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We call attention to a communication from the Board of Ministerial Education appearing elsewhere in this issue. It deserves the earnest and immediate attention of every one who is responsible in any way for unpaid subscriptions to the ministerial education fund—and of those who made no subscription, also. We cannot for a moment suppose that these subscriptions will not be paid. We suppose, on the contrary, that they will be, but the time is short, the arrears great, and the demand urgent. Let us hope the earnest appeal of the board will receive hearty, substantial, general and immediate response.

The Southern Baptist Convention will be held in Nashville, beginning on Friday, May 12. This is an important meeting of our denomination. The names of the delegates appointed by the State Convention appear in another column.

As the convention will be held so near to Alabama, it is hoped that a full delegation will attend. It is good to be at these meetings, to exchange and interchange ideas, and to catch new life and spirit that may be the better prepared for the work that lies before us. This being the centennial year of modern missions, we may expect to hear many good things on this subject.

Let the Alabama brethren agree among themselves to meet at some given place, and all get on board the same coach. This arrangement can be made very easily, and it would be pleasant for all the delegates to go in the same car. Some of the brethren at Birmingham could arrange matters with the L. & N., and give notice through the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Let's all go together, brethren. What say you? Leaving Montgomery on the morning train at 8 o'clock, we will reach Nashville about 7 p. m.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Dr. Tichenor, secretary, and Bro. A. D. Adair, treasurer of the Home Mission Board, at Atlanta, earnestly beg that their board may be remembered at once, and that contributions shall be sent before the first day of May. The treasurer's books close on that day, and your contributions cannot be reported this year unless they are received before the day mentioned. Remember the Home Board. Money is needed, and it is needed now.

REV. GEO. E. BREWER.

Our preacher this week, was born near Covington, Ga., in 1832. His father, Rev. A. G. Brewer, was a Methodist Protestant minister, and was in the convention which gave birth to that organization. The family removed to South Carolina while our subject was an infant, and they remained until 1847, when they came to Alabama. Bro. B. has since resided in this state, excepting a short time in 1852-3, in which he assisted his father in publishing the *Christian Telegraph*, a religious newspaper, in Atlanta.

Returning to Alabama, Bro. Brewer took charge of the school at Rockford, Coosa county, and for some years taught there. He was elected county superintendent in 1856, under the law which went into operation that year. In 1857 he was elected to the House of Representatives from Coosa, serving four years. During his term he entered the ministry and abandoned politics. He, however, held the office of adjutant and inspector-general for the state in 1866, under Gov. Patton. Resigning at the end of the year, he has since devoted himself to the ministry, occasionally teaching, also.

He raised a company for the army in February, 1864, and remained in the service until the surrender of Gen. J. E. Johnston in the spring of 1865. The command of the 46th Alabama regiment devolved upon him after the capture and imprisonment of the field officers. He continued in command, and read to it the order of surrender at Salisbury, N. C.

Bro. Brewer united with the Baptist church at Rockford in the fall of 1854. In 1855 he was sent as delegate from Rockford church to the Central association, and continued to be a member of that body so long as he was a member of one of its churches. He was elected clerk of the association in 1856, and filled that office fifteen years, when he was moderator two years.

Bro. B. was ordained in 1860, and called to the pastoral charge of Wetumpka church for half the time, and

had two country churches, also. He resigned to enter the army. Since the beginning of 1867 he has been continuously in the pastorate, with the exception of three years as missionary. His longest pastorate was at LaFayette, more than seven years, during which time the church prospered greatly, and established a reputation for liberality. The average for the last three years was more than \$300 for missions, or much more than \$2 per member, and they comparatively poor. While in the East Liberty association Bro. B. rendered important service in building and repairing churches, and paying off church debts, and helped to lay well the foundation of the funds to build the present beautiful church at LaFayette.

