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We are often heard to express fruitless regrets, such as cannot be blotted out. "I would give a thousand worlds, if I had them," said a reformed drunkard; "if I could only blot out the consequences of my past conduct." To forever erase from memory the curse of sinful acts is an utter impossibility. Sin leaves its sting and its effects. Jacob never forgot that night of wrestling at the ford of the Jabbok, nor did Peter forget the look of the Savior when the cock crew. The forgiveness for sin, after repentance, does not carry with it forgetfulness of the sins committed. Over the door-way of an old church in Spain may be seen these words: "We forget our sins, God will remember them. If we remember our sins, God will forget them."

There is an old proverb that "more flies are caught with sugar than with vinegar." The lesson taught is the same that Solomon teaches when he says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath; but grievous words stir up anger." Sugar is the "soft answer," and vinegar the "grievous words." "Think twice before you speak once," is another aphorism, which, if kept in mind, might save many heartaches and explanations. Said a friend, "I make it a rule never to write about a matter when I am the least incensed. I always wait and allow cooling time." Acting upon the impulse of the moment may do in emergencies, but it is safest always to discuss with yourself calmly any question or act that is not clear in your mind. Abrupt expressions, harsh words, bitter words, create breaches that perhaps will never be healed. Cautious words, prudent words, carry with them the better judgment. Life is too short, and friendship too dear, for us to deal in bitter reflection and grievous words. "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith."

Our Savior, in his withering rebuke of the Scribes and Pharisees, used this expression, "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat and swallow a camel." It occurs to us, that these same Scribes and Pharisees have been duplicated for our own times. Many a poor, unfortunate fellow, in an evil hour, unlawfully appropriates another's goods, amounting to a dollar or two, and is found out. He pays the penalty of the law. But some others in high places are detected in almost wholesale robbery, either of goods or character, and every effort is made to evade the law and wipe out the stain. Let the poor and humble in social life commit any small indiscretion, and the multitude condemn; but let the rich and the high in social circles commit a grievous fault or act, and the tongue is silent, and the crime condoned. If our Savior was among us to day, as of old, from his lips would utter, we believe, these same withering words, "Wo unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You strain at a gnat and swallow a camel!" You condemn in unmeasured terms the little wrongs in life, but the crimes and slanders in high places you swallow down and make merry over it. Money and social place hide a multitude of sins. The society belle and beau may revel in worldly amusements without discretion, and all is well. Not so with the humble in life. Society ought to be purified by condemnation.

OUR BAPTIST HISTORY.

Attention is called to the appeal of Dr. Riley, found in another column, respecting the proposed history of the Baptists of Alabama.

At the last session of the Baptist Congress a historical society was organized, and Dr. Riley was unanimously chosen the historian. He has gone to work in real earnest, and we are sure now of having a history. But he must have the material. It can be furnished him, and must be. He is careful to say just what kind of material he wants. Let brethren and sisters throughout the state send it to him without delay. He has already gathered much that is valuable, and wants everything that is at all available.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST stands pledged to the enterprise.

Its columns are offered for any sketches, reminiscences, or whatever any one may desire to insert. Let the material be gathered, and let us have the history.

We trust that all will carefully read Dr. Riley's appeal and act upon it at once.

REV. W. K. WHITLEY.

This brother occupies our pulpit today. He was born in Edgefield county, S. C., in 1853. He was brought to the Savior in 1869, under the preaching of Rev. Mr. Reed, a missionary to Africa. Before becoming a Christian he had been, during the war, under the saintly influence, both in the Sabbath school and in the church service, of the late Dr. B. Manly, and it was the Christ-like spirit and example of this honored servant of God that prepared the young man for the approach of the Holy Spirit. After uniting with the church Bro. W. gave his attention to the farm and the store until the year 1876, when he felt the drawing of God toward the ministry. With a reckless intention to resist God, he left home and the scenes associated with his Christian life and special call to duty, and endeavored to satisfy himself in the study and practice of law. He followed this honorable vocation for ten years, and met with gratifying success in the courts of Clay and adjoining counties in Alabama. About four years ago the obligation to preach the gospel pressed so heavily upon him that he could no longer resist it, and he laid his law books aside. There was no bright financial prospect before him in the ministry, but the path of duty was plain, and he began to walk therein.

Thus far he has reason to feel thankful for the measure of success which has been given him in the ministry. It is only natural that his study of the Bible and the style of his sermons should show the bent of mind produced by the study and practice of law; so that he is rigid in interpretation and argumentative in the treatment of Scripture passages.

Bro. Whitley is at present pastor of Salem, Rock Mills, Smith Station and Tallapoosa churches, and finds great spiritual pleasure in his work.

"THEY SAY."

These two words, taken together as they appear at the head of this article, do a wonderful amount of mischief. Perhaps no expression or phrase is used more frequently and attended with more harmful results. It is the language of the gossip, the busy-body, the tale bearer, the gad-about. When these individuals are on the wing, zealously distributing such news as they have, and run short of some thing to say, their fertile imagination is invoked, their adherence to truth relaxed, if they ever had any, and they inject into all information the irresponsible "They Say." They launch out upon the sea of forgetfulness, and turn their vials of scandal loose, and besmirch character by the wholesale, regardless of consequences. "Well, who says so?" one inquires. "For the life of me I do not now remember, but it is no doubt true." The most virtuous, and pure, and good, do not escape their gall, their slander. "Have you heard the story going the rounds about Mr. A. or Mrs. B.?" "No, what is it?" "Well, 'They Say' that such and such is a fact, and that it can be established beyond question." The unknown and irresponsible "They Say" is introduced and made to defame character, and set in motion a train of falsehoods that may ruin the fairest name. Who can say with truth, "We have wronged no man, we have corrupted no man, we have defrauded no man?"

