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FROM THE RANKS.

It is a wise and encouraging provision of this government that no man or number of men can fix a corner upon a growing intellect. It has been demonstrated in more than one instance that the most obscure has risen to the highest office in the gift of the American people. Not only is this true politically, but it is also true socially, morally, financially and intellectually.

There is no government that gives more encouragement to all classes to push to the front and grasp the honors than this of ours. It lays great emphasis upon merit. In fact, merit is the only sure and permanent road to success. The fraud, the blatherskite, the superficial, the bully, may flourish for a time, but the wisdom and better judgment of the masses will sooner or later tear off the mask and expose the fraud.

Train your boys to rely upon their own exertions. Self-reliance is sure to win. Confucius spake words of wisdom and sound philosophy when he said, "What the superior man seeks is in himself; what the small man seeks is in others." You must not fight the battles of your son or daughter; if so, they will ever remain weaklings. Men who have been bolstered up all their lives are seldom good for anything in a crisis. When misfortune comes they look around for somebody to lean upon. If the prop is not there, down they go. Once down, they are as helpless as capsized turtles or unhorsed men in armor. Teach the boy self-help; not to wait for somebody to give him a lift, but lift himself. The greatest fortunes ever accumulated or possessed on earth were and are the fruit of endeavor that had no capital to begin with save energy, intellect, and the will. From Cæsar down to Rockefeller the story is the same, not only in the getting of wealth, but also in the acquirement of eminence; those men have won most who relied most upon themselves. How disgusting and contemptible is it to see a young man with healthy blood, broad shoulders, fine muscle, and a hundred and fifty pounds of good flesh, standing with his hands in his pockets longing for help.

Many of our greatest men in the various professions of life came from the ranks. They possessed neither fortune nor family prominence, nor influential friends or kindred, but rose by their own inherent power and courage. Richard Arkwright, the thirteenth child, in a hovel, with no education, no apparent chance, gave his spinning model to the world, and placed a sceptre in England's right hand such as Victoria never wielded. Of all the elements of success in life, none is more vital than self-reliance,—a determination to be, under God, the creator of your own reputation and advancement. Have faith in yourself, scorning props and buttresses, crutches and life-preservers, and lay earnestly hold upon life and duty. Success comes, permanent success comes by toil, ceaseless toil. Circumstances have rarely favored great men. They have won the victory over the

rough and rugged road of difficulties, and through all sorts of opposition. Success is the child of drudgery and perseverance. Pay the price and it is yours. Elihu Burritt, apprenticed to a blacksmith, in whose shop he had to work at the forge all the day long and often by candlelight, had poor, very poor chance to rise. Yet he managed, by studying with a book before him at his meals, carrying it in his pocket, utilizing every spare moment, and studying nights and holidays; to get an education. While the rich boy or lazy boy, the idler, were doing nothing, young Burritt was toiling in the day and studying at night, and at thirty years of age was master of every important language in Europe. We give this single illustration, taken from hundreds, to teach the boy or girl who may chance to read this article the great lesson that an education is in reach of every one who will strive to obtain it. The ancients said, "Know thyself;" the present century says, "Help thyself."

This is the last issue of The Standard that will be sent to any whose figures are not in 1899—Texas Baptist Standard.

The editorial fraternity is watching with much interest Bro. Cranfill's cash basis plan, and trust he will not fail to attend our next Press Association and give us the benefit of his experience.—Baptist Chronicle, Louisiana.

The great city papers can enforce the cash system, because they are patronized by town people who can always command a little cash; and besides, people expect no favors from those journals. But religious papers are patronized chiefly by farmers, who do not often have money in spring and summer. We suppose it is possible for them to wait for somebody to give them a lift, but lift themselves. The greatest fortunes ever accumulated or possessed on earth were and are the fruit of endeavor that had no capital to begin with save energy, intellect, and the will. From Cæsar down to Rockefeller the story is the same, not only in the getting of wealth, but also in the acquirement of eminence; those men have won most who relied most upon themselves. How disgusting and contemptible is it to see a young man with healthy blood, broad shoulders, fine muscle, and a hundred and fifty pounds of good flesh, standing with his hands in his pockets longing for help.

Bro. W. E. Compton has been re-elected Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama State Board, and has accepted. He was secretary for eleven years, but had resigned to accept work in Kentucky.—Baptist Chronicle, Louisiana.

In these days of hurry and carelessness a man is likely to lose his name as well as his fame if he doesn't take good care of it. A stranger would never know that the above paragraph intended to tell something about Bro. W. B. Crumpton.

