

The S. W. Baptist.

TUSKEGEE, ALA.:

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 1897.

Elder Z. G. HENDERSON, is agent for Howard College for 1897. He is also authorized to act as agent for the S. W. Baptist.

We decline publishing the communication of "Enquirer," because he misapprehends the positions of the writer on John's Baptism. The writer on John's Baptism does not differ from the views of "Enquirer."

Who will Respond?

We recommend a careful reading and prompt action in regard to the things suggested in the following communication. We have said so much upon the necessity and importance of this subject, that we prefer allowing correspondents to plead the cause of the S. W. Baptist. But let it not be forgotten that our paper cannot be promoted without its affecting, for good, every interest pleaded and labored for in Alabama:

BRO. TALIAFERRO: You say you want an additional one thousand subscribers added to your list during the next volume. This is not extravagant—quite modest. I think you ought to reasonably expect two thousand. And then not be disappointed. Suppose, as you say, that each subscriber would get one more, why you would have over three thousand additional ones. Now, all this can be done—easily, very easily. But who will do it? Oh yes, that's the question. Who? Why sir, I will help to do it. The paper is a good one. Every body ought to have and read it, and the publishers sustained in its publication. Then I will be one of one hundred, who will send you one thousand new subscribers this year—that is 10 each. That leaves all the balance to raise another thousand. Don't you see it can be done?

Complimentary.

To receive the commendation of the "good and true" is certainly worthy of any man's ambition. We do not pretend to conceal the fact that we are candidates for this honor. Next to the approbation of God and a good conscience, we desire the generous, unbounded sympathy of discriminating friends. We have no fellowship for that stoicism which is indifferent to the "well done, good and faithful servant," so necessary to nerve the heart for the conflict of life.

We thank brother TUSTIN, editor of the *Southern Baptist*, for the kindly manner in which he has reviewed the proceedings of the late Alabama Baptist Convention, and especially for the cordial sympathy he manifests in the prosperity of the *South Western Baptist*.—Will our readers esteem it indelicate in us to extract the article? We trust not. See first page.

We again call the attention of our ministering brethren to Winslow's works. We are anxious to place in the hands of ministers, and such laymen as have opportunity to read, such Theological works as will pay them well for reading. We are satisfied that Winslow's three volumes are the best investment that could be made by a minister who has but little means and but little time to read. In soundness of doctrine they are unsurpassed; and in spirituality they are unequalled by human productions. Spirituality is the thing needful for the Churches now.

The three volumes cost but \$2.50 at our office, and for \$3.00 we will send them by mail to the address of any who will apply.

They are published and for sale by Lindsay & Blakiston, Philadelphia.

BROTHER T. P. CRAWFORD, Missionary at Shanghai, China, in a recent letter to Elder J. B. Taylor, gives some encouraging facts in relation to the Shanghai Mission Station.

ELDER A. J. WALDROP, of Rockville, Ala., informs us that the Ruhamah Baptist Church, Jefferson county, have erected a new and substantial house of worship, and that a dedicatory sermon was preached recently by Elder J. J. D. RENFROE.

ELDER A. T. HOLMES, of the Central Institute, has accepted a call of the Baptist Church in Wetumpka, Ala.—He will give as much of his time to that Church as can be spared from his labors as principal of the Institute.

COAST SURVEY REPORT.—We acknowledge our indebtedness to Prof. A. N. Bache, superintendent United States Coast Survey for the above report showing the progress of the survey for 1895. It is quite a respectable sized quarto, with a large number of maps.

Russell's Magazine for May has been received—being the second number issued—its contents are valuable and interesting, and may be titled the Blackwood of America.

According to the Catalogue of the University of Alabama for 1896-7, there have been in attendance, 144 students.

A Request.

A correspondent says: "I now ask you to give light on a very important subject. Commence and do not stop till you fully convince the Church that the heathen cannot be saved without the Gospel."

The objector says, "I cannot reconcile it to the justice of God to punish the heathen who have not the Gospel." It is impertinent to challenge Jehovah; and to attempt to comprehend his proceedings is vanity and folly. Who by searching can find out God? He has not condescended to inform man as to the justness of his proceedings, in but few cases, and then it is but incidentally done. We have to do with the facts and truths, of the Divine procedure, without enquiring into the *whys* and *wherefores* of it. It is a fact that Jehovah has given the heathen over to the blindness of their hearts, because "when they knew God they glorified him not as God, but became vain in their imagination and their foolish heart was darkened." It is a recorded truth that he will "pour out his fury upon the heathen, and upon the nations of the earth that call not upon his name."

