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For the Alabama Baptist.

About Another Candidate.

Ed. Alabama Baptist: A short time since you published a sketch of the life of Mr. Cowart who is candidate for Superintendent of Education, and stated that you were unacquainted with the other candidates, but would be glad to give a sketch of any of them, if it was furnished you. Mr. Cowart is fully qualified for the position he seeks. I have no doubt. I had a short acquaintance with him in 1882, when he was in the legislature. From that brief acquaintance I formed a very favorable opinion of him. Permit me to place before your readers another gentleman who aspires to be State Superintendent of Education. I allude to Hon. Henry T. Lile, of Morgan county, who is now Superintendent of Education for that county. Mr. Lile is a member of an old and highly respected

family in the Tennessee Valley. He was educated in a private school taught near Trinity, Ala., and at the University of Virginia. Several years ago he was Professor of Mathematics in the North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School at Danville. He has for several years been teaching a private school at Trinity. His ability as a teacher is recognized by all who know him. He was born in Morgan county in 1863. He is a member of the Baptist church. He is a progressive young man, and is in every way qualified to fill the position to which he aspires. He would make a first class State Superintendent—just such a man as we need in that office. He has vim and intelligence, and is free from those habits which unfortunately in time passed have injured the usefulness of some of our state officers.

Jos. Shackelford.

Danville.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Death—A Converse.

Dear Baptist: My heart was made sad at my last appointment at Mt. Carmel, Bullock county, when I heard that one of our deacons, Bro. F. E. Tompkins, was quite sick, and the doctors were in doubt as to whether he was dead. A pastor can ill afford to lose such an efficient deacon as he was; but the Lord knows best.

The pastor has lost a faithful helper, the church a consecrated Christian worker, the community a good neighbor and citizen, the Centennial Association a faithful clerk, the family an affectionate husband and father, and the ALABAMA BAPTIST a good friend. He will be greatly missed by the church and community. I presided at his funeral at the family grave yard, sixteen miles from Union Springs, on Monday afternoon in the presence of a large assembly in which there were many sad hearts. He left a wife and six children. One of his daughters is a teacher in the Central College, Arkansas, and is a fine scholar.

I preached at Fitzpatrick on Sunday night, in the M. E. church, to a large congregation. After the service the Baptist church held a conference and one joined by experience, the first convert since the church was organized at that place. He will be baptized the third Sunday afternoon in May. The people of Fitzpatrick are very hospitable. They will soon have a fine Baptist church completed, of which I will write you later.

We took a fine collection at Mt. Carmel for missions.

H. R. Schramm.

Midway.

Long-faced church members are not always the best Christians.

Entirely Impersonal.

A. J. ROWLAND, D. D.

To the Editor: I have read the communication of Dr. J. M. Frost in this week's ALABAMA BAPTIST, and I avail myself of your kind permission to reply to the same. Really I think a serious reply is hardly necessary, but as Dr. Frost seems to think the matter alluded to by him as of importance, it is perhaps due him that some rejoinder be made. I shall not attempt to follow his paragraphs, but will number mine for the convenience of the reader.

1. As to the publication and circulation of Dr. Frost's Washington address. This address was originally published in the Annual Report of the Society, and was given us for this purpose, with no reservations, by Dr. Frost himself. Several thousand copies of our Annual Report are issued every year and are widely circulated. It is our custom also to print special editions of addresses or speeches contained in the reports bearing upon the work of the Society and valuable in calling public attention to its claims. This has been done in scores of instances, and we were merely following an ordinary precedent in re-publishing the address of Dr. Frost. This address seemed to us in every way so excellent, so comprehensive, so sympathetic with the aims and endeavors of the Society, and so eloquent in its presentation of the Society's claims, that we were glad to give it a wider circulation than it already had in the Annual Report. Dr. Frost must not think that we are simply using it in the South; We are using it elsewhere as well. We are sorry if it is unpleasant to Dr. Frost to be confronted with his own utterances, and that he thinks these utterances are prejudicial to his present work, but for this, certainly, we are not responsible. We are sure also that we deeply regret that he should have changed his mind in any respect since 1888, and we can only hope that within the next ten years he may return to his original convictions.

2. As to the circular entitled "A Bit of Baptist History," to which Dr. Frost makes mysterious and threatening allusion. This circular was sent us from the South and was printed by us for those who wished it. It simply gives the concluding paragraphs of the report of the Committee on Sunday School Work at the Birmingham convention, of which committee Dr. Frost was himself the chairman. The friends of the Society in the South—and there are a good many of them—felt that the basis of agreement with regard to Sunday school periodicals adopted at Birmingham had dropped out of sight and that the Southern Baptists ought to know what it was. They therefore requested that a little circular giving this base of agreement, and not bearing the Society's imprint, should be issued. Why the Society should be blamed for granting this request, and stating the exact facts as found in the printed minutes of the convention, is certainly difficult to see. Surely these facts were public property already. No one ought to complain that the convention's own action should have the widest publicity given to it. If a knowledge of this action injures to the prejudice of the Sunday School Board, it is surely no fault of ours.

3. I hesitate greatly to refer to what Dr. Frost says concerning Drs. Hawthorne, McDonald and others. These brethren have certainly never complained to us of unfair treatment, as we think they must have done if there had been ground for such complaint. Indeed, our manuscript and letter files tell quite a different story. This is particularly true of Dr. Hawthorne's address, which was delivered in Florida and not at our anniversary at all, is *ipissima verba* as he gave it to us and was published with his full knowledge and consent, a large number of copies being sent to him for his own private use. But it is hardly in good taste to drag these dear and honored brethren into a second-hand controversy, especially as some of them have gone beyond appeal and are where the strife of tongues no longer reaches them. I therefore drop this part of the subject.