Paul, writing to Titus, was careful to enjoin him as to the instruction of the saints, "Put them in mind to speak evil of no man." Solomon wisely says, "A tale-bearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." "The words of a tale bearer are as wounds, and they go down in the innermost parts of the belly. Where no wood is the fire goeth out; so where there is no tale bearer, the strife ceaseth." So it is a fact that far back into the early centuries there were the same troublesome people that in this day go up and down the earth, stirring up strife and creating discord. John Newton once said, spreading rumors was to him like the act of pin-making: "There is usually some truth, which I call the wire, as this passes from hand to hand, one gives it a polish, another a point, others make and put on the head, and at last the pin is complete." This illustrates very clearly the way in which mountains are begun in mole-hills. It will take but few persons, who are skilled in the art of quoting from "They Say," to soon so calumniate character that society will begin to shun the association, and look with suspicion upon those who were once the admired of all admirers. The envious and the jealous, that they may supplant their superiors, will resort to a tissue of falsehoods and subterfuges.

This article is intended simply to put these who may read it on their guard, and caution them never to repeat what "They Say" has said, but regard "They Say's" statements as totally without foundation and unworthy a repetition.

On last Sunday we spent a most delightful day with the Cubahatchee Baptist church, near Cross Keys. They had an all day service, and a large congregation. An excellent din-

ner was served at the church. This church was organized perhaps a half century ago. Dr. B. A. Blakey, father of Col. Blakey, of Montgomery, and Richard Stratford, father of Jno. C. Stratford, senior deacon of the First Baptist church in this city, were among, if not the first deacons, and two better men never lived in Macon county. Rev. W. E. Lloyd, father of our brother W. E. Lloyd, at Auburn, was for some years pastor of this church. He died in the pulpit during service, and his monument is there. He was loved and revered by all who knew him. Drs. Chambliss, and Teague, and Battle, and brethren A. T. M. Handy and Taliaferro, have been pastors of this church. Rev. J. J. Cloud is the present pastor, and has been, except for one year, since 1876. His people all are devoted to him, and he to his people. They have seventy six members, and a flourishing winter and summer Sunday school of sixty members. Bro. J. C. Pinkston is superintendent, and one of the deacons, and Dr. F. M. Leitcher is the other deacon. Bro. J. R. Simmons is church clerk. E. S. McWhorter, who was born and reared in Montgomery, has been a member of this church for a long time. This church is greatly blessed with devoted, working Christian women. Of course, sister Cloud, the pastor's wife, is always ready for every good work.

We would gladly mention by name all the good women, but we can remember only a few of their names. The Misses Janie and Dollie Judkins, Annie and Lillian Boyd, Belle McWhorter and Lillian Beasley, and others whose names we cannot now recall, are earnestly working for the Orphan's Home at Evergreen. They are young, intelligent and beautiful. Bro. Stewart may look out for a contribution from them before many weeks. We appeal to the churches to take up contributions, and forward to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen.

At the close of the services—all of which brother Cloud imposed upon the writer—there was a unanimous expression from the congregation, called for by Dr. Leitcher, that the work had resulted in much good. Thanking God we all sang, "Blest be the tie that binds," etc., and at 4 o'clock the meeting adjourned.

REVIVAL.

Literally the word revival means living again. Differing from regeneration and conversion, which belong to the transition of the soul from nature to grace, it falls entirely within the pale of Christian experience, and implies that the tone of spiritual life which has suffered decline has been regained. The Psalmist prays: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit." He had known the joys of salvation, but under the deadening influence of sin and the sharp gnawings of remorse, those joys had departed, and he looked to God for their restoration.

In these restored joys and the activities which result therefrom, revival consists. It is a state in which the things of the Spirit outweighing the things of the flesh, and the soul has the inward testimony of peace with God and fellowship with the saints. Such experiences are not fanciful, but real and potent. There are seasons of revival in trade, fashions, amusements, arts, literature: not that these pursuits ever quite cease, but that there are times when they take a slacker or stronger hold upon the public mind. Physical nature discloses similar variations. The rain does not fall every day, neither does the snow wrap the earth every month. The sea is never just the same, and the tides ebb and flow in varying volume. And the same principle operates in spiritual life. There are days of sowing, wherein the anxious laborer gathers no fruit. But the harvest time inevitably comes. One sowing, and just as certainly another reaping.

These reaping seasons are momentous occasions in the economy of grace. Winter is good, but perpetual winter is perpetual death. There must be summer and harvest. Of course God is the source of all spiritual life. He could bring in the day of reaping with a word, as he spoke the worlds into existence. But he has chosen to work through instrumentalities. The prophet says: "Shall the earth bring forth in a day, and shall a nation be born at once? When Zion travailed she brought forth her children." The church must feel the need of revival, and must turn to God with full purpose of heart for the blessing.

Taken as a model, the great revival at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost discloses the needed conditions. The members of the church were all interested. They were all with one accord in one place. In faith they awaited the promise of the Father. They tarried at Jerusalem. One of the greatest defects in our revival system is the want of perseverance. Frequently just when the church and

community become aroused, the preacher becomes weary in body or mind, and weak in faith, and closes the meeting before its legitimate fruits are gathered. But when the entire church comes together, and prays and labors and waits for it, the quickening comes from the presence of the Lord. Try it.

LOYALTY TO DENOMINATION.

That which Baptists have done, and are still doing for the world, is sufficient to awaken the profoundest gratitude to God.

While much excellent work is recognized as having been done by others, yet as a distinctive people, we have held steadfastly to those principles which have kept the world from swallowing up the church. This it would not be difficult to show, were we now concerned about the discussion of Baptist principles; but it is not that which now claims our attention.

That which we desire to emphasize is that, because of the facts which have preserved and perpetuated us, making us, in the strictest sense a "peculiar people," there should be, on the part of our people everywhere, a marked disposition to hold fast to the things which belong exclusively to Baptists.

We go even farther, and restrict it, so as to apply to the simple fact that because these matters are of the Baptists, therefore we should steadfastly hold to them. These agencies or institutions may not meet our approbation in every instance; nay, they may come far short of it, and yet they should be adhered to in spite of this. There are several reasons why this should be done. One is, there is a bare possibility that we are incorrect in the expression of disapprobation.