We adopt as our own the following from the Arkansas Baptist:

"Give us a sermon every week" is a frequent request, but one who made such request writes, "Please give us boiled down sermons." To the sentiment we give voice to a chorus of amens. A sermon (or, for that matter, any sort of article) that is too long for one page of the BAPTIST should be sent to the compress and have the water or ether squeezed out of it.

It is said 1,500,000 people in North Carolina do not attend Sunday school.

Then there must be only a few hundred who do attend. We do not know the number in Alabama who stay away, but it is quite large.

Fasting and prayer are God appointed services.

For the Alabama Baptist. I Will Say It Now.

I perused the last issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST with unusual pleasure. Allow me to say to the Editors, Well done, brethren. It strikes me now that one of the best things that we can do is to enlarge the circulation of the paper. It would be a fine educational scheme. I only wish all the Baptists of the State were regular readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

I wish that many brethren would agree with Bro. Gregory as to the importance of having our preachers read the paper, and that we send out at least the 250 copies that he indicates.

Wish all of our people had read the last issue of our paper. "Law—The Laws of Nature, etc" from Dr. Z. D. Roby, is fine. I fully agree with the remarks of the Editor about it.

The author of "Denominational Homogeneity" deserves the thanks of all of us, and he has mine. I have read nothing better, indeed nothing equal to it, touching the very important subject treated.

"The Higher Criticism in the Pulpit" I did not enjoy. There is a good deal in it that I do not like.

"Christian Civics—No. 3," as well as No's 1 and 2 that have preceded it, are all very fine articles. It may be that many readers would not appreciate No. 3; that they will characterize it as a dream of a dreamer. I like it. The present condition of our civilization may make its suggestions inoperative but that does not destroy the truth or philosophy of the article. It is both sound and profound in its aim and scope.

"A Great Meeting—Good News" is the most cheering news that I had read in a long time. Our debts have so much troubled us. Oh, how they have hindered us!

If the Holy Spirit leads our business men, our men of wealth, to look after our financial troubles, we all may take courage and thank God.

I hope that we shall soon hear more from that meeting. One of the wants of the hour is to sustain our honor in plain matters of business.

The author of "Say it Now" deserves the thanks of all his readers for calling their attention to such tender and practical thoughts and facts on the subject about which he writes.

Let me say again that I wish our paper was more widely circulated. It is immensely important that it should be. There is no other educating agency in the State or out of it with which we may so cheaply touch and help our people. I move that during the next thirty days we attempt to double the circulation of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

Fraternally,
JNO. P. SHAFFER.

Camp Hill.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Good Meeting at Andalusia.

It is with gladness that I write the ALABAMA BAPTIST of a very precious and helpful meeting held at the Baptist church in this place by the new pastor, Rev. A. B. Metcalf, commencing on Tuesday night, April 18, and continuing eight days. The church had been cold spiritually for sometime, and when at the close of the meeting it was found to be so greatly revived and many precious souls brought into the fold of Christ, it was truly a matter of rejoicing and thanksgiving. Pastor Metcalf is an untiring worker, and preaches with the conviction that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. There were thirty-seven added to the church, twenty-three by baptism, two of whom joined at the water. What a beautiful yet solemn scene was presented at the water. The large concourse of people, thickly lining the banks which ran in circular form, and the consecrated man of God burying precious souls

with Christ in baptism—a sight not soon to be forgotten.

The meeting was marked throughout by the power of the Spirit, and at every service saint and sinner were moved to tears under the heartfelt appeals of the preacher.

The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The congregations from beginning to end were large, and at the last two or three services the house was taxed to its utmost capacity, even to overflowing.

Pray for us, that the revival may continue. J. M. ROBINSON, SR.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Notasulga 5th Sunday Meeting.

Our meeting was an ideal one. A good attendance from a number of the churches, a fine attendance of the community from first to finish, so that our large house was full from the beginning and overflowed on Sunday. The sermons and speeches were full of fine thought and spiritual meat, delivered with a sweet spiritual unction that made the hearts of the people throb with new emotions of joy and service. The brethren and sisters of other denominations caught the inspiration as well as our own.

The community did itself great credit by the hearty, liberal hospitality dispensed gracefully and cheerfully, and by laying down their work in the busy season on the farms, and closing the stores to give themselves up to the spiritual feast.

The universal verdict was so far as expressions were heard either from visitors or home people, that it was the best meeting of the kind any of us had ever known.

I feel assured seed were sown from which rich fruitage will yet be gathered.

Hard as the times are, and scarce as money is, the contributions to denominational enterprises from this church have been about \$22.00 since March. GEO. E. BREWER.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Good Meeting—Happy Preacher

"Praise ye the Lord. Let us exalt his name together," for he is doing great things with and through the First Baptist church of Selma. For one week it has been my privilege and joy to serve with this broad-minded, cultured people. Fourteen have been received for baptism, and a number of others have professed faith in Christ.