And we have proved in our first article that without faith it is impossible to please God; and that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God; that through faith in Christ men are justified; that the blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin—all this must be set aside before the salvation of the heathen without the preached Gospel can be maintained. God knows how he can, in justice to his character, punish the heathen, though he has not revealed the plan, and that should satisfy every rational humble minded man.—"Will not the judge of the whole earth do right?"

Again says the objector, "It would not be just in God to punish the heathen like the Gospel sinner."—We have ceased to sit in judgment upon Jehovah's ways, to say *this* or *that* thing would be just or unjust. But we will not controvert this position of the objector. He has conceded the fact that they are punished, and that is what we claim to be the teachings of the word of God. And what comfort is there in the objection, if the heathen are lost? A lost soul! Think of it.

But says another, "I place the heathen on the same ground of idiots and infants." You do! Where is your authority? It must be in that book that is read more than any other book, the book of "I THINK SO." Then according to this, ignorance, idolatry and sin of every description is a blessing to the heathen, for all will be saved, not "from their sins," as God saved his people, but in their sins. And according to the same position the Gospel is a curse, for up to this time the greater portion of men where it is preached will be lost, which would not have been the case if they had not unfortunately heard it.—We will compare what Paul says in writing to a Gentile Church with this sickly sentiment and leave them to settle the question. In writing to the Corinthians he says:

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

We shall not notice all objections to the positions and proofs in these articles. We have sustained them by God's word, and we will leave the cavalier to contend with his Maker. Before dismissing the subject, for the present, we admit that there may be individuals among the heathen who are saved. For instance, where they have a pretty correct traditional knowledge of God, and that knowledge is sanctified by the Spirit of God, and he is forgiven for Christ's sake, and his soul washed in the fountain of cleansing. But for this opinion we have not a "Thus saith the Lord," and write by a permission from that same book, "I Think So."

And now, dear reader, if the views we have presented are Scriptural, what a fearful position we occupy. How responsible! We have the word of life, the Gospel of Salvation, and

"Shall we to men be light,
The lamp of life deny?"

Are we not "stewards of the manifold Grace of God?" Alas! how unfaithful the Christian Church has been. She is but partially awake to her duty. A few noble souls by their prayers and means are saying,

"Fly abroad, thou mighty Gospel,
Win and conquer—never cease,
May thy lasting—wide dominions,
Multiply, and still increase;
Sway thy sceptre,
Savior, all the world around."

While others are narrow contracted and selfish, closing their eyes to the light, their ears to the cry "come over and help us," and their purses from assisting those whose hearts God has touched, and who, on that account, say, "Here am I, send me."

'Tis a fearful thing to live in a Gospel land, any way; and more fearful still when the heathen are at our doors, and, also, abroad in foreign countries, all calling upon us, if not in words, yet by their undying necessities, for the bread of life. And then there is a God who will judge by the rule, "where much is given, much is required."—Christian, wake up! See the ripe harvest. Thrust in thy sickle and reap.—Reap a rich harvest of immortal souls. Remember the promise, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bring his sheaves with him."

DYKORS, editor and proprietor of the Marion Commonwealth, has commenced the publication of a Tri-Weekly newspaper. The reception of the first number is hereby acknowledged, and it is a neat and handsome sheet. After the 1st of October till the 1st of May, he intends to publish a Daily. Marion is looking up.

The private letters of some brethren we take the liberty of using freely when good can be done by it.—The following extract we believe will do good, and, therefore, give it publicity. Elder J. J. D. Renfro, of Cross Plains, Ala., says:

I am rejoiced in my heart to see in my last S. W. Baptist that you announce to us all, that the brethren generally have become willing to see "the East Ala. Baptist Union" go ahead, for I do believe that my heart is in this work, without the least antagonizing feeling.