It is barely possible that we do not command all the facts in the case which, if known, would make a material change our convictions.

Another reason which suggests itself, is that it is barely possible that we are in error in supposing that others are so. We may have the facts, and our conclusions may be inaccurately drawn. It is a greater misfortune for one to feel that he is infallible than to be slightly away sometimes even in the path of duty. But even grant that these institutions merit criticism, and this is not denied with respect to any denominational interest, yet we have possibly come as far short of duty in other directions as have those who give direction to denominational affairs. So that in any event, we should seek to be charitable.

"People who live in glass houses should not throw stones," is a homey proverb, but it is a suggestive one—to some people of whom we speak. Now, this is not censorious. It is not apologetic. It is written in a fraternal strain in the interest of our great denomination. We have boards, and agencies, and colleges and journals, and papers, and publishing houses, and they belong to Baptists who have ever been the pioneers in every quarter of the globe, and who are second to none in aggressiveness to day. They wield these powerful agencies in the subjugation of sin and in the establishment of righteousness in the earth. Since these things are true, is there not a demand for Baptist loyalty to these great interests? Should not the captiously inclined, as a matter of principle, lay aside his prejudice, and labor for the perpetuation of those things which look to the accomplishment of good? Nothing is gained by the censorious growler—except perchance to weaken some great interest fostered by the denomination.

To the Baptists of Alabama, the outlook is bright. It is a disturbing element in the camp, we do not know it.

The Rev. Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler seldom minces matters. Speaking of the fact that a messenger has gone to Washington to induce the government to aid in the suppression of the traffic in strong drinks and firearms in the Pacific Islands, he says:

Just think of it! A lot of converted cannibals begging a Christian government not to send them any more muskets and rum! Verily, the Christianity of our own land does need Christianizing at the very core. Ships sail from American ports with missionaries to Africa, and with thousands of gallons of rum in their cargo; heaven goes in the cabin, and hell in the ship's hold! How long will it take us to convert the heathen in this style?

Strong as the language is, it is pitifully weak when the atrocity of the crime committed is taken into account. Words have no power to frame a condemnation severe enough for those who are brutalizing the people of heathen lands with New England rum—Christian Inquirer.

The Cross is not only to be gloried in, but our own relation to it is to be constantly regarded. Paul could say that by the cross the world was crucified unto him and he unto the world. He could declare—"I am crucified with Christ." All who are thus crucified will reckon themselves "dead unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Wherever there is this death there is a resurrection unto a new life. The apostle could say, though crucified—"I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "For me to live is Christ," said he, "and to die is gain." "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "For me to live is Christ," said he, "and to die is gain." "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." "For me to live is Christ," said he, "and to die is gain."

FIELD NOTES.

The pressure of matter deemed of special importance for this issue, reduces the space usually occupied by Field Notes.

What about your Centennial pledge made at Anniston? Won't you do your best to redeem it wholly or in part during this month?

The Gadaden Baptists are making good progress in the direction of a new church. They expect to begin the building by the 10th of May.

St Francis street church, Mobile, recently received twenty-one members for baptism. The Palmetto street church expects to begin a protracted meeting some time this month.

Evergreen Star: Rev. J. W. Stewart has been absent recently in the interest of the centennial mission fund. He returned last week and occupied the Baptist pulpit at both services last Sunday.

The Second church, Birmingham, has awarded the contract for the cathedral glass for its windows. Bro. Whittle writes us that they hope to be ready for dedication at an early day, probably in May.

The aggregate of amount given to the Centennial Fund by the First church of Montgomery is over a thousand dollars, and is nearly all paid in. The collections for the regular work are yet to be taken.

Of the generous contribution of the St. Francis Street church, Mobile, to Foreign missions, (\$1,100.80) \$600 was the gift of J. C. Bush, for support of a missionary, and \$500 for the Sunday school for the Centennial Fund.

Evergreen Star: "The ladies of the Baptist church will give a tea on Tuesday evening, April 17th, from 6 to 10 o'clock, at the residence of Col. G. R. Farnham. Admission 15 cents. Light refreshments served free. Creams, candy, etc., extra.

Pastor Townsend, of West Montgomery church has returned from a dutiful visit to his parents, in good health and spirits. He says that as soon as he can find the time he will go to the Northport brother that he is right in his position on "election."

Bro. S. K. Boykin, of Russell county, sent us some names and a money order of suitable dimensions, and he called it all an "April fool." We are so constituted that a practical joke like that doesn't rattle our temper the least bit. In fact it produced a pleasant smile.

Up to March 15th, the receipts of the Foreign Mission Board from Alabama aggregated \$6,635.12, as we learn from the Foreign Mission Journal. Since then several generous contributions have been sent on. But our people will see that much yet remains to be done.

Every farmer wants the old Southern Cultivator, published at Atlanta, and every farmer's wife needs the Fancier, a poultry journal, published at the same place, and the farmer and his wife and children need the ALABAMA BAPTIST. And they can have all three, for one year, by sending us two dollars and sixty cents.

C. W. O'Hara, Columbians: We revived the Saturday meetings at Verbeena. Good congregations Saturday and Sunday, with good interest. He said to the credit of that church, they have the most thoroughly prepared Sunday-school lesson of any church I know of. We are looking for and expecting good results.

Our Washington correspondent informs us that during the past week a patent was granted to J. Matthews, of Birmingham, for a rotary engine; and that two others also received patents, one for an apparatus for "purifying liquors by electrolysis," and the other for a "method and apparatus for dispensing liquids." Thus it would appear that our Alabama inventors, in the proportion of two to one, are devoting their inventive powers to liquid subjects.

Gadsden Baptist church has suffered a great loss in the death of sister Virginia N. Kyle, wife of brother R. B. Kyle. She has been the leader of the music, and a leader or active participant in all the good works of the church for many years. After a lingering illness, she ceased from earthly labors on the 4th inst. She was a daughter of the late Nathaniel Nuckolls, of Columbus, Ga. She had been married forty three years, thirty-six of which had been spent in Gadsden.