Yesterday at 11 a. m. I spoke on Foreign Missions, and asked the church to undertake the support of a missionary on the foreign field on a salary of \$600. The noble church not only gave the \$600, but \$183.60 more than I asked for, making \$783.60. This was the most spontaneous and joyous collection I have ever seen. The Spirit was with us. At night many were unable to get into the house. Among those received for baptism is the eldest son of Dr. A. J. Dickinson, the beloved pastor. What a joy it has been to serve with such a large-hearted, unselfish pastor and people. I praise the Master for the privilege.

Are there not twenty or twenty-five churches in Alabama who can and ought to be supporting a missionary on the foreign field? What does the First of Montgomery, St. Francis Street of Mobile, the First and South Side of Birmingham, the First of Tuscaloosa, the First of Huntsville, the First of Gadsden, of Orrville, of Livingston, of Opelika, of Greenville, and of Evergreen think of this? Brethren, if you just believe in the Lord and yourselves you can do this thing and more. May the Holy Spirit wake us all up on the subject of giving the gospel to the world.

God bless the noble laymen who are trying to wipe out the debts of our denominational work in Alabama. W. Y. QUISENBERRY.
Selma, May 1.

For the Alabama Baptist.
New Orleans.

While this quaint old Crescent City can hardly be called a "boom town," so far as Baptist interest, are concerned, yet the conditions are such as to bring us something of hopefulness for the future.

The old First church, which has been laboring under some discouraging conditions, has called a vigorous, godly young man in the person of Rev. C. V. Edwards, of the Seminary, and has some plans on foot for improving its condition.

Dr. Whittinghill and his Coliseum Place people are moving along well. As a pastor, Bro. Whittinghill is alive to every good work, and is deservedly popular throughout the city.

Bro. C. W. Tomkies, who has been with Valence Street church for several months, is getting a good hold on the work. He has just closed a series of meetings in which there were several accessions to the church.

Rev. W. D. Gay, of the Fifth church is in Greenville Miss., assisting pastor W. M. Burr in a meeting.

Our work in the Carrollton end of the city is moving along well, and I feel that the outlook is promising.

We have this week secured a most desirable corner lot on the best residence street (St. Charles Avenue) in the city, and will occupy it at once. On this lot is a commodious hall which can be used as a temporary place of worship. While undecided about a permanent location, we have designated our organization as the Carrollton Church, but we have now secured a charter under the name of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church. When New Orleans was smaller, this locality was a separate corporate town called Carrollton, but now it is part of the city proper, and is a growing residence section.

The work in this old city, the stronghold of Catholicism, is fraught with many difficulties and discouragements, and yet my band of members is so intelligent, united and enthusiastic that I find my work a happy one.

With the improvement in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, the return of Bro. Crumpton, and the hopeful outlook of freeing the entire Alabama work from debt, one almost longs for a share in the work of his native State. Surely there is much encouragement for the Alabama Baptists. Fraternally,
A. G. MOSELEY.
508 Hillary St.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Pray for the Convention.

Dear Brother Editor: I am greatly impressed with the importance of prayer for our approaching Southern Baptist Convention. We commenced praying for it in our meeting last night. I write to ask that all Baptists throughout the South make Sunday, May 7, a day of special prayer for the wisdom and blessing of God to rest upon our gathering at Louisville.

Let those of us who go, go in the spirit of prayer, and the multitudes who remain at home pray the Father to anoint us with wisdom, justice and prudence.

Let us all make special prayer for the Trustees of the Seminary on May 11, that they may be guided by the Spirit of the living God to do what is wisest and best.

Brethren, let none of us go to Louisville as partisans either for or against Dr. Whitsitt, but let us go as servants of Christ and a great denomination. The eyes of the world are upon us: let us perform our work in all meekness and fear, and let us perform it in no party spirit.

With much love and cordial greeting, I am,

Yours, for Christ's sake,
JOHN D. JORDAN.
Savannah, Ga., April 26, '99.

Do you know the love of Christ?

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[The Editor of this Department
was absent recuperating, and the
marks of his handiwork are there-
fore wanting.—ALA. BAP.]

A Trip Into the Interior of China.

MRS. THOS. M'CLOY.