I hope I shall see you or bro. H. at this meeting. For my part, I want no Baptist College but the Howard in Ala. and hope we as a body, will do all we can to aid the present struggle for endowment. I want no Bible interest except such as will work with the Selma Society. In fact I wish the Union to work in concert with the Convention in all things. I love the Convention.

Final Revision Committee.

At the last annual meeting of the Bible Union, it was resolved to appoint this important Committee. Those to whom this work has been assigned have been assiduous in their labors, by correspondence and otherwise, and we learn that two out of the five or seven to be appointed have been nominated, and have accepted; Prof. T. J. CONANT and Prof. H. B. HACKETT. If arrangements have been made with others their names have not been announced.

We presume all the labors of previous Committees are to come under the notice of this Final Committee, and then the work of Revision will be completed. Meanwhile the Union do not intend to push recklessly forward such a momentous work. In this, thus far, they have been judicious. The *New York Chronicle*, the organ of the Bible Union, thus speaks of its plan and prospects:

By the PLAN of the Union, approved at its last anniversary, the Final Committee will consist of at least five or seven members. The work of completing the number is still a matter of constant correspondence and almost daily deliberation; and notwithstanding the great diligence and devotion to the subject by the committee of the Board, we think it highly probable that it will not be fully concluded before the next annual meeting of the Bible Union, as it is one requiring great deliberation and much caution; and the Board, we feel satisfied, will appoint no one to the work whose scholarship is not equal to that of the persons already approved by them.

In this connection it is proper to add, that this work of revision is a fixed fact. Go on it must, till it reaches its ultimate issues. If it is not rendered complete by those now having it in hand, it will be by others, and their failures, should they prove to be such, will be a provocation to somebody else to do better. The necessity of doing the work is conceded by scholars on every hand, in Europe and America, by all our principal religious journals; and even the American Bible Society, Bishop Potter of Pennsylvania thinks, has taken the initiative to the work in its proposed endeavor to restore the common version to its original purity, but in its real introduction into that version of elements unknown to it in the days of King James the I.

The Mormons.

An order has recently been issued by the War Department to withdraw Gen. HARNEY from the seat of the Indian war in Florida, and for him to proceed to Fort Leavenworth there to await special instructions. The Government has determined to come into close quarters with BRIGHAM YOUNG, the Mahomet of Utah. Brigham has either foiled or brow-beat all who have been sent into his territory by the Government; but the iron-willed Harney will not be turned from the path of duty, by the man who presides over that sink of pollution. His hot-bed of infamy and pollution is to be over-hauled, and Gen. Harney is the man to do the work. Utah is a stain, a foul blot upon our country, and the remedy should be applied forthwith.—We trust, however, that it will be done without bloodshed, but that is but a remote hope. The past history of that people is ominous of evil in the future. We shall see.

With pleasure we publish the following Circular, and add that we learned casually from a travelling acquaintance who seemed to be somewhat posted up that among those who were to address the Association in one form or another, were Dr. Garland of Tuscaloosa, Dr. Mandeville of Mobile, Mr. Perry the State Superintendent, Prof. Swezey of Marion, Prof. Pratt of Tuscaloosa, Prof. Towne of Cahaba, W. T. Walthall Esq., of Mobile, and others.

GENTLEMEN: Your attention is respectfully called to the meeting of the "Alabama Educational Association," to be held in the city of Selma, on the 21 day of July next. The objects of the Association as set forth in the Constitution, are "to promote intercourse, harmony and unity of effort among those actively engaged in Education; to secure the cooperation of the people and the Legislature, in measure for the advancement of the interests of sound learning, and to give to such measures a more systematic direction, and a more powerful impulse."

The Association has made an auspicious beginning, and gives promise of accomplishing much in the direction of its aims. Every Teacher is earnestly solicited to attend its next meeting, and to aid by his counsel and his influence, in the great work of Educational reform.

The citizens of Selma, have generously proffered their hospitalities to those who shall be in attendance upon the meeting in July. The session will occupy three or four days. A number of able gentlemen have been engaged to deliver appropriate addresses and lectures on the occasion. A meeting of much interest is anticipated. Let all Teachers and Superintendents come, who can.

By order of the Standing Committee.

B. F. LARRABEE, Cor. Sec.

We are requested to announce that the address of James C. Moore is Troy, Pike county Ala.