Jno. P. Shaffer, Dadeville: The Dadeville church is happy over having discharged her church debt of \$1,375, which has been hanging over the church for years. Everything looks brighter to Dadeville Baptists now. On the 2d of April I held a Centennial meeting with the church at Goodwater with very pleasant results. The outlook at Goodwater is growing brighter. Mrs. Cranford is working for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and you will hear from her before long.

The membership of the Oswichee church is quite small, but by taking up monthly mission collections the church gives about one hundred dollars per year to that cause, besides the ladies raise through their aid society, which will be near one hun-

dred and fifty dollars for this year. A more zealous little band I have never seen. They not only pay for missions monthly, but the pastor's salary is paid just as promptly. It gives me pleasure to say, moreover, that they have nought but the kindest words for their former pastors—C. W. Hart.

We observed in the local paper, too late to make a note of it, that Dr. Roby's church at Opelika was going to have a special service at a certain time. The programme was a little out of the usual line, and we were pleased with it. We would like to hear how it turned out, and would drop a hint to that effect to the pastor or some of the lady members, or even the male members, if we thought it would do any good. There may be a valuable suggestion to some other church.

Now, brethren of the churches, is your pastor going to the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville? If not, why not? Probably it is because he is not able to bear the expense. But he ought to go. It will do your church good, because he will be instructed, stimulated and broadened. You ought to pay his expenses. It will cost each of you but a small sum, and it will be very grateful to his feelings. Give him money enough to enable him to travel as the respectable pastor of a respectable church ought to travel.

G. W. Dalbey, Union Springs, April 8: We began a series of meetings last Lord's day—not with an Easter service, as erroneously reported by the general editor of our excellent town paper. But with an old-fashioned waiting on God for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Bro. W. H. Smith came to our help on Monday, and has been preaching earnest, warm-hearted sermons morning and night each day. We have fine congregations and good interest up to date. We are hoping for a great work of grace.

Blocton Crier, 7th inst: On last Sabbath morning a new church was constituted at Campbell Town, to be known and designated as the Second Baptist church of East Blocton. Twenty-nine persons united with the church, being among some of the most substantial and best citizens of the place. They called Rev. T. B. Dixon to be their pastor, and fixed the fourth Sunday in each month as their time of meeting. We predict for them a prosperous future and the accomplishment of much good.

"The Review of Reviews" for April is, as usual, very interesting. Among the leading articles is one on "Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet," by Woodrow Wilson, with pictures of the old and new cabinets. From follows the "Coming World's Parliament of Religions," with twenty-five portraits of members of that parliament from all quarters of the world; "How Women Should Dress at the World's Fair," "Quaker Spiritualism in Russia," and we know not how many others, all illustrated in the best style. It is a publication which we do not hesitate to commend. It can be had of news dealers, or at 15 Astor Place, New York.

R. M. Hunter, Jasper: Yesterday our pulpit was ably filled by brother M. H. Lane. His theme was the resurrection. The sermon was argumentative, Scriptural, and in power and demonstration of the Spirit of God. Bro. L. is traveling agent for Howard College. The college is sorely in need of money. Will the Baptists of Alabama let their beloved institution suffer, when many of them have money at interest, and some at rest? "And the rust of it shall eat their flesh as it were fire." We gave brother Lane \$25.00 cash. With we could have given him five hundred our church has been staggering under a weight of indebtedness. We hope this year to get out of debt.

R. H. Hudson, Coosada: Our Centennial meeting was not what we could have desired. Rev. W. M. Harris, of Montgomery, was with us on Wednesday night, and brother Wilkes was in the village, but rain prevented us having service. Bro. Wilkes made a small congregation, principally ladies, on Thursday night, but our church and community have contributed so much, recently, for different purposes, that the contribution fell far below our desire. Pastor Elliott met his appointment on Sunday, preaching at 4 o'clock in the afternoon as well as in the morning. Congregations good. The Sunday-school is endeavoring to raise money enough to take at least one chapel card, and hope to do it in good time. Bro. J. G. Harris has promised to lecture for us on the first Sunday in May, and we are anxiously looking for the time to come.

Our brother, Rev. W. D. Gay, bade us adieu last Wednesday, and left on his extended journey in far off lands. He tried to appear and to feel joyous and happy, but there was moisture in the eye and a tinge of sadness in the smile as he gave our hand a warm pressure and said "good bye." He will write of his travels for our paper, and we shall watch with some impatience for the coming of his letters. The following note which brother G. left will cause the young people to feel a special desire to read his letters: "The letters that I shall write will be especially composed for young people, and those who are more informed on the different scenes of the world, the magnificent places, the delightful excursions into interior countries, and wonderful places, will probably be interested in my journeyings. And when you are alone, and your thoughts go out afar across the seas, and the stars of other countries shine upon the pathway of a lone traveler, will you please ask Him who hath all things in his guidance, to lead the feet of the wanderer into paths of peace—Wm. D. Gay."

Centennial Notes from Bro. Catts. [Some of these notes were overlooked, and some came too late for publication in the issue for which they were intended, but we publish them anyhow as a part of the history of the Centennial campaign.—Ed.] March 31. I gave to four of our Sunbeams four Chapel building cards, and you ought to have seen them work. They are certainly good embryo church members. I think that it will not disparage the success of the others if I mention little Lottie Rice first; she collected \$5.50. The others came on close together in the amounts collected, ranging from \$1 to \$1.50, and their names are Mary Gibson, Fannie Bell Pruitt and Ellie Hattamer. God bless these little girls, and make them great workers in his vineyard.

I was disappointed in not having Bro. Foster to go on Centennial trip, but Bro. Stewart took his place. We started at Fort Deposit and visited the following churches: Indian Creek, Antioch, Honorville, Rutledge, Luverne, Mount Zion, and I left Bro. S. to fill two other appointments. We fell in with brethren Burt, Cheatham, Lloyd, Morgan, Varborough and Underwood, pastors on route, who treated us so kindly and aided us so much. We crossed several swollen streams, and were in great danger once, as the rains had been so heavy that the mill owner, whose mill was just above the public road, opened three water gates as we crossed, and opened ten more directly after. But we got along splendidly, and more than once had fried chicken. Every one enjoyed Bro. Stewart's map lecture so much. When you see Bro. S. again, ask him what he has done with his tub.

