered an address at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. To listen to this noble, consecrated woman of Alabama, who has given up her life to the service of her Master, to hear her tell of her experience of house to house visitation in Chinese homes for the past six years is indeed pathetic. The many touching and remarkable conversions and the great work that is being done in the Christian schools over there in bringing the heathen out of darkness into light is a source of gratification to Christian people all over the land. Miss Kelley is very happy in her work, and her talk was a benediction and an inspiration to those who heard her. Mrs. Phila Carden, a daughter of Mr. E. M. Shaw, of Cuba, was present, and will offer her services to the State Mission Board, as she desires to enter upon missionary work.—Livingston Home.

Cause and Effect.

Your protracted meeting was a failure? Yes. Did you give it your hearty and prayerful support? No. I had some business matters that needed my attention. Were these matters of more value than the souls of your neighbors and friends? No. but I hoped that others would support the meeting and that sinners would be saved without me. Your hope was not realized? No. Have you considered that the meeting may have failed for the want of your cooperation and that of others? That may be true. Is it not probable that if the meeting had been a success souls would have been saved that may never be saved? That may be true. Then if you to any degree contributed to the failure of the meeting, are you not responsible to the same degree for the loss of these souls? I had not realized this fact before. Brother, "let your light so shine, in the future, that men seeing your good works may glorify your Father which is in heaven."—Texas Baptist News.

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MONDAY, JUNE 24TH, 8:30 A. M.

Lecture No. 1. Telepathy and Clairvoyance—The Distinctive Work of the London Society; remarkable authenticated facts; ascending series; what physical science says; what psychological science says; five fundamental laws; dreams experimentally produced; remarkable harmony between scripture and science; how successful school teachers, clergy and business men, etc., can and do use these laws; practical and inspiring results; question box and informal discussion.

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH, 8:30 A. M.

No. 2. Premonitions and Generalizations—False; true; underlying laws; impressional; auditive; visual; two classes; historic and modern instances; the explanations; the inspiring influence; question box.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 8:30 A. M.

No. 3. The Frauds of Spiritualism—Together with the psychological truth science has discovered in it; a bewildering realm for the uninitiated; seances with the "leading mediums; personal experiences and discoveries; "Pellets," "slate writing," "spirit letters," "the spirit-moved compass," etc.; Cuts, reproductions and modus operandi fully set forth; the psychological truth; phenomena of trance; Mrs. Piper; experiences with a clergyman in Philadelphia; the great question; present status of investigation; question box.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2 P. M.

No. 4. Materializations. (Continuation of No. 3.)

The *modus operandi*; interesting experiments and tricks as illustrations; Cabinet humbugs. Photography; a discussion of some remarkable phenomena that happened among cultured Christian people; scientific men on the psychics of India; an English clergyman; a strange and little understood law of matter; magnetic fire of brain; wonders of darkness; question box.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27TH, 8:30 A. M.

No. 5. The Witch of Endor—As viewed by psychical science; interesting and suggestive points; light on an obscure subject; the profound truth of Holy Writ; question box.

(Psychometric tests of members of class if time permits).

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH, 8:30 A. M.

No. 6. The Psychology of Fear and Worry—The four causes; what it really is; reflexes; muscles, minds, morals; nervous exhaustion; how to eliminate fear and worry; four rules; science and Scripture; tests and practical experiences; question box.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2 P. M.

No. 7. The Psychology of Cheerfulness—Defined; nature; health; aids; the four royal rules; two objections; the devil; question box.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH, 8:30 A. M.

No. 8. The Psychology of Prayer—The skeptical argument; its force; the place and function of the psychic law; the channel and course of power; the scientific secret; the Scripture rule; light on Scripture laws; harmony; instances; the science of faith; true revivals; a wide field of usefulness; question box.

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Resignation.