Dr. McCloy, myself and the
three little girls have just returned
a few days ago from a five weeks'
journey into the interior. We lived
on a native boat had a Chinese boy
with us to help cook our meals and
wash up. These boats go very
slow, from ten to twenty miles a
day. On this trip we visited three
of our country stations. The first
was a place called Wu Chow where
we spent the first Sunday with the
native brethren and sisters. On
Tuesday morning we started for
our next station. But before the
boat could start on its journey the
"Sy fu" (the "special pilot") for
the dangerous rapids had to go
through the ceremony called "Kwa
hung," "hanging of the red cloth."
The pilot takes a piece of red cloth,
fifteen pieces of paper six inches
long by three broad, three small
cups of wine, one saucer contain-

1. Ginger—showing trust in
their Gods for a favorable passage.
2. Sugar—the desire that all on
the boat may be sweet and agree-
able on the trip.
3. Salt—that everything might
be savory.
4. Tea—there is tea for the idol
to drink.

All these are taken and put down
at the bottom of the boat and a live
chicken is taken, its neck is cut and
the blood is allowed to drop in
each cup of wine, and on the pa-
pers, and as the pilot prostrates
himself three times before these
tokens of sincerity, a large gong is
beaten and fire-crackers are set off.
Then the pilot hangs the red cloth
over the bow of the boat, places
three blood-sprinkled papers on
each side of the door of the boat
and three at the foot of each mast.
The anchor is hauled up and we
start.

Five days traveling brought us
to a market town as near to our
Shek Tong Chapel as we can get
by water. Early on Sunday morn-
ing Dr. McCloy and two of the
little girls got mountain chairs
(they consist of two long bamboo
poles, a hard wooden seat tied in
the middle to sit on. The men lift
the poles on their shoulders) and
started for our chapel seven miles
away where they met the brethren
and sisters and had a good meeting.
I waited on the boat with our oldest
little girl and saw the people that
came to see the Foreign devil's
wife and Foreign devil's child.
The children are a great attraction
when we take them into the coun-
try. The people want to feel their
hands and faces, peer into their
eyes and ask us if they can see well
with these light blue eyes, and
what we give them to eat that
makes them so white.

While we were anchored there
one of our Christians came a good
many miles to get some medicine
from Dr. McCloy for his little
child. He had such a bright face
and looked happy. I was struck
with him and thought the sisters in
the home lands might like to hear
about him. He is a poor man go-
ing about the country selling vege-
tables, barely making enough to
support himself, wife and family.
He "entered the faith" some years
ago. His wife was very much op-
posed to him doing so, but he said
he must give up worshipping the
idols for they could not help him,
and he wanted to worship the true
God. His wife was very much dis-
pleased with him, and scolded him
a great deal, and one Sunday at the
chapel there was a special collec-
tion and this poor man gave 100
cash (10 cents) a day's wages, and
when he went home and his wife
found it out she gave him a scold-
ing and finished up by giving him
a good beating, but through all he
has gone on right steadfastly, al-
ways bright and happy, and when
we ask him about his wife and if

she had "entered the faith," he
said no, but I am still praying for
her, and she does not persecute me
as much as she did. There are so
many cases that are a great deal
worse than that I should like to
tell you about, and about the rest of
our long journey. Another time I
may. I am afraid this letter is al-
ready too long.
Canton, China.

Children's Day—1899.

I wish to announce that we have
programs for the Children's Day
service for the second Sunday in
June. On some accounts it will
be preferable to have this service
on the last Sunday in June, as that
is Review day, and there will be
no interference with the regular
lesson. The program consists of
an order of exercises, a four-page
supplement containing suitable re-
citations, and also a collection en-
velope. These are sent out by the
Sunday School Board without cost
in such quantities as may be re-
quested, to any Sunday school that
wishes to have the service. The
program is unusually attractive for
this year, setting forth in a beauti-
ful way the Bible as God's Treas-
ury.

The collection taken on this day
should be sent to the Sunday School
Board, or if preferable to the Sec-
retary of your State Board, with
specific instructions that it be cre-
dited to the Children's Day, and for-
warded to the Baptist Sunday
School Board at Nashville. This
collection goes to the Bible Fund
of the Board, and so is used for
sending out the Word of God into
deserted places. The Bible De-
partment of the Sunday School
Board stands for the Bible work of
the Southern Baptist Convention,
and contributions to the Bible Fund
entitles to representation in the
Convention. *Children's Day is our
Bible Day.* Last year was our first
experience with it, and proved sat-
isfactory in every way. We earn-
estly hope this year to have orders
from all our Sunday schools. We
should be very glad to furnish on re-
quest sample copies of the program
and then fill without cost whatever
orders may be made for the pro-
grams, supplements and envelopes.