4. I do want, however, to say a word with regard to the general policy of the Society in circulating addresses, papers and other printed matter commendatory of its work. Does Dr. Frost really think that we should not publish such things at all, or that if we do we should see to it that none of them go beyond the mythical Mason and Dixon line? When a Southern man speaks at our anniversary, or writes an article for our periodicals, does he mean to say that we are to put the address or article among our private memoranda, or send it to the north pole? This would hardly be just to the speaker or writer, to say the least. We publish these things like any other publishing house, to extend the Society's influence. That we have any sinister motive in doing so we most emphatically and positively deny. If Dr. Frost, or anybody else, can find a word anywhere printed by the Society, or spoken by any of its officers,

against the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we will be glad to have our attention called to it, and will make the amplest apologies. We have no fight whatever against that board, and entertain no evil designs against Dr. Frost personally.

All we desire is by legitimate means to push the interests of the Society in all parts of the land. In this work we can make no distinctions as to sections. If brethren in the South do not like the circulars we send, we trust they have capacious waste baskets in which they will at once hurl them. We cannot but think Dr. Frost unduly sensitive. We beg to remind him that we live in a free country, and that Baptists especially are very liable to do their own thinking and to form their own judgments.

5. I have no quarrel with the word with reference to the relations of the Society to Southern Baptists. It should be remembered, we think, that the Society is something a great deal larger than a publishing house for Sunday school literature. Its main work is to issue Bibles, books, booklets and tracts for use in churches, families and Sunday schools. It also has a large number of colporters, Sunday school and chapel car missionaries working in almost every state and territory who carry these Bibles, books, booklets and tracts to the homes of the people. In this larger work we think all the Baptists of the country might unite, or at least rejoice, whatever their preferences as to Sunday school literature.

In the matter of Sunday school literature we cheerfully recognize the fact that there are differences of judgment on the part of Christian brethren. Southern Baptists are of course entitled to exercise their liberty with regard to this matter. There are a great many people in the South, however, who seem to prefer our publications. Our periodical trade in our three Southern branches amounted last year to \$73,804.50, or considerably more than that of the Sunday School Board, and this does not include part of the trade from our home office, which has a large slice of Southern territory to look after. This trade will be probably as large, if not larger, this year, notwithstanding the stampede of colored brethren. Whether this state of things be due to the fact that Southern Baptists prefer literature which brings them in contact with the best minds, North as well as South, or to the greater intellectual excellence of our literature, or because the Society has planted branches and agencies throughout the South for the better accommodation of Baptist people; or to make some adequate return to the Society for the expensive missionary and chapel car work it is doing in Southern territory, and to give it the means for enlarging its work; or from old association sake, since the Society practically held the Southern field before the creation of the Sunday School Board, or to show gratitude for what the Society did for Baptist Sunday Schools in the South for ten or fifteen years after the war; whether for any or all of these reasons, or others which might be mentioned, we do not know. The fact remains, as before hinted, Baptists are a free people and will do what they themselves think best. But Dr. Frost must disabuse his mind with regard to the policy of the Society. There is no intention whatever to "sweep anybody from the face of the earth." We would do this if we could, and it is an insult to Southern Baptists to even insinuate that they would allow themselves to be so "swept." As to the charge of sectionalism, that is really too amusing to talk about.

We sincerely trust that Dr. Frost will keep an even temper, will not be unduly excited at what the Society is doing, and will above all think no ill of his neighbor. From the necessities of the case the Society and the Sunday School Board are competitors in one field of the Society's activities. What is needed in this state of things is that each organization shall do its best by legitimate business methods. Appeals to simple prejudice, or foolish charges of supposed intentions, if made by either party, must have dangerous reactions. The people at large are to be trusted, and we can safely leave the whole matter to their decision.

The tenth annual meeting of the American Baptist Education Society will be held on Thursday afternoon and evening, May 5th, 1898, at the Park Avenue Baptist church, Norfolk, Va. Secretaries of State Conventions of Education Societies and Presidents of Baptist Institutions of learning are requested to send names of appointed delegates at once.

H. L. MOREHOUSE, Cor. Sec., 111 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City.

Kind words produce their own image in men's souls, and a beautiful image it is. They soothe and comfort the hearer. They shame him out of his unkindly feelings. We have not yet begun to use them in such abundance as they ought to be used.—Pascal.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From the First President of the Judson.

A Letter Written to the President of the Alabama Association in 1869.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 4, 1869. My Dear Madam: In acknowledging your kind invitation to attend the "Reunion of the Judson Alumni," on the 29th inst., let me indulge in some of the pleasing reminiscences of the past which may not be deemed inappropriate to the occasion.

In the year 1838, the Baptists of Marion, reflecting that their denomination was the largest and wealthiest in the state, resolved to establish an institute for young ladies which should be under their own control. The idea was regarded by others as chimerical and impractical, but those who projected the enterprise were men of sound

judgment and energy, and they had ample means for carrying their designs into execution. They secured a building for temporary use, arranged with one of their number to act as steward, and began to institute inquiries respecting a teacher for the school. Such was the state of affairs when, in the last week of December, 1838, the writer agreed to take charge of the projected institution.

The plain wooden structure to be occupied by the school consisted of a centre, some 30 by 40 feet, and two stories high, with small wings of one story. It was situated a little north of Mr. John Lockart's residence, near the site of the first Howard College edifice. In this unpromising building the Judson Female Institute was opened January 7th, 1839. The name was afterwards given in honor of Mrs. Ann Hasseltine Judson, first wife of the distinguished missionary to Burmah.

On the morning of the 7th there were present nine young ladies, and three of these were boys! But other cholars came, and during the first term of five months 47 were enrolled. At the end of the first scholastic year of ten months, July, 1840, 94 names were on the list, and the second scholastic year closed with 118 pupils.

The first catalogue was issued July 7th, 1841, and contains the names of all pupils from the opening of the Institute in 1839, being 157. During these two and a half years from January, '39 to July, '41, the school had made rapid progress in all the elements of power and usefulness.