Dear Bro. Harris: Allow me through the columns of the BAPTIST to thank the numerous friends and brethren for their kindly sympathy in the dark hours of our bereavement. Surely the goodness and mercy of the Lord has followed us into the very chamber of death, and the angel of mercy has come through the ministration of friendship and love to comfort us. Like the friendly stars that guide the lonely traveler through the darkness of the night, the comforting words of our brethren have come to remind us of the fullness of God's promises to those who love and trust Him. Oct. 10, 1883, we (my wife and I) were married at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As I look back over these more than 17 years, and count the sufferings through which she has passed, I can but thank God that he spared her to us so long. Our union was not according to the wisdom of this world—I have ever regarded it as providential. The Lord gave me to her to care for her and love her for her real worth, in her loneliness and affliction. The Lord gave her to me to broaden my horizon, and bring me closer to him. Her purity of thought and word has often restrained me; her cheerfulness and endurance have often put me to shame; her wonderful memory has often come to my rescue; her discretion and her intuition have been like brakes upon the wheels of my life; her strong, well disciplined mind has been like the extra horse to pull me up the steep places; her loving, patient heart made me strong to endure many trials; she was my helpmeet; she was indeed a mother to my children. But she's gone—gone home, thank God. Yes, brethren, I am trying to be resigned. I want to be submissive to the will of my Master. But I find myself treasuring up things to tell her; I hunger to share the feast of good things in my papers and books with her; I want to write her—but alas! these precious privileges are gone. Thank the Lord for my dear mother, whom He has spared to bless us in these lonely hours. My wife was born July 18, 1860; died May 24, 1901. She leaves five children—two girls and three boys—the oldest daughter 14 years of age, the youngest son two years and six months. Her mother died when she was quite young, her father died in 1889, her only sister and brother have gone before. I am trying to give myself more fully to the Lord's work than ever before. Brethren, pray for me. Affectionately, J. R. STODGHILL, Lineville, Ala., June 12.

To the Churches and Ministers of Alabama. Dear Brethren: At considerable expense the Institute Board has arranged for a great Ministers' Institute at Anniston from June 20th to July 4th. The very best teachers and preachers have been employed and cheap board secured for every preacher in the State of Alabama who will attend. No church in the State should fail to send its preacher. It will be the very best investment you can make. Railroad rates are cheap, board only five dollars a week, and it seems that every preacher ought to be able or be enabled to come. Besides the mental and spiritual stimulus, it will be a recreation for many a tired pastor. And some provision ought to be made for the pastor's wife. Whenever it is possible we hope to have with us the pastors' wives. Several will be

here. Some of the pastors will bring their entire families.

Bro. Pastor, you can't afford to stay away from this Institute. Dr. Shaffer has been systematically at work for several months to give you the very best that could be had. Now let us call in our appointments and fifth Sunday meetings, and all come to Anniston for two weeks.

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Sunday, June 30th—Conquest Missionary Meeting; "Home Mission Work" (Trans-Mississippi and Rocky Mountain States).
Alternate Topic: "True to Christ"—John, 15:7-16; Col., 3:17; Matt., 28:18-20. (See pledge.)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Monday, 24—II Chron., 30. Condition of heart more than ritual (vs. 18, 19). Compare I Chron. 19:3.
Tuesday, 25—II Chron. 31. "With all his heart, and prospered" (vs. 21). Compare Psalm 1, 2, 3.
Wednesday, 26—II Chron. 32. Why Judah was mightier than Assyria (vs. 8). Compare II Kings, 6:14-16.
Thursday, 27—II Chron. 33. Humiliation and supplication effective (vs. 12-13). Compare II Chron. 32:26.
Friday, 28—II Chron. 34. A king's noble example (vs. 31). Compare I Chron. 29:3-5.
Saturday, 29. II Chron. 35. A resplendent memorial (vs. 18). Compare II Chron. 30:26.
Sunday, 30—II Chron. 36. Beyond remedy (vs. 16). Compare Jer. 37:9, 10.

—Baptist Union.

We are very glad to be able to publish this week another of the papers read before the Lafayette Convention. This paper was on the general topic: "The Little Giant, B. Y. P. U.—Its Heart, Christ," and was one of the best things of the Convention. We feel sure that the young people all over the State, who were not at the Convention, will enjoy reading it, and those who heard it at the Convention will be glad that others will have the pleasure they enjoyed.