Bro. B. has been moderator of the Harris association for four years, which was the entire time of his membership there. He is now with in the limits of the Central again, and resides at Alexander City. Since he went there a preacher's home has been built, which would be creditable to a larger place. Last year the church at Hartsboro was repainted, and beautified within, under his pastoral care. He is now pastor at Alexander City, Hartsboro and Daviston.

THE COUNTRY CHURCH.

In these times of amassed capital, combined effort and gigantic enterprises, we need to reflect on the day of small things, lest we incur the condemnation of those who despise that day. This thought is especially applicable to country churches. It is easy to undervalue the little country church, with its humble place of worship, its monthly preaching, its meagerly equipped Sunday school or no Sunday school at all, and its small contributions to the financial enterprises of the denomination. But the little church has its work, and fills an important place in the kingdom of our Lord.

We enter into no invidious comparisons between the city and country, or between the pious found in country places and that found in the centres of population. Several years' observation confirms to us the Scriptural idea that goodness is a matter of the heart, and is not regulated by outward circumstances or limited to any one locality. As in every nation, so in every place, they that fear God and work righteousness are accepted with him, whether they drive the plow or the pen, or whatever their vocation.

The little country church has a work to do in saving the country people. No argument is needed here. God has ordained that men should be saved by the preaching of the gospel. Let the Greek call it foolishness, and let the Jew stumble, if he will; but neither the sneer of the one nor the blindness of the other will alter the fact. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." And as long as there are people in the country there must remain an abiding interest in the country church. The little band, composed of it may be of two or three families and their connections, has a work to do, which cannot be committed to other hands.

If we are not mistaken, the country church furnishes a much larger proportion of ministers than does her city sister. There may be discernible reasons for this, which need not here be discussed; the fact, however, will hardly be questioned. Of the twenty stronger churches in the state, probably not five have pastors who were born and reared in the cities.

A certain country church, whose membership rarely numbered so many as seventy-five, sent out twelve ministers in forty years. They filled the pastoral office acceptably and preached the gospel in eleven states of the Union, and some of them have occupied positions of prominence and power. Probably in all her history that church has not contributed so much as five hundred dollars to missions; but she gave men to preach, the unsearchable riches of Christ. She had the right spirit, and it was accepted according to what she had, and not according to what she had not. And the work of the little church will tell on the ages.

A similar work, if less extensive, has been done by other small country churches. They have sent out men to preach. They have sent their members into the towns and cities. They have infused fresh blood into the life of the city churches, and made practicable some of the great denominational schemes in which we so justly rejoice. They furnish many of the pupils for our colleges. They are the source of much of our own strength every day.

Let the country church be encouraged. The difficulties in the way of the highest success may be very great. It may be that little is being done. But that little is worth doing; and if it is coupled with fidelity, it is acceptable to God. The victory that is gotten in the face of difficulties is the most honorable victory. Success is sweeter after obstacles surmounted and difficulties vanquished. Rest is doubly restful after toil.

Let our mission boards not waste much time in trying to pre-occupy

fictitious cities whose population has not arrived on the ground; but let them aid, encourage and develop the churches already planted in the rural districts. Some one has facetiously remarked that since John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, the wilderness has been full of Baptists; and it will be an unfortunate day for us, when we forget the power that abides in the country church.

DEDICATION.

OF WEST MONTGOMERY BAPTIST CHURCH.

Last Sabbath marked another epoch in the history of the Baptists of Montgomery. With interesting and appropriate services the West Montgomery Baptist church was formally dedicated to the service of God. The chosen choir of eight ladies, among them Mrs. R. F. Kolb and her daughter, Mrs. Richardson, and six gentlemen, delighted the crowded audience with sweet music.