A scholastic education had been neglected, which, though far less precious and commodious than the present, is described in the catalogue as "a splendid building, finished in a style of convenience, taste, and elegance, unsurpassed in any public edifice in the South." A body of accomplished teachers, six in number, had been called to give it the means for enlarging its work; or from old association sake, since the Society practically held the Southern field before the creation of the Sunday School Board, or to show gratitude for what the Society did for Baptist Sunday Schools in the South for ten or fifteen years after the war; whether for any or all of these reasons, or others which might be mentioned, we do not know. The fact remains, as before hinted, Baptists are a free people and will do what they themselves think best. But Dr. Frost must disabuse his mind with regard to the policy of the Society. There is no intention whatever to "sweep anybody from the face of the earth." We would do this if we could, and it is an insult to Southern Baptists to even insinuate that they would allow themselves to be so "swept." As to the charge of sectionalism, that is really too amusing to talk about.

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The first trustees of the Judson were Gen. E. D. King, John Lockhart, James L. Gore, Langston Gore, Col. Wm. E. Blassegame, Rev. F. Lowery, O. G. Eiland, M. D., Larkin Y. Tarrant.

What the Judson Female Insti-

te, in its entire career, has accomplished for Alabama, and for the whole South-west, eternity alone can unfold. In training up thousands of cultivated women worthy to fill the relations of wife and mother, daughter and sister, and to exert a mighty and beneficent influence on the communities where they dwell, the Judson has accomplished inestimable benefits on society.

And its indirect ministry of blessing has been, perhaps, more potent than the agency it has directly exercised. It has given tone to female education throughout all the adjacent states. Numerous seminaries have constructed their buildings, selected their courses of study, and adopted the principles of government after the model of the Judson. In one instance, years ago, the principal of a seminary in a neighboring state published the entire catalogue of Judson, except the names, as a model to be followed. It would have paid your alma mater.

Clearly has the Judson stamped its image and superscription on its students that they have often been recognized at hotels and watering places by their sensible conversational powers and lady-like deportment. Many postmasters do me say that they would know Judson girls by a glance at her handwriting.

The blessings, material, spiritual, and moral, conferred by the Judson on Marion and its vicinity can hardly be overestimated. What glorious revivals have blessed the town, emanating in the Institute! In the first display of divine power in the old church by the graveyard, down through thirty years.

How beautiful the baptisms in sacred pool, when hundreds of young looked down from the bleachers, as they imitated in their robes the example of their world.

Compare Marion as it was thirty years ago with what it is today. The beloved Institute, more than all other instrumentalities, is its fruitful town indebted for its prosperous material interest, its spiritual progress and refinement.

The Judson has made Marion the educational centre and the denominational metropolis of the state. After the school had become well established, it was suggested to its supporters that having secured the education of their daughters they should also provide for the education of their sons.

Concluded next week.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Alabama State Sabbath Association.

The next meeting will be held in Birmingham May 13th, and will be opened with an address by Rev. J. H. Shoff, D. D., of Selma, on the Perpetuity of the Obligations of the Sabbath, the Manner in which it is Degraded, and the Importance of its Observance." On 14th, besides the transaction of business connected with the association, Dr. L. F. Whitten will deliver an address on "The Sabbath and Railroads." Rev. W. B. Therspoon on "The Sabbath and Saloon." Rev. D. C. Lilly on "The Divine Obligation of the Sabbath," and Prof. A. T. Clarke "The Secular Sunday Newspaper."

Each county in the state is expected to have a mass meeting Sunday night, May 8th, and discuss various phases of the Sabbath question, organize the county, appoint delegates to the State convention at Birmingham. The work of county organization has been decided progress lately, especially since Dr. Thomson's visit to the state. The State Sabbath Association is auxiliary to the American Sabbath Union, and Dr. J. W. Haway, of New York city, will be present in Birmingham, to take part in its deliberations. A meeting will be held on Sunday night, May 15th, over which Dr. J. W. Haway will preside. May the Lord of Sabbath direct all the plans of the association to the glory and observance of his holy day throughout the state.

E. P. DAVIS, President.

At the meeting of the American Baptist Education Society, address may be expected from Pres. J. W. L. Poteat, of Wake Forest College; Dean E. B. Hulbert, of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago; Rev. Kerr B. Cooper, D. D., of Philadelphia; Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas.

An accomplished liar can always obtain a crowd. Carelessness in little duties is a dangerous source of cheerfulness. Silence may be the most effective weapon in a dispute, but is the best to use.

God gives us day by day our daily bread, but he intends that we should gather it.

You art never at any time near God than when under tribulation, which he permits for the purification and beautifying of thy soul.

Of the laymen, we have such men as Northern, Abbott, Adair, Longley, Freeman, Black, Hickman, Haguenin, the Willingshams, Pandleton, Mattox, Stanton, Davis, Mallory, Green,—but the numbers

so multiply that I must cease. Pastors and laymen seem to vie with each other in efficiency.

One of the means of explaining the work done is found in the efficiency of the Christian Index. Supported as it is by a subscription of more than 10,000, it is a great representative denominational journal. Every pastor is disposed to speak in praise of the worth of the paper, and in return Dr. Bell and Van Ness furnish a paper that ranks with the best. To no small degree is the success of the paper due to the marvelous service rendered by the field editor, Rev. John F. Edens. I have never seen his equal as a canvasser. Sunny-hearted and jovial, direct and yet persistent, gentle and energetic, a cordial brother, a collecting companion, a pleasant guest, an excellent preacher, and a Christian gentleman, he represents the Index as it seems to me no other could.

Among the distinguished visitors at the convention may be named Drs. Cranfill, Harvey, Frost, Willingham, Robertson, Thomas, Gardner and Dickinson.

Hospitality was dispensed in Augusta in copious Southern style. The city has lost none of its antebellum characteristics amid the evolutions and revolutions of shifting years. The city seemed at its best. Its broad, ample streets, clean and smooth, and shaded by ranks of live oak; its gardens and parks aflame with gorgeous blossoms and full-leaved shrubbery; its architectural and monumental attractions; its thriving manufacturing, and its royal people made it a delight to the visitor. One leaves a city so charming with great reluctance.

