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The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart.—Mencius.

Be determined to succeed. If you have great difficulties, cut your way with the diamond of faith.—C. H. Spurgeon.

He that sacrifices his ideal to his bread finds, when it is too late, that man does not live by bread alone.—Mozzomdar.

How shall you make man know that God loves him? Most of all by loving the man with a great love yourself, of which he shall know that, coming through you it comes from beyond you.—Phillips Brooks.

Put these three questions before you and ask yourself the questions. Am I doing my duty? Am I giving myself to God and my fellow-men? And if any of you are past middle life, if any are old men, remember that it is never too late to begin to live.—Rev. Lyman Abbott.

No Baptist ought ever to joke about baptism. The Pedobaptist has gained a strong point if he succeeds in making a joke of immersion. It is no worse to joke about the Lord's Supper than about this other ordinance, and it is blasphemy to do either one.—Baptist Standard, Texas.

A brother sends us the following, says the Biblical Recorder, with the request to print it if it is worth printing. It is worth printing every day in the week:

"Many happy hearts have been filled with trouble and anxiety simply because some insignificant person picked up some very unpleasant news in the neighborhood and scattered it. It is true, the truth is good enough for anybody, but half the time the whole truth is not told."

The Rev. Frank Bristol, pastor of the First M. E. church of Washington, D. C., said in a recent sermon that, comparing the twelve per cent. illiteracy of the United States with the seventy-five per cent. illiteracy of Spain, we may boldly declare that the victories of the war just closed were won by the schoolmaster. And this does not mean that God is to be counted out. "The more science the more God in the world's history," he truly says.

The Baptist Argus says: "One of our denominational papers has \$16,000 of accounts in unpaid subscriptions on its books. Isn't there just as much obligation to pay this debt to a paper as any other debt?"

You are very new at the business, Brother Priestbridge, or you would understand that the average subscriber looks upon what he owes a religious newspaper as a very different light from what he owes a debt due to others. A man who will pay every debt of obligation that he owes to other people, and who would feel insulted if he were in the least accused of dishonesty, will take a religious newspaper out of the office and read it for months, and sometimes years, without paying for it; and then when the editor asks for the amount due on the paper he will get insulted, and say he does not like to be 'dunned,' will claim that he never subscribed for the paper, or that he subscribed for it only for a short time, will refuse to pay for it, and wind up by ordering his paper stopped. Of course, this is not true of every subscriber.—Baptist and Reflector.

On the Wing.—No. 6.

B. E. RILEY.

I should have said before this that I had the great pleasure of meeting my friend, Dr. Lofton, of Nashville, Tenn., while in London. I had heard when passing through Atlanta that he had gone to London to visit the British Museum and examine the disputed historical points that have occasioned so much unnecessary trouble among the Baptists of the South. I sought him out, and found him hard at work. When I approached him unheralded, I said, "Ah! I thought I should find you." He sprang at me with the agility of a boy, saying, "Hello! Riley, you rascal you," and grasped me as though I had been his brother. He finds nothing but a confirmation of Dr. Whistler's views on the subject of the tower of Babel.

He was otherwise, but he can find none other than the views expounded by the president of the Seminary. The day before I left Dr. Christian came to London presumably to follow Dr. Lofton. I suppose the controversy will be deflected into other channels, from present indications.

Our party lingered a day and a half at Lucerne, Switzerland, as we reached that point at noon on Saturday. This is one of the most popular of the European resorts. It is a town of about seventeen thousand, the population of which is more than doubled during the summer season. Lucerne is almost altogether dependent upon tourists for its maintenance. It is estimated that Americans spend at least a hundred million of dollars in Europe every summer. This serves to support a large percentage of the poor population of Europe. There is a perceptible falling off of American travel this year, due to our troubles with Spain. Many Americans are afraid of the high seas during the continuance of hostilities. The shop windows of Lucerne pretty fairly indicate the dependence of the population upon tourist travel. They are filled with trinkets of every description which serve to attract the attention of the stranger.

Chief among these curiosities are the champagne-borne walking cane. While the genuine horn of the goat may be had, it is often times forged by gutta percha imitations. But the imitation is so clever that even an expert can scarcely tell the difference.

Here, as at Geneva, a river issues from the southern end of the lake and rolls its deep blue waters over the defiles of the mountains. Passing up the lake on a cozy little steamer we are impressed with the abruptness with which the mountains rise from the water's edge and lift their sunny crowns above the clouds. As we stand on the deck and watch the far-off summits, the eye becomes accustomed to the view, and gradually by the strength of vision mountains rise behind those just in front, and yet others still rise beyond and higher, until it seems a terrace of white marble, melting away in the light of heaven.

We go from one end of the lake to the other on the steamer rather than take the train which skirts the little sheet of water. En route we pass the point of combat between Gesler and William Tell. At the head of the lake we get aboard the train that is to take us to Milan. Soon we reach Adorf—the traditional scene of the shooting of the apple from the head of his son by William Tell. At this point we begin to scale the Alps in real earnest. Reinforced by another engine we begin the ascent, the two monster engines blowing and puffing and struggling against the adverse force of gravitation. Thousands of feet above the level of the sea, we are drawn into the region where the snow and the eagle make their home. It is the 25th of July, and the snow is lying about us in plentiful patches. The air is crisp, and yet the sun shines from unclouded skies and pierces with his ardent beams the deep beds of snow. The result is that a thousand rivulets start on their flashing mission towards the base of the mountains. These mingle and commingle in their maddened rush until they become great howling streams, deep and furious. They meet where precipitous valleys converge and seem to plunge at each other in desperate fury, and struggle for the mastery as the feathery foam is dashed high up the declivities. The deep, sullen thunder which emanates from such a collision fills the wild mountain gorges with a deep and unceasing roar. Reaching a certain plateau we dash into the St. Gothard Tunnel, which is said to be the longest in the world, being over nine miles in length. It cost for eight years. In traversing it we pass underneath a town just one thousand feet above us on the mountain heights, while the bottom of the little mountain lake of Sella lies just three thousand feet above the tunnel. It was near this point that Hannibal crossed the Alps in his invasion of the Roman dominions, and it was just here that Napoleon, going the other way, dragged his cannon over the formidable

Alps and fell like an avalanche upon the allied armies below. While stupendous, the scenery is not so terrifically wild as one finds in crossing the Rocky Mountains over the Denver line.

I was greatly interested in seeing the houses built on the sides of the steepest mountains—all of stone—roof and all. Stones are left so as to have the appearance of broad boards, and the declivity of the roof is such as to make it a pretty sure protection against rain. In these mountain fastnesses, high above the level world, I noticed the special attention given in the rude stone homes to the cultivation of the geranium. In the ruggedst windows of stone huts were seen bright and beautiful flowers—the emblems of refined civilization.

Surrounded as I was by such scenes—wild torrents, silent snow, homes of mountaineers—as I peered high up the mountains I saw an eagle wheeling his solitary flight in the undisputed territory of unimpeded space, and I felt that the picture was complete.

When we had scaled the mountains and descended on the other side we soon came to Chiasso, the initial point to Italy. The snow was behind us, and the sun began to feel warm, warmer, warmest.

At Chiasso we had to undergo an inspection of our baggage. Here we got a taste of Italian character. After the examination of the baggage we were forced to pass through numerous drinking saloons and restaurants so as to be enticed to buy, and then were kept waiting on the outside for fully fifteen minutes to be boarded by vendors of every type.

At last we are enabled to get aboard the train again and start on our trip toward Milan. A beautiful plain stretches between mountain ranges all the way downward to the sea. It is a region of perpetual spring. The "vine clad hills," so often quoted, became a prevailing reality. Flowers of every hue, fruits, birds, flashing streams, blue skies, cultured fields—these make up the elements of this famous region. Along this plain have marched the armies of centuries. Hannibal, the Goths and Vandals, Napoleon and others have marched their armed legions over this same sunny plain of Lombardy.