Even if your school does not wish
to use the program, we earnestly
hope that either on that Sunday or
some succeeding Sunday you will
induce your school to make a con-
tribution to the Bible Fund of the
Sunday School Board. We have
sent out during the year many thou-
sand copies of the Word of God.
Some of these went to Cuba, some
were used among the foreign im-
migrants in Baltimore, some were sent
to destitute places throughout the
South, all doing a work which can
not be estimated, but proving a
blessing to the people and an honor
to God. The collection taken at
the regular service some Sunday
morning, sent to the Board for this
purpose, would be very gladly re-
ceived.

Every order for periodicals or
other Sunday school supplies in-
creases the Bible Fund, and so in-
creases the Board's power for use-
fulness. Earnestly hoping for your
sympathy and co-operation in this
great work, I remain,

Fraternally Yours,
J. M. FROST.

Nashville, Tenn.

Rest, but Do Not Loiter.

The junction of Fleet Street and
Farrington Street, at the foot of
Ludgate Hill, is one of the most
crowded thoroughfares of London.
Two tides of travel meet there, the
one pouring towards the Bank of
England and the commercial quar-
ters the Surry side of the Thames,
and the other pouring towards
Blackfriars bridge. In the center
of that junction, between two lamp-
posts, there used to be a solid oaken
bench, or "settle," with a high
back, and on that back was the in-
scription "Rest, but do not Loiter."
On that bench thousands of
people in the course of every day
used to rest their weary limbs.
Like that poor man's bench in
seething London, stands the unre-
pealed ordinance of the Sabbath,
and over its blessed portal is writ-
ten, "Rest, but do not lounge or
loiter."—Theodore L. Cuyler.

Each day is a branch of the tree
of life, laden heavily with fruit. If
we lie down lazily beneath it, we
may starve; but if we shake the
branches, some of the fruit may
fall for us.—Longfellow.

Fourth Quarterly Report of the Treasurer of the Central Committee.

ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION.	
Healing Springs, L. A. S., Christ- mas offering.....	\$ 20
RIGBEE.	
Livingston—	
L. M. So., Miss Kelly.....	4 00
" Self-denial, H. M.	12 80
" Howard College.....	5 00
" Orphanage.....	4 50
S. S. M. B., Miss Kelly.....	3 55
Sunbeams, Self-denial.....	3 50
Cuba—	
Sunbeams, Orphanage.....	7 00
Eutaw—	
L. A. S., Orphanage, box.....	5 00
" Miss Kelly.....	5 00
" Church aid.....	20 00
Demopolis—	
L. M. So., Miss Kelly.....	3 75
" Christmas offering.....	12 00
Sunbeams, Christmas offering.....	2 77
" Orphanage.....	3 50
York, L. A. S., church aid.....	15 00
McKinley—	
L. A. S., Miss Kelly.....	10 00
" Mrs. C. H. Loper.....	1 00
Sunbeams, Miss Kelly.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 139 37
CAHABA.	
Marion, Ann Hasseltine Society, Christmas.....	10 00
Newberne, L. A. S., Home mis- sion box.....	54 00
Stewart Station, L. A. S., self- denial.....	1 82
Total.....	\$ 65 82
CONECUH.	
Evergreen—	
W. M. So., H. M., self-denial.....	6 75
Greensboro house.....	6 00
Total.....	\$ 12 75
BIRMINGHAM.	
Birmingham, First Church—	
W. B. U., Miss Hartwell.....	12 50
" Church aid.....	87 00
Pastor's aid, Self-denial.....	11 00
" Church aid.....	10 00
Sunbeams, Christmas offering.....	15 00
" Church aid.....	5 00
South Side—	
Ladies' Circle, Miss Hartwell.....	10 00
" Self-denial.....	6 02
" Colored mis.....	1 50
B. Y. P. U., Miss Hartwell.....	1 96
Third Church, L. A. So., Christ- mas offering.....	2 25
East Lake—	
L. A. So., Christmas offering.....	80 85
" Self-denial.....	7 43
" Miss Hartwell.....	10 00
" Howard debt.....	65 00
Trussville—	
L. A. So., Howard debt.....	1 00
" Miss Hartwell.....	2 50
" Self-denial.....	3 03
" Charity.....	16 10
Sunbeams, Howard.....	2 32
Central, L. A. So., Church aid.....	80 85
Johns, Sunbeams, Christmas.....	1 00
Salem, L. A. S., Church aid.....	5 60
Elyton, " Foreign mis.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 349 71
CALHOUN.	
Anniston, Parker Memorial—	
W. M. So., Christmas offering.....	3 15
" State missions.....	37 40
" Home missions.....	11 74
Miss Jewels, Home.....	5 00
" Christmas off.....	1 86
King's Sons, ".....	1 35
Sunbeams, ".....	5 28
L. A. So., Home missions.....	7 20
" Church aid.....	2 50
Talladega, L. A. So., Home mission box.....	50 00
Glenn Addie—	
W. M. So., Church aid.....	168 00
" Foreign missions.....	1 00
" Miss Kelly.....	2 50
Total.....	\$ 396 98
ETOWAH.	
Gadsden, L. M. So., Home mis.....	5 00
" State miss.....	5 00
" Poor fund.....	4 00
" Orphanage.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 19 00
EAST LIBERTY.	
Roanoke, L. M. So., Miss Kelly.....	5 00
LaFayette—	
L. M. So., Foreign missions.....	5 00
" Home.....	3 90
" Church aid.....	24 00
" Orphanage.....	2 50
Cusseta—	
W. M. So., Home missions.....	28 90
Sunbeams, ".....	1 10
" Church aid.....	3 60
Total.....	\$ 35 00
EUFULA.	
Union Springs, L. M. So., Home missions.....	6 00
Mt. Andrew, L. M. So., Christ- mas offering.....	2 01
Auburn, L. M. So., Home mis- sion box.....	25 00
Midway, L. M. So., Home mis- sion box.....	37 00
Clayton, L. M. So., Miss Kelly.....	2 00
" Sunbeams, Foreign mis.....	25
Total.....	\$ 62 26
HARRIS.	
Oswatchee—	
W. M. So., Foreign missions.....	9 00
" Christmas offering.....	5 00
Girard—	
W. M. So., Foreign missions.....	1 00
" Home missions.....	2 50
" State missions.....	2 50
" Orphanage.....	5 00
" Church aid.....	2 00
Phenix City, West Side—	
L. M. So., Home missions.....	20 00
" Church aid.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 89 00
MONTGOMERY.	
Montgomery, First Church—	
W. M. So., Miss Kelly.....	30 00
" Home missions.....	15 00
" State missions.....	15 00
Prattville, W. M. So., Christmas	