Of all the cities of the South, two, Augusta and Mobile, preserve more than others their old-time characteristics. They are the same old typical Southern cities that they were in the fifties. Lavish hospitality, ease and grace of manner, sumptuous homes, elegant gentlemen and beautiful women, characterized by a *suave* culture not met with elsewhere on the globe—these were the dominant features of the cities of the South of former days, and they abide still in the cities of Augusta and Mobile. Not that many of these elements do not exist in others of our cities, but the innovations of the years which have rolled between the war and the present have wrought changed conditions in most of our cities. With irresistible sturdiness these old cities of the South have clung to their traditions, and they stand as landmarks between the period of social splendor and of magnificent hospitality and that of the revolutionary years which have injected into our Southern life.

Allow me to say that I regard with keen interest, though at a distance, the efforts of my native state while I feel that I am a full-fledged Georgian, and am devoted to the interests of the state of my adoption, my memory never turns but with affection to the state of my birth.

It is particularly gratifying to me to learn of the restoration to perfect health of the leader of Alabama Baptists—Dr. W. C. Cleveland. From what I can learn, he is doing the best work of his life. His eye's not dimmed, nor is his natural force abated. God grant him yet many years of usefulness.

It is not improbable that I will avail myself of the opportunity of another trip to Europe next summer. Should I go, my purpose is to visit the portions omitted by my four years ago. From London I propose to go direct to Rome, Athens, Constantinople, Moscow, St. Petersburg, through Norway and Sweden, Denmark and Holland, and back home. It will be my pleasure, in my own way, to jot down the result of my observation for the columns of your paper.

B. F. RILEY.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Mormons—Some Questions.

Dear Baptist: I desire to know how must Christians and pastors treat these Mormon Elders who are traveling through the country. Is it right for Christians to allow them to stay all night in their homes, or to let them take a meal at their table, or to preach in their houses, and thus bid them God-speed in their work and apparently endorse that in which they do not believe? Ought our pastors to denounce these Elders and their works from the pulpit?

[Others besides "Subscriber" are asking those questions. Hospitable people in the country and village dislike to refuse food and shelter to a stranger whose conduct is respectful; neither do they wish to do anything that helps the spread of Mormonism. We do not remember to have heard of more than one instance in which a Baptist in good standing—entertained the "Elders." The concluding verses of the second epistle of John, and parallel passages, may help those who are in doubt.—Ed.]

Life is only so far valuable as it serves for the religious education of the heart.—Mme de Staël.

Central Committee.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President, Birmingham; Mrs. B. D. Gray, Vice President, Birmingham; Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Leader Young Peoples Mission Work, Mrs. D. M. Malone, Secretary, East Lake, Ala.; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Treas., 1711 8th Ave., Birmingham; Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Vice-President Ex. Com., Livingston.

APRIL—STATE MISSIONS.

Missions in Southern States. State Missions.—"The work is great and large, and we are separated * * * one far from another. In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us." Missionaries, 280; churches and stations, 1,600; baptisms, 3,435; Sunday-schools organized, 250; teachers and pupils, 8,800.

Study Topics.—History of Home Board; of your own State Board. Present condition of the Baptists in the South; in your state. What does your church do for Home and State Missions? (Note.—For information in regard to state work, write to State Secretary.)

STATE BOARDS.

Our State boards, standing with the Home Mission board and giving the gospel to all the people, training them in service and building the bulwarks of a New Testament church in destitute communities, hold the key to the situation in the South. The evangelization of this Southern land and the holding of it as a fortress of truth and the palladium of God's Bible in America, is a work before which angels may well stand with just reverence. Our failure to do it will be the world's calamity.

BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.

The work of State Missions is fundamental. Christ specifically pointed out to his disciples that they should "be witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea" before "the uttermost parts of the earth" could be reached. It was twelve years, and more, after Christ had ascended before any foreign mission work was done by disciples or apostles. Before the cords can be lengthened in any direction, successfully, the stake must be strengthened.—Almanac of S. B. Convention.

FOR EDUCATION.

The sixteen Southern states are today paying as much for the public schools as the British Parliament votes every year for the public school system of the British islands—between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000. Since the war the

South has expended \$250,000,000 of its own money for education, and \$75,000,000 of it for the education of the colored people.

"Practical vivisection without anesthetics—that is the apt phrase by which Dr. J. M. Buckley describes the cutting down of appropriations to mission fields in order to avoid debt."

THE MISSION OF THE PULPIT.

Well did John Ruskin say that he issues of life and death for modern society are in the pulpit. "Precious indeed those thirty minutes by which the teacher tries to get at the separate hearts of a thousand men to convince them of all their weaknesses, to shame them for all their sin, to warn them of all their dangers, to try by this way and that to stir the hard fastenings of the doors where the Master himself has stood and knocked yet none opened, and to call at the openings of those dark streets where Wisdom herself hath stretched forth her hands and no man regarded. Thirty minutes to raise the dead in!" And he who hath known the joy of encouraging some noble youth who is discouraged, the rapture that comes when at least one who hath become long snared and held in the cruel trap hath been freed, the joy of feeling that blind eyes have come to see things unseen, and deaf ears to hear notes that once were unheard, or hath swung wide some prison door to lead forth some prisoner of conscience, will know that no profession conceals such hidden springs, receives such hidden messages, is fed with such buoyancy and happiness as the ministry—the Christian teacher, who brings divine truth to men for God's sake and for man's sake.—Dr. N. D. Hillis, in The Outlook.

Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Vice-President of East Liberty association, Cusseta: Our Woman's Mission and prayer meeting observed the Week of Prayer in January, and met with me twice. I live half a mile out of the village. We also observed the Week of Prayer and Self-denial in March, and had most inspiring meetings. We commenced just one year ago during this Week of Prayer, and rejoice at our growth in interest and in grace in the Lord's cause. We raised \$14.35 by self-denial. Our circle is so absorbed with the Lord's cause and our own spiritual development that we have no time or taste for other subjects of conversation.

Miss Mary Ramagano, Jacksonville: Our society has but few members, and in the winter most of them are away, so we can do but little. We are now trying to get to work again. It makes me ashamed to give a poor report of my society after attending such glorious meetings during the convention.

Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, APRIL 12, 1928.

Directory for the Baptists of Alabama.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

Howard College, East Lake, Ala.—Prof. F. M. Root, Chairman Faculty. Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala. Rev. R. G. Patrick.

