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BRETHREN in this state are lamenting that so many preachers have gone into politics. Many of them are like the (Mississippi) Baptist Record's man—"not preaching much to hurt."

Look over your association minutes, brother, and see if you are not on a committee; and if so, get about preparing your report. Well prepared reports aid in making successful associations.

RECEIPTS of the Foreign Mission Board are less than last year, to some time. Politics seem to have made some of our people forget the work of extending the Lord's kingdom. Our Lord's work to the front!

As a rule, a good article is worth the money paid for it. This is true of first class education. If you want the best in the way of first-class, common-sense education, send your boys to the Howard and your girls to the Judson. Our word for it, they give one hundred cents on the dollar.

This statement of the Board of Ministerial Education in another column claims the attention of brethren in all the churches.

Students expecting to secure its aid will be especially profited by reading it carefully.

The attention of students going to the Seminary is called to it. Attention now will save trouble next winter.

BRO. G. S. ANDERSON'S book on "Sermon Building" is a complete system, the mastery of which we believe will enable any preacher, young or old, to more easily and satisfactorily prepare and deliver his sermons. Preachers of limited education especially will be helped. Send one to G. S. Anderson, 1000 Auburn, and the book will be sent you post-paid.

So much of bitterness and unkindness has been engendered by the campaign through which our people are passing that it will be necessary for us to engage in much prayer for ourselves and for others. Nothing but the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ will ever enable men of different callings, tastes and surroundings, as well as men of different races, to live together in peace. Christ's love in our hearts will enable us to "bear and forbear."

BRO. TAYLOR, our missionary to Italy, says: "Alas! though there has been a deal of eloquent speaking, (on the centennial of missions) one hears little about gifts to the Lord. All excitement of feeling, without corresponding action, hardens the heart." That statement deserves consideration. We become aroused and weep when the preachers are telling of the wonderful works of the Lord, but we go no farther, we give no money, and soon settle down to greater indifference than before we were so in pressed. We need to give as well as to feel.

THE Colored State Teachers' Association, recently held in Birmingham, voted against having white teachers in colored schools. They think white teachers should teach their own color and let colored teachers instruct their own people. Some colored citizens of Montgomery protest against any such resolutions. They do not favor dispensing with any competent teachers in their public or Normal schools on account of race or color, and remind each other that the whites of the South and North support largely their schools and it would be ingratitude for them to ask that no white teachers assist them.

OCCASIONALLY one hears a speech, which leaves the impression that all the Christians of the North are sitting down and letting scepticism, and other isms run over them, and that they themselves are mixing their religion with all sorts of heresies. True they have a wonderful conflict on hand, every strange doctrine is flooding their land, but he who thinks these Christians are indifferent to their surroundings is mistaken. They are contending earnestly for the faith. In every town and city earnest souls are stretching every nerve to reach the unsaved. We believe that our Northern brethren, surrounded as they are with so much of sin and dangerous doctrines, need our earnest prayers and sympathies.

BROTHER, do not let your temper overtop or overbalance your religion during the next few days. Christianity must triumph throughout the land. Do not forget your vows to the Lord, and do not fail to do your duty to your church and pastor. Let our desires and ambitions be subject unto the Lord, and he will overrule all things for our good.

The writer dropped off, at Jemison last week, and while there called to see brother L. J. Hand. For some months it appeared that he was near death's door. His physicians gave him little hope of recovery, but under the skillful attention of Dr. Givhan he has steadily improved until now he is able to ride out, and is apparently in a fair way to recovery. Talking with him about his sickness we expressed the hope that God would make his affliction work out for him a blessing. Promptly he replied: "I know it is a blessing (in disguise), I realize that I have been living a busy life, doing nothing very bad, but doing nothing good, and if I am spared my life shall be different." That describes the condition of hundreds of professing Christians, "doing nothing very bad, but doing nothing good." The question that should arouse our souls is not what wicked thing am I not doing, but "what good thing am I doing?"

CONCERNING the closing of the World's Fair on Sundays, the Age-Herald says:

The churches have triumphed. The Chicago exposition will close on Sunday. It has been the custom for such expositions to be thrown open on Sunday and in the contemplation of the management to follow the custom. All the estimates of receipts were based on the attendance by working people on that day. But the Christian churches of the country unanimously took up the matter and called on Congress to have the gates closed on the Lord's day. Opposition was alert and vigorous. But at every conference or convention or gathering of Christian people, of any denomination or size, the question was sprung and the request for closing unanimously adopted and sent forward. The result is a passage of a bill by both houses of Congress that the exposition shall not be opened on Sundays. This will be a sore disappointment to many thousands of people in Chicago, but it marks the progress of the influence of the churches upon the law making power. It is a resounding triumph, indeed, for Bible Christianity.