offering.....	5 00
Central Committee expenses.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 62 00
NORTH RIVER.	
Jasper—	
L. A. So., Home mission box.....	23 00
Sunbeams " missions.....	2 50
" Orphanage.....	9 10
Total.....	\$ 34 60
NORTH LIBERTY.	
Huntsville, L. M. So., Home mis- sion box.....	53 20
NEWTON.	
Ozark—	
L. M. So., Home mission box.....	31 05
" State missions.....	24 60
" Church aid.....	28 60
Total.....	\$ 84 25
PINE BARREN.	
Furman—	
L. M. So., Home mission box.....	36 60
Sunbeams, Foreign missions.....	1 55
Total.....	\$ 38 15
SOUTH BETHEL.	
Lower Peach Tree, L. A. So., Orphanage.....	1 00
SELMA.	
Selma, First Church—	
W. M. So., Miss Kelly.....	25 00
" Self-denial.....	17 05
L. A. So., Min. education.....	20 00
Sunbeams, Foreign missions.....	19 00
Second Church—	
L. M. So., H. M. self-denial.....	6 00
" Miss Kelly.....	3 00
" Church aid.....	9 67
" Min. education.....	3 00
Shiloh, L. M. So., self-denial.....	2 15
Orrville, " Miss Kelly.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 114 87
SHELBY.	
Montevallo—	
L. A. So., Christmas offering.....	5 00
" Self-denial.....	2 10
" Church aid.....	40 00
" Orphanage.....	3 75
Total.....	\$ 50 85
TROY.	
Troy, L. M. So., Home mission box.....	50 00
Buck Horn, L. M. So., self-denial.....	20 91
Total.....	\$ 70 91
TENNESSEE RIVER.	
Gurley, Sunbeams, Foreign mis.....	1 39
" Church aid.....	50
Scottsboro, L. M. So., Christmas offering.....	1 85
Total.....	\$ 3 74
TUSCALOOSA.	
Tuscaloosa, L. A. So., Home mis- sion box.....	35 00
TUSKEGEE.	
Opelika—	
L. M. So., Christmas offering.....	17 15
" Miss Kelly.....	10 00
" Self-denial.....	12 90
" Church aid.....	108 00
Sunbeams, Foreign missions.....	19 70
Home missions.....	5 00
Orphanage.....	46 35
Total.....	\$ 1196 10
UNION.	
Carrollton—	
L. M. So., Home missions.....	5 00
" Church aid.....	22 63
" Orphanage.....	4 80
Pickensville—	
L. M. So., Orphanage.....	21 20
" Church aid.....	30 75
Total.....	\$ 84 35
UNITY.	
Verbena—	
Sunbeams, Foreign missions.....	1 60
" Home missions.....	70
" State missions.....	30
" Church aid.....	65
Total.....	\$ 3 25
Grand total.....	\$2883 58
RECAPITULATION.	
Amt. contributed by Ladies' Societies—	
Foreign missions.....	\$ 254 66
Home missions.....	580 75
State missions.....	238 05
Sunday School Board.....	50 00
Charity.....	20 10
Church aid.....	1573 74
Total by Ladies' Societies.....	\$2717 30
Amount contributed by Sunbeams—	
Foreign missions.....	\$ 72 31
Home missions.....	17 10
State missions.....	68 27
Church aid.....	8 60
Total by Sunbeams.....	\$ 166 28
Total by Ladies' Societies and Sunbeams.....	\$2883 58
Respectfully submitted, MRS. GEORGE M. MORROW, Treasurer Cen. Com.	
Birmingham, April 15, 1899.	
Some of our Societies failed to send in their reports in time for this. However, they will be reported in the next quarter. All reports should be sent by the 15th.	
To Secretaries.	
Secretaries of State Conventions are requested at once to send names of delegates appointed to the meet- ing of the American Baptist Edu- cation Society, to H. L. MOREHOUSE, Cor. Secretary. 111 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. City.	
The happiest, sweetest, tenderest homes are not those where there has been no sorrow, but those which have been overshadowed with grief, and where Christ's com- fort was accepted.—J. R. Miller, D. D.	