Milan is a considerable city of more than three hundred thousand people. It is one of the most progressive and prosperous of the cities of Europe. Beautiful for situation, it is just as beautiful in artistic adornment. Its squares abound in fountains, and its shop windows are charming. Here is the first city the streets of which we found lighted by electricity, and the street cars, which are propelled by the same agency. Here we encountered all the types of Italian life—most elegantly attired men and women, great lounging crowds about the meeting places, miserably clad beggars, as persistent as they are poor, street vendors without number, and hotel trickery without limit. The Italian hotel proprietor, so smooth and suave upon your arrival, becomes transformed into inexorable sternness when you come to settle. In spite of the fact that one is protected by hotel coupons, he finds himself confronted by an array of extras that sometimes fairly take the breath from him. Soap, a hotel never furnishes after the traveler leaves France. For ice, if it be only the merest quantity, one is charged. A slight use of syrup or honey is laid hold of as a pretext for extortion. A candle placed in one's room must be paid for night after night. The traveler finds everything possible charged as an extra at one point, while at another it is not so, or to so great an extent. Unless there be a stipulated arrangement made for laundrying, one will be charged several times its worth. If a hotel omnibus be used the passenger is charged much more for it than it costs to engage a hack of his own. One soon learns these things, and comes to know how to head off the petty trickery.

Milan antedates the birth of Christ more than three hundred years. Its walls of protection still stand, and its ancient gateways exist as of old. But its chief attraction is its great cathedral, the second in size in the world.

Here I got the first realization of the systematic power of popery. Everything that art can contribute to appeal to the senses is used by Rome in its places of worship. The awe, the sublime, the beautiful, the sweet, the attractive, painting, music, sculpture—all are employed with the greatest effect.

While I had seen in cathedrals many confessionals, I never saw a confessor engaged in detailing sins until I was in the cathedral of Milan. The poor, deluded woman in suppressed tones was whispering her sins to a miserable looking priest, whose grimaces and hand-rubbing indicated the hypocrisy of his office. But I was charmed with the overwhelming massiveness of the cathedral at Milan—its forest of stupendous columns, its statuary, its frescoes, its windows of stained glass surpassingly beautiful, its candelabra of silver and of gold, and its treasure of precious jewels.

The weather has grown very warm and I have donned the porous linen again, and have returned to the garb worn in the United States. I find the vegetation of this region to be identical with that of our own Southern section. Here grow the fig, the grape, the pomegranate, the apple, the peach, the melon, the plum. Here vegetables familiar to the Southern abound, and the fragrance of familiar flowers returns. Indeed I find old-fashioned corn growing here in these fertile valleys of Lombardy.

Scarcely a day was spent in Milan so eager were we to reach that most novel of all cities—Venice. The plain which begins at the foot of the Alps, and in which Milan is located, slopes to the sea and terminates at Venice. Dropping to a level with the sea, and even below it, the invading water has worn away the softer soils and left the firmer in small islands, and a narrow strip of land in between. I never understood its canals until I visited it. The islands number one hundred and seventeen, and dot the sea over for a considerable area. Upon these Venice is built, and communication is kept up by gondolas. When we alighted from the train we hurried along with the throng of passengers to the end of the great station house where we found a short stairway of marble steps, at the foot of which were many gondolas, with their hand-contrasts with their black forms and their gondoliers clad in white, and standing erectly with their hands upon their oars. Old men hung around with iron-beaked rods to hold the gondola steady while you step aboard—an unnecessary service and a polite form of begging; for you are no sooner seated than the beggar delfs his hat, and with some Italian gibberish, begins to beg for copper centimes. These beggars are great pests, and harass you both when you embark and disembark. Our party was deposited with our hand baggage in a gondola on the grand canal, and in the midst of many others we were rowed rapidly around angle after angle until we alighted upon the marble steps of our hotel. After dinner at 7 o'clock we boarded another and rode to different portions of the city. It was novel enough, this everlasting splash of the oar, as hundreds of gondolas come and go, and as the gondoliers pass around an angle and turn into another channel or street under notice of warning. It was a romantic scene as the full moon looked down upon the wrinkled waters, though heard from thousands of sources every minute. The occasion was made the sweeter as the silvery voice of song stole over the surface of the waters from different directions, mingled now and then with the notes of the harp and guitar. Sleep was driven from our eyelids, so fascinated were we by the novel sights and sounds.

Venice is a city of art. Jewelry, tapestry, book binding, mirrors, brocades, laces and spun glass constitute the bulk of the industries of this thriving mart. We visited the famous church of St. Mark, and were shown the tomb of the evangelist himself! As though we were believing everything that he said, our guide proceeded to show us the other wonders of the justly famous church. Among other things were alabaster pillars that were brought from Solomon's temple. We were not so much interested in that as we were at the fact that these pillars are so transparent, the light streams through them. The finest mosaic work I had ever seen appeared here in the pictures on the walls. But a short distance away is the famous "Bridge of Sighs," which spans the canal between the Doge's Palace and the Prison. Over this enclosed bridge the unfortunate prisoners were hurried, and consigned to protracted darkness and final death, or else to mysterious execution in low dungeons lapped over by the waters of the canal, and their bodies given to the gondoliers who bore them away to the darkened sea, whence they were heard of no more. We left Venice with its numerous isles, its one hundred and fifty canals, and its four thousand gondolas, not without feelings of sadness.

We took a night train to Florence, which was reached early in the morning. It is a night long to be remembered for its discomfort. For the most part crowded with Italians of both sexes, and of all most every age and condition, with the attendant stench of tobacco, onions and mean liquor—how can one forget it? No sleeping car was to be had, and we sat through the live-long night, now and then dozing, only to awake with stifled dreams. This experience settled the matter of further night travel at least in Italy.

Having two days to devote to Florence, and having the highest estimate of its grandeur and glory, the conceptions of which have been heightened by a life of reading, we began our tramps and rides about the ancient city. Here and there and everywhere were people poorly dressed, huddling along narrow streets, or loitering at the points of concentration, and we felt that we had surely fallen upon the most uninviting portion of the city. We engaged a cab and instructed the

driver to take us to the most inviting portions of Florence. He did so, but the same decay and fade of past grandeur confronted us. The truth is, Florence is the most disappointing city I ever visited. Its unattractive population, its decaying buildings, its lack of freshness in every quarter—these gave all the party a distaste to the city, and such a distaste that they will never recover from it. The galleries of art, alike of painting and of sculpture, its expensive parks, though much neglected in some quarters, and its shops where the finest statuary is found—these relieve the disappointment experienced by the visit to the famous city. Florence is greatly on the decline, and its isolated condition is contributing to its ruin.

A ride of two or three hours brought us to Pisa of the Leaning Tower fame. Though it was Sunday, the tower was open to the public. I bought the ancient Tower after refreshments. It is larger than I expected to find it. We merely peeped at it only to renew our visit the next morning. The Tower was built in 1174 for the purpose of testing oscillation of the pendulum. It sank on one side, and was made heavier on the opposite side to prevent its falling. It is one hundred and eighty feet high and perhaps three hundred feet in circumference at the base. Its inclination is thirteen feet. We ascended it by a cork screw stairway to the summit. Just across the street is the famous Baptistery of Pisa. It is in a large circular building adjoining the Cathedral, is of marble, and an undeniable monument to immolation. Its use is now abandoned, and brazen pots for sprinkling purposes are poised on its rim of marble.

From Pisa we went to Rome. It seems that this question has never been settled. Baptists are divided about alien immersion. Some want to recognize Hardsell, Campbellite and Methodist immersion, while the denomination seems to reject all as invalid.

The principles that constitute a gospel, hence a valid baptism, are certainly found in John's baptism. Let us examine it. 1st, John was sent from God. The sending of John was both a commission and a command to John to do what he did, preach repentance and baptize repenting believers.

From John's baptism the administrator must be sent from God; 2d, The person baptized must be a professing believer; 3d, The act must be an immersion. This is the baptism upon which, and the material out of which Christ built his church. It is an undisputed fact that Christ superseded John; he therefore took charge of John's subjects, and claimed that all power was given into his hands. Hence Christ commissioned and commanded the apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel. God called, commissioned and sent John to preach and to baptize—that made John's, i. e., God's baptism, valid. While Christ sent the apostles to preach and to baptize, he did not call them to preach and to baptize. But since Christ ascended, who now is to give commission to preach and to baptize? We understand that the authority vested in John to baptize is now vested in the local church, hence a valid baptism can be obtained now only by the joint and co-operative work of God and the church. God still calls men to preach, and by the authority of his churches they are baptized and commissioned to preach; hence a valid baptism requires a valid administrator, who must be a believer, called of God, baptized, and actively under authority of a valid church.