At the opening, pastor Geo. W. Townsend, who conceived the idea of building this church, said, the building, which cost about \$5,000, was paid for, and there was no debt. He made a further statement, which we were delighted to hear, that the ladies' aid society, which was organized a little over a year ago with nine members, and now numbered twenty-seven members, had, in one year's time, raised by their labors \$1,103.45. Can any other society of like character excel this record? It occurs to us that this is the largest amount of money we have ever known raised by so small a society; and as pastor Townsend said, they were not rich in wealth by any means. He made a still further statement, that the work was as nothing, compared with what they intended to do in the future, with God's help. It was the purpose of the church, perhaps next Sabbath, to inaugurate a move by which a mission would be established in South Montgomery, and they purpose pushing this work until another Baptist church shall be the result. He made a still further announcement, that West Montgomery church was a missionary church, and that it would not be behind any church in its contributions to foreign, home and state missions. If the male members of the church will work as faithfully and successfully as the ladies, the good work planned by this noble band of Baptists will be wonderful, yes, marvelous.

After these announcements, and others, that would extend this article too long to mention, Rev. W. M. Harris, pastor of the Adams Street Baptist church, made some exceedingly appropriate remarks, congratulating the pastor and his people on the work which, by the help of God, they had wrought. His congratulations were well timed and couched in impressive language. Rev. E. A. Dannelly, of the Methodist church, who is laboring in West Montgomery, and who dismissed his congregation to attend this service, very happily congratulated the church on its success. After these short talks, the quartette sang that beautiful song—"Seek ye the Lord."

Rev. Mr. Dannelly then read the Scripture lesson from the 14th chapter of Mark, from the 1st to the 9th verse. The congregation, led by the choir, sang with the Spirit and the understanding that grand old hymn—"Come, thou Fount of every blessing." Pastor Townsend then introduced Rev. W. A. Whittle, of Birmingham, who preached the dedication sermon. His text was taken from Mark 14:8, "She hath done what she could." His theme was, "Love's offering, and its reward." His sermon was replete with beautiful and appropriate thought, and his flights of eloquence at times were thrilling. His classical illustrations were apt and timely, and logical, and the definition of love's offering, and its rewards, was pictured with artistic skill. We will not attempt even a synopsis. Suffice it to say, it was a most excellent discourse, and the entire congregation gave wrapped attention during the entire delivery. Bro. Whittle is one of our growing young preachers, having been in the ministry only a few years. He is pastor of the Second church, Birmingham.

At the close of the sermon, Rev. W. M. Harris made the dedicatory prayer, and while it may be a little out of place to compliment the prayer, yet we must be allowed to say, that every word seemed to be rightly spoken, and to fit exactly, so that it made its impress upon all who listened to it with the Spirit.

We could write as much more, but what we have said is sufficient to inform our readers that this was a glorious occasion for the Baptist cause of Montgomery. Bro. G. W. Townsend, the pastor, has done a grand work. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon him and his membership. May he and his noble band go on from victory to victory, until they shall establish another church within this city.

At the close, Bro. T. returned hearty thanks to all who came to worship with them on this occasion, and to all who had aided them in the building of the house.

Letters and telegrams were received from Drs. Hawthorne, of Atlanta, Taylor, of Mobile, and W. B. Crumpton. The church is a beautiful frame building, neatly and tastefully arranged, carpeted, lighted, and thoroughly equipped. It is one of the finest wooden churches in all this country. God be praised for what he has wrought, through these devoted Christians.

FIELD NOTES.

The Baptists are preparing to build a church at Dathan that will cost \$8,000.

Bro. Whitley has resigned as pastor at Tallapoosa, and the church is now without a pastor.

Good progress is made with the foundation of the Central Baptist church of New Decatur.

Rev. I. A. White, of Orrville, will preach for the Camden Baptists the third Sunday in each month.

The impressions of the brethren in regard to the Centennial came by the same mail, and too late for this issue.

The Baptists of Gadsden have sold their church lot for \$5,500, and will at once erect a handsome church to cost \$12,000.

It is announced that Rev. W. J. Johnson, of Kentucky, has been called to the charge of the First Baptist church at Huntsville.

We are gratified that the brethren are writing for our columns, and regret that some articles must wait a little while, now and then.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church at Geneva set dinner and supper, at 25 cents per meal, on the day during the session of court.