BROTHER EDMUND KING, of Montevallo says: "To provoke others to good works he will give \$10 for the relief of Brother Hunter and Trenton Church, provided the sum of \$250 is made up." Who will respond, either in cash or a similar pledge?

J. D. WILLIAMS informs us that he is succeeding in securing as contributors to the "African Advocate, and Southern Expositor of American Slavery" some of the ablest writers in the South. Success to the enterprise.

We thank Elder B. B. Smith for his list of new subscribers, and for his promised assistance.

Catalogue of Mercer University Ga., for 1896-97. The Catalogue of this institution shows the whole number of Alumni, commencing with the class of 1841, is 117. The present number of students is 95, Academy 29, total 124.

GRACE TREMAN, of Love and Principle. By Sarah Rochester Ford. With a portrait of the author. New York, Sheldon, Blakeman & Co. 1897. 477 pp.

The author's method of treating this book is similar to Theodosia Ernest, being designed for the illustration and defence of our denominational principles. We have read this book with unflinching interest—though novelistic in its style, it will carry the shafts of truth into all enquiring hearts by its sprightly and vigorous style and by the charms of its graceful and fluent diction.

THE BAPTIST PREACHER: FEBRUARY—APRIL.—These numbers contain three sermons: one, entitled "Am I a Christian, or the Terms of Christian Discipleship," by Rev. A. M. Poindester of Richmond, Va.; and two by Rev. W. C. Duncan of New Orleans, entitled "The Pastor's Request for the Prayers of his People." The discourses are appropriate to their themes and worthy of their authors. They inspire us with regret that we cannot secure for the Editor and Proprietor, the names of at least a thousand new subscribers.

Religious Herald.

LIFE PICTURES: From a Pastor's Note-Book. By ROBERT TURNBULL, Author of "Christian History," "The Genius of Scotland," etc. New York: Sheldon, Blakeman & Co.

These pictures are drawn by a master hand. It has seldom fallen to our lot to read such an entertaining and instructive volume. Some books only please the reader; but this both pleases and instructs. Mr. Turnbull, pastor of a Baptist Church in Hartford, Conn., is one of the best writers of the age; and in this he has surpassed any of his former publications. We have read it with more than ordinary interest and profit; and recommend it unhesitatingly to our readers. We shall soon procure a supply, and will be ready to fill orders.

The post office of London is the largest post office in the world. It has a front of 400 feet by 150 feet deep. There are 2,500 persons regularly employed in the building, 1,000 of whom are engaged in making up the London evening mails.

How they Read.

To give some of our ministers who are more highly favored an idea of the manner in which many of our best and most useful ministers struggle through life, we give the following from a private note of one of our most laborious and useful men. He says:

"From Monday morning till Friday night I am swung to my plow handles. Saturday and Sunday I am off at my Church meetings. So you see I have no time to write; and have to do my reading at noon (while my horse is resting) and at night, and study at the plow handles."

Much religious interest exists at present in Plymouth Congregational church, Brooklyn, Rev. H. W. Beecher, pastor. We learn that Mr. Beecher's discourse last Sabbath morning was especially addressed to those who have lately been converted under his ministry, and at its close he announced that the ordinance of baptism would be administered by immersion on the succeeding Sabbath in the Pierpoint Street Baptist Church. We rejoice at this indication of the progress of Baptist principles among our Pedo-Baptist brethren.

New York Chronicle.

While we rejoice to see correct views as to the action of baptism prevailing in the world, to be frank we never have rejoiced at immersions among Pedo-Baptists. There are such glaring inconsistencies in the whole affair that we cannot enjoy it. The administrator is disqualified according to the word of God; and probably has preached, and will often preach against immersion; the subject appropriates infant baptism, sprinkling, pouring, and every other Pedo-Baptist abomination by his connection with them—these and other inconsistencies place it beyond our power to enjoy.

In regard to Baptism, we respect the man and the denomination only, that assume the "one form of baptism," as McKnight terms it, and will administer no other, merely to suit the whims and caprices of candidates. If such a minister and such denomination *can* be found, they should receive a vote of thanks from all lovers and admirers of that rare article called *consistency*. Again, we recur to our text, we cannot glory in seeing the truth of God perverted.

Revival Summary.