OUR PAPERS.

The ALA. BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.

OUR NATIONAL SITUATION.

As congress alone can declare war, Mr. McKinley, in his message, throws the responsibility on that body to determine the question. He says the war in Cuba must stop. The great question now is, who shall stop it, and how shall it be done?

The galleries were crowded when the message was read, but there was no demonstration of approval or disapproval. This would indicate that the president had put a new face on the present condition, and men must needs stop and think before approving or condemning. It behooves our war-making power to go slow, to be prudent and wise and far-seeing, for a misstep might involve us with other powers. Some men think it an evidence of bravery, of patriotism, to declare for war! This is no time for hot blood or intemperate speech. We have no patience with congressmen

or other men who recklessly would precipitate this country into a war with Spain or any other nation. So long as our national honor remains unattacked we can afford to calmly discuss vital issues and submit recommendations.

It is believed that the committee on foreign relations in each house of congress will agree upon the same line of policy, and that will be to adopt the recommendations of the president.

There are all sorts of opinions at Washington as to the message. Some denounce it as very weak, others say it is a strong document and well put.

From our reading we are of opinion that the Republican party, rather than break in pieces, will stand by the president, although many of them are for either recognition of the insurgents or armed intervention in order to stop the war in Cuba.

At this writing it is impossible for any one to even indicate what will be the result.

Our minister to Spain, General Woodford, has not yet left Madrid. Gen. Lee, consul-general to Cuba, has left Havana and is now in Washington. Preparations for war continue, and it may or may not come.

Gen. Lee, from Tampa, Fla., to Washington, had an ovation. Hundreds and thousands of admiring Southern citizens met his train at the depot and enthusiastically cheered him.

On Monday that President McKinley sent his expected message to congress on Spain and Cuba. He reviewed in a calm, dignified, but earnest way, the whole question of hostilities in Cuba, going back for almost a half century. He quotes from one of Mr. Cleveland's messages on the Cuban question, and also draws on one of the messages of Andrew Jackson on the Mexico-Texas war, in support of the position he has taken.

The message asks congress to authorize the president to take measures to secure the termination of hostilities in Cuba, and to secure the establishment of a stable government there, and to use the military and naval forces of the United States, as may be necessary, for those purposes.

The president asks the only hope of relief from a condition which can no longer be endured is the en-

forced pacification of the island. The issue is now with congress, and he awaits its action, standing prepared to carry out every obligation imposed upon him by the constitution.

Spain's decree for a suspension of hostilities is submitted to congress for just and careful attention, with the observation that if the measure attains a successful result, "then our aspirations as a peace-loving people will be realized. If it fails, it will be only another justification for our contemplated action."

The Maine incident figures prominently in the message. The president argues that the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor shows that Spain is not able to guarantee security to foreign vessels.

Spain has disavowed any connection with the disaster, and has offered to submit to arbitration all the differences which may arise from that affair.

DR. PATRICK, president of the Judson, and some of his faculty, are preparing a history of that institution, which will no doubt be read with deep interest by those who are interested in this great school. We will publish portions of this history as we may receive it. In this issue will be found the first installment.

The State Board of Missions had a regular meeting here on Tuesday last. The following members were present: Rev. J. L. Thompson, president; Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, state secretary; and brethren Cleveland, Campbell, Ray, Underwood, Elliott, Taylor, Pettus, Davidson, Ellis, Harris. Nothing except routine business was transacted. The finances are as well up as last year, yet more is needed to carry out the plans of the board.

We are impressed with the justice of the cause of Dr. Frost. We do not think that Dr. Rowland's article does either himself or Dr. Frost justice. We regret exceedingly this controversy. It ought to stop. No special good can come of it. We have been loyal to both interests. There is enough territory for each without any conflict or collision. "We be brethren" should be the governing motto and principle. Let each act justly and honorably toward the other. Let there be no strife.

We do not want to see Alabama fall behind in the work of sending the gospel to lost men. If we want God to bless us at home, let us not

neglect this work in foreign lands. Let every church which has not already done so, send a good collection for Foreign missions at once. The people will give if the pastor prayerfully and earnestly presents the work to them. Those at home are as truly called of God to help in the work as those who have gone to heathen lands. We hope every church will respond.

LAST year we reduced our Foreign Mission board debt about \$18,000. This year we hope to see every vestige of it swept away. We like the plan which has already been announced in this paper, for one thousand different persons to raise ten dollars extra and send it forward. This can be easily done. Many persons can thus take part. The proposition was first made to pastors, but we hear others are taking hold of the idea and sending their ten dollars. The pastor can explain the plan, and get ten to give one dollar each, or twenty to give fifty cents each. There are some business men among us who will gladly give ten dollars for this great work.

Dr. C. S. Blackwell, secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of the South, will be afforded a fine opportunity during the commencement season to impress his work upon the young men and women in our schools. He will reach hundreds of them on the commencement occasions at the following places, where he has accepted invitations to deliver sermons and addresses. He will make the literary addresses at Howard College and the Roanoke Normal College. He will preach the sermons at the Southern Female College, LaGrange, Georgia, and at the Central College, Tuscaloosa, Ala. He will also deliver the missionary sermon at the Judson. At all these places and occasions he will be enabled, at other hours, to present the purposes and plans of the B. Y. P. U. to the young men and women who will carry the impressions and practical suggestions back to hundreds of churches and communities. Both Dr. Blackwell and the B. Y. P. U. board appreciate the fact that so many schools and colleges have extended to him these invitations to participate in their commencement exercises.

No man's peace of soul is safe till his trust is in God, and God alone.—Evangelist Whittier.

FIELD NOTES.

Mark & Gayle advertise fine cotton seed for sale.

The article on the fourth page from Miss Addie Crumpton, the spiritually minded invalid, is one of the best and tenderest she has yet written.

Matter reaching this office later than 4 o'clock p. m. on Monday of each week will probably not be published until the next week. Let everybody take due notice.

Pastor L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, is at Columbian University, Washington, D. C., for a season, and Mrs. Dawson is war correspondent of the Tuscaloosa Times.