At a result of this trip, I sent Bro. Crenshaw this morning \$144.

April 5. Last Sunday Bro. Foster, of Greenville, came up to Steep Creek to take up a collection for the Centennial fund. After a stirring sermon the collection was taken, and amounted to \$82.50. I write this to stir up the pure minds of the country churches by way of remembrance, so that they may go and do likewise. Let each of the country churches do its work nobly, as this one has done, and we will not be ashamed of Alabama's quota on the day of reckoning. "Let us all remember that the greatest achievements are but the result of things at first apparently of the least significance."

"The pebble in the streamlet's foot Has changed the course many a river; Has warped the giant oak forever."

And now let the country churches send in their "pebbles," and we cannot know how it will swell the aggregate until Bro. C. sends in his report. I point the country churches to Steep Creek as a pattern. SINEY CATTS, Fort Deposit.

Tuskegee Association.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Tuskegee association will convene with Shiloh Baptist church, Russell county, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 28th, 29th and 30th inst., beginning at 11 o'clock a. m.

PROGRAM.

1. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Willis, alternate, Rev. E. T. Hudson.

2. What is the duty of pastor to the church? and the duty of each member to the pastor?

3. Is the anti-missionary spirit in accord with the teachings of the New Testament, or is it the duty of all Christians to contribute to missions?

4. What is the great worth of Sunday schools? The duty of every church to sustain a Sunday-school, and Christian responsibility in connection therewith.

The above program was formulated by the Shiloh church, in conference on the 25th ult., and sent me, with the request that I forward the same to the BAPTIST for publication. No speakers have been assigned to open the discussion of the queries propounded, nor do I think it necessary, but it is expected that brethren will attend who are abundantly qualified and willing to speak on the questions suggested. We hope to have a large attendance of ministers; especially it is important that as many of the preachers of the Tuskegee association be on hand as possible. The Shiloh church will cordially entertain all who may attend, both ministers and laity. The church can be reached from Auburn, Opelika, Salem, and Phenix City, by private conveyance. J. M. Love, Salem, Ala.

What maintains one vice would bring up two children.

News Items.

Conceh county prisoners now occupy the new jail.

The pear crop at Evergreen promises to be large this year.

C. C. Smith, an old citizen, died suddenly near Evergreen last week.

E. L. Stallworth, of Evergreen, has graduated at Mobile Medical College.

Fifty men were added to the working force of the car works at Anniston on Monday.

It is said that the "corner" on meat and lard is at an end, and that those articles will be cheaper.

Robert S. Foster, of Tuscaloosa, has been appointed a cadet at West Point Military Academy.

The last legislature abolished prohibition in Opelika, and now the town is to have a Keeley Institute.

J. G. Crommelin and R. B. Snodgrass were re-nominated for mayor and city clerk of Montgomery on Saturday.

American and foreign war vessels are collecting at Fort Monroe for the great naval display that is soon to take place.

They are trying the plan in South Carolina of the state having charge of the sale of liquor. The whisky men don't like it.

Prairie fire has destroyed everything in a large area of country in Nebraska, the flames traveling sometimes at forty miles an hour.

President Cleveland will live at what is known as the Middleton place, an old time residence just outside the City of Washington.

Gov. Jones has gone to Richmond to attend the meeting of Southern governors, who will try to suggest something for the good of the South.

Dick Harrison, only 16 years old, has been sent by the court at Birmingham to the reformatory at Washington, D. C., for five years, for helping to rob a train.

Montgomery city held a primary election under the new election law last Saturday, and the law is approved. Other cities that have tried it are pleased with it.

A. J. Tidwell has been trying for thirty years to collect a claim against Fayette county, but it was only recently ordered paid, and the interest is three times the principal.

The mail rider between Monroe and Bell's Landing was held up and the mail taken from him last week, and J. H. alias Mack Helton has been arrested as the robber.

Mr. Cleveland is said to have expressed his intention to take no notice of the fact that there were two factions in the Democratic party in Alabama and other states, but will make appointments from both sides.

A little son of John A. Hamilton, Clarke county, was bitten on the ear by his pet dog, the dog was killed as being mad, and in nine weeks the boy began to show signs of rabies, and last week he died a terrible death.

Col. Erwin, of the governor's staff, was sent to Chicago to make arrangements can be made for the encampment there of Alabama troops for a time during the fair. He has returned, and reports the expense will be too great.

The legislature of Minnesota has passed a bill allowing women to vote. The senate of Arkansas has done the same, and makes them eligible to office on school boards. The Illinois senate has passed a bill allowing them to vote in certain municipal and town elections.

The cortege bearing the remains of Jefferson Davis from New Orleans to Richmond will leave the former city May 28, and reach the latter on the 30th. It is not yet known at what point the funeral train will stop, but the governors of each state through which it passes will accompany it through their respective states.

Alabama Educational Association.

To County and City Superintendents.

The next session of the Alabama Educational Association will be held July 5th, 6th, 7th, 1895, in Montgomery. Railroads will give reduced rates; the Commercial and Industrial Association of the city has tendered a most cordial invitation to the teachers to meet there, and reduced rates will be secured at all hotels and boarding houses. You are requested to send in the names and postoffices of all teachers in your county or city who would likely attend were they supplied with proper information. The proceedings and papers of the association will be printed, and a copy will be sent to every person who pays the \$1.00 enrollment fee. This fee should be paid now. Send money to J. B. Graham, Tallapoosa, or to J. W. Morgan, Jr., Florence. All county and city superintendents should present this matter to their teachers at their regular teachers' meeting, for many teachers who cannot attend the association would be glad to have the valuable educational thought and methods which will appear in the minutes.

All county and city superintendents are earnestly requested to immediately attend to the matter here brought to their attention.