2. The subject must be a believer.

3. The act must be a burial.

A valid marriage must be performed, 1st, by a valid administrator; 2d, upon a valid authority; 3d, with valid parties; 4th, in a legal manner.

A believer, called of God, buried under a valid church, his baptism is not valid. We rule out Campbellite baptism, 1st, because their faith is not valid; 2d, they have no call from God; 3d, their church is spurious. A Methodist preacher may be called of God; but his baptism was not administered by a legal administrator, nor by the authority of an unbroken perpetuity of the kingdom of God and the church of Christ, and we believe this perpetuity is co-eternal with the sovereignty of God; therefore we believe the validity of John's baptism has been transmitted down from John until now, and will continue through the church of Christ, hence I believe that alien immersion will produce spiritual adultery. Alien immersion constitutes an unscriptural, hence an unholy union. Give me a pure membership, or none.

W. J. HATCHER.

Hatcher, Ala.

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The Power of Contact.

Whoever binds about his or her head the bandage of conceit, cuts off the most effectual source of knowledge. Indeed, debar himself or herself from the greatest of all university courses—the knowledge and power gained by contact with active, throbbing human life.

On my way to the Butler county Sunday school Convention, a sunny-haired little girl got on at Herrington with a note pinned on her left shoulder. I watched her golden curls and hat peeping just above the back of the seat, and my thoughts flew back to the long ago when I was a little lonely passenger on the train, and I asked the conductor to bring her to my seat. At first she was very reserved, but on telling her that I was going to Greenville (her destination) she seemed so pleased that her reserve vanished.

She was about twelve years old, brother Jim going to the war, and when he left Pensacola he got more flowers than any other soldier; how she would like to go to the war and see things. She talked of her kitten, her hook in the china tree where she watched the trains go by, and wished that she was on them; how she would like to get off at each station and stop a whole day just to see what was there. I smiled as I recognized that it was the element of investigation—that pick-ax with which we dig out the golden treasure of knowledge—that was swinging itself in her mind. When the darkness of night shut off the view of hillside and meadow, she began to grow restless and warm. I suggested that she tuck up her flowing curls, and gave her a hair-pin. To my offer to do it she informed me no one could suit her in that; so she twisted the sunny curls into a tight miniature knot at the back of her neck. I told her she looked like a little old woman of sixty, which amused her very much.

All the way my attention had been exercised over the license which our pretty Southern girls, who got off and on the train, allowed to a tall stranger aboard who maneuvered to approach them, and play them into a conversation, and play the gallant, which I regretted to see. My little companion attracted a gentleman sitting behind us, who raised the window, brought water and chatted with her. I unobtrusively reserve somewhat and answered some questions. Later she asked, "is he any kin to you?" With surprise I answered, "Why, no!"

While observing little I had found an observing little critic myself. She talked of her papa and others, but nothing of "mamma." I knew that that mamma was in the Beyond, but asked her, "Where is your mamma?" Looking up at me in astonishment that I did not already know about it, she said "Why, she is dead, and Aunt Dody raised me till papa married again." Her sweet manners and happy words testified how well "Aunt Dody" had fulfilled her mission. As we neared Greenville she became very nervous lest no one should meet her. I endeavored to allay her uneasiness by assuring her that I would look after her. Upon emerging from the lighted car upon the shadowy platform, a woman's sweet voice welled up through the darkness, "Hello, Pet!" I knew at once my little companion's heart was all right, and that dear Aunt Sallie (where she was going) had met her. We parted in the darkness, she to go with her loved ones, and I with my cousin, Mrs. W. D. Hubbard, and that consecrated, unparalleled worker, Miss Georgia MacMullen, whose guest I became.

And now some side lights upon the convention: So many of our good Baptists are bitterly opposed to interdenominational, or non-denominational meetings. Yet all the progress, all the advancement in reaching the masses and enlisting them in the actual study of God's Word, has it come from the ministry, churches, or individual denominations? Nay, nay, it has come from the Sunday school workers all over the world. I have attended our Southern Baptist and our State conventions and our associations, but a report on the statistical and financial standing of the work, followed by a few speeches on the importance of Baptists taking Baptist literature, and not non-denominational, covered the full scope of effort in behalf of the problem of laying hold of the young and more fruitfully instructing them in the Scriptures. There has never been any consensus of experience and methods brought together to push the study of the Bible into the highways and hedges, and to bring about more potent and effective ways all down the lines of impressing it. I am forced to be honest, and admit that all the impetus and inspiration that I have imbibed to push onward with the work has come from the power of contact with the workers in all denominations. One may draw lines of narrow self-satisfaction around one's self, because one is not posted upon the stronghold of one's competitor. Nevertheless, it is there. And as Baptists we are asleep in our self-satisfaction concerning the matter. Until we rise up and meet the needs existing, let us keep silent.

J. GORDON.

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Hope Held Out.

The gospel of Christ is a gospel of hope, and I am very glad of this, because many a poor, degraded soul would never be saved if it were not so. Where there is no hope at all there is deep despair. Rev. John Robertson, of Scotland, in a sermon says: "At the last meeting I had in Philadelphia there was a young fellow far gone in sin, a confirmed opium user; and they tell me that if ever the devil is in a man he is in an opium fiend. Shattered to body, wrecked in mind, he had staggered into the meeting and he heard about God's coming judgment and he hurried out—he could not stand it. He came back again, and the dilated pupils of his eyes told the preacher quite well that the opium was there—came back and was again stricken; and his sister came to our hotel and asked me to go and see him; she thought he would lose his reason. So I went to see him at his home, down in a low hotel in a low quarter of the city, and when I entered his noble brow struck me. He had been a bonnie lad when his mother looked on him, but now all marked with sin. He was wringing his hands and he said, 'Now or never! I feel it is now or never.' 'Yes,' I said, 'It is now or never without a doubt.' Then he asked, 'Did you ever hear of one given to opium being saved?' 'Ah, yes,' I said, 'I have. Mr. Burke, the singer with me in the meetings, will tell you about it.' And Mr. Burke told him of a case brought under his notice in Chicago. He listened with all his ears, and I shall never forget his eyes as he searched us. 'Yes, God saved the opium eater, and he is in glory five years ago.' 'Then there is hope for me?' 'Yes,' and the sweat came out on him. He knelt down and we knelt down beside him, and there the poor, trembling wretch committed himself to the Lord. He said: 'Lord, if thou canst not keep me! I am lost! I am damned; but, Lord, I give myself to thee now to be saved.' When I left for Detroit he said: 'It is all right; God has saved me, and I came on board the ship, the Berachah flame, in connection with Dr. Simpson's work. I contained one boarder who wanted to see me. I went in, and behold the poor young fellow, of a fortnight ago, now clothed and in his right mind. I said, 'you are saved?' 'Yes,' he replied, 'I am not only saved, but I am safe in the arms of Christ, and so he is.' He was saved by hope. He held hold of Christ and came to his rescue and relief. His was a desperate case, but it was not hopeless. He went to great length in sin, but the gospel also went to a great length and plucked him from the depths of depravity. Sinner, you may be far gone in iniquity, yet there is hope for you, even you. Will you be saved? C. H. WETHERS.

A Bible Refused.

"A lady asked a laborer if he would accept a Bible. He answered, 'No, and if you leave one I will throw it into the fire.' She laid it on his table. He seized and threw it upon the burning coals, where it was consumed save a single leaf, which was blown out. His wife picked it up and read on it, 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away.' This passage was a two-edged sword in the furious man's heart. He could not sleep and was filled with terror. He sought the donor of the burned Bible, confessed his sins, and asked for pardon from herself and from God, and found the Savior. We may burn the sacred pages, but its truth will survive to condemn or crown us."

We should be glad of an opportunity to circulate this book. In the case above the man was "single leaf." It is well to circulate the Bible in every form,—by chapters, by books, by leaflets, by verse. A man several years ago picked up a little leaflet on which were two or three passages of scripture, his attention was arrested, he was impressed that he was a sinner in the sight of God, and to give his heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Every true Baptist should do something for Bible work. It is the foundation of all our religious work. Let us hear from every one reading these lines.

W. C. LUTHER.

District Bible Secretary, Am. Bapt. Pub. Society, Atlanta, Ga.

A teacher was explaining to her class words concerning God's angels, "Ministers of his pleasure," and asked, "How do the angels carry out God's will?"