The appointments for Rev. J. W. Stewart in Bibb and Perry counties reached us after the paper went to press last week. It would do no good now to publish other than the following: At Pine Flat Saturday, April 13, 11 a. m. Mars Hill at night of same day.

Robert Jones, Bangor: Our school at Guin closed Friday night. Saturday morning I received a message from home announcing that mother was fast growing weaker. Here I am in this old familiar place, inspired by mother's pale, sweet face. My friends will please address me as above until further notice. Grant us an humble place in your supplications.

Remember that Secretary Bledsoe is not only willing for you to send your money to Mrs. George M. Morrow, 1711 Eighth avenue, Birmingham, but urges you to do so. Send her at once all reports and money, especially self-denial offerings, so that all may be incorporated in the report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Greenville: "We would see Jesus" was the theme of an able and impressive sermon by Pastor Hubbard Sunday, to which a large congregation gave good attention. Pastor expressed thanks for a beautiful floral offering, a pyramid of bouquets made by fifty-nine tots in the infant class. The Sunday school was full of vim and life; the attendance was 230, being 20 above the past highest average.

Dr. Patrick informs the Marion Standard that Dr. Carter Helm Jones, of Louisville, will preach the commencement sermon for the Judson on Sunday morning, May 29. Dr. Jones is one of the most attractive and prominent preachers among the Baptists. The Standard says also that Dr. C. S. Blackwell will deliver a lecture before

the Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson on the night of May 29.

Bro. J. C. Cadden, the traveling man of the Biblical Recorder, spent a day at Henrietta, N. C., where Rev. J. E. Herring, of Alabama, is pastor. He says the pastor gave him a royal time, as he always does (he learned how to do that before he left home), and adds that the church there is one of the most liberal to its strength in the state. It paid \$100 for Foreign missions, and will do as much for Home missions.

A. T. Sims, pastor: At Prattville last Sabbath we had a delightful communion service. In the afternoon we baptized two young men. The previous Sunday we had three additions by letter. We are looking forward to the Sunday school convention with much expectancy. Brethren, don't forget that this body convenes with the Prattville church next Saturday and Sunday. Ample preparations are made for all.

The Grove Hill (Clarke county) Democrat says that a Baptist church was constituted at Fulton last Sunday by S. A. Adams, Jos. H. Fendley and Jas. C. Burr. Jos. H. Fendley was called to the pastorate of the church and M. M. Danzey and Lewis Henley chosen deacons. Chas. Henley was elected clerk. About thirty persons became members. The building is a good one, and is nicely finished. It is the gift almost entirely of the Scotch Lumber Co.

In regard to the request to save Sunday school literature and other religious papers for destitute Sunday schools and communities, which Rev. G. E. Mize made through these columns, that brother writes: "I am glad so many have notified me they are complying with my request. I cannot answer all, but I have your names, and will write you as I find places for you to send the literature. Do not send to me, but wait until I write you where to send it." Bro. M.'s postoffice is Marion.

P. T. Hale, Richmond, Va., April 6: The Lord is blessing the work here where I am aiding Dr. W. E. Hatcher in a series of meetings at Grace Street church. Between forty and fifty have been received for baptism so far, and quite a number of others have been converted. It is the custom of this

church not to receive members until they have been before the pastor and deacons. God has revived his people, and some have been restored, and some have come by letter. I return to Birmingham by Sunday.

J. W. Stewart, Evergreen: Bro. W. T. Johnson, at Rockford, asked little Birdie Massey and Beatrice Smith to raise some money for the Orphanage, and the following Sunday they surprised him with five dollars. Just when it looked as though I was to come against a wall, the old Montgomery church Sunday school sent in gifts for the first quarter of the year, \$46.67. In it was a special gift from Miss Annie Pearson, a class of \$11.16. Four out of the twenty-five Sunday schools have come to the rescue of the children. Which will be the next?

G. E. Mize, Sunday school missionary, April 11: Yesterday I organized a Sunday school in a place where a young man had knocked a man on the head on Friday, and another young man had broken his father's leg and his finger out of place. But people seemed to be anxious for Sunday school. Many others had occurred which I will not mention. The place is a rough one. What do you think of it as a place for Sunday school?—[A very good place indeed; just where a Sunday school was much needed.]

A drummer stopping at H.ville, in this state, conversed by telephone and settled an impossible matter with the house which he was employed, by using 6000.

Our venerable brother R. Cross, after residing in Alabama for some years, and faithfully tending our convention as a member of the church at Talladega of one in the country, returned North Carolina, but he had learned to love the Baptists of this

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given them by the church, were regarded as sufficiently specific. Very little law needs to be written on the church book for a member who desires to do right.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Think, and Act.

ALA. BAPTIST: The amount received from Alabama by the Home Board up to April 1st is only \$1660. It would require about \$1300 more to reach her contribution of last year. We trust that we shall receive this amount before the first of May. The Board is exceedingly anxious to go to the approaching convention without debt. There is every probability that within the course of the next conventional year Cuba will be thrown open to us. The opportunity and necessity of sending a large force into that island will then be upon us. It will require a large expenditure to meet this demand, and any indebtedness carried over from the present year will serve to embarrass the Board in its work.

I. T. TICHENOR.

Brethren of Alabama, ponder the above, lay the matter to your hearts and consciences, and do everything possible to raise at least enough to pay Alabama's share of the debt.

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Marion Church Notes.

DEAR BAPTIST: Siloam church has recently enjoyed a meeting of days in which Dr. C. S. Blackwell did the preaching. Dr. B. is a remarkably entertaining and attractive preacher, and his sermons were of the most helpful character. From the beginning the meeting grew in interest and attendance, the only trouble being that Dr. Blackwell had to leave at the close of the first week, and soon thereafter the meeting was closed. There were, however, several additions by experience and baptism, and the good done, we are persuaded, will be manifest for months to come.