J. B. GRAHAM, Chn. Ex. Com. A. E. A. Tallapoosa.

That cure of Gro. W. Turner, of Galesburg, N. Y., of Scrofula, by Hood's Sarsaparilla, was one of the most remarkable on record.

Alabama Baptist

NEWSPAPER, ALA., APRIL 13, 1909.

Have Beecham's Pills ready in the house.

It is to live twice when you can enjoy the recreation of your former life—Mortimer.

THESE PILLS adapted to old and young

The common transactions of life are the most sacred channels for the spread of the heavenly blessing—Macdonald.

For the best remedy for rheumatism that has ever been discovered, Mr. D. H. Tyler, 150 W. Main St., Galesburg, Ill., writes: "I have used a good many bottles of Beecham's Pills, and think it the best remedy for rheumatism I ever used."

"How could you think of calling another stupid? Go to her immediately, and tell her you are sorry." Freddie goes to Annie, and says, "Annie I am sorry you are so stupid."

FOR DYSPEPSIA. Indigestion, and stomach disorders, take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. All dealers keep it, \$1 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and comes in glass wrapper.

Things are to us only as they picture themselves in the prepared mirrors of the soul—Flors.

WALTER BRIDGES, Athens, Tenn., writes: "For six years I have been afflicted with rheumatism and an enlargement of the bone in my leg. I tried everything I heard of without any permanent relief. Until Beecham's Pills was recommended to me. After using six bottles the bones healed, and I am now in better health than I have ever been. I send this testimonial unhesitatingly, because I want others to be benefited."

It is very good work to fetch a can in from under a bushel and to set it in a can—Harris.

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper—W. A. Novak, 520 Powers Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win by fear to attempt—Shakespeare.

If you feel weak and all worn out take BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

The man deserving of the name is one whose thoughts and actions are for others, not for himself alone—Blanchard.

A perfect cure! Mr. Edward E. Broughton, 149 W. 15th St., New York City, N. Y., says: "I have used several bottles of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in my family and find it a perfect cure. I cheerfully recommend it."

"Life," says the Arabs, "is of two parts; the first is called a dream; that which is the second is called a reality."—Flors.

Rich, Red Blood As naturally results from taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, as personal cleanliness results from free use of soap and water. This great purifier thoroughly expels scrofula, salt humor and all other impurities and builds up every organ of the body. Now is the time to take it.

The highest praise has been won by Hood's Pills for their easy, yet efficient action. Sold by all druggists. Price 25 cents.

Some men's lives are like mountain torrents, too fierce and passionate to be a long one—Hawthorne.

An Everet Piano, No. 12 For sale at a bargain. Address M. S. S., East Lake, Ala.

Birmingham Conference. First Church—Dr. P. T. Hale preached at 11 a. m. and Dr. O. F. Flippo, of Virginia, at night. These sermons were greatly enjoyed by all present. The Sunday school was well attended and interesting. A reception will be given the new pastor Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Southside—Dr. O. F. Flippo preached an able sermon at 11 a. m. on "Secret Discipleship," to a large audience. At night pastor Hale preached on "Prisoners of Hope." Five were received, three by letter and two young men for baptism; 278 in Sunday-school—the largest in the history of the church.

Second Church—Splendid prayer meeting; Sunday-school increasing in numbers and interest. Two excellent services on Sunday; two additions for baptism. Pastor Whittle began a series of sermons on the book of Job, which promises well.

Elyton—Usual service; pastor Harris preached. Morning subject, "The Model Church;" evening, "Selfishness." One addition by letter. Sunday school flourishing, and will picnic soon. The church will have a Centennial meeting the fifth Sunday.

Pratt City—Ninety-three in Sunday school. A delightful observance of the Lord's Supper at 11 a. m. Pastor preached at night. At 3 p. m., at mine No. 4, a good service.

In the kingdom of Christ experience and service are both individual. Convinced of personal sin, turning with personal faith to a personal Savior, we are saved each alone. And we save others one by one—Southgate.

Christian faith is a grand cathedral with divinely pictured windows. Standing without, you see no glory nor can possibly imagine any. Standing within, every ray of light reveals a harmony of an unspeakable splendor—Hawthorne.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

COVERED WITH A TASTELESS AND SOLUBLE COATING.

For SICK HEADACHE.

Business, or Swimming in the Head, Wind, Pain, and Spasms at the Stomach, Pains in the Back, Girdle, and Flying Pains in the Stomach, Rheumatism, etc.

Take four, five or six of Beecham's Pills, and in nine cases out of ten, they will give relief in twenty minutes; for the pills will go direct to the seat of the trouble, the more being the more powerful the action, together with the action of the stomach, and sometimes the bowels.

For all druggists. Price 25 cents a box. New York Depot, 365 Canal St.

An Address to the Baptists of Alabama.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

The writer of this brief address has been appointed by the Alabama Baptist State Historical Society to gather from all possible sources the material for the preparation of a history of our denomination in this state. As soon as this material is in hand, I shall enter upon the preparation of the history. Allow me to suggest to every one, under whose eye this notice comes, the importance of writing out all he or she may know of the Baptists in any portion of the state, and send me at East Lake.

There are left not a few of the fathers and mothers in Israel who can furnish much valuable information about the scenes of the far past. If, for any reason, they cannot themselves write out these items, they should get some other to do so for them.

Sketches of preachers, or deacons of any note, the histories of churches, or papers containing any items of Baptist history—all these are valuable, and should be promptly sent to me.

Brethren who can reach aged persons and get from them material that might be included in a history, such as is contemplated, should not fail to do so at once.

In some instances there are to be found bound copies of the minutes of associations. I will carefully preserve such, and return them after examination, if the owners wish it to be done.

I beg to suggest that when a record is made of a life of any one, or a history of a church or association, care shall be taken to ascertain dates and names of persons and localities as accurately as possible.

Valuable assistance can be rendered by any one writing to me and calling attention to any one from whom I might derive some information.