Many answers followed. One said, "They do it directly." Another, "They do it with all their hearts."

A third, "They do it well."

And after a pause a quiet little girl added, "They do it without asking any questions."

Twenty-five per cent. of the shares in American railways are owned in England.

Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, SEPT. 8, 1898.

Most of your contributions are in type, brethren, and will be printed as early as practicable.

We have received the report of the committee appointed to prepare programs for the State Convention and the ministers' meeting. It will be published next week.

In our editorial of Aug. 25 the types made us put the proportion of Baptists to Presbyterians in Alabama at about seventy to one; what we meant to say was about seven-tenths to one; Baptists about 220,000, Presbyterians about 13,000.

GEORGETOWN COLLEGE, Kentucky, elected Dr. J. M. Frost to succeed Dr. Davidson as president. Dr. F. of course appreciated the act of the college at which he was educated, but he saw his duty as many others of us saw it, and decided to remain with the Sunday School board.

YELLOW FEVER has appeared at Orwood, Miss., with "suspicious cases" at one or two other points. The authorities in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas are enforcing quarantine where they think the public safety demands. It was hoped that the two conventions held at Atlanta since the last epidemic would recommend a plan, which would be adopted, by which there would be uniform quarantine regulations supported by the state and national governments, which would prevent the confusion and unreasonable restraints upon travel and traffic that were experienced last year; but the hope has not been realized, and it is reported in the papers that what is called "the brutal shot-gun quarantine" has been established in some sections of Mississippi. The fever so far has been like that of last year, of milder type than in former years; but yet no one desires to have it. Orwood, Miss., is several miles from the railroad, and has little intercourse with distant points, so there was much surprise that the fever should develop there.

ALABAMA COLLEGES FOR ALABAMA GIRLS. There are many reasons for educating a girl or boy in the colleges of our own State. It is assumed, of course, that our colleges offer as good training as any to be found elsewhere. There is no reason for college has a patent on anything in the world of learning. Wherever our colleges are behind, we ought to hasten to bring them up and make them as good as anybody's. Then, all other things being equal, we ought to patronize our own schools.

In a country as big as ours, and composed of separate States, society is greatly diversified, and these differences largely follow state lines. The manners and customs of the people, their spirit and temper, greatly differ in the several states. Especially is this the case as between the North and the South. Now it will greatly enhance both one's happiness and usefulness in life to have his tastes, habits, and dispositions formed in tendencies congruous with those in which his life must be spent. To get out of sympathy with one's environment is seriously to mar one's contentment and efficiency in life. To be educated out of sympathy with your own people is a misfortune indeed, especially when it would have been just as easy to be well educated at home. This reason may not apply to university training, for then one's sympathies and tastes are comparatively formed.

Your daughter will be more at home in an Alabama household or society if she receives her college training here. Do not mar her contentment through life by sending her away to be brought up out of sympathy with conditions that must face her all through life. If you send her off, wait until she is first in sympathy with her own people.

Again, the most blessed and potent friendships are formed at college, and they become sources of pleasant social relations through life. It is very undesirable to have a girl bid adieu to her college companionships when she leaves its walls. Let her rather form these relations where, by virtue of social contact and anon through life, they may contribute to her happiness. Those of us who in the providence of God were educated elsewhere, can appreciate what it means to be deprived of the companionship of old college comrades. The common ties that bind old Judson girls together, how pleasant and profitable they are! Many a leaf from life's diary is brightened because of this meeting together of college comrades.

NEWS NOTES AFTER THE WAR.

Events of the week have not been of sufficient general interest to deserve special mention. Gen. Shafter has arrived at Montauk Point, Long Island, and the President and Secretary Alger have visited and inspected the camp and hospitals there. Gen. Wheeler had already begun an investigation especially as to the causes of sickness there. A camp has been established at Annapolis, and Chickamauga is now almost deserted. Changes of troops from unhealthy camps to better continue.

The 5th regiment of immunes, mostly from Alabama and Mississippi, is encamped near Santiago, and reports good health. The 3d Alabama (colored) will be retained in the service. The 1st and 2d regiments have not yet been mustered out, but the cause of delay is not given.

Typhoid fever among the troops continues.

The peace commissioners who are to go to Paris, and those who are to arrange for the evacuation of Cuba and Porto Rico, are preparing to leave for Paris. The commissioners to go to Paris are: Senator C. K. Davis, of Minnesota; Senator W. P. Frye, of Maine; Hon. Whitelaw Reid, of New York, and Associate Justice E. D. White, of the United States Supreme Court, from Louisiana. Later dispatches say he declines, and Senator Gray, of Delaware, has been offered the position. The Porto Rican commissioners are Gen. Brooke, (now in command there), Rear Admiral Schley, and Brigadier General W. W. Gordon, of Georgia. The Cuban commissioners are, Gen. Wade, of the regular army, Rear Admiral Sampson, and Gen. Butler, of the volunteers, from South Carolina.

Some sickness is reported among the Alabama soldiers at Jacksonville, Fla.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. L. H. Shuttlesworth has removed from East Lake to Partridge, Jefferson county, and desires to be addressed accordingly.

W. J. Elliott, Montgomery: Good congregations greeted us at Lowndesboro last Lord's Day. One was added to the church by letter.

Geo. E. Brewer, Notasulga: Please change the address of my paper from Opelika to this office, and call attention to the change last meeting.

Rev. J. M. Thomas, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has ended his vacation at Birmingham and returned to his work. Bro. T. is succeeding well "up North," but he must come back now and then and see the loved ones and the friends of his youth.

Dr. Gray, of Birmingham, Dr. Hobson, of East Lake, and Dr. Foster, of Anniston, have had their holidays and returned to their work. Of course they will do better work than if they had continued in the daily routine of labor.

Florida Baptist Witness: Rev. M. M. Wamboldt has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Lake City for two Sundays in the month. He gives the other two Sundays to Jasper and Dade City respectively.

Miss Minnie Jordan, Vidette, Creagh county, sends more than a year's subscription, and says, "Mother and I live alone, and cannot well afford to be without the ALABAMA BAPTIST, as it brings to us each week glad tidings that cheer and uplift our souls."

Birmingham Ledger: Prof. R. J. Waldrop, Secretary of the Howard College faculty, has received very flattering information from the different members of the faculty who are convassing the State in the interest of the college. The prospects for a successful session were never better.

J. W. Stewart, Evergreen: A good meeting has been held at Castleberry. Bro. W. A. Tallaferrro did the preaching for four days of the time, and I have seldom seen preaching by one of our boys better received. Four were received by baptism, and the church in part revived.

Jos. Shackelford, Clerk, Danville: Muscle Shoals association will meet Thursday, Sept. 29, with Enon church, four and a-half miles northwest of Danville and about twelve miles from Hartsville, on the L. & N. railroad. Agents of the State board and the editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST will be cordially received. Brethren will please consult the minutes of last session and see if they are expected to preach or to present reports as chairmen of committees. Bro. J. C. Tidwell is expected to present the report on education, as Bro. Kilpatrick has removed.

We are requested to change the address of Rev. Geo. E. Mize's paper from Marion to Manningham, Butler county. The brother appears to be drifting back to his old range.

James Evans, Russellville: We have just closed a gracious revival meeting of eight days at our church here. Church revived, five additions by experience and six by letter. Rev. John H. Pool, of Birmingham, was with us. My resignation as pastor was tendered yesterday, to take effect at the end of the associational year.

The list of appointments for Rev. A. W. Briscoe was received too late for this issue, as it came on Tuesday. He will be present at the session of Liberty association, which meets at Pisgah church, near Athens, on the 15th inst., and will represent the North Alabama Collegiate Institute and the ALABAMA BAPTIST also. Other appointments next week.

R. H. Carlisle, Thaddeus, Tallapoosa county: In August we had a most glorious revival at Mt. Pleasant church, which was continued by letter and one under watchcare. The Holy Spirit was manifest at each service, and at the last there were several requests for prayer. Bro. Gregory preached with great power.

D. F. Avant, David, Aug. 20: We have just closed a six days meeting at Harmony church, resulting in four additions by letter and nine by profession of faith. They were baptized by our beloved pastor Rev. A. C. Swindall, of whom it can be said that "None name him but to praise him." May the good work continue. "Mizpah."

