

ALEXANDRIA HAPPENINGS.

**Items Picked Up on the First Day of the
New Year.**

ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 1.—Mr. Samuel M. Dishman, aged about seventy-four years, died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday morning about 8 o'clock. He had gone to the carpenter-shop of his son Henry and Mr. Dean, and while standing there talking, fell to the ground unconscious. He was immediately picked up and taken to the residence of his son, on Lee street, between Wolfe and Wilkes, where he expired before the arrival of Dr. Brown, who had been summoned and who pronounced the cause of death heart disease. Deceased was highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral will take place this Monday afternoon.

A little colored girl, aged three years, daughter of Mattie Beal, living in the locality known as Petersburg, was seriously burned about the body on Saturday evening by its clothing taking fire from the stove. Dr. Jones was called in and rendered medical assistance.

Mayor Beckham presented each member of the police force with a large ham, on Saturday evening, as a New Year's gift.

The January term of the Corporation Court will commence on Tuesday, Judge French, of Manchester, presiding.

Watch meetings were held in several of the churches on Saturday night, at which appropriate services were conducted. The old year was rung out and the new rang in by the bells of the city.

Mr. William D. Hudson, the druggist, has awarded the contract for the erection of an iron brick front to the house adjoining his present store on King street, into which he will remove as soon as completed.

A Popular Official Complimented.

Mr. A. B. P. Palmer, the stout, good-looking gentleman, who has charge of about fifty clerks in what is known as the "Defective, Dependent and Delinquent" division of the Census Office, was presented by his associates on Saturday with a solid gold chain of great value and elegant design as a token of the high esteem in which he was held, individually and officially. The presentation speech was made by Mr. A. B. Hinds in appropriate terms and responded to as follows by Mr. Palmer:

"GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW-CLERKS: I hardly know how to act or what to say in reply to the kind remarks made by Mr. Hinds in behalf of the clerks in this division. You no doubt would consider me a deaf mute, if not idiotic, did I not reply in some manner and thank you for this beautiful present. Let me assure you that I shall ever cherish it as a token of esteem for

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