It may be gratifying to many in the state to know that the work in Siloam church moves along encouragingly. I every way the people have held up my hands since I have been here. I have never known a church that met all of its financial obligations so promptly and cheerfully, that contributed to all missionary causes so systematically, and that so readily responded to all the appeals of the pastor. They have never failed me. The explanation of all this is to be found in the past history of the church. The present pastor is enjoying the fruits of the faithful ministry of others.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

EDITED BY W. A. HOBSON, East Lake, Ala.

B. Y. P. U. TOPIC.

April 17—"Living Well, because Saved by Grace." 1 Peter 1:13-19.

In this, his first epistle, Peter preaches sound doctrine with the strength of Paul, and exhorts to good works with the fervor of James, and yet this epistle could not be used as a polemic by either Gentile or Jew, and it was equally edifying to both. To the view of the early Christians James and Paul must have seemed, on some points at least, irreconcilable in the contrasting emphasis laid by them upon works and faith as religion. This contradiction was only apparent, and in order it would seem, to show how thoroughly harmonious were the views of James and Paul, the Spirit inspired Peter to write in one beautiful consistent statement the gist of all that Paul and James had previously written on Faith and Works.

The First Epistle of Peter, as a whole, sounds a complete chord of Christian doctrine, full and harmonious. The keynote is Hope, anchored to Him who has passed through the valley, the dominant note is the promise of the Kingdom of God; the third is Resignation, humble, joyful submission to all things, in the spirit, and for the sake of Him who endured all things for us. Many parts of the epistle sound like echoes from the Sermon on the Mount which Peter heard from Christ's own lips.

The first twelve verses set forth the doctrinal basis for the series of practical exhortations which make up the body of the epistle. Peter, like Paul, bases all soundness of life upon soundness of doctrine. Notice in this connection, that whenever Paul wrote to rebuke unsound views of Christ and salvation, he always coupled with his rebukes warnings against fleshly sins. (cf. Jude.)

Our lesson has to do with Peter's first exhortation—to holiness of life (1:13-21)—which follows as his first conclusion from the doctrinal premises laid down in verses 1-12. Holiness begins: (1) In a prepared mind, "Gird up the loins of your mind," v. 13. "The Christian must reflect, and that with intense exertion of thought, on the glory of his hope, and the greatness of his responsibilities; he must seek to love God with all his mind as well as with all his heart and soul" (Pulpit Commentary). (2) In a renewed will, "be sober," that is, have the power of self-control over both mind and body.

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had a net increase of 350, giving us a present membership of 575. We have received 125 within the last year. Two weeks ago we received a brother who has for nine years been a regularly ordained Methodist minister. He did not take this step hastily, but after much careful study and prayer. We have had many conversations of late upon the teachings of God's Word, besides he has had the free use of my library. He is a man in middle life, and of unusual gifts. He has done a most remarkable work near us within the last year. Of course this action on his part has caused something of a sensation, but he says he feels that this is of God, and is willing to trust results with him. Many others of the Methodist persuasion are now coming with us.

We have a field here of almost limitless possibilities. This is the only English speaking Baptist church in this section of our city of fifty thousand people. The day ought not to be far distant when there should be a membership here running up into the thousands. The prospects for the future are exceedingly bright. Congregations often number a thousand or more. We raised for all purposes this year \$6,000. J. W. THOMAS.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Judson Notes.

The close of the session is beginning to loom up before us, and preparations for final examinations, concerts, art leaves, graduation, and class night are under way. The commencement sermon will be delivered by Rev. Carter Helm Jones, D. D., pastor of Broadway Baptist church, Louisville, Ky., on the morning of May 29. That evening, at 8 o'clock, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, will preach a sermon before the Ann Hasseltine (Missionary) Society of the Judson. Other exercises will be announced later.

On Thursday evening, April 14, Mr. John Temple Graves, of Atlanta, will give one of his eloquent orations in the Judson chapel. Since the death of Henry W. Grady, Mr. Graves is the most eloquent lecturer in Georgia. L. M.

For the Alabama Baptist.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR APRIL.

Oak Grove, Monday, 18, 7:30 p. m.
Okmulgee, Tuesday, 19, 7:30 p. m.
Pine Flat, Wednesday, 20, 7:30 p. m.
Concord, Thursday, 21, 11 a. m.
Pinehat, Thursday, 21, 7:30 p. m.
Shiloh, Friday, 22, 11 a. m.
Ephesus, Saturday, 23, 11 a. m.
Mt. Olive, Saturday, 23, 7:30 p. m.
Friendship, Sunday, April 24, 11 a. m.
Hepsiabah, Sunday, 24, 7:30 p. m.
Bethlehem, Monday, 25, 7:30 p. m.
Mt. Gilead, Tuesday, 26, 7:30 p. m.

Mt. Zion, Wednesday, 27, 11 a. m.

Pastors are urged to be with me. Brethren Dunaway and Cabanis will be with me most of the time. WM. A. PARKER, Missionary.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Orphanage Honor Roll.

Honor roll of the Orphan's Home for March: Girls—Maggie Carrier, Lorena Haines, Della Kittrell, Susie Moore, Annie Robertson, Minnie Watson, Pearl Watson, Daisy Watson, Ellen Watson, Ada Watson, Beulah Wright. Boys—Calvin Kittrell, Floyd Kittrell.

In order that the children's names may appear upon the honor roll, they must be faithful in the discharge of the duties assigned them at home and in the school. They must also be uniformly respectful to the teachers and to the ladies of the Home.

Mrs. CLARA W. ANSLEY, Matron.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From North Carolina.

Bro. Editor: I enclose money order for renewal of my subscription to the BAPTIST for another year. I naturally feel a great interest in Alabama affairs, for my better "half" belongs to your state, and I find the other "half" leaning in that direction. As I know more of your people and country, my love increases for them. If the Lord ever wants me to leave North Carolina, I shall raise no objection if he sends me to Alabama. I am always glad to extend my acquaintance with a people whom I ought to love next to my own.

Baptist affairs in North Carolina are in good shape, and our people are looking forward to a great and good meeting in Norfolk. There may be some things to disturb the waters, but if we have the Master on the boat we have nothing to fear.