CINCINNATI.—The Journal and Messenger reports the addition of 39 members by baptism to Baptist Churches in this city, on Lord's-day, 26th ult.

The Tennessee Baptist reports the addition of 27 members, by baptism, to Covington church, Ky.

The Christian Times reports the addition of 50 members to Beloit church, Wis., by baptism.

The True Union reports the baptism of 10 candidates, during the preceding week, by the pastors of Baptist churches in Baltimore—3 of them colored.

We learn from the Biblical Recorder, that Elder Skinner, pastor of the Raleigh church, baptized 22 candidates on the 25th ult.

The N. Y. Examiner contains an interesting letter from Elder Lemuel Porter, pastor of the Pittsfield Baptist church, Mass., giving an account of the revival in that place, which has added 100 members to the Baptist church, and a large number to the Congregational and other churches.

The Journal and Messenger, reports 19 candidates received for baptism at Evergreen church, Ohio; Beloit church, Wisconsin, has received an addition of between 60 and 70; Greensburg church Indiana, 17; and Bethel church, Indiana, 21.

The Illinois Baptist reports the baptism of 20 candidates at Bethel church, Illinois.

The Watchman and Reflector furnishes the following additions: "West Hoosick, N. Y. 14 added; Cambridge, N. Y., 48. To the Twelfth Baptist church, Boston, 105 members have been added since the first of January. Brewster church, Mass., has had an addition of 29 members since last Fall. Norwich church, Conn., has had an addition of 102.

The N. Y. Chronicle reports additions to Marion church, N. Y., 41 baptized; Elders Denison and Smith, have baptized between 20 and 30 each at Buffalo; at Grafton, N. Y., 30 have been baptized, and at Berlin, N. Y. 100.

We learn that the pastor of the Baptist church in Charlottesville, baptized four young ladies last Sabbath, (two of them students at the Albermarle Female Institute,) and that a number of others have recently professed faith in Christ, chiefly among the colored people.—*Religious Herald*.

The Baptist Union of East Alabama, will convene at Oxford, Benton County, on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in May next, for the transaction of business.

Elder Wm. McCain will preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Hugh Carmichael will preach the Missionary Sermon.

The Brethren at Oxford extend a cordial invitation to all the friends of the enterprise, and a full attendance of Delegates is respectfully urged and requested.

By the order of the Baptist Union of East Alabama.
W. W. MASON,
President B. U. E. A.
J. J. BELLINGTON, Rec. Sec.

Communications.

For the South Western Baptist.

"The Poor" ought "To have the Gospel preached to them."

MESSES. EDITORS: The destitution in some parts of Alabama is no doubt greater, than many in the more favored regions suppose. A missionary and colporteur laboring in one of the destitute fields says in a letter dated April 26: "I find need for many Bibles. * * * a more destitute section does not exist anywhere than in a portion of—county. The people are very poor—some of them even suffering for food. Here, the Bible has never been much used. And you will think it strange, my dear brother, when I tell you that a young lady died a few weeks ago in this county who never heard a sermon preached, and who never was within the walls of a school house."

What a picture for our happy and enlightened (?) country! See how communities are degraded by the Almighty where they neglect the Bible. This precious book, we are told "is not much used" in the region referred to.—How should we who have, and appreciate God's word rejoice in it. This is not all. We should, from gratitude and Christian benevolence, carry it to those who are suffering and perishing for want of it. There are more such destitute fields in Alabama, than the one alluded to above.

F. M. LAW, Cor Sec.

SELMA, ALA.

For the South Western Baptist.

A friend in time of Need.

I have suffered many losses and I need the assistance of friends. I have many friends who will accommodate me provided no sacrifice has to be made on their part; but who are not ready to do so, if sacrifices must be made. Now what I want is, one or more friends who are able to assist me in my need and who will cheerfully make sacrifices to do it. Can any reader point me to one or more such friends as these? or will such persons respond for themselves?

HUNTER.

For the South Western Baptist.

Resolutions.