DR. GEO. B. TAYLOR, writing to the Religious Herald about Daniel Mann, the deliverer of Italy, relates the following incident, which shows what a powerful leader he was:

"The darkest moment of 1848 sprang upon the population. 'Ladies brought their costly jewels, gonzoliers' wives their silver bodkins, 12,000 soldiers were clothed by voluntary subscription, a couple of citizens gave 100,000 lire (\$20,000) a piece; the young Bevilacqua—soon to spend his life's blood—presented his palace; old General Pepe, the commander-in-chief, came forward with his ewe lamb in the shape of precious picture by Leonardo da Vinci. Mann, who throughout his term of office refused to accept any salary, despatched to the mint the entire contents of his modest plate chest—two silver dishes, two coffee pots, and a dozen forks and spoons. Little children came with their toys; boys went dinnerless so as to bring their mite; the very convicts made up a purse for their country; those who had nothing else gave their beds and bedding to the troops in winter with the cheerful saying, 'Summer is coming and we shall need none, specially if we fall for Venice.'"

From this incident the ministry should be stimulated to seek to arouse so holy a zeal among the disciples of Christ until the rich and poor, old and young, shall put their lives and offerings on the altar of the Lord. The world must be redeemed from sin.

DR. CLEVELAND loves to review the past twenty years of the history of Alabama Baptists. Then we had a feeble ministry, indeed, few in numbers. The delegates to the convention would number about 60, preachers and laymen. Now the Baptist ministry of Alabama is indeed blessed with a strong band of godly, educated and influential preachers, and the convention is so large that it is difficult for any place except a city to entertain it. Much of this growth, he believes, is due to the work of the Board of Ministerial Education. Every year the number of young men aided by this board has increased, until now we have about fifty brethren preparing for the ministry. Some of these press on, graduate in Howard College, go through the Seminary and take positions of honor and responsibility in many parts of the world. Others only go through or spend a couple of years in Howard College, yet that training fits them to take first rank among their fellows, and they go into our city, town and country churches and become leaders of the people.

But we need to do doubly more than we ever did before. The year just closed found our board five hundred dollars in debt to Howard College and the Seminary. The churches promised far more than enough to have paid that, but many have neglected to meet their obligations. Brethren, think of our need for an educated ministry and of your pledge, and send at once a contribution to Geo. W. Ellis, Secretary and Treasurer, Montgomery, Ala.

If there ever was a time when the Baptists of Alabama needed to rally to Howard College and the Judson Institute, this is the time. As a denomination we owe much of our growth to the fact that in the past we have been faithful in maintaining our own colleges. We are reading the history made by our fathers, and surely there is much in what they did to lift us out of indifference, and make us strive for higher attainments.

Fill Howard College with our boys and we give to hundreds of communities intelligent Baptist laymen, who will be a great power in moulding the sentiments of the country and giving our denomination a greater forward movement.

Fill the Judson annually with our girls, and the homes of this land will be presided over by women whose Christian character and trained intellects will tell on the generations to come. It is no small matter where a boy or girl is educated. The Howard and the Judson are as cheap as first class colleges can be made. They give you good, solid work.

THE HOWARD had its best and most prosperous session last year,—196 in attendance.

With new buildings and reduced expenses the outlook is exceedingly encouraging next session.

Of one thing the public may be assured—the college offers no assurances which it cannot fulfill. The catalogues of some schools are extravagant in their claims, and profuse in their promises; this is never true of the Howard.

The Board of Trustees are of the opinion that the college was never in better shape.

Dr. Riley is traveling in the interest of the college, and can fairly represent the institution.

The Howard has a high claim upon the Baptists. It is endorsed by the Denomination, and stands as the first school for the education of Baptist boys and young men.

Let parents, whether Baptists or not, correspond with Dr. Riley, East Lake, Ala., before sending their boys off to school.

THE present political campaign deserves mention in this paper, not from a partisan standpoint, but for its effect upon churches, church work and individual Christian character.