The Elba Sentinel says the Baptist church at that place looks much better since the pews have been rearranged, windows painted and the new organ put in place.

Dr. M. H. Lane, of Jacksonville, under promise to be with Bro. Shell, pastor of Palmetto Street church, Mobile, in a meeting that was to begin yesterday.

We see it stated that the members of one of the Baptist churches at Huntsville gave a concert last week, for the benefit of their church, which netted about \$50.

Russellville Idea: The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will give an ice cream supper at the alliance hall, next Tuesday night. Every body invited to attend.

L. M. Bradley, Brundidge: Our Centennial meeting at this point will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 28, 29 and 30. We would be pleased to have you come.

Both the Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools of Natushka will be represented at the Sunday school Convention at Opelika. Prof. Coleman and B. E. McLeran will represent the Baptists.

J. G. Lowrey, Calera: We had splendid services yesterday, with deep interest. Received two by letter at the morning service. There is a good spiritual interest in our community. Success to the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Bro. P. S. Montgomery, of Abbeville, has been for sometime, sorely afflicted with rheumatism, but feels that he will soon be able to take his place at the front again. We are glad to hear it. You are needed, Bro. M.

A friend in Lowndes county, who is not a Baptist, has brought us under obligation by his valuable efforts in behalf of the paper. A good hunter is generally successful when he goes out in the interest of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Bro. B. L. Jones, of Ozark, indulged in a little April joke by writing his name and address on an envelope, and putting nothing inside—nothing but a money order; but that was enough, and we enjoyed the joke, and the money too.

The Women's Aid society of Sylacauga has presented the Baptist church at that place a handsome lamp. Of course we give the ladies all the credit, but somehow we wonder if Bro. Wilkes didn't have something to do with that lamp.

Let everybody help. Read what Brother Crumpton says in another column about what is needed for Home and Foreign missions to put Alabama where she was last year. Only three weeks till the books close. The amount can be easily raised if all will do their duty.

J. E. Barnard, Guin: We have just closed a good meeting of several days. Fifteen were added to the church, eight by experience and seven by letter. This makes sixty-six received into this church since last August. To God be all the glory, and may he continue to bless us and save souls.

J. W. Stewart, Evergreen: I went out yesterday to Arkadelphia church and made a map talk; collection twice as much as my lively stable bill in going, but which will all go into the fund, as a good brother paid the stable bill for me. I will go to Oldtown to hold a similar service next Sunday afternoon.

It was announced in the Russellville paper that the Ladies of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church would soon open an ice-cream parlor and lemonade stand in that town. The good sisters in a number of our churches have gone to work in earnest to raise money for missions and other religious purposes.

"Emptying the treasury." That is what Brother Crumpton calls for in another column. And why not? Our Sunday-schools and societies have money in the treasury. What was it put there for? For the Lord's cause, to be sure. Then let it be emptied at once into the treasury of his boards; they sadly need it now.

Bro. Whittle writes that he was much impressed with Russellville as an important field for religious work. It is a center from which religious influences should go out into the surrounding country. Bro. Whittle also says that Bro. Preston has taken a strong hold upon the hearts of the people, and his work promises well.

Brother Creighton, of Whatley, has our thanks for the valuable attention which he gives to ALABAMA BAPTIST interests within his territory. This paper has some good friends in Clarke county, and their friendship is highly esteemed. This includes the Thomasville pastor, even though he may be guilty of persistent and premeditated silence.

J. H. Curry, Northport, April 13: Dr. Joshua H. Foster, who was seriously hurt by being run over by a horse and buggy not long since, is in a critical condition. Let us pray the Lord to spare him. Bro. Dawson, myself, and perhaps others, will begin our Centennial tour in portions of the Union and Tuscaloosa Association next Friday.

Rev. S. A. Adams requests us to change the address of his paper from Saltpa to Jacksonville, all in Clarke county. He gives us, also, very satisfactory evidence of his interest in the paper and in the people, by sending some new names with suitable accompaniments. We should not be at all surprised if he does the same thing again, before very long.