Is it too much to ask that some brother, or brethren, bring the matter before your association, and seek to have prepared a brief history of the body? If some competent brother is appointed to prepare such a sketch, it would be rendered to the denomination in the preservation of much valuable material, which would otherwise be lost.

There are Baptist women, not a few, whose work will find an appropriate place in a denominational history.

I trust this will not be laid aside without a firm resolve to give it prompt attention.

Let me recapitulate:

1. Write out fully and promptly all you may know or can gather of Baptist men and women of note, or of churches and associations.

2. If you cannot, for any reason, do this yourself, get somebody else to write for you, while you dictate.

3. Send all old letters, papers and minutes to my address at East Lake.

4. Write to me of any possible sources of information that may exist.

5. Bring the matter before your church and association, and let some brother be appointed to prepare a sketch of either or both, and send the sketch to me.

6. Be careful to preserve names and dates.

I shall greatly appreciate any information of whatever kind that may be sent.

East Lake, Ala.

Montgomery Churches.

Adams Street—Good attendance at Sunday-school, Assistant Superintendent Thomas in the chair. The pastor was absent on Centennial work, and Rev. E. F. Baber preached morning and night to good congregations.

West Montgomery—Pastor Townsend, at 11 a. m. on last Lord's day, accepted the unanimous call of the church to serve them for another year. He stated that it was his policy to do all possible towards foreign and home missions, now that they had a house in which to worship. He made a strong and earnest appeal for the heathen in foreign lands, and said that his church would take the lead in mission work, as they never do anything by halves. He also said it was his policy and purpose to establish at once a mission Sunday school in south Montgomery, looking to the constitution of a church at an early day in that part of the city. Bro. Townsend gave notice that the West Montgomery Baptist church would be dedicated at 11 a. m. on Sunday next, the 16th.

Glories, like glow worms, afar off shine bright, but viewed too near have neither heat nor light.—J. Webster.

OBITUARY.

Andrew J. Mullen was born on Canoe Creek, Ala., in 1828 of Scotch-Irish parents, and died in Selma, Ala., March 11th, 1893. In 1853, when he was in his fifth year, both parents died and left the orphan boy alone in the world to work his way. The only heritage left him was that independence and manliness of character so prominent in people of Scotch-Irish descent. By picking up such work as he was able to do in New Orleans and on the magnificent steamboats of those days, he made a living for himself, and steamed the tide. This developed in him a manhood and independence of character which was the secret of his success in after years.

When nineteen years old he came to Marion, Ala., and entered into business as a builder and manufacturer of brick, an occupation which he followed during his entire life. The King house and the Semi-rural building in Marion, are monuments of his early skill, while more than half of the city of Selma is the work of his hands. He was diligent and attentive to business, and his perfect integrity gave him the confidence and esteem of all who had dealings with him. He made a large fortune during his life, most of which he spent in paying the debts of others. His kindness and generosity of heart was such that he knew no how to refuse to help his fellows, and the use of his name probably too freely to help his friends.

Soon after entering upon his life work in Marion, he won the heart and hand of Miss Lucy Montague, descended from the famous Virginia family of that name. While a bride of only one month she fell sick and died. After remaining a widower for four years, in 1852 he married Miss Ann Judson Montague, the younger sister of his former wife, who, after more than forty years of happy wedlock, remains to mourn the loss of a devoted and indulgent husband, and direct the steps of two children with the God he blessed her.

Since 1852 they have lived in Selma, and every building of importance in the city he has erected, among them being the Hotel Albert, the Opera House, the Dallas Academy, and his own elegant home. During all of these years of busy life, amid adversity and prosperity, he has never failed to meet every business obligation; and, while experiencing great losses because of the unfaithfulness of others, no one has suffered aught from him.

Some years ago he was baptized by Dr. B. B. Teague in the Alabama river, and united with the Selma Baptist church, and to the day of his death he possessed a beautiful, child-like faith in the Savior. Owing to the irreligious environment of his early days, he had struggles far greater than most men, more fortunate in their formative period of life. But through the grace of God, which he was accustomed to seek persistently in prayer, his life was a triumph over the carnal nature, and his latter days were adorned with the most beautiful piety, and the blessed enjoyment of communion with God. He was accustomed to attribute all his success in business to the grace of God, and to the day of his death he was a true Christian.

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AN APRIL COLD!

Needs a Spring Remedy to Cleanse the Whole System.

A cold is the starting point of more than half of the fatal illnesses from November to May. A cold is the first chapter in the history of every case of consumption. A cold is the first stage of chronic catarrh, the most loathsome and stubborn of diseases. A cold is the legitimate parent of a large family of diseases, such as bronchitis, pleurisy, pneumonia and quinsy. To neglect a cold is almost suicide. To fail to provide against this well-nigh inevitable evil is dangerous negligence. Peruna is a safeguard as a preventive, a specific as a cure for all cases of catarrh, acute and chronic, colds, coughs, consumption, etc.

Every family should be provided with a copy of The Family Physician No. 2, a complete guide to prevent or cure catarrh and all other winter diseases; and also the latest edition of The Family Physician No. 3, which is devoted to spring medicines and the bodily disorders peculiar to the spring of the year—a book that no family should be without at this time of the year. Either sent free by The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Ohio.

Sunday-School Convention.

A Sunday-school convention of Montgomery association will be held at Sprague Junction, on the Midland railroad, Saturday and Sunday, April 29, 30.

FIRST SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

10 Devotional exercises, with three minute talks.

10:20 Organization and reports from Sunday schools.

11: Discussion—

(a) Best method of conducting Sunday schools.

(b) How to prepare Sunday school lessons.

(c) How to teach Sunday school lessons.

11:30: Preaching by Rev. W. M. Harris.

Dinner on the grounds.

AFTERNOON.

2: Discussion—The Sunday school.

(a) Its advantages and its influence.

(b) What classes can it benefit.

(c) Best method of keeping up interest in Sunday schools.

(d) Enlargement of the work.

(e) Best method of securing the interest of children and others.

(f) The needs of Sunday school workers.