At a meeting of the New Harmony Baptist Church, Barbour county, Ala., the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted,

WHEREAS, Our much esteemed pastor Elder W. W. B. Weston, who has served us for about five years, now feels it his duty to resign the care of our Church, and whereas, our brother is about to enter upon a new field of labor, and to cast his lot among entire strangers, we feel it to be both our duty and privilege to give some expression of our esteem for our beloved brother, as also to offer some testimony of our appreciation of his labors as a minister among us. Therefore,

Resolved, That while with regret we accept his resignation, we express with warmest feelings of kindness, our sense of his faithful, efficient, and satisfactory labors among us as an able and eminently sound preacher, and also a prudent and an affectionate pastor.

Resolved, That we take great pleasure in recommending brother Weston and his family to the denomination in general, and to the brethren and friends of his future field of labor in particular, praying heavens blessings to attend them wherever they may go, and that his labors, as a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ may be crowned with abundant success.

Resolved, That this preamble and resolutions be spread upon our Church book, that a copy of the same be sent to brother Weston, and that they be published in the South Western Baptist.

Done by order of the Church in Conference, April 11th, 1897.

R. WEBB, Mod.
JOHN R. ROBERTSON, Clk. Protem.

For the South Western Baptist.

PRINCETON, JACKSON CO., ALA.,

April 2d, 1897.

EDITORS SOUTH WESTERN BAPTIST:—In the year 1854, through the exertions of Bro. Wm. Hunter, a house of worship was built for the Trenton Baptist Church, in this county. In the building of said house, he has become responsible for the payment of \$300, or upwards, a portion of which he has paid, leaving his wife and three little children almost destitute.

Bro. Hunter is, we believe, an honest, industrious Christian man. It is hard that he should be so great a sufferer in this land of plenty. Shall this little Church, built up in the midst of opposition, continue to be oppressed? Is there no eye to pity, no hand to help? There is little probability of the present congregation ever discharging the debt. You that can, will you help? More than twelve months have elapsed since Elder R. H. Taliaferro made an appeal in behalf of Bro. Hunter and the Trenton Church, through the columns of the Tennessee Baptist. The amount sent up (\$24 50), was thankfully received, yet so small, that he has abandoned the subject—in his own language "perhaps never again to appear before the public as money hunter."

Now, if we can only raise \$250 for the relief of Bro. Hunter and the Trenton church, we will be therewith content; and ever grateful to the kind donors.

Who then will be one of twenty-five to give ten dollars each, to the above object?

Brother, send in your names and the accompanying gift to the Editors of the South Western Baptist. If you cannot give ten, give five dollars—any amount you please. The first issue in July, they will give a statement of the amount received, which will then be subject to Bro. Hunter's order.

Respectfully,

Fa. Rice.

The Opinion of the Roman Catholic Church about Infant Baptism.

The Council of Trent decreed the Scriptures an insufficient rule of faith without tradition.

The author of the profession of Catholic faith, on the article of scripture and tradition asks,

"What difference is there between Apostolical and ecclesiastical traditions?"

The answer is: "Apostolical traditions are those which had their origin or institution from the Apostles, such as infant baptism, the Lord's day, (or first day of the week) receiving the sacrament, fasting," &c.

According to the above sentiment, is the testimony of Bishop Kenrick of the Roman Catholic Church.

He says: "Without the aid of tradition, the practice of baptizing infants cannot be satisfactorily vindicated, the scriptural proofs on this point not being thoroughly conclusive; yet we do not, on this account, neglect the arguments which it furnishes, and which have considerable force."