Eld. Jeff Falkner brings such good news from his church at Chapman that we regret the want of time to publish it this week. He will tell us next week about the growing interest there, and other things besides. It is understood that a Centennial meeting will be held at Chapman next Sunday, and it is expected that the day will be pleasant and profitable.

In response to our inquiry about the meeting at Eufaula, Bro. Eli S. Shorter writes as follows, under date of April 15: It was at least a success; about thirty joined the church. Dr. Bow certainly built up a spiritual revival in Eufaula. The meetings lasted for three weeks. Dr. B. is an elegant, consecrated man, and won the confidence and affection of the people here. The meetings closed last night.

From the Dadeville New Era we learn that the ladies of the Baptist church will soon have the church repainted. Also, that pastor Shaffer had seriously hurt his eye, but it was getting better. And also, that the ladies of the Baptist church were to give a weighing party at the court house. We do not know what that is, but suppose that somebody will be weighed in the balance and found wanting.

The Geneva Mirror, in telling of a baptism which occurred near the town on a recent Sunday, complained that the place selected for the solemn ceremony was not a good one, and was also too far away from the homes of those who had no conveyance. Give all the people a fair opportunity, brother Creighton, and be specially thoughtful for the newspaper men; you may yet be able to do something for them.

W. B. Crumpton: I will furnish for next week's paper all cash received since April 1st, and the pledges as far as I can report them. Cash and pledges which may be certainly relied upon, will put us in sight of an amount which will be gratifying to the friends of the movement. Not less than forty preachers will take part in the meetings already advertised for April. We confidently look for the sun to be considerably increased.

Dade City (Fla.) News: "Mrs. M. L. Woodson, who has been spending the winter at her lovely home near St. Leo, left for Montgomery, Ala., last Tuesday. She looks much improved and rejuvenated; and we hope to welcome her back to Florida next winter."—She is now residing at 800 south Perry street, this city. We are sure that our brethren and sisters who are interested in the Orphan's Home will be glad to see sister Woodson.

J. J. Taylor, Mobile: Rev. S. F. Taylor, of Missouri, was with us two weeks. The church greatly enjoyed the services, and welcomed twenty-eight new members. Collection for Home missions last Sunday; amount not yet reported. You are not quite accurate in your squib of last week, in regard to our Foreign mission contributions; but of course newspapers can't know everything.—It was not a "squib," dear Doctor; it was a news item, perhaps a little inaccurate, but still not a squib.

J. H. Creighton, Whatley: The church and Sunday-school at Walker Springs are in mourning on account of the death of their superintendent, Thomas Kirven Nichols, who recently died of pneumonia. Bro. Nichols was one of the best young men of this country. He leaves a wife and two little children, who have the sympathy of all the church and community. May God's grace be sufficient for them. A suitable obituary will be written in due time.—The Centennial meetings of this (South Bethel) association were generally well attended, and the collections were very

good considering the "hard times." We had with us from other associations Revs. S. O. Y. Ray, J. W. Dickinson and G. M. Parker. All did good work.

Away down in Choctaw county, in the late land of the Semites, and not many miles from the Mississippi line, Deacon T. B. Shoemaker, of Silas, lifted up his voice for the ALABAMA BAPTIST in the hearing of the people who assemble at Spring Bank church, and five of the brethren gave heed to what he said. Bro. S. is a faithful man, and is held in high esteem in the church and in the community. He is also held in high esteem at this office. He is authorized to obtain an unlimited number of subscribers.

It will be gratifying to the brethren who attend our State Convention to know that Secretary Davis has been elected to a seat in the Anniston City Council. But the pleasure is alloyed by some disturbing possibilities. Suppose he should grow to the traditional aldermanic proportions; then he would often be late in getting to the church, and then, too, it would take him a long time to rise to his feet and read the resolution or report, which some one always wants to have read again. However, we will not borrow trouble.