For the Alabama Baptist. Acquitted Before God.

Every unconverted person stands
legally condemned before God.
The great, divine, moral law has
pronounced every unforgiven per-
son guilty before God. All of that
class are therefore under legal con-
demnation. But, just as soon as a
penitent sinner is pardoned by God
he is acquitted of the legal charge
of guilt. He is now under no con-
demnation. He is legally free from
sin. He cannot be again condemned
as he was before. He is forever
acquitted from the charge of con-
demnation. And this acquittal is
ratified and sealed by Christ, who
forever stands as sponsor for the
accepted believer. He is now
hidden in Christ. [His case is in the
hands of the great High Priest,
who daily intercedes for him before
the throne of God. Dr. Mac-
laren says: "Jesus Christ's sacri-
fice ensures, for all those whose
names are written on these gems on
his heart, their acquittal in the
judgment of heaven. Or, in other
words, the first step in the interces-
sion of our great High Priest is the
presenting before God forever and
ever that great fact that He, the
sinless, has died for the love of sin-
ful men and thereby has secured
that the judgment of heaven on
them shall now be 'no condemna-
tion.' Brethren, there is the root
of all our hope in Christ and of all
that Christ is to individuals and to
society—the assurance that the
breastplate of judgment is on his
heart, as a sign that all who trust
him are acquitted by the tribunal
of heaven." The believing sinner
is acquitted of condemnation in this
life, that he may stand acquitted
before God in the day of judgment.
Will it not be worth everything to
you to thus appear before God when
all men shall be at last judged?
C. H. WETTERBE.

"Blessed are they that hunger
and thirst." Think of the picture
that suggests—the ravenous desire
of a starving man, the most fierce
longing of a parched throat. Is
that a picture of the intensity, of
the depth of our desires to do good?
Do we professing Christian men
and women long to be delivered
from our evils and to be clothed in
righteousness and a continuity of
longing which would make such
words as these anything else, if ap-
plied to us, than the bitterest irony?
Oh, one looks out over the Chris-
tian church and looks into one's
own heart and contrasts the tepid,
the lazy, the occasional, and, I am
afraid, the only half-sincere wishes
to be better with the unmistakable
earnestness and reality of our long-
ings to be rich, or wise, or prosper-
ous, or famous, or happy in our do-
mestic relationships.—Alexander
McLaren.

The deacon whose one aim in
life is to get money, is not a fit per-
son to rebuke a young member of
the church who seeks first worldly
pleasure.—Free Baptist.

A. J. Preston's First List of Ap- pointments for May.

Ackerville, Saturday 6th.
Camden, Sunday 7th.
Providence, Monday 8th.
Bell's Landing, Tuesday 9th.
Concord, Wednesday 10th.
Pineville, Thursday 11th.
Midway, Friday 12th.
Mt. Pleasant, Saturday 13th.
Pine Apple, Sunday 14th.

The hours for service will be
fixed by each church. All day ral-
lies are usually the most satisfactory
and profitable. Brethren, please
do your best to make these meet-
ings a blessing to your churches.
A. J. PRESTON.

SECOND LIST OF APPOINTMENTS FOR MAY.

Plantersville, Friday 19th, 7:45
p. m.
Fellowship, Saturday and Sun-
day, 20th and 21st.
Hephziba, Monday 22d.
Mt. Olive, Tuesday 23d.
Bethel, Wednesday 24th.
Mt. Gilead, Thursday 25th.
Ephesus, Friday 26th.
Pisgah, Saturday and Sunday,
27th and 28th.
Pine Flat, Wednesday 31st.
Ocmulgee, Thursday, June 1.
It is hoped that these appoint-
ments will be duly published, and
that each of these churches will ar-
range for a rally. Let all the
preachers, singers and everybody
else attend, and let us have a good
time.
A. J. P.

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Standing Announcements for Institutes to be Held During 1899.

The following Institutes will be held at the following times and places:

Falkville, April 23-28.
Damaris church, Cherokee Co., April 29 to May 4.
Flomaton, June 18-23.
Reanoke, July 2-7.
Fackler, July 9-14.
Albertville, July 16-21.
Stanton, July 23-28.
Delta, Clay county, Aug. 20-25.

Each Institute will begin at 11 a. m. Sunday with a sermon by the Superintendent or some other appointee; and conclude on the following Friday.

The Sin of Suspiciousness.

Now and then we meet a brother who is eaten up by this cancer. He has no faith in his brethren and very little in the Lord and his kingdom; but has great confidence in the final perseverance of the devil. So he girds on his weapons of war and goes out into the bushes to shoot at anybody and anything he may chance to see. He is out against the isms. Every man has his ism, and all are therefore agents of the devil. So he talks to you with suspicion. He reads the brethren's articles in the paper with suspicion. All the world is wrong, except himself. He hurls at your head all the epithets of heretical nomenclature. Higher Criticism, Destructive Criticism, Advanced Criticism, Harperism, Whitsittism, Eatonism and all the other isms are but rocks in his bag to hurl at the victims of his suspicion. So, armed to the teeth, he stalks through the brotherhood an iconoclast of fellowship and fraternity. The woods are full of these Knights of Suspicion. Their mock crusades have deceived the people into thinking that all is wrong and the foundation of the Lord insecure. They have no good word for any brother or any cause.

Now, the writer claims to be fairly well informed on what really is the Higher Criticism, Advance Learning, Harperism, Eatonism, etc., even in the perverted sense here used. He also claims to be fairly well acquainted with our ministry. I do not believe there is an unorthodox preacher in Alabama, nor half dozen in the South; and all this hullabaloo is wanton and uncalled for, harmful and wicked. There are religious papers whose chief end is the inciting of suspicion. One can pick out their readers in any crowd by the abnormal development of suspiciousness. They trust nobody, believe nobody, fellowship nobody. These papers are to be deplored, and will in the end destroy the spirit of fellowship. We have discontinued several for the sake of our own piety. And we have tried to get our members to do the same. Skepticism towards the fellowship is worse than towards the faith. Religion is as much right relations to persons as to dogmas, however dear. It is as much love to the brethren as right views of doctrine. It would greatly conserve the solidarity of fellowship among Baptists of the South if these Knights of Suspicion would disband and cease their maraudings and go home to work. This guerrilla warfare engendering duels in our differences ought to cease. It is without excuse, and God's curse will rest upon it.

It is closely allied to a denominational Phariseeism, and flies into a rage at the very mention in a kindly way of the "Padoes." They give audience in all Baptist brag unto this word, then they lift up their voices and say, "Away with such a fellow from the earth, for it is not fit that he should live," and they throw off their garments and cast dust into the air. (Acts 22:22, 23.) It is the offspring of prejudice and the grandchild of ignorance. The Baptists of Alabama are orthodox to the core, and this

sin of suspiciousness can be imposed on them, if at all, only by taking advantage of their lack of knowledge. When we get to be a thinking, reading people, these knights will be driven out of our midst as in the eve of the Dark Ages they were expelled from society. This fanaticism, without a shadow of excuse for its existence, is doomed. Let us get back to the position of the Apostle Paul, who even to a church leavened with the Gnostic heresy, said, "We give thanks to God the Father, praying for you, having heard of your faith," etc. More thanksgiving and prayer for the brethren, even when in error, and less suspiciousness and berating and cursing, is our great need. We confess ourselves without patience with these modern Knights of Suspicion. Pardon, therefore, these few words of tender appreciation. Brother, if you think Zion is all wrong, and the brethren beset with heresy, it is more than probable that this view is but the projecting of your own suspiciousness into the world without. Thus is fulfilled the Scripture which saith, "Out of the heart cometh forth evil thoughts, contentions, strifes, jealousies," etc.

For the Alabama Baptist.
How Shall It be Done?

Dear Baptist: I read in your columns of the 6th inst., over the name of Bro. J. R. Wells, an article on "