The interests of our Home and Foreign mission work have the right of way, and every Baptist in the South ought to "pray and pay." If we sow bountifully the harvest shall be bountiful, and all rejoice together. May God give us such a forward movement this year as we have never had before.

My wife, who has been so critically ill since last November, is still in Evergreen, in your state. May I have your prayers for her full recovery and return to me and our work?

You always give us a good paper, and you have my best wishes for continued success.

Yours in Christ,

N. S. JONES.

Tarboro, March 25.

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California astronomers say that a comet is now coming toward the earth at the rate of a million miles a day. It is now moving north-easterly, and is visible about 4 o'clock in the morning.

St. Louis girls are prompt at repartee—a young man made a teasing remark to one of them the other day, and she hit him with a flitron in the neck.—Somerville Journal.

She intended merely to make an ironical reply to his remark.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. The Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Dr. HARRY CATARRH CURE is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the constitution strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c.

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Birmingham Churches.

Woodlawn—Pastor preached morning and evening. One received for baptism.

South Side—Pastor Hale preached at 11 a. m. from the text, "If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above," and at night on "Christ crucified." One addition by letter. The Lord blessed the meeting at Grace Street church, Richmond. Forty have been received for baptism, and quite a number of others have professed conversion. Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher comes in October to aid Pastor Hale in a meeting.

East Lake—Dr. A. P. Graves, who is touring the South in his special religious work, seeking to revive the lingering flames of family devotions, preached four sermons. At 11 o'clock he preached on "Consecration," at 3 on the "Greatest thing for the home," at 6:15 "How Christ saves you," and at 7:30 "Family religion." All these services were well attended, notwithstanding the inclement weather. Nine additions since last report.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 14, 1898

Editor News:

Dear Sir—For over two years I suffered from severe attacks of indigestion, and tried many cures, but none effected me favorably until I used Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic, and after trying three bottles I feel greatly relieved.

M. C. MICHAEL,

Of M. C. Michael & Co., Model Clothiers.

Montgomery Churches.

First Baptist Church—Last Sunday was a memorable day at the First Baptist church. It had been looked forward to with prayerful interest and careful preparation. Officers, teachers and pupils were in their places in full force at Sunday school, and at the close listened to a tender and telling address from Dr. Blackwell on "The Master is come and calleth for thee." At 11 a. m. Dr. Blackwell preached to a great audience on "Death abolished, and life and immortality brought to light"—a thrilling resurrection sermon; at 4 p. m. to a good congregation of young people, and at night again to a full house on "The broad and narrow ways," a profoundly impressive sermon. So began a series of meetings of great interest and bright promise. The interest has grown steadily since, the church has been greatly quickened, and there have been several professions of faith.

South Montgomery—We had a delightful day, and fine services with good congregations both morning and night. Bro. Johnson, our first pastor, preached two excellent sermons, which were well enjoyed. After the morning service, the church went into conference, and called Rev. H. W. Provencher, and the Seminary, to be our under-shepherd. It was perfectly delightful to see the unanimity of the flock, as the brother was chosen by rising vote, not a member present failing to vote. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Clayton Street—Two good congregations. One received at night. Good collection for missions. The series of meetings conducted by Rev. J. V. Dickinson closed on Thursday night. The chief good from the meetings was the reviving of the church. A more spiritual and helpful series of sermons the writer has never heard. There was not that large ingathering that often results from such a meeting, from the fact that most of the people in the community are connected with some Christian denomination. However, the results of the meeting will be felt in the years to come.

Meridian, Miss., Feb. 12, 1898.

To the readers of the Meridian Daily News:

I desire to say that I have used Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic with the most satisfactory results. It cures what all other remedies fail, and has become a standby in my family. The children are benefited by it, and their faith, like mine, is strong in their favorite remedy.

Respectfully,

J. J. HAYNIE,

Editor and General Manager of the Meridian (Miss.) Daily News.

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Reduced Rates via Alabama Great Southern Railroad.

On account of the Quadrennial General Conference of the M. E. Church South, at Baltimore, Md., May 4th-28th, 1898, the Alabama Great Southern Railroad will sell tickets from all points on its line to Baltimore and return at greatly reduced rates.

May 2d, 3d and 4th, with final limit May 21st, 1898.

The schedule accommodations via the Alabama Great Southern Railroad are most excellent, and parties contemplating attending this meeting, and desiring rates, sleeping car reservations, etc., should communicate at once with the nearest agent of the Alabama Great Southern Railroad.

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A case stated by Dr. E. O. Laird, Member of the North Carolina Medical Society, Member American Medical Association, and formerly Resident Physician.

1884, I was called to attend an exceedingly prostrate condition, exhibiting unmistakable symptoms of Bright's Disease, viz.: puffiness of the face, eyes suffused, impaired vision, breathing labored and distressed, heart involved, inability to take a comfortable position for any length of time, feet and legs so swollen that he could not wear his shoes, and uræmic poison to such an extent that he was generally asleep when sitting in his chair. Examination of the urine the day after his arrival, both chemical and microscopical, showed the presence of albumen, tube-casts, and epithelium, confirming the diagnosis of Bright's Disease. This situation, especially in view of his advanced years, seemed to preclude the possibility of benefit from any remedy. He was put, however, upon the water of Spring No. 2, which, to my equal surprise and gratification, proved promptly and highly beneficial, and to such an extent that he rested comfortably in bed, which he had not been able to do for several months previous. His improvement, excepting an intermission at one time of a few days, was continuous and steady during a state of twelve weeks at the Springs, and so rapid that when he left, not only had all symptoms of his trouble entirely disappeared, but he had gained largely in flesh, and possessed a healthful vigor by no means common to men of his years.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, executed by John O. Rosser and John L. Rosser to the National Building and Loan Association of Montgomery, Ala., on January 31, 1897, which mortgage is recorded in Book 37, of the records of the Probate office of Marshall County, State of Alabama, and the said National Building and Loan Association will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Court Square, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, to the highest bidder, for cash, on the 28th day of April, 1898, the following described property, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, to-wit: Lots No. 5 and 6, and six (6) in block ten (10), of the town of Montgomery, Alabama, and the same conveyed to John O. 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