Geo. E. Brewer, Alexander City, April 15: Huntsboro had one addition by experience and one by letter on last Sunday. There is a prospect of other additions soon. Alexander City and Huntsboro churches have paid up their pledges to the Centennial fund, except a little at the former, which was asked for \$75. Huntsboro was asked for \$25. Will start in about a week on the Centennial canvass. Bro. C. S. Johnson will fail to be on the work expected of him, as a trip to Texas calls him away at the time agreed upon.

Rev. J. W. Fulmer, of Hanover, eclipsed everything in the way of an April joke, and perhaps he didn't "go to do it," either. He wrote his name and address on the corner of the envelope, put registry stamps upon it, and two dollars inside, and also a note addressed to one of his neighbors about the meeting of a certain committee. This caused more than a smile. Evidently the good brother got his notes mixed: What did his neighbor think when he got a note addressed to the ALABAMA BAPTIST? And how did Bro. F. feel when his mistake came up against him? The money fell into our hands, brethren. The time is hereby extended through May and June.

Jackson Alabama: Rev. George Parker, in his missionary talk at this place on last Wednesday night, said that a man never lost anything by giving to the missionary cause—the spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He said that if a man gave one dollar the Lord would see that he got two in its stead. When the collection was taken we chipped in a dollar, and while we tried to believe what the preacher said was true, the boy's remark that "a fool and his money soon part" ran through our mind; but what do you suppose came to pass?—Before the sun started on its downward course the next day, a delinquent subscriber stepped up and paid us two dollars. Would that we had borrowed a hundred dollars and paid it in, for our delinquent subscribers are numerous.

Deacon Gregory of the Valencia Street church, New Orleans, sends us a very interesting letter about their recent meeting. We are forced to reduce it to a small compass. The meeting continued four weeks, and resulted in the addition of twenty-nine by baptism, two by restoration, and two by letter; backsliders were reclaimed, and Christians warmed anew. Revs. D. I. and J. F. Pirser did the preaching, and the plain, simple gospel was presented, without the tricks or traps sometimes used in protracted meetings. Bro. J. A. Brown, of Chattanooga, conducted the singing for a part of the time. It was the intention soon to resume the meeting, changing it to the First Baptist church. The brethren of Valencia Street feel that they are highly favored in the preachers they have, and they ask the prayers of the saints everywhere.

W. R. Whatley, Alexander City: The second Sunday in April was a good day with us at Rock Mills. Sunday-school and church service were largely attended. At the close the usual "hat" collection amounted to \$15.00. Bro. A. S. Smith, pastor at Roanoke, dropped in with us at 3:30 p. m., and pressed the claims of the Centennial fund; \$24.25 in cash and subscriptions was contributed. When I commenced with the church about one and a half years ago, it paid about \$2.50 for missions and about \$15.00 or \$20.00 pastor's salary. A "handful" of brethren were willing to enlist with me, and this year it will pay in all between \$50 and \$75 for missions and \$200 for preaching one Sunday. About thirty good members have been added, and the spiritual power of the church is good, and we look for richer blessings this year. You will please pardon us for omitting subscribers to the BAPTIST.

Will we Raise It? In order to make Alabama's regular collections for missions equal to last year's, we must raise, in the next three weeks, for Foreign Missions, \$2,400; for Home Missions \$3,500.

Will we Raise It? We can do it if all our churches which belong to the column of Regulars will take a collection and forward it at once. And if all the Sunday-schools and women's and children's societies will empty their treasuries, sending all the money they now have on hand. And if all the associations which met last fall will immediately send all the money in their hands. Ask the treasurer of your association so freely made that the Centennial was going to ruin our regular work. Let everybody help now. W. B. CRUMPTON. Marion, Ala.

News Items.

The general report is that fruit is promising throughout the state.

Mobile is beginning, in a modest way, to build sea-going vessels.

The storms of last week were quite general, from Tennessee to Michigan.

Hon. J. N. Miller, of Camden, is to be appointed U. S. attorney for this district.