H. E. Brooks, Eufaula: Rev. F. L. Wimberly has resigned the charge of the Southside Baptist church of this city. During his pastorate of eight months the membership of the church has increased about one-third. He is an industrious, energetic pastor, and desires to devote his entire time to the ministry, and would be pleased to communicate with any church desiring such service.

I. Windsor, Hanceville: I recently held a few days meeting at Arkadelphia, in which the church seemed to be greatly benefited, and towards the close we had several penitents, but as the meeting was short we had no accessions. We

until they are happily converted. I have never been among kinder or better people than I have found at Arkadelphia.

W. A. Parker, sr., Catherine, Aug. 29: I closed a nine days meeting to-night, at this place. Elders J. W. Dunaway and W. H. DeWitt did nearly all the preaching. God's Spirit was with us from the beginning. Twelve have joined by experience and baptism, and three by letter. I took charge of this church in March last, and twenty-one members have been added since that time. Surely the Lord is smiling upon us.

B. H. Crumpton, D. D., Bellville: Bethlehem association meets with the church here on Wednesday, 21st of this month. Those who will come by rail will please inform Mr. James Gaston, at this office, so we can make arrangements to send for them at Evergreen. We will try to bring agents of boards, all visiting correspondents from other bodies, and the editor.

J. P. Shaffer, Dadeville: During the past week Bro. A. S. Smith, of Phenix City, conducted a meeting for us here. The weather hindered the people from attending the meetings in large numbers, but Bro. Smith continued the services as if nothing was in the way. The church greatly enjoyed the preaching, which was almost entirely directed to the saints. Bro. Smith is one of the best preachers in the state, and a most amiable Christian gentleman.

Robert Jones, Bangor, Aug. 27: Our precious mother went over Home Thursday morning. "And when she had passed, it was as the ceasing of sweet music." Ours would be a lonely home to-day, were it not for the companionship of Jesus. Our Heavenly Father sent a sweet, comforting message to our hearts by Bro. Lowrey, that earnest servant of His at Warrior. We read larger papers, but none that contain as much as our ALABAMA BAPTIST. How fondly we anticipate its weekly visits! Oh, brethren, brethren, do for Christ's sake, support the paper. Those heart-to-heart talks by Adie, the Baptist are worth many times more than the paper costs. May God bless you continually and make you happy in usefulness.

P. B. Brown, Clerk, Anniston: Calhoun association meets with Harmony church, Sept. 9th, at Choccolocco, which is twelve miles from Anniston on the Southern railway towards Atlanta, and in one of the most beautiful valleys in North Alabama. The people of Choccolocco are noted for their unattested hospitality. We hope to see the ALABAMA BAPTIST and the representatives of all our denominational interests at the association. Will give you a cordial welcome.

R. L. Prince, Post Oak: Our meeting at Liberty church, Biglock county, has just closed. Pastor Schramm was assisted by Rev. T. M. Thomas. Rain began with the meeting, and the prospect was gloomy, but the pastor faithfully attended at each time of service, and when the clouds rolled away the congregations began to increase. The church was revived and sinners became concerned. There were four additions by experience. Baptism will be administered the fourth Sunday in September.

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Abner Williams, Oxford, Aug. 9: Miss Maggie Weaver (graduate of Oxford College class of 1888), died last night at Choccolocco, where she has conducted a successful school the past two or three years. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church at Weavers, a model Christian lady, of amiable social disposition, and hence a favorite of all who knew her; and promised great usefulness in her chosen vocation as a teacher. She is the first to die of a large class who graduated with her, and her place in the church, school room and society will be difficult to fill.

J. Sid. Wood, Mexia, Monroe county: I have just finished holding meetings at my farm, in which the Lord wonderfully blessed me. At Salem Bro. B. J. Skinner helped me, and four joined. Bro. Locke assisted me at Pleasant Hill, where we had ten accessions. Bro. A. P. Majors was with us at Pleasant Ridge, where I baptized eight. At Hamilton Hill Bro. S. P. Lindsey helped me. There the people said there were only two to join; but the Lord gave us these two and thirteen others besides. Out of the whole there were eight Methodists and one Mormon, or Latter Day Saint, as they are wont to call themselves.

J. M. McCord, Gurley: We recently held a two weeks series of meetings with the church here. Bro. Lee, of Huntsville, formerly pastor of this church, did most of the preaching. He is a strong preacher. He seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit in everything he does, and that gives him power with the Lord and power with the people. A great deal of good was done during the meeting. Christian people were made stronger. There were several conversions. Nine were added to the church by experience and three by letter. There are two others who will join the Methodist church. The Christian women of the town held a prayer meeting every afternoon, which was a great help to the work.

D. S. Martin, Eganville: We just closed a profitable meeting with my home church (Bethany) with Bro. L. T. Reeves was with me at the beginning and did some earnest, faithful preaching, and won the affections of our people. Bro. J. M. Johnson assisted us from Tuesday till Friday. His sermons were full directed, earnest, strong and simple, and completely captivated the people; when once they attended, the remark was that they could not stay away. The interest increased from the beginning, and the house was frequently filled to overflowing. The church was greatly strengthened, six were received by experience, four restored and one by letter. Allow me to say to the brethren of the Central association, that Bro. Reeves expects to return at the opening of the session to Howard College, and I hope they will remember this in sending their contributions to the association. By referring to the catalogue they will see that he made a distinguished mark from the beginning of the term of 1897-8.

Bro. F. sends a good report of Selma association, which we must condense. "The sixteenth session was held with Town Creek church, Dallas county, Aug. 16-17. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. F. Savell, of Selma, was good and delivered with much earnestness. H. S. D. Mallory, our Baptist lawyer, was re-elected moderator, Lewis Johnson clerk, and M. H. Traylor treasurer. Brethren J. A. Howard, of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, Prof. W. D. Fonville, J. E. Barnes, J. H. Riffe, J. M. Roden, J. W. Stewart of the Orphanage, and W. A. Parker, evangelist, were visitors, and assisted in the discussions. Reports of committees showed most of the churches to be in moderately healthful condition. Contributions about equal to former years. The usual subjects were well discussed; the speech of Dr. Dickinson on education, and of Dr. W. C. Stewart on temperance was specially good. The missionary sermon by Rev. J. I. Kendrick was the best I ever heard. Attendance of delegates was good, and the spirit of the meeting excellent. Pastor Powell and Town Creek church sustained their former reputation for generous hospitality."

The Meetings of the Associations.

The associations are so much crowded in their times of meeting that I have found great difficulty in arranging to attend them. However, the evangelist, of the board, assisted by several brethren, with the corresponding secretary, will cover almost the entire state. It would afford me very great pleasure to meet with all the associations, but this is impossible. I hope the brethren will cordially receive our representatives wherever they appear to look after the interests of the board.

It may not be amiss to say in this connection that a great deal depends upon the liberality of the denomination between this and the meeting of the State convention. It will be an easy matter to lift the State board out of debt if the Baptists will, with some degree of unanimity, rally to its support.

Brethren, I beg you in the Master's name to do this.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Cor. Sec'y.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Board Meeting.

The Board of Ministerial Education of the Muscle Shoals association will meet in the Baptist church at Danville, on Saturday, Sept. 17, at 3 p. m. Business of importance to be attended to. The following constitute the board: J. G. Orr, Jos. Shackelford, J. M. Kitchens, G. C. Hardwick, J. T. Wallace, and J. B. Hester.

J. G. Orr, Chairman.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At the Orphanage.

We have had four accessions in the last few days, making our total number 94. We have sent out 41, leaving 53 in our family now. Our current expenses now will not fall far short of \$10 a day.

We owe about \$800, which we must pay by Oct. 15th if we are to dedicate the Home free of debt October 20th. With what we shall need for our daily expense till then we shall need \$1,000 between now and October 15th. Brethren, see to it that your association, church, Sunday school and mission society sends us a contribution at once. Evergreen. J. W. STEWART.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Meeting at Columbia.

Bro. Editor: I enclose check to cover subscriptions to the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and you will please send it one year to each of the names herewith handed you at this office.