(g) The relation of the pastor to the Sunday school work.

Night session arranged by the Committee.

SUNDAY MORNING.

9:30: Devotional meeting.

10: A practical Sunday-school in operation.

11: Address by Maj. J. G. Harris. Dinner on the grounds.

2 p. m.: Children's hour, T. L. Jones.

Bro. Geo. W. Thomas will conduct the singing. Bring Gospel Hymns No. 5.

Alabama Midland railroad will sell round trip tickets at 4 cents per mile for the convention, 29-30.

J. H. DICKSON, Committee Montgomery Ass'n. Pine Level, Ala.

Look at the Figures.

Alabama's Contributions to the Centennial Fund.

It will be remembered that the amount set as Alabama's quota to the Centennial fund was \$15,000. The whole of this amount was reported at Anniston as pledged before or during the Convention. The resignation of the pastors of some of the best churches represented in the list of subscribers has interfered seriously with collections, as for instance, the First church, Birmingham, the churches at Troy, Huntsville, Woodlawn, etc.; and other causes have imperiled or canceled other pledges. So it will require all the extra efforts we can make now to raise this amount. The total of contributions already sent in is about \$6,000. Considerable sums are still due on some of the largest subscriptions, and the whole of many smaller ones is unpaid.

With the hope of calling attention to these facts and stimulating immediate activity in pressing collections, I give some figures gathered by myself or reported by our board treasurer, brother W. B. Crumpton:

Alabama's gifts to For. Missions up to March 15 reported in F. M. Journal, \$6,635 12 Total paid in cash for Centennial fund to date, : : : 6,700 00 Still due on pledges, : : : 8,300 00 First church, Birmingham, on pledge of \$1,000, still due, : : : 500 00 First church, Troy, pledge \$800; still due, : : : 500 00 First church, Selma, pledge \$850; still due, : : : 500 00 More or less still due on pledges made at Talladega, \$319 40; Tuskegee, \$150 00; Huntsville, Gadaden, Wetumpka, Furman, Pine Level, Lowndesboro, Haynesville, Helena, and numerous other points. Trips made lately by brethren Ray, Underwood, Shaffer, McCord, Catts, Wood, Wilkes, W. H. Smith, and others, have resulted in some excellent cash collections and some genuine revivals.

Numerous times in various parts of the state are pushing the good work this week. Let it go on until every

church and every Baptist within our reach is given an opportunity of making a thank-offering to God for the enlargement and better equipment of our work at home and abroad. We need have no fear of a surplus.

Geo B EAGER, Chm's Centennial Committee.

To Our Pastors and Churches.

Brethren, please press collections for the Centennial fund at once, and then take collections for the regular work of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards as soon as possible. Remember, the treasurer's books close on the 30th of April. What is done must be done quickly, and should be done earnestly and generously. Don't delay! Don't hold back that which is due.

Montgomery, April 11th.

Phenix City Notes.

All our church work is getting on fine. I have baptized two and received twelve by letter since my arrival. Sunday school is rapidly building up under the management of assistant superintendent L. T. Jones.

They are both earnest workers and consecrated Christians. Our congregations are large. Our ladies' meeting every Wednesday afternoon is well attended. Our prayer meeting interest increases with each service. We have a very interesting teachers' meeting every Friday night, which has already resulted in organizing a new class in our school, and one soul has been converted out of that class.

Our children's meeting on the first Sunday afternoon is doing much good. The children are home to contribute to missions, orphan's home, Bible and colportage and ministerial education.

We enjoyed a fine treat in having a Centennial meeting held in our church. Bro. N. C. Underwood, of Clayton, visited Phenix City and Girard, and preached five gospel sermons at Girard, Mt. Olive, and at our church. I heard him preach at all three places, and he got better and better, and at our church he did the best. I was glad that we were last on the programme. Girard's collection \$20 75; Mt. Olive \$20. I think ours will go over \$20. Our people have been contributing so much that they did not feel like giving much. We gave to the Odessa, Ga., sufferers \$30; to bury a man \$5 55; and then many of our members subscribed for our little paper, Baptist Reporter, but I hope that we will send up \$25 to the Centennial fund. The church gave something to this fund last year. If our church had not had these other calls we would have given \$50. I think, to the Centennial fund. I feel that this is quite a privilege the churches are having this year that the members will never have again, and so every Baptist ought to give something.

God is graciously blessing Dr. Harris' church in Columbus, Ga. In a very quiet way seventy have joined his church. He did his own preaching for some time, when Bro. Carroll, of Albany, Ga., came to his assistance.

Bro. Waller had a grand reception, and got a severe pounding, by his church, First Avenue church, Columbus. He has gone to work with a vim, and is beloved by his people.

We had a good prayer meeting during the past week, many asked for prayer, and two were converted and joined our church; one was a man who was addicted to whisky. Thus the Lord is greatly blessing us in our prayer meeting. The Holy Spirit is with us, and we hope that many souls will be saved. The Lord bless you.

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The Preacher's Magazine, for Preachers, Teachers and Bible Students, is on our table. It is edited by Revs. Mark Guy Pearce and Arthur E. Gregory, and is reprinted from the English edition, with additions by American editors. Among the contents of the March number are articles on Present Day Preaching; Moses, his Life and Its Lessons; Christ's Verity; The Christian use of the Imagination; Homiletics. It is a good thing for any one to have, and especially for those preachers and teachers who have not money and time to buy and read the more costly books and publications. It is published by Wilbur B. Ketchum, No. 2 Cooper Union, New York, at a \$1.50 per year, or 15 cents for single copy.

Southern Baptist Convention.

The Thirty-eighth Session (48th year) of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held with the Baptist Churches in the city of Nashville, Tenn., beginning Friday, May 12, 1893, at 10 a. m. Preacher of Annual Session, Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D. D., of Virginia; alternate, Rev. J. Morgan Wells, D. D., of Tennessee.

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RAILROAD RATES.

The Southern Passenger Association (which embraces nearly all the railroads east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio River) was applied to, as