The people of Cleburne county still talk of the gold that is in their rocks and hills.

Macon county has not had a hanging in twenty-eight years, but expects to have three or four May 26.

Dunn's Trade Review reports that business matters in the South are rapidly getting into better condition.

The people in Colbert county are going to have an election to determine the matter of making good roads.

The farmers of the state generally are well up with their work, but in some localities the ground is too dry.

The Macon county grand jury returned twenty-five true bills, and report the higher grade of crime on the increase.

It has been decided that it will cost too much for the city to buy a farm at Chicago, and none now expect to go, not even United States regulars.

Jim Morrison, white, who has been a prisoner in parts of Bibb, Perry and Hale since his escape from the mines, was wounded and captured last week.

The president has appointed Judge Wm. Lochren, of Minnesota, as commissioner of pensions. He was an officer in the Federal army, and has always been a Democrat, but is quite popular with Republicans.

Near Florence, last week, Mr. Redding, who leases the Parish farm, went out into the field one morning and found that the earth had fallen in so as to make a hole 50 feet across, and without any bottom that could be found.

Mr. B. H. Keiser, who was editor in Clayton, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Opelika and Roanoke during his life, died at the latter place last week. He went to the war from Tuskegee, and was a good soldier in the 3rd Alabama regiment.

B. Fitzpatrick and H. C. Boatright, of Wetumpka, have secured a patent on a bale press; J. C. Griffin, Gipsy, for a vehicle toy; W. S. Hull, Sheffield, for a jail door alarm; F. E. Smith, Birmingham, for a seed cotton cleaner and conveyor.

The accounts at first published of the cyclone in Mississippi last week were exaggerated, but much damage was done in some localities; the village of Robinsonville was torn to pieces and buried, while water (supposed to be from a cloud burst) was two feet deep in the streets.

The Orphanage.

Is getting on very well. We don't need any more boxes now, especially if we have to pay express charges. Money or provisions always acceptable. Send us more money orphans. J. W. STEWART. Evergreen.

Come to Church.

Too tired? The services are not what they were. They are restful, varied and animating. Among those who are regular at church are some who are very busy people.

Too sick? How sick? Are you too sick to attend your work on Monday?

Too busy? Public service is the most important and pressing duty. God's claims are supreme. Seek first the kingdom of God.

Hindered by company? Shall God's transcendent claims be lightly set aside to please earthly friends?

No Sunday clothes? Then come in your week-day clothes. If you are clean in person and clothing, the poverty of your appearance will not hurt you any more in church than at the post office or other public places. Better come with patched clothing, than not to come at all. The Lord looketh on the heart.

No money? Come and say to God, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee." Give yourself, with voice and heart to God. J. H. CURRY. Northport, Ala.

Centennial Trip Notes.

Bro. T. H. Stout and myself commenced at Ramer to visit churches in Montgomery, Pike and Bullock. The trip was very pleasant. We found the people in good spirits, and had fair congregations at every service. The congregations were very large on Sunday, and the giving liberal. I met the pastor (Bro. Jackson) at Ramer, Bro. Mosley at Pine Level, and further along Bro. Ledlin. These brethren have their hands full, and are doing a noble work. It is said of Bro. Ledlin that he is the pastor of five or six churches, and could be pastor of as many more if there were Sundays enough. Besides this, he farms successfully, talks fertilizers with as much learning as if he owned a fertilizer factory, is competing for a prize for the best acre of cotton—in short he is the busiest man in that country and is doing a good work.

Of course it was pleasant to be with Bro. Stout. I do not know when I have traveled with a more congenial companion. If Bro. Stout did not smoke tobacco he couldn't be beat. He says it is all for his health that he does it. Most of the brethren take it to make them lean. Alas! alas! We had a fine meeting at Perote, where I met Bro. Bradley, the pastor I regard the counties through which I passed as among the best in the state, and the people as liberal. I will visit them again, if possible. Livingston. S. O. Y. RAY.