Bro. Bradley has just closed a great meeting, yes a glorious meeting with our church. It has been many years since the members have enjoyed such a spiritual feast and upbuilding. And this truth is recognized and freely acknowledged by all. Brethren were so revived and strengthened by God's grace shed abroad in their hearts that they would voluntarily rise in the meetings, exhort the congregations, and tell what the Lord had done for them. The young sisters as well as the men were wonderfully blessed. The meeting lasted nearly two weeks, and the morning congregations, as well as the evening, were large and attentive throughout, without any falling off or abatement in interest to the close. Although it was a Baptist meeting, the Christians in full force and enjoyed the sweet services with us from start to finish. The opportunities for prayer or uniting with the church closed last night with more penitents going forward for prayer than at any time during the meeting. There were eight accessions to the church, five by letter and three by experience. The latter were baptized in the presence of a large congregation at the close of the services last night. The members received, both by letter and experience, were of valuable acquisitions to our church. Others are to follow at an early day as a result of the meeting.

Our church and all the Christians of the town, as well as the community at large, fell very much in love with Bro. Bradley, and showed their appreciation by regularly attending upon his services, and in a still more substantial manner when he was ready to leave. Bro. Bradley is a most excellent preacher, full of God's spirit all the while, and has a happy faculty of imparting and impressing others with his blessed influences. No church in need of his services will make a mistake by inviting him to assist them in a meeting. Our church will call a pastor at once, and the committee to correspond with ministering brethren on that line will be composed of W. F. Oakley, L. G. Clark and D. F. McDougald. The Lord hath done great things for us and we bless his holy name. August 26. JNO. T. DAVIS.

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I would to God that I was able to bless the homes of my brethren with religious literature. This, I fear, is the fatal error we are making in our great denominational work. We have literature, good literature, and lots of it, but we are too saving with it. Our people need to be brought in touch with our denominational enterprises. We have two ways to reach them—one is through the papers, and the other is through the preachers. The preachers and the papers ought to be good friends, so intimate that the papers would go with the preachers in all their pastoral tours, and lend a helping hand in all the great work of the Lord. I am deeply impressed with the importance of our insatiable work. I am sure this work is doing a great deal toward bringing our preachers into sympathy with our denominational enterprises. In this work the preacher feels the sympathy and touch of the helping hand, and his heart wells up with gladness as his spiritual being appropriates the food that grows him into a stronger and more useful man.

In helping the preacher to grow we help his people, and thus we make one of the grandest strokes in behalf of missions that our denomination has yet attempted. Some of our old preachers are now taking the second growth, and they begin to feel young again. Brethren, let us thank God and take courage, for there is a bright day coming. Sweet deliverance awaits us not far hence. We need only a united effort along all lines, and victory will crown our labors. May the God of peace smile upon the labors of our beloved brethrenhood. J. R. STODGHILL.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At Healing Springs.

There was constituted at this place (in Washington county) on August 12, 1898, a Baptist Church of Christ, composed of twenty-four members, among whom were Elders J. B. Hester and J. B. Hester. The latter was at once elected as pastor. (Elder Tucker's time being already fully occupied.) M. F. Knight and J. E. McLeMORE as deacons, and Guy W. Gordon as church clerk. Elder Hamberlin, who lives here, (he and his wife in charge of the Industrial Academy), had been preaching in the academy building once a month since last December as local missionary of Antioch association, and also conducting a Sunday school; and for twelve days prior to the constitution of the church, Eld. W. J. David, of Meridian, had preached a series of effective gospel sermons, and on the morning of this last day had baptized five happy converts. He was aided in completing and recognizing the new church by Presbyters J. B. Hamberlin, J. L. Causey and C. S. Ray. It is expected that a suitable house of worship will be erected at no distant day. Twenty acres of land close to the Springs now belong to the church, from which building lots and timber will be sold to aid in putting up the house of worship. We expect to unite with the Antioch association at its meeting in October.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Meetings.

Assisted by brethren B. J. Skinner, D. W. Ramsey and S. P. Lindsey, I have had meetings at the following places, with results stated: Pineville, six additions; people coming daily through mud nearly axle deep all the while, and amid incessant rains. Perdue Hill, eleven additions; one of the most delightful meetings ever held there. Buena Vista, thirty-one; with mud and rain as at Pineville, closing under increasing interest. The sermons were delivered under manifest inspiration.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At Montego.

Editor Ala. Baptist: At your request I write a few things concerning our Southern Chautauque, Montego. I hope what I may say will prove interesting to your readers and will induce many to spend at least a part of next summer at this charming resort. How refreshing it be on this mountain top, 2,200 feet above the sea level, and breathe the pure air, and be almost constantly fanned by the mountain breezes! Many come from various parts of our Southland, some seeking health, some for rest and quiet, others for study and improvement. This has been a delightful and successful season, the number of visitors has been quite large; many are coming in daily to spend the month of September. The schools during July were well attended, especially the school of music. The assembly was fortunate in securing Dr. H. G. Hanchett, of the School of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y., as instructor in piano, and Dr. John C. Griggs, of the Metropolitan College of Music, New York City, instructor in voice. The musical

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Report of Work.

Dear Bro. Baptist: I have not had time to write before this: Two hours is all the rest I have had in more than five weeks. But work in the Master's business is rest for one who wears the yoke. At first the Lord was gracious to us at Cross Keys, in Macon county, where Bro. Upshaw aided me in a good meeting. The note in your paper soon after the meeting very clearly expressed the situation, only I wish the next time any of my good folks down there write to your paper they would sign the name. I liked the note.

From Cross Keys I went to Bethany, at Ware, and we had a few days of good interest and some revival, and much concern by the unsaved. Bethany holds her own. It was my esteemed privilege after leaving Bethany to be with Bro. H. C. Sanders in his meeting at Thomaston, Marengo county. Here I met a fine new community of God's people, doing good work under the leadership of this efficient servant of God.

Bro. Sanders has the aid of some of our best workers, and this is a little thing in the Lord's service.

My next meeting was at Spring Hill, near my house. Although politics, rains, and road-working were prevalent, the Spirit of the Savior was with us, and a victory was won. Bro. Stodghill, of Lineville, preached three able sermons for us, and Bro. Johnson preached three.

And now I am just home from Milltown, where I have been aiding Bro. Upshaw and his good people in a gracious meeting, which I was compelled to leave in order to reach my appointment at home. I enjoyed very much my experience with the dear people of Thomaston and Milltown, and I dare say Brethren Sanders and Upshaw have some of the "salt of the earth" in their membership, as I have in my churches. I wish I could take time to mention names of brethren and sisters in these two churches, and also some in my own churches who are really fellow-helpers in our Master's work. But I will express myself to these faithful ones face to face or by correspondence. By the way, Bro. Editor, it appears very fitting to me for our words of praise to be spoken while we are here in this busy, bustling world, and not wait to speak words of idle flattery after the ear has ceased to hear and the eyes to see, and the heart to feel. I prefer you, kind heart, to pin the precious unfolding bud of love on the fold of my garment, rather than to wreath my coffin lid with the richest bouquet of fragrant flowers of antiquated affection. C. J. BENTLEY. Ashland, Aug. 20.

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Testimony of a Witness.

Dear Baptist: I was moderator of the Midland City meeting, and I write to say that the statements made by Rev. A. J. Preston are correct. I also agree with Bro. Loudermilk in saying, "These discussions were conducted with due respect, and a proper spirit was manifested for each other." See his first statement in the ALABAMA BAPTIST of June 9.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Newton, July 12.

The "statements" were in regard to certain doctrinal views said to have been expressed at the Midland City meeting, and in reference to which there has been a little controversy through the columns by the brethren above mentioned. Bro. Jones's note was sent us sometime ago, but was held over. Is not this a good time to close the case?

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I would to God that I was able to bless the homes of my brethren with religious literature. This, I fear, is the fatal error we are making in our great denominational work. We have literature, good literature, and lots of it, but we are too saving with it. Our people need to be brought in touch with our denominational enterprises. We have two ways to reach them—one is through the papers, and the other is through the preachers. The preachers and the papers ought to be good friends, so intimate that the papers would go with the preachers in all their pastoral tours, and lend a helping hand in all the great work of the Lord. I am deeply impressed with the importance of our insatiable work. I am sure this work is doing a great deal toward bringing our preachers into sympathy with our denominational enterprises. In this work the preacher feels the sympathy and touch of the helping hand, and his heart wells up with gladness as his spiritual being appropriates the food that grows him into a stronger and more useful man.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Report of Work.