Christ—The Heart.

MISS MATTIE BRANNON, BESSEMER, ALA.

Read Before the State B. Y. P. U. Convention at LaFayette, April 25.

Even as the body is powerless without the heart, so also is the Union powerless without Christ.

He should control every movement and be in every plan. Now, the only way for Him to do this is to have Him with us in our daily lives.

Before He can manifest himself in our daily lives, we must feel the need of Him and be brought to see how utterly helpless and undone we are without Him.

We must learn simplicity from Him, for our simplicity measures our selfishness, and our selfishness measures our usefulness, and our usefulness measures our happiness, and happiness is what each soul craves with all the craving of its immortality.

We must learn to sympathize with the suffering, to pity and help the weak, to comfort the distressed. We must partake of His meekness, His gentleness, His long-suffering, His strength, His submission. To do this we must learn of Christ daily and hourly. Our time of preparation is now, in our youth, to learn patience, not to try to do our life-work in time of preparation for it; we must not be too hasty. Life is large; we are placed in the midst of it, it surrounds us. We must surround life, for in just the proportion we surround it, just in that proportion do we obtain the victory of living, for true living is constant victory. To overcome is our incentive in every act, and we measure our joys and successes by the number of our victories. We young people are prone to feel that Christ is so far above us that we cannot ascend near enough to Him to imitate Him. While He is as far beyond us as it is possible for the Infinite to be beyond the mortal, yet it is given us to realize how fondly the Infinite hath loved the mortal; "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believed on Him might not perish but have everlasting life, and this is life

eternal that we may know Jesus Christ the Son of the only true and living God."

Unconsciously we copy the faults and virtues of those we love best, and in whom we have most confidence.

We must guard against this; copy all the character of no man, however noble. Why imitate the imperfect, when we have the perfect!

Put ambition out of your life in so far as you win praise from others and win renown to yourself; let your aim be so high that you care for none but God to know it, your purpose so pure that it will bear the scrutiny of all.

Search for the real in all things, for the beautiful in all things, for the more we know of the beauty of life the closer we are in touch with heaven.

Let your life ring with the truth. We cannot lay too much stress upon it. We must speak the truth; we must act the truth; we must believe the truth; yea, more, we must know the truth. Herein is it necessary to know Christ, for He saith: "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Whatever broadens us and deepens us and frees us is the truth. If you see the truth narrowly, know that the fullness of it has not been revealed to you. It can be revealed to you, for our Savior has promised, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free, and if the truth shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." We must learn to meet difficulty in two ways—there is a strength that overcomes directly by opposing, and a strength that overcomes indirectly by submitting; sometimes one, sometimes the other is necessary to the development of character. Study the Savior's life and notice how he used these two different kinds of strength. We conquer painfully at first, and afterward triumphantly. Painful conquering produces the rugged character, triumphant conquering produces the lovely character. Both ways of conquering are good for us; painful conquering disciplines us and teaches us reliance on God; triumphant conquering disciplines us and teaches us to praise God for both kinds of discipline, for any triumph of the right kind is praise.

The rugged characters have their work, they toil nobly and grandly in the rugged places, but they miss much of the sweetness of life, because they look at Jesus as the man of sorrows instead of the healer of wounds and the giver of joy and rest in work. The rugged character may become a lovely character, and thus not only exert a broad influence, but the broadest influence. To become this he must learn to extract joy from sorrow, smoothness from roughness, and the only way to do this is to sit at the feet of Jesus as His friend, as well as to bow to Him in humble petition. It is our privilege to conquer in all things as Christ did, for we are told: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us, for I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

And again it is given us to say: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but to all them that love His appearing." We need to pray in order to conquer. We must have a place of secret prayer alone with the Father, and even as the heart sings involuntarily, so, also, it prays involuntarily. Learn to speak to the Savior silently and at any time, about what concerns you most deeply; to feel the need of

the Lord so intensely that prayer will rise to Him spontaneously, before the heart is conscious of its purpose to pray.

Never make a program without earnestly asking the Savior's blessing; never write a paper unless you've sought His help and guidance.

Pray for the heart to be utterly filled with gratitude, and for eyes to see the many blessings so freely given, then duty becomes a pleasure, and nothing is pleasure until that duty is performed.

Another way to walk with the Savior is to sing, for song, especially sacred song, elevates the soul. Such songs as "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior," "I Need Thee Every Hour," "How Firm A Foundation," "I've Found a Friend," sing often, and let their words sink deeply into your soul. Read songs and notice the difference in the spiritual effect on your soul from that of singing them. Pray to know how blessed it is for the heart to be so filled with song that the lips will break forth into singing from sheer gladness of heart. Then again, notice how you sing and you'll find you are singing according to your mood, and measure your blessing by your mood. No malice can abide in a truly musical heart, for music is harmony. Keep the heart musical and so make your life one continuous song of praise to the Almighty loving Father. A heart full of praise is a happy heart, and makes other hearts happy and blesses the world for Christ's sake. We need to be drawn closer together in Christian work. We each have a best side, a worst side, and a medium side to our nature, and, sadly to acknowledge, we show the worst side to some, the medium side to many, and the best side to a few.

Now the best side of our natures is the side, either directly or indirectly influenced by religious motives, consciously or unconsciously to us, so the more able we are to show the best side to many, the more able they are to do likewise, the nearer we are drawn together, and the nearer we are drawn together the more effective will our service be. The only way to develop the best side perfectly is to open wide our hearts to the Savior and let Him fill them with the fullness of His light. Then we can "Let our light so shine that men may see our good works and glorify our Father, which is in Heaven."

We all shrink from telling our inmost thoughts. Learn to speak of your inner experience in a general way, in this lies your power to broaden your influence. Read your Bible carefully. In the beginning of your Christian life read chiefly the New Testament and the Psalms. Read daily, and mark as you read, those passages which strike you most, and often you can pick up your Bible in passing, and even though your turning to a chapter may be hap-hazard, if the verses are marked you naturally read those first and oftenest. In this way you learn the Scripture unconsciously to yourself.

There are special chapters which will often fit your need. Read the 14th of John and see how gentle and reassuring the Savior is to them that love Him, the 15th to see how closely we must live to Him, the 17th to know how He hath prayed for all them that believe on his name, the 13th chapter of First Corinthians to find what beauty of character is.

Other reading than the Bible and religious literature is needful to religious work. We need to keep abreast of the times to meet the needs of the times most directly, and right here the modern novel is the least help of all modern literature toward promoting Christianity. Read a few of the best, but in no case allow the perusal of them to be the bulk of your reading, for there will still be modern novels when we have reached the forties. You are what you read and think; seek for the generalization of thought to be correct, and the details will naturally arrange themselves harmoniously.

Finally, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." One reason why the young do not strive for a deeper religious life is because of their love of fun and pleasure. We needn't be afraid of losing

pleasure by serving the Lord.

Incongruity produces fun. Separate laughter from incongruity and you have hideousness. It is a blessing that our Heavenly Father hath given us this sense of fun to keep the bitter and terrible out of our lives.

If you are blessed with an abundant supply of wit and humor pray God in all earnestness not to permit you to use it against His glory, then trust Him as surely in your pleasure as in your pain, and He'll take care of His glory and the fun too. Perfect fun is innocent fun, innocent fun is the only real fun. Strive for perfection even in your fun. What more perfect form of wit than Jesus' answers to the Pharisees when they were questioning Him whether He was the very Christ, and how surely their mouths were closed by the truth of his answers; what more perfect form of humor than His knowledge of their chagrin when the soldiers dared not take Him, and went back and told them: "That never man spake like that man."

We ought not to let our love of fun go too far and drive our minds from things eternal. It is given to each of us to have an experience of our own, it is our privilege to be able to say: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

So, in our lives, let our faith be strong in Him with whom there is neither doubt nor shadow of turning.

Life is the cloth we weave, each day is a yard, and once woven can never be woven again. Let trust be the warp and truth be the filling. So that when our weaving is done we may enter our Master's kingdom clad in garments of righteousness, where we shall put off the mortal and put on the immortal and there see the Savior face to face and reign with Him forever.

Words of Wisdom.

Extracts from the Charge of Judge Denson to the Grand Jury.

"The grand jury is an important organization, being that part of the machinery of the circuit court through which prosecutions for crime are initiated. The duties of grand juror properly understood and appreciated should not and will not fit loosely on a good conscientious man, but such a man will, as a grand juror, feel the importance of a manly discharge of these duties; he will feel, that to a certain extent, the preservation of peace and good order in society depends on the right performance of the duties of his office."

"It is the law enforced that terrorizes the evil doer. There are thousands of good laws, sufficient for the protection of all your rights and liberties, if enforced, but unenforced they are of no more force or vigor than the paper they are printed upon. Another truth I must impress, whether or not the law is enforced depends upon the people. Why? Because under our system the jury must first make the verdict before the court, as distinguished from the jury, can enforce the law, and the juries are selected from the people. Then it is important that a healthy public sentiment in favor of law and order, and as opposed to wrong in every phase should be inculcated, and that jurors should be high minded, courageous, impartial and right thinking men. Men who are interested in the welfare of the country, concerned in maintaining good morals, and are looking well to what impressions they are making by their lives."

"We all have too light regard for our civic institutions. The most of us I fear regard them selfishly as stepping stones to our own personal aggrandizement, when they should be regarded as the means for establishing justice, insuring domestic tranquility and of securing the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity. As judge of the circuit court, I, with a proper appreciation of my office, ought to administer the law justly; not to suit the whims of certain individuals nor in obedience to their behest, but under the sanction of my official oath my administration should in all respects be impartial. All of you will agree to this as a correct statement, and that my duty discharged in that way would be in keeping with a good conscience. Well, if true with reference to me as judge (and it certainly is true) it

holds good, and applies with equal force to you in the discharge of your duties as grand jurors."

"The grand juror is an officer during the term he serves; he is under oath and the oath is an important one, but one which I am sorry to say is sometimes too lightly regarded. You make an analysis of the oath you have assumed, endeavor to appreciate its requirements, and you will reach the conclusion that it takes a pretty good man to comply with them. A man with some firmness, so that he will not be turned by every wind that blows, a man with moral courage, so that when his judgment points out his path of duty and his conscience approves, notwithstanding it may pass right through and cause an upheaval of the conduct of his friends, he will steadily follow it, a fair minded man, so that prejudice, malice nor favoritism can swerve him from the right."

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NEWS NOTES.

Says a Texas editor: "It is customary for contributors to write on one side of the paper only, but some of ours would everlastingly oblige us if they didn't write on either side."

The principal of the Dothan public school was shot and killed a few days ago by an assistant teacher, whom he had refused to endorse for a position in the school for next session. The murderer then deliberately turned his weapon upon himself and took his own life.

At Ardilla, near Dothan, on Monday morning, the wife of Mr. Wesley Hall, after completing the morning's household work, went out to hoe some ground peas in which she felt interested. In a few minutes she dropped dead. Mrs. Hall was about 45 years of age, and was thought to be in good health.

We were shown a quantity of hail today that was doubtless the oldest hail that ever existed in Pike county. It was brought from the Leary place, on the Clay Hill road, and fell six days ago. Of course the hail was lying in a place protected from the sun, but it is nevertheless remarkable for having lasted so long.—Troy Messenger, 8th.

A Missouri editor sums up the situation of how much some men think of their dogs by saying that if a man has a \$50 bull pup he would look after it carefully and not let it run all over town at night. But if he has a boy it is different. He is turned loose at the tender age to go to the bad, and people wonder where the great army of tramps, deadbeats, loafers, gamblers and thieves come from. They are germinated from pure seed sown broadcast on the streets and alleys. The boy ought to be given an equal showing with the bull pup.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Sidney Herbert Blau, of Troy, to Miss Ethel Barr, of that place. The marriage is to take place today, June 20, at 8 a. m., at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mattie Virginia Barr. Mr. Blau is a son of Wm. J. Blau, and is associated with his father in the publication of the Troy Messenger. The bride is a winsome young lady who has won a warm place in the hearts of her home people. Each is fortunate, and they will receive the hearty congratulations of all newspaper men who know them in the State.

The editor of the News, as a notary public ex-officio justice of the peace, was called upon to perform the ceremony for Reuben Collins and Mary Brown, two worthy colored citizens of Tuskegee. A few months before, as a lawyer he helped the groom to procure a divorce.—Tuskegee News. And now as editor the News man "writes up" the marriage. We have always thought the publisher of a newspaper was a very important individual, but when he combines in himself the rather in homogeneous attributes of lawyer and justice, editor and preacher, his worth to a community can hardly be estimated. Another advantage about this arrangement is that when the brother's income from the law and from the paper fails to make ends meet, and to drive off starvation, he can then "pass around the hat."—Roanoke Leader.

TYPEWRITERS—Easy Terms, large discounts. Rev. J. W. B., Brookside, Ala.

Pneumonia and Liquor.

In a recent issue of the Age-Herald there was an interesting discussion by Dr. E. H. Sholl of pneumonia. Among his most pointed statements was this:

"I should say that the persons to whom pneumonia is most fatal are the steady drinkers. I have been practicing medicine for forty-five years in Alabama and the army, and I have never yet seen a pneumonia patient, who had been a steady drinker, recover. The same observation has been made by others, among whom I might mention Dr. Josiah Nott, of Mobile, who founded the medical college there, and Dr. E. H. Watts, of Galveston, Texas."

Let the young men and the older ones of our readers who are forming the drink habit be warned by the observation of leading authorities.

He who is constantly filling himself with intoxicants is but preparing the soil for the germs of death.

OBITUARIES.

We print one hundred word resolutions, obituaries or death notices free, and for every word over this number we charge one cent a word.

Saturday evening, June 8th, Sister Mary Emmett peacefully passed away. She was converted at thirteen, and joined the Protestant Methodist church. The first year of her last marriage she was devoted. She was born in Alabama, reared in Georgia, and moved back to Alabama twenty years ago. She married Wm. Carter first; after his death she married Maj. L. S. Emmett. She had two children by her first husband and eight by her last. Four children preceded her. She was a faithful wife, a devoted mother, and a disciple that Jesus loved. The entire town of Albertville was overshadowed with gloom last Sunday when we laid her to rest. E. E. GEORGE.

On Monday night, June 3rd, there passed from earth to heaven the pure spirit of Mrs. J. A. Lynch. She was a most exemplary member of the Methodist church, but her husband, Bro. J. A. Lynch, being an honored member of our church, we were often in her company. To know her was to honor and love her. May heaven's richest award be upon the bereaved husband, and upon her son, and upon the two charming Christian daughters, who have the rich inheritance of her character and graces. A. P. FUGB.

Union Springs, June 10.

Tribute of Respect.

On the 2nd day of March, 1901, the death angel came into our community and bore away the sweet and gentle spirit of our dear friend and sister in Christ, Miss Sallie Daniell, daughter of Elder J. J. Daniell. She was born in Talladega county, Sept. 1st, 1843.

Here was a life of affliction, yet she murmured not, trusting wholly in the promise of our Savior, "I go to prepare a place for you." Such was her confidence in that precious promise that she exclaimed, ere the spirit took its flight, that she was going to that home prepared for her. She was a true Christian; loving and being loved by all who knew her, both old and young. She leaves a brother and three sisters to mourn her loss. To the bereaved ones we can only say, rejoice in the hope of a reunion.

A FRIEND.

Six Mile, Ala.

Resolutions of Coosada Baptist Church.

Whereas, the Lord has seen fit in His all wise providence to remove suddenly from our midst our brother, Henry L. Taylor, who united with our church in April, —, and

Whereas, we recognized in him a true and zealous brother, and

Whereas, we humbly submit to the Lord's will, yet we realize our great loss in his death, and will miss him in his wise council and labors.

While we know our loss is his gain, we deplore our loss. We have known Bro. Taylor since 1868. He was full of Christlike love for his fellow man; he knew how to nurse the sick, he was ever ready to stand by those in sickness or distress. He was also ever ready to lend a helping hand in furthering the Master's cause. A good husband, a kind and loving brother and a true friend has gone to make his final report and will be received into the joy of his Lord.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolutions be sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST and spread upon the church record book.

J. R. CALDWELL, Moderator.

R. H. HUDSON, Committeeman.

Institute Work Once More.

Brethren:

When you read this article our State Institute will be in session at Anniston. Some who should have gone to the Institute will not be there. Remember that the Institute continues two weeks. Let me suggest to you to come and spend one week with us at least. It will be good for you and for our cause. The churches and friends of Institute work will please understand that my office will be in Anniston till after July 4th. Please address me there and send funds for our work. Do not forget that it is right now that we need financial aid.

Up to lately our churches have been exerting themselves to settle with the Board of the S. B. C., and we have not complained about being neglected; but now these boards have been settled with, and we should give immediate attention to State work.

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To Look After Baptists.

Atlanta Journal. Rev. John E. White, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, introduced a resolution at the meeting of the Baptist ministers this morning which is intended to keep track on members of the church who remove from other cities and towns to Atlanta or vice versa and do not keep up their church membership. The resolution is as follows:

"It is moved that a committee be appointed to draft and mail a letter from this Conference to every Baptist pastor in Georgia calling attention to the large number of people removing from their churches to Atlanta and withholding themselves from membership in our churches and making the request that each pastor will in the future when there is removal of Baptist people from their church or community communicate the fact with name and address if possible to the president of this conference and saying also to these pastors that the members of this conference will perform a similar service in all cases of removal from Atlanta to their places.

"It is further moved that a statement of similar import be sent to the Baptist papers of the South seeking the attention of the Southern Baptist pastors."

The resolution was tabled by the conference until the next meeting on Monday. It is probable that it will be adopted.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

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MARY E. JUREY, Mortgagee. P. C. MASSIE, Att'y for Mortgagee. 24-4t

Politeness.

Politeness is in business what strategy is in war. It gives power to weakness; it supplies great deficiencies and overcomes the enemy with very little loss of time and blood. It is invincible either in attack or defense. There is no investment so remunerative. It is simply putting out kind words and courteous manners to compound interest. There is no commodity costs so little, and yet is so rarely possessed.

With some persons this quality is really innate and with others it is developed by proper home training and refined associations. True politeness springs from goodness of heart. A truly sympathetic nature is ever generous. It views its fellows from a personal standpoint, and cannot therefore, fail to be polite. A polite person often succeeds in life when those of ability fail. Conciliatory manners have made the fortunes of physician, lawyers, divines, politicians and merchants, for affability creates instantaneously a prepossession in favor of the person who exhibits it. Of two men equal in all other respects the courteously polite one has the advantage of the other, who is deficient in this quality, and by far the better chance of making his way in the world.—Great Thoughts.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Mrs. Minnie C. Taylor and husband to S. C. Massie, on the 18th day of August, 1900, recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery county, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 164, at pg. 104, one of the conditions of which has been broken, the undersigned mortgagee will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court Square Fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., within the legal hours of sale, on Thursday the 27th day of June, 1901, the following described property contained in and conveyed by said mortgage, situated in the county of Montgomery and State of Alabama, to-wit: Lots numbered 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five, all in block two (2) of the Clitheral plat, as the same appears of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county.

S. C. MASSIE, Mortgagee. P. C. MASSIE, Att'y for Mortgagee. 22-4w

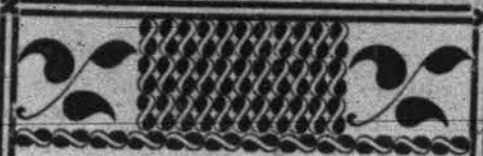
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