From the above extracts, it is certain that the Catholic Church does not rely upon the word of God to sustain her practice in baptizing infants. In one case, her theologians teach that infant baptism is taught by tradition; or, in other words, that the authority by which the Catholic Church is governed in baptizing infants, is derived from tradition, and not from the plain language of the word of God. In the other case, it is plainly admitted, that without the aid of tradition infant baptism cannot be successfully "vindicated." It is not our purpose at this point to find fault with the Roman Catholics for the above admissions. We are satisfied that her standard writers are correct when they say that she claims authority to baptize infants from tradition. Nor are we astonished that a writer of Bishop Kenrick's ability should so freely admit that infant baptism cannot be satisfactorily vindicated "by the Scriptures." At that sentiment, though he is a Catholic, we most cordially agree. One thing, however, strikes us with great force while we read his views: If the Catholic Church had no higher authority for infant sprinkling than tradition, how can the Episcopalian and Presbyterian churches that came out of the Catholic Church, get any higher authority than tradition for the baptism of infants? They evidently brought the practice of baptizing infants with them when they separated from the Roman Catholics. And we can't see how a practice which originated from no higher authority than tradition in the Catholic Church, can be sustained by higher and more sacred authority when indulged in by Protestants. Another thing that has struck our mind with great force: No sect ever have, or do now, practice baptism, except such as are directly or indirectly descended from the Roman Catholic Church. Much as the Episcopalian, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches may dislike their parentage, they are all, nevertheless, directly descended from the Catholics. And much as the Methodists may dislike the unpleasant truth, faithfully history teaches, nevertheless, they came out of the Episcopal Church, that was a legitimate daughter of the Catholicism. When these things are properly understood we need not wonder that all the sects that are legitimately connected with the Roman Catholics should be the earnest advocates of infant baptism. We are fully satisfied that it is a human institution, and a legitimate offspring of Catholicism, and it had its birth amid the ignorance and superstition of the Dark Ages.—*Western Recorder*.

For the South Western Baptist.

Controversy on the Validity of Baptism.

The one party in the Danish Church, whose leader is Pastor Grundvig, makes the validity of baptism dependent upon the personal faith of the baptizing minister. Bishop Martensen declares this opinion to be at variance with the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and refuses to appoint a young theologian of the other party, who has set forth the obnoxious doctrine in a theological journal, to any place in his diocese. Hence a personal contest has arisen between Pastor Grundvig and the Bishop the former charging the Bishop with being partial in his appointments, and forcing his work on Dogmatics on all the candidates for the ministry. The whole theological press is taking a lively part in the controversy, which widens the split already existing in the State Church.

POLITICS IN THE PULPIT.—Ex-Senator Dickinson, of New York, in one of his orations, thus speaks of the effect of introducing politics into the pulpit: "It has done more to demoralize the public mind than any other social evil, for it has planted death in the seat of life; it has done more to demoralize the cause of religion than the worst opinions of Paine—more to raise up an army of scoffers than the writings of Voltaire—more to manufacture infidels than the seed sown in the revolution of France; and when all these influences shall have been exterminated and forgotten forever, the plague spot of political pulpits will rest upon society like a deadly incubus."

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Tuskegee, Jan'y 1, 1857.

WE have this day associated with ourselves in the Dr and Goods business, C. A. BATTLE, Esq. The style to be the firm from this date will be CAMPBELL, BURGESS & Co.

JOHN W. CAMPBELL,
WM. H. WRIGHT.

N. B. All persons indebted to CAMPBELL & WRIGHT are requested to call and settle, as the old business must be closed.

Tuskegee, Jan. 1857.—58



it will be seen that I became associated with them in the mercantile business on the first of January.

The Copartnership heretofore existing under the firm name of BATTLE, SWANSON & Co. has been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. JAMES S. WOMACK is charged with closing up the business of the house, and is now, with his accustomed liberality, furnishing customers with first raw goods at Cost for Cash.

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Of my present partners, it is unnecessary to speak. E. A. strict and unwavering integrity they have established.

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This arrangement enables me to give my constant attention to my professional duties. I will be found at my office in No. 5's building, lately occupied by Messrs. NIXON & Williams. C. A. BATTLE

January 10, 1857. 39

THE TUSKEGEE INSURANCE COMPANY
THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Institution,
at their annual meeting held this month, elected to the Board of Directors the following gentlemen, to-wit: W. E. ECHO-
JAS. H. SMITH, SOLORA WILLIAMS, W. G. SWANSON, S.
PAINE, R. F. EGIN, and C. A. BATTLE. J. W. ECHO was
re-elected President, and J. D. PORTER was continued
Secretary

December 18, 1856.

Dr. E. S. BILLS

permanently located here, and would kindly solicit the patronage of those who may wish to av-

himself of his professional services as a Dentist. For several years past, he has been connected with and assisted by Dr. C. E. Barnard, of Athens, Ga., in a very large and general practice. He has also received the instructions of the Dental Faculty of Baltimore, and is a regular graduate of the same. He has been successful in his dental experience as he has been able to obtain, he now offers his services to those requiring Dental operations, and promises to do so in perfect and safe operations as to merit the confidence of the public.

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