Dear Bro. Baptist: I have not had time to write before this: Two hours is all the rest I have had in more than five weeks. But work in the Master's business is rest for one who wears the yoke. At first the Lord was gracious to us at Cross Keys, in Macon county, where Bro. Upshaw aided me in a good meeting. The note in your paper soon after the meeting very clearly expressed the situation, only I wish the next time any of my good folks down there write to your paper they would sign the name. I liked the note.

From Cross Keys I went to Bethany, at Ware, and we had a few days of good interest and some revival, and much concern by the unsaved. Bethany holds her own. It was my esteemed privilege after leaving Bethany to be with Bro. H. C. Sanders in his meeting at Thomaston, Marengo county. Here I met a fine new community of God's people, doing good work under the leadership of this efficient servant of God.

Bro. Sanders has the aid of some of our best workers, and this is a little thing in the Lord's service.

My next meeting was at Spring Hill, near my house. Although politics, rains, and road-working were prevalent, the Spirit of the Savior was with us, and a victory was won. Bro. Stodghill, of Lineville, preached three able sermons for us, and Bro. Johnson preached three.

And now I am just home from Milltown, where I have been aiding Bro. Upshaw and his good people in a gracious meeting, which I was compelled to leave in order to reach my appointment at home. I enjoyed very much my experience with the dear people of Thomaston and Milltown, and I dare say Brethren Sanders and Upshaw have some of the "salt of the earth" in their membership, as I have in my churches. I wish I could take time to mention names of brethren and sisters in these two churches, and also some in my own churches who are really fellow-helpers in our Master's work. But I will express myself to these faithful ones face to face or by correspondence. By the way, Bro. Editor, it appears very fitting to me for our words of praise to be spoken while we are here in this busy, bustling world, and not wait to speak words of idle flattery after the ear has ceased to hear and the eyes to see, and the heart to feel. I prefer you, kind heart, to pin the precious unfolding bud of love on the fold of my garment, rather than to wreath my coffin lid with the richest bouquet of fragrant flowers of antiquated affection. C. J. BENTLEY. Ashland, Aug. 20.

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University of Alabama

"Not Half Bad Told."

A young preacher from North
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of the Alabama Educational Association
in June, was so well pleased
that he decided to enter the
University in October. In a recent
letter to the president he wrote in part:

"I am almost sure to get two or
three boys from this community. I
wish I could bring down a dozen.
I am well pleased with the University
since I saw it. When I reached there
and inspected everything, I found that
'half had been told.'"

And this is true. If every man,
woman and child in Alabama could
see the University and the manner
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and examine its equipment, and
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Union Association.

The sixty-third annual session of
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Our former most loved clerk, Eld.
M. G. Lofton, having died since
last meeting, the association was
organized by electing W. G. Rob-
ertson, former moderator, as pre-
siding officer, and the writer as
clerk.

Letters were read from thirty-
three out of thirty-six churches.

The various reports were well
prepared and quite gratifying, and
showed that the committees had
done their work well. The dis-
cussions were of high order, and
a spirit of fraternal love was mani-
fested by all.

The introductory sermon was
preached by Eld. W. J. Beatty, and
the missionary sermon by Eld. W. C.
Bledsoe, our efficient correspond-
ing secretary.

Dr. A. B. Campbell, of Troy, pre-
sided at the doctrinal sermon the
last day of the association.

Our various denominational en-
terprises were well represented.

Bro. Bledsoe represented the State
mission work, Bro. J. A. Howard
the ALABAMA BAPTIST and the
Board of Ministerial Education,
and the writer was associational
representative for the Foreign Mis-
sion board.

Visiting ministers were, W. C.
Bledsoe, J. A. Howard, at large;
J. H. Curry from the Tuscaloosa
association, J. D. Cook from the
Bigbee, and J. W. Caldwell from
the Columbus association of Mis-
sissippi.

The sermons at night by brethren
Cook and Howard were of high
order and full of gospel truth. The
sermons preached by the direction
of the association were full of spir-
itual strength, and were enjoyed
by all.

Taking all things into consid-
eration, this was one of the best
and most enthusiastic meetings held
by this body in many years.

The good people of Carrollton
were complimented for the manner
in which they entertained the body.

The next meeting will be held
with Shiloh church, Greene county,
beginning Tuesday before the first
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ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure

Something was the matter with Ray's mother, and Ray felt very badly about it. He had never seen her cry like that before, and he did not know what to make of it. It was storming very hard. Perhaps she wanted to go out and couldn't. Ray always cried when it stormed too hard for him to go out on his new little red sled. Yes, it must be the weather, because he knew she wasn't sick, and she hadn't hurt herself.

"Mamma, dear," he said, going up to her. "Are you crying?"

"Never mind, mamma dear, I'm your little sunshine."

His mother did not answer. "Isn't I your sunshine?" Say, mamma dear, please don't cry any more. Smile up your face, or Ray will cry too."

"Yes, yes!" answered his mother.

"Then smile up your face, and say I is your little sunshine," insisted Ray, with a smile as sunny as a May morning on his own face. "Yes, darling, you are mother's sunshine; the winds may blow and the rain may beat against me, but as long as God spares me and my dear little boy my life will be full of sunshine."

Ray hung around mother all day, and every time she looked sad he said again: "Is I your little sunshine, mamma dear?"

SUGGESTIVE

The two kinds of people on earth, I ween, Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses Are always divided in just these two classes.

And, oddly enough, you will find too, I ween, There is only one lift to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load Of overtaxed lifters who toll down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear Your portion of labor and worry and care? — *Ellis Hester Wilson*

What Happened to the Goose

"Why is the goose silly?" repeated Grandpa Longbow, putting down his paper. "Do you know that the goose was once the wisest of all creatures?"

"You don't?"

"Then it might be well for little boys and girls to hear the true story of what happened to the goose."

"Long ago, when the rabbit had the longest tail of any creature living, and when the eagle, then the most timid of birds, used to live on pumpkin seed, the goose was very wise. It walked about with a dignified bearing that you can yet see traces of, in spite of its waddling."

"I learned all that was really to be known about the dry land."

"But the learned goose was still unsatisfied."

"Why," it exclaimed, "the world is more than three-fourths water, and though I know all that is to be known on and about dry land, I am ignorant of everything in the water."

"So the goose set about learning how to swim and dive; and, after many years of study or questioning, it learned all about the water and the creatures that live in it."

But still it was not satisfied.

"I know very little about the air," said the learned goose. "I must now learn how to fly like the eagle, so that I will be able to take longer journeys than are possible to one who only swims and walks."

"After much practice the goose learned to fly; and that enabled it to travel so much and learn so much that it finally fell ill with brain fever. When it recovered its mind was affected; and it couldn't tell whether it belonged to the sea, like the gull, the dry land, like the hen, or the air, like the eagle. And ever since it has been wandering about—a homeless, witless, foolish bird; and all because it asked too many questions and learned too much."

"No, I will not tell you how the rabbit lost its tail and the eagle became brave and fierce. Remember the fate of the goose, and don't try to learn too much at once."

Independent.

Papa's Spelling Lesson.

"Why don't you study your reading lesson, Frances?" that little lady's papa asked severely.

"The words are so hard to pronounce, papa," replied the small student. "I don't believe you can pronounce them yourself."

"O nonsense! Spell the words and pronounce them in syllables."

"G-r-a-n-d. What's that papa?"

"Grand. Go on."

"Grand f-a-t. What's that?"

"Grand fat. What next, Frances?"

"Grand fat h-e-r. What does that spell, papa?"

"Why her, of course. Go on."

"Grand fat her is—"

"Do let me hear the book, Frances. At once hear of a grand father? You surely haven't spelled the word correctly."

And then mamma laughed from her corner.

"Did you ever hear of grand-father, papa?"

And Frances cried triumphantly: "I told you those words were hard, papa. You see you can't pronounce them yourself."

Times and Places of the Meetings of the Associations for 1898.

SEPTEMBER.

