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DR. J. B. SLOCUM GOING TO DAYTON

Will Accept Flattering Call to First Baptist Church, at a Salary of \$6,000

(From the Yonkers, N. Y., Statesman)

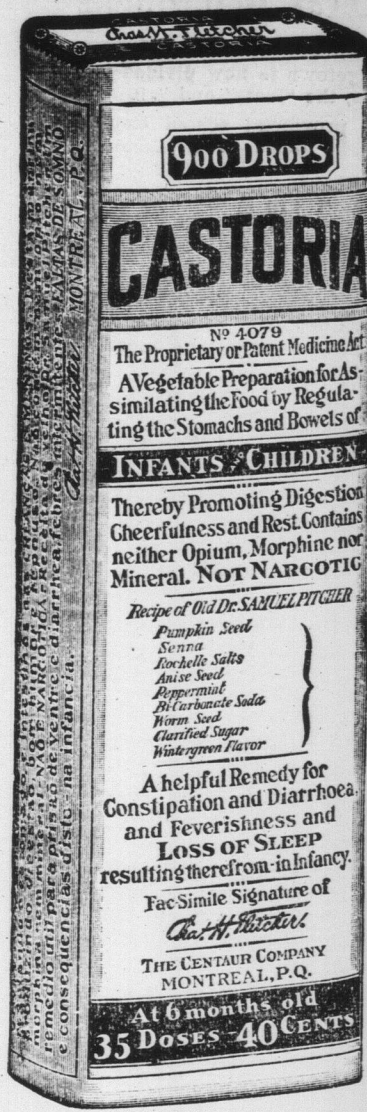
Dr. Joel Byron Slocum, of the Warburton Avenue Baptist Church of this city, has received a unanimous call to the large First Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, as the successor of Dr. J. C. Masse, who recently became pastor of the Baptist Temple in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dr. Slocum made the announcement of the call at the prayer and conference meeting of his Church last night. Previously, however, he sent a special invitation to 25 of the leading officials of the Warburton Avenue Church, in order that he might extend to them the courtesy of hearing the first public announcement of his call to Dayton, as a Church family. There was a fairly good attendance of the members of the Church; some of the members of the Board of Trustees and Deacons were obliged to be away from the city.

After an exposition of the 55th chapter of Isaiah, Dr. Slocum related the circumstances of the call and read the letter which was sent by the Dayton Church. He read also a letter which had been previously written by the Dayton committee subsequent to a visit which several weeks ago, they had made, with out the knowledge of Dr. Slocum, to the Warburton Avenue Church. The result of that visit was a unanimous recommendation to the larger committee of 50 that Dr. Slocum's name be presented to the Church. At this point, the officials at Dayton invited Dr. Slocum to come out to Dayton to meet the committee; he did so, and was present at their prayer meeting last Wednesday night. Although the night was very unfavorable as to the weather, following an all-day down pour of rain, there was an attendance of over 200 and Dr. Slocum was given a hearty reception. He returned to Yonkers the next day and occupied his own pulpit last Sunday.

The Dayton Church has had no candidates, and Dr. Slocum has not yet preached in its pulpit. The unanimous call to the Dayton Church was voted at their morning service last Sunday, and the message reached Dr. Slocum by wire in the middle of the afternoon.

Dr. Slocum admits that he is very favorably impressed with the Dayton situation. The membership of the Church there is 1,300 and only 200 of that number are non-resident. The building is one of the finest, in the county and is nearly new its adaptation to the best kind of modern work in the Sunday School is perfect. The attendance of its Sunday School is over 600 and the Church conducts a flourishing mission, with one of



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(New York Times)

A series of incidents recently brought to notice indicate the change in merchandising conditions which is especially marked in this neighborhood. The slowing up in consumer buying, every where admitted, and now not always ascribed to unseasonable weather, is one of them. Another is the natural corollary less promptness in collections and a practical cessation of the practice of taking discounts on purchases. There are also a series of disputes over the matter of paying for goods f. o. b. mill, buyers wishing delay until delivery and acceptance. Another circumstance of similar purport is the reluctance of both wholesalers and retailers to make purchase any further in advance than is absolutely necessary, with a decided preference for what is known as hand to mouth buying. These various manifestations are merely evidence of general belief that prices are too high and must come down, and no one is willing to have on hand, when the inevitable crash comes, any more goods than he is obliged to have. Profiteering is admitted, but each one in the long line of intermediaries, from the producers of the raw material to the handlers of the finished product at retail counters, is trying to show that the other fellow is mostly responsible for the high prices. The one fact they have now run against is that the public's patience is at an end and the consumer is determined to get what he wants for less, or else go without.

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LET US PAY OUR DEBTS

(By Francis G. Brown)

Debts are distinctly nasty things. They destroy friendships oftener than any other one thing; and for many people they convert their lives into a bed of thorns. If a man would commend his religion to another he must live modestly and within his means; and, as far as possible, keep out of debt altogether. Remember that the storekeeper and the doctor the lawyer and the mechanic, have to worship together, and it must surely be an unpleasant sensation to look up from the hymn book and catch a back, or side glance of two or three creditors with whom one would rather not exchange words and then for those creditors to see one driving around later in an automobile cutting a high figure. It is a miserable fate; and for many people it convert life into a bed of thorns. To keep on swapping creditors is no honorable way for a religious man to attempt to relieve the situation. Even from a standpoint of worldly policy that is only to go from bad to worse. The only right and wise thing to do is to live quietly and modestly, cut down expenditures, avoid all superfluities, and live within one's income. You say, "that is rather a blunt way of stating things." I know it is. But in this age of fast living and loose thinking, the disease must be plainly diagnosed, and frankly stated, if we are to hope for a remedy. Therefore, I say, make an honest effort to pay your debts. You'll enjoy all your religious exercises much better afterwards.

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