True patriotism and devotion to what one believes is right in law and government should abide in every man's heart, but not to the exclusion of brotherly love and church unity. It makes no difference, reader, where you stand in politics, your Christian duty is the same.

So bitter has the contest been in this state that even families are divided, churches disturbed and Christ's work neglected at many points. Shame on the best man in the state if he so far forgets himself as to sell out his Christian influence and integrity in the heat of a political campaign. We speak for the great cause that should be above and control every other cause—the cause of Christ. Let us be brethren and neighbors, and whatever the political results, let us work together for the Master.

B. Y. P. U. A.

From the Chicago Standard we glean a few things about this great meeting. The Baptist Young People's Union of America held its sessions in Detroit, Michigan, July 14, 15 and 16. There was a large gathering of young men and women, with a considerable sprinkling of older ones. The object of this union is "The unification of our Baptist young people, their increased spirituality, their stimulation in Christian service, their education in Scripture knowledge, their instruction in Baptist history and doctrine, and their enlistment in missionary activity through existing denominational organizations."

While we know little of the movement in the South, nevertheless it is assuming important proportions. Among those who were present from the South we note the names of brethren J. B. Gambrell, of Mississippi; C. E. Nash, of Kentucky; J. B. Cranfill, of Texas; Lansing Burrows, of Georgia; J. H. Boyett, of Kentucky; Geo. B. Eager, of Alabama; A. A. Williamson, of Maryland.

While the different state delegations were marching under banners Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Augusta, Ga., sprang to his feet and said, "Some of us here feel like small boys of poor parents at a picnic. We have no state organization as yet. We would like to be in the procession, however. We have no banner, but we would like to bring this one." Then grasping the magnificent American flag he waved it aloft. The effect was thrilling beyond description. The audience arose and cheered to the echo, amid the waving of handkerchiefs, while eyes grew moist and hearts were touched. On motion of Dr. J. D. Fulton, Dr. Burrows was invited to the platform, and a young lady from Missouri bearing the

flag, he accompanied her to a place in front of the other banners amidst the heartiest greeting of the people.

When the report of the work in Ontario was made, the Canadians sang "God Save the Queen," to which everybody responded, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Rev. Kerr B. Tupper, of Denver, addressed the body on "The Mission of Baptists." This he declared to be to maintain among ourselves and propagate among others absolute fidelity to God's Word in creed and deed. "The supreme authority of the Bible separates us from others."

Bro. Blackburn said B. Y. P. U. A. meant "Boost Your Pastor Up Always."

Dr. Lansing Burrows delivered a great speech on "Young People and Home Missions."

Dr. Mabie spoke on "Young People and Foreign Missions." A missionary to India, was given a royal greeting. The entire audience arose and amid waving of handkerchiefs, sang "Standing up, stand up for Jesus."

In responding, the man of God said, "I am grateful for this demonstration; it is not for me, but an indication of your loyalty to Christ."

Dr. Cranfill took a collection on Sunday night, and his jokes and levity occasioned a pious Canadian to protest against such a desecration of the Lord's day.

Dr. Eager reported for the committee on resolutions touching opening of the World's Fair on Sunday, centenary of missions and temperance.

This widening interest among the young members of our churches means much for the future.

THE MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION

Was the first on the list, and a successful session it was.

LOWMEADOW CHURCH

Was neatly dressed in white (even the fence was freshly painted), and with smiles and flowers, greeted the delegates and visitors. Everybody knows of the large-hearted hospitality of that hospitable little burg, and suffice it to say, that the entertainment of the delegates was equal to the best.

There are only eighteen churches in the body, but most of these were represented by letter and delegates. We were also blessed with a goodly number of visitors. There were brethren W. B. Crumpton, corresponding secretary State Board; W. C. Bledsoe, vice-president Foreign Board; G. S. Anderson, vice-president Home Board; S. W. Averett, president Judson Female Institute; B. F. Riley, president Howard Military Institute; P. M. Calloway, the veteran preacher from Newton; J. M. McIver, professor in the Scottsboro Male and Female College; W. D. Hubbard, from the Seminary; and Dr. Cleveland, president Board Ministerial Education. These visitors added interest to the meetings.

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON

Was preached by Rev. W. M. Harris, pastor of the Adams Street Baptist church. He preached about the thing for which Paul was apprehended, about his forgetting the things which were behind and pressing forward. It was a great sermon, in that it came as a great personal uplift to every child of God who heard it. They resolved to forget the past, so far as failures and achievements go, and look to the future. Brethren Jackson, Lamar and Dickson were unanimously re-elected officers of the association.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

Was taken up in hearing report on Sunday-schools, and the speeches which followed. Bro. Jesse Dickson made the report, and was delighted that only three churches reported no schools. He, together with brethren Crumpton, Anderson, Cleveland and others made speeches. The leading idea seemed to be that it was impossible for a school to keep an enthusiastic existence unless it worked for missions.

TUESDAY NIGHT

Brethren W. M. and J. G. Harris read reports on State, Home and Foreign missions after which Bro. Crumpton delivered his map lecture. It was full of interest even to one who has heard him before. When a Christian reads Christ's Commission with the world spread out before him, he will be broadened in his affections.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Brethren Anderson and Bledsoe addressed the body on missions. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Was reported on by brother Cleveland, who followed with an able speech and a collection. The churches promised \$252.50 for another year.

THE MISSIONARY SERMON

Preached by brother Geo. B. Eager, was a review of the past and a looking to the future. The day of small things need not be despised. We can with gratitude turn from a review of the past and with God's help apply ourselves to the work before us. A collection of \$50 was raised for missions.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Bro. C. V. Collier reported on temperance. Brethren Riley, Averett and Collier discoursed upon that topic. Dr. Riley read the report on education; then, with brethren Averett,

Mulfee, McIver and Hubbard spoke to that report.

The remainder of the evening and night were taken up with hearing reports and appointing committees.

The next session of the body will be held at Prattville, and a committee has been appointed to prepare a program for three days instead of two. A Centennial Committee was appointed consisting of brethren W. M. Harris, Geo. B. Eager, J. H. Dickson. During the meeting a contribution of \$35 was given to the new church at Sprague Junction.

DEDICATION AT GEORGIANA

Perhaps the quickest built and best church building on record in this state is that which has recently been done by the Baptists of Georgiana. A few months ago, after many discouragements, two of the brethren—Jno. Sims and U. C. Vinson—determined that they would build a church, help or no help; and with the help of some of the brethren and sisters, they have built and paid for an elegant and comfortable church, on the brow of the hill overlooking the town. The new church was built around the old, so there was no delay. The ventilation and lighting of the new church is about perfect.

A HAPPY THRONO

was that which gathered in the new church last Sabbath morning. The Sunday school was reasonably full in attendance and the recitations were spirited. Dr. B. F. Riley addressed the school.

THE DEDICATION SERMON

was preached by Rev. J. J. Taylor, of Mobile. The opening prayer was offered by Bro. A. T. Sims, the sermon preached by Bro. Taylor, the delivery of the keys to the deacons by Bro. Riley, and the dedication prayer offered by the writer. The preacher read appropriate scripture and then took as his text Ps. 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

After some well timed words concerning public worship, we were shown that the house of God is a place for prayer, a place for praise, a place for sacrifice and offering, a place for instruction, a place for rest. The sermon throughout created a profound impression, and gave to many a more exalted idea about the blessings which attend those who regularly assemble in God's house.

At the close of the sermon Bro. B. H. Crumpton, the pastor, made a statement about the house and asked for \$400 to complete the cost before formally dedicating it to God. It was received. Then the dedication prayer was offered. We believe that God was well pleased with the offering, and that his blessings will rest upon the church and those who have made sacrifices to build it.

MONDAY NIGHT

after a sermon by Bro. Crumpton, on the "Forced Issue" brethren Crumpton, Sims and the writer ordained brethren Jno. Sims, A. F. Glenn and Dr. Scott as deacons. These are all good men, who, with the other deacons, make a fine business committee for the church. It was a pleasure for us to aid in ordaining an old time friend, and college mate, Dr. Scott. The mantle of his father seems to have fallen upon him, and God grant that he may wear it to the honor of the Master.

Bro. Crumpton and the entire membership are encouraged to go forward. A great field of usefulness lies before the church.

An Appeal.

Office of State Mission Board, Marion, Ala., July 15.

Dear Bro. McGuire:

Bro. Akins is doing a good work. He is badly in need of money. He has received all told \$83.60. This includes the amount Bro. Waller got from the association which I sent to A; \$200 which I have just sent him and \$680 he has collected on the field. If the Board was able to pay the whole \$500 agreed upon, it would cheerfully do so rather than see him abandon the field; but it is out of the question for us to pay more than a "penny at a time." Please send up the brethren about it. I will send you a circular letter to send out.

Yours fraternally,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Churches of the New River Baptist association, the above letter from our secretary is self-explaining. As chair man of your Mission Board I know of but \$10.30 having been paid through your Board since last association. If you are going to do it, you are you going to do it? You know your obligations to Bro. A. better than I do, for I was not present at the last session, but the Minutes speak for themselves. Your Board simply endorsed your action in employing Bro. Akins, and he has been laboring faithfully since first of January. This is a matter of business, brethren—it is also a matter of conscience. Your Board anxiously await your liberalities.

J. H. McGUIRE, Chm.

Fayette C. H., Ala., July 18, '92.

A good rule is to take short views. Sufficient to the day is the evil thereof; no man is strong enough to bear today's load, with tomorrow's load piled on top of it. The only look take should be the look toward the goal at the end of the race. That is the way to get a taste of heaven in advance.—Rev. T. L. Cuyler.

FIELD NOTES.

Dr. T. E. Eaton, of Kentucky, has sailed for Europe. He will be absent several months.

The Florence association will meet Aug. 5th. Write Bro. W. S. Brown, if you desire to go.

There are thirteen Baptist churches in Detroit, Michigan, with an aggregate membership of 3,300.

Rev. W. S. Brown, of Florence, will give much of his time to mission work over the county during next month.

The Columbia papers speak very kindly of Rev. W. D. Hubbard and his sermons while assisting Bro. Burr in his meeting.

Bro. Barnard has organized a Baptist church of ten members at Carbon Hill, Walker county. He is now carrying on a meeting at that point.

Huntsville church and community are in mourning over the death of Bro. J. G. Baker. He was a good man and useful citizen. To the bereaved ones we extend sympathies.

Many brethren and friends in Alabama will mourn the death of Rev. Jno. C. Foster, of Tuscaloosa. He died on the 23rd inst. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved relatives and friends.

We note with sorrow that our friend and brother, Jacob Kale, of Pratt Mines, was shot and killed while in the discharge of official duties. He was a good man and esteemed by all who knew him.

It is risky business for a lazy farmer to pray for more rain, because more rain demands more work. It is about the same with showers of grace. Prayer involves a promise to work.—Central Baptist.

Rev. A. S. Smith has been called to the care of Roanoke church. This is a good thing for all parties concerned. Bro. Smith goes back to his home and proposes to concentrate his talents and energies to the work among his first friends.

The Sheffield Reaper reports Bro. Matt Lyon as preaching at Furnace Hill, and says: "Rev. Lyon is 80 years old, but he is young in heart when it comes to the delivery of his Master's work." He is one of the choicest men in the ministry.

Rev. Matt Smith has accepted the call to the church at Winchester, Tenn. He writes that he "will move at once, but can't spare the ALABAMA BAPTIST." We are sorry to lose Bro. S. from the state; he is one of our good men and strong preachers. In his new field he carries our best wishes for a successful work. The Lord bless him abundantly.

A copy of Pine Barren minutes of 1871 is needed in order to complete the file of minutes of Alabama associations in the Colgate Fire Proof Library building, at Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y. If any brother has a copy of the minutes of above date, and will forward to us, or to above address, it will be placed on historical collection.

We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Hannon & Davidson, found in another column. Mr. Thos. S. Hannon was raised in Montgomery and is one of our most reliable business men. Brother W. B. Davidson is remembered by our readers as the former superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday-school. We bespeak for this firm the confidence of our readers.

Good news comes from Bro. W. S. Brown about his Florence work. He recently baptized nine and received some additions by letter. The membership has nearly doubled since he went there. There are many discouragements in his way, but he says, "I have learned to labor and to wait, trusting in the Lord, and he doesn't disappoint me." Sublime faith! but it takes that to succeed.

A centennial meeting will be held at Danville, Ala., Friday before the fifth Sunday in July. All ministers coming by rail will please write to Bro. W. A. Pettie, clerk of Baptist church at Danville, so he may make sufficient arrangements to bring them out. We will have conveyance at Hartselle Friday morning at 8:30, so they will have ample time to get to Danville by the time services will begin.

The Central Baptist church of Chicago has begun a novel method of evangelizing. They have fitted up a large, well-built, four-seated wagon on which they carry an organ; in the pastor, an organist, a cornetist, six singers—three men and three women—a distributor of tracts and a driver. This equipped they drive amid the slums and hold religious services for those who will not go to church.

We are opposed to the union of church and state, and we are equally strong in our opposition to the union of saloon and state. License law and low is but a marriage tie, a business alliance, a partnership for gain. Those who make no objection when the union is formed, are expected to forever after hold their peace. We know some Christians who help cement the unholy bonds.—Central Baptist.

The Alabama Military Institute, at Tuskegee, is one of the flourishing schools of the state. It isn't necessary for us to tell our readers who the proprietor is. Prof. W. D. Fonville is well known to the people of Alabama as one of our finest educators. Those who commit their sons to Prof. Fonville will never regret it. His strictly first-class school turns out strictly first-class educated young men. Write to him for catalog.

Bro. B. H. Crumpton has just closed a splendid meeting at Brewton. Bro. W. A. Whittle assisted him for the first ten days, and Bro. J. J. Taylor, the latter part of the time. There were eighteen additions to the church—twelve by experience and baptism and six by letter. The revival has set the church talking about a new building. If they so decide they can build a \$5,000 church in a few months.

Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., in a recent article in the Christian Index, has the following to say concerning the charges against his orthodoxy: "I have never defended or endorsed the heresies of Prof. Briggs. I did not, do not and never have repudiated the spiritual birth, repentance and faith, or believed in universal salvation; such a statement is untrue, unchristian, and unless corrected by the man who made it, must bear the stamp of personal malignity."

J. E. Barnard, Eldridge, July 21: Bro. Hilton and I constituted a church at Carbon Hill, Sunday, July 17th, with eight members. We continued the meeting until Tuesday night and left the little band with seventeen members. Carbon Hill is a good place, and the prospects are good for a strong Baptist church at this place. We hope to build a house soon. May God bless the little church and make it a strong one.

The opinion of statesmen, enlightened by the experience and observation of centuries, is coming more and more to recognize that the best form of government is that to be found in a Baptist, a Scriptural church. Qualified citizenship and personal responsibility are the foundations of organized strength. We neither deserve nor claim any credit for having adopted this form of organization; it is divine, therefore it is right, and therefore it secures the largest benefits.—Central Baptist.

The success of the World's Fair is assured. The pope has condescended to pronounce his approval upon the thing. There was a fear that he might withhold his smile and let the undertaking perish for want of backing. Should he choose to make an exhibition, as has been promised, we suggest a collection of instruments of torture from the days of the inquisition, accompanied by a few of the severed limbs of victim martyrs, just to show how well the instruments worked.—Central Baptist.

The writer worshipped one evening last week with the West Montgomery Baptist church. They now hold their services in the basement of their new house. The main building is not complete, but a beautiful room, well adapted for prayer meeting and Sunday school. It gives them ample room to seat 300 people or more.

The pastor had been holding a series of meetings, preaching every night; a number have united with the church. The ladies' aid society, led by sister Townsend, has made a noble record. They have given more than \$500 towards the new building, putting down carpet, pulpit stand, etc. The church is paid for as far as built. Work will begin on it anew very soon.

The American Baptist says: "Through an exchange the announcement is made that 70,000 persons in New York kissed a bone of the arm of St. Ann, the mother of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, and that the people who did the kissing paid a dollar each for the privilege; thus the priests scooped in \$70,000 in two days by peddling such a relic."

Why not prosecute such men for obtaining money under false pretenses? Yes, why not? Who will answer? Baptist and Reflector. Brother, if we are in order we would like to suggest that such a disgraceful state of things will exist just so long as superstition remains the chief corner stone of the Roman church.

The best plan for carrying out any undertaking are those which earnest endeavor discovers in its effort to reach success. The fellows who sit around and criticize the course of those who are doing the best they can, are not the ones who make the discovery. Good things are manufactured by the proper use of what we have in hand, and not by creation from nothing. We say this with our mind's eye on those who are not pleased with the manner of prosecuting home and foreign missions. Perhaps mistakes have been committed and faulty methods adopted, but the better way will be found as we press more vigorously forward. The obstructionist is not a creator.—Central Baptist.

EARLY PIETY.

A Paraphrase of Ecclesiastes xii, 1-7. (Dedicated to the Sunday-school of the First Baptist church, Eufaula, Ala., by J. C. Hymn.)

Remember thy Creator now, O days of youth, ere thou art gone, O years draw nigh when thou shalt say, "No pleasure cheers my dreary home."

Ere sun, or light, or moon, or stars, Sinking in darkness, mock thy pain; Ere ere the lately banished clouds, With rumbling thunders come again.

Ere worn out keepers of the house Tremble lest they fall in slumbering; Ere the strong men shall bow themselves, The grinders quit their old abode.

Ere those that from the windows look Out decked as in their wonted pride, The doors be shut within the streets, The aged grinders cease to grind.

Rev. Dr. Graves, Memphis, Tenn.

To the many friends of Dr. Graves any recent information in regard to his condition will have peculiar interest. The Doctor has been for some weeks trying the virtue of the new instrument for which such wonderful powers are claimed, and the results have been encouraging in a high degree. From the beginning there has been manifest improvement in his condition in several respects.

The latest bulletin received by the Nashville office from Mr. C. W. Harbert, manager of the office at Memphis, reads as follows: "Dr. Graves' daughter said to me to-day, 'Papa is as cheerful as a bird this morning, and has not a particle of pain. He is going to try to get an old friend of his to use the Electropoise.'"

Dr. Graves was asked later if he was willing that his statement should be published. He replied, Yes, put it in the Baptist and Reflector, and added that he would like to have the editors of the Texas papers also to publish it.

It may be mentioned incidentally that Mr. Harbert, manager of the Memphis office, is a member of the Central Baptist church of that city, and was himself baptized by Dr. Graves about forty years ago.

Mr. J. E. DuBois, manager of the Nashville office, while in Memphis arranging for the establishment of the Memphis branch, visited Dr. Graves personally three times and obtained his consent to make a trial of the curative powers of the instrument. He is still, through his assistant, directing the treatment in this difficult case.

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Doing His Best.

BY SYDNEY DAYKE.

"Yes, dear if you can only keep that situation we shall get along very well."

"Keep it! I must keep it." Robert spoke with determination. "It will take me a long while, mother, to forget the walks I have taken up and down these streets looking for something to do. If my very best trying will keep it, you may be sure that I shall stick."

"Your best trying will include a great deal when others have a right to your time and efforts."

"Of course, mother, I shall keep honestly in view the interest of my employer."

Robert had found a situation at a music counter of a large dry goods house. It took him some little time to acquaint himself with the qualities of goods which he sometimes impatiently thought were more in the line of women's work. But he remembered that a person who cannot do what he likes must do what he can. Unable through force of circumstances to choose his employment, he wisely resolved to do his very best with what came to his hand. As to what that best might be, he soon found that his opinion slightly differed from that of his employer.

"You needn't be so particular in measuring the goods for a customer," said Mr. Merrill one day. "All these are assumed to be a yard wide."

"But she asked me the width," said Robert.

"Then you should have simply said that they are yard wide goods."

"But some of them fall a little short, sir."

"What is that to you?" Mr. Merrill spoke with a little impatience. "It is your place to sell goods, not to be too particular about the width of them. There isn't one customer in a hundred that will go home and measure her goods if she thinks that in a general way the width is all right."

"In a general way," Robert knew what was meant, for he had heard some of the ways by which some of the other clerks, without telling an exact falsehood, clearly avoided telling the exact truth.

"I don't feel at all sure I've got a place," Robert concluded in great discouragement after, during the first few weeks, he had several times given offence to his employer by acting firmly upon his own sense of what alone is up to the very letter and spirit of fair and honest dealing. The time seemed to have come to him, which comes to many, in which a choice must be made between worldly gain and the loyal standing by the fixed principles of right and wrong in which he had been trained.

"It seems to me this piece of goods is not the same make as the last I bought of you." The question was asked by a lady who frequently came to Robert's counter and always made liberal purchases without haggling over prices, or giving unreasonable trouble.

"No, ma'am, it is not," said Robert. "Have you any more of the same?"

"Do you think this," pointing to a piece she had been examining, "is as good? It doesn't seem so to me, but if you assure me that it is, I will take it." Robert caught sight of his employer within easy hearing distance. Mr. Merrill had a way, a good way it is, too, of keeping his own eye over his own interests. And for one moment the boy hesitated. Quickly to his mind came the thought of going home to tell his mother that he had lost his situation for which he had searched and waited so long. Nothing else in the place, he felt sure, was open to him. The leaving of Mr. Merrill's would mean leaving his home and his widowed mother to find employment elsewhere. By a few smooth words and a trifling evasion he could easily lead Mrs. Denby to believe he thought what he did not think. That was the outside of it. But there was a better, higher, nobler side, and Robert will never cease to be thankful for the grace granted him in a moment of sore temptation.

"No, ma'am," he hesitatedly answered. "I don't think the quality quite up to what you bought last."

"And yet it is the same price?"

"Yes. The other was a lot of goods which Mr. Merrill happened on at a forced sale, and he was able to put them low. I really think, however, that this is about as good as any you can get for the money."

"I will look a little farther," she said and went out. Robert, without looking, had felt the angry eyes of his employer, and he now heard his angry voice.

"Is that the way you drive off my customers? That is one of the best I have. She brings in no end of country friends."

"I'm sorry if I have driven her off," said Robert, "but I did the best I could."

"Best you could?" The low tone with which Mr. Merrill was obliged to maintain, through danger of being overheard, lent an added rancor to his words.

"Have you forgotten that your pay depends upon the amount of sales you make?"

"No, sir, I have not."

"It looks as though you had. Well, have you thought of looking for any other place in which to do your very peculiar best?"

With a weight at his heart Robert turned to attend to the wants of another customer. He had feared this, and yet had hoped that time would have been given him in which he might have been able to recommend himself, by faithful and unremitting attention to duty, as to lead Mr. Merrill to overlook the matters of conscience in which he more and more saw they could never agree. But here it was. He was ready to do his very best by Mr. Merrill, but he must persevere in the seeking of the only great best, which means, first and foremost, faithful service to the Lord. Surely he would reward such service by tender care of his own. And while still keeping eyes and wits on the alert for the duties of the hour, Robert was able to resolve within himself that nothing should ever turn him from the full measure of that service. And close

upon the determination came the peace growing out of the added resolution to accept such fortune as might come to him as its result, even though it might be far from what he would have chosen from himself. And in telling of the sorry outlook to his mother he found great comfort in her loving words.

"That's right, my boy. Do your own best, and be very sure the Lord will do his best by you. Perhaps Mr. Merrill will not turn you off."

"Perhaps so," said Robert. "Mrs. Denby came back later and bought a good lot of goods, and Mr. Merrill told her she must take what she would like. I thought I would write to you and tell you about it. You can publish it if you like. I bought eighteen bottles of Per-na and Man-alin. I had my little Per-na and Man-alin. I owe my little Per-na and Man-alin. I would not have lived a month longer if it had not been for your medicine."

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"Yes, we'll gather at the river. The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God."

"When the song was ended, I looked into the face of the boy (for he was not over twenty), and said, 'Shall you be there?'

"Yes, I'll be there, through what the Lord Jesus has done for me," he answered, with his blue eyes shining, while a light that never was on sea or land irradiated his face.

"The tears gathered in my eyes as I thought of the mother in her far off Scottish home, watching and waiting for tidings of her soldier boy, who was breathing away his life in an Egyptian hospital."

"Come again, lady, come again," I heard on all sides as we left the barracks. I shall go; but I shall not find my Scottish laddie, for by tomorrow's evening he will have crossed the river."—G. W. Steele.

What is a Kiss, Anyhow? Whatever a kiss be, there is but one thing that sanctifies it, one thing that should permit it, one thing that should demand it, and that is love. Not necessarily the love of a sweetheart; it may be the love of friendship, providing it be not a friendship between man and woman; the love existing in a family.

Is not that a kiss a mockery which one woman gives another when meeting, when but a few moments before she had been gossiping about the one she now salutes? We are thankful that at last fashion has taken it in hand and frees us from the gushing woman who saluted us on all occasions with a kiss. We are glad that the custom of presenting the cheek in preference to the lips is becoming popular. It is a custom brought home by the foreign school girl, and the convent bred girl of our own land.

The girl who has been taught to offer her cheek on all occasions, who has received a kiss on her brow, as a great honor, will not be so apt to give her lips to the first knight who comes wooing; the first man who flirts with her. She will know that her lips should only be kissed by one that she is sure loves her alone, and to whom alone she has given her heart.

We are told that the jealous Greek made his wife eat onions before he went from home. I wonder if she made him smoke cigarettes, drink beer and eat cheese when he went on his wanderings.

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