Birmingham Springsville, Tuesday 6.
Highway Prospect, six miles east of
Livingston, Friday 9.
Cahoon, Harpersburg, Friday 9.
Elm, Moss Hill church, ten miles west
of Cahoon, Valley New Prospect, four
miles from Coal City, Saturday 13.
Harris, Oswichee, Tuesday 13.
Dine Barren, Ackerville, Wednesday 14.
Cocoa River, Blue Eye, near Lincoln,
Wednesday 14.
Liberty, Mt. Pleasant, Limestone county,
Thursday 15.
Mineral Springs, County Line, seven
miles east of Warrior, Friday 16.
Bethlehem, Belleville, Wednesday 21.
Cedar Bluff, Little River, Friday 23.
North River, Carbon Hill, Saturday 24.
Cherokee County, Bethel, Tuesday 27.
Geneva, Leona, Holmes county, Fla.,
Wednesday 28.
Mulberry, Collins Chapel, Chilton
county, Wednesday 28.
Sispey, Pleasant Grove, Wednesday 28.
Central, Providence, Coosa county,
Wednesday 28.
South Bethel, Peniel, Clarke county,
Thursday 29.
Salem, Spring Hill, eight miles south
of Troy, Thursday 29.
Hatch, Shale, Elton, Thursday 29.
Central Liberty, South Sandy, Thurs-
day 29.
Harmony, Hopewell, Friday 30.
Clear Creek, New Prospect, Winston
county, Friday 30.
Tennessee River, Beech Grove, Fri-
day 30.

OCTOBER.

Yellow Creek, Zion, Marion county,
Saturday 1.
Macedonia, Spring Bank, Washington
county, Saturday 1.
Newton, Pinckard, Wednesday 5.
Bethel, Linden, Tuesday 4.
Unity, Bethesda, near Independence,
Saturday 4.
East Liberty, Bethel, Chambers coun-
ty, five miles south Roanoke, Tuesday 4.
Tusculoo, Mt. Paran, Wednesday 5.
Centennial, Liberty, Balloch county,
Thursday 5.
Theresa, Zion, Thursday 6.
Wagon, Friendship, Coosa county,
Thursday 6.
Sulphur Spring, Cane Creek, 2 miles
west of Warrior, Friday 7.
Alabama, Indian Creek, Butler county,
Friday 7.
Antioch, Chalk Hill, Washington coun-
ty, Friday 7.
Marshall, Mt. Vernon, Friday 7.
New River, Shepherd, Saturday 8.
Big Bear Creek, Duncan Creek, Frank-
lin county, Saturday 8.
Cherokee, New Harmony, 12 miles east
of Gunterville, Tuesday 11.
Tuskegee, Salem, Tuesday 11.
Carrey, Concord, Clay county, Tues-
day 11.
Cahaba, Fellowship, Wednesday 12.
Zion, Mt. Olive, Wednesday 12.
Hatch, Ridge, Antioch, Butler county,
Thursday 13.
Colbert, Liberty (Town Creek), Thurs-
day 13.
Gilliam Spring, New Canaan, Morgan
county, Friday 14.
Mid Creek, Liberty, Friday 14.
Arbacochee, New Hope, Randolph
county, Saturday 15.
Eufaula, Midway, Tuesday 18.
Tallapoosa River, Mt. Pleasant, Tues-
day 18.
Etowah, Bristoe's Creek, Wednesday
19.
Cedar Creek, New Harmony, Cleburne
county, Wednesday 19.
Cullman, Pleasant Grove, Thursday 20.
New Providence, Bethel, Friday 21.
Boiling Spring, Christians, Randolph
county, Tuesday 25.
Sardis, Beulah, Covington county, six
miles west of Cross Trails, Friday Octo-
ber 7.

NOVEMBER.

Columbia, Annie York, ten miles south
of Dorthan, Wednesday 2.
Pea River, Helton, six miles south of
Milo, Friday 4.
I will be glad to make this list com-
plete. Will brethren please examine it
carefully and correct all mistakes and
send me a minute of every association
not in this list? W. C. BLENKINS,
Cor. Sec'y.

Whose Place Will You Take?

You are looking for a place. You may make a place for yourself. By some invitation of wise management you may originate some work which no one ever did before, and so have a place which is all your own. But in most cases boys, as they grow up, take the places which other men have done. It is quite important, therefore, for boys to consider what places they will take when they grow up.

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Kenneth's Golden Rule Arithmetic.

"Phil," whispered Kenneth Brooks, "I've got a secret to tell you after school."

"Nice!" asked Phil.

"Yes," was the answer, "nice for me."

"Oh!" said Phil, and his eyebrows fell. He followed Kenneth around behind the school-house after school to hear the secret.

"My Uncle George," said Kenneth, "has given me a ticket to go and see the man that makes canary birds fire off pistols and all that. Ever seen him?"

"No," said Phil, hopelessly.

"Well, it's first rate, and my ticket will take me in twice," said Kenneth, cutting a little caper of delight.

"Same thing both times?" asked Phil.

"No, sir-ee; new tricks every time. I say, Phil," Kenneth continued, struck with the other's mournful look, "won't your Uncle George give you one?"

"I ain't got any Uncle George," said Phil.

"That's a fact. How about your mother, Phil?"

"Can't afford it," answered Phil, with his eyes on the ground.

Kenneth took his ticket out of his pocket and looked at it; it certainly promised to admit the bearer into Mozart Hall two afternoons. Then he looked at Phil and a secret wish stole into his heart that he hadn't said anything about his ticket; but after a few minutes' struggle, "Phil!" he cried. "I wonder if the man wouldn't change this and give me two tickets that would take you and me in one time?"

Phil's eyes grew bright, and a happy little smile crept over his broad little face. "Do you think he would?" he asked, eagerly.

"Let's try," said Kenneth, and the two little boys started off to the office window at the hall.

"But, Kenneth," said Phil, stopping short, "it ain't fair for me to take your ticket."

"It is, though," answered his friend, stoutly, "cause I'll get more fun from going once with you than twice by myself."

This settled the matter, and Phil gave in.

"So you want two tickets for one time?" said the agent.

"Yes, sir," said Kenneth, taking off his sailor hat to the great man; "one for me and one for Phil, you know."

"You do arithmetic by the Golden Rule down here, don't you?" asked the ticket man.

"No, sir," we see Barnard Smith's," answered the boys. And they didn't know for a long time what that man meant by Golden Rule.

Wide-Awake Boys.

When Gen. Grant was a boy his mother one morning found herself without butter for breakfast, and sent him to borrow some from a neighbor. Going without knocking, into the house of his neighbor, whose son was then at school, young Grant overheard a letter read from the son stating that he had failed in examination and was coming home. He got the butter, took it home, and without waiting for breakfast, ran down to the office of the congressman from that district.

"Mr. Hamar," he said, "will you appoint me to West Point?"

"No, so and so is there and has three years to serve."

"But suppose he should fail, will you send me?"

Mr. Hamar laughed. "If he doesn't go through no use for you to try."

"Promise you'll give me a chance, Mr. Hamar, anyhow."

Mr. Hamar promised.

The next day the defeated lad came home and the congressman, laughing at Uly's sharpness, gave him the appointment. "Now," said Grant, "it was my mother's being out of butter that made me General and President. But it was his own shrewdness to see the chance and promptness to seize it, that urged him upwards."—Christian Advocate.

Galileo constructed the first refracting telescope.

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Bible Terms.

Here is a handy table furnished by the Christian World, which it would be well to cut out or copy for reference in your Bible studies. A day's journey was about twenty-three and one-half miles. A Sabbath day's journey was about an English mile. A cubit was nearly twenty two inches. A hand's breadth is equal to three and five-eighths inches. A finger's breadth is equal to one inch. A shekel of silver was about fifty cents. A shekel of gold was \$5. A talent of silver was \$338.30. A talent of gold was \$13,809. A piece of silver, or a penny, was thirteen cents. A farthing was three cents. A mite was less than a quarter of a cent. A gerah was one cent. An ephah, or bath, contained seven gallons and five pints. A firkin was about eight and seven-eighths gallons. A hin was one gallon and two pints. An omer was six pints. A cub was three pints.

Graphite, of which lead pencils are made, was first discovered in Siberia in 1842, where one mine has since yielded 33,000 hundred weight of graphite.

A coal mine at Daily, Scotland, which caught fire over fifty years ago, has at last burned itself out. All experiments made to extinguish it failed.

The greatest battles of life are fought in the arena of man's own heart.

Astrology rightly means the science of the stars.

Georgia and Alabama Railway—Savannah Short Line.

Passenger Schedules, Effective December 1st, 1897. Seventy-two miles short line operated between Montgomery and Savannah. Entirely new route to Columbus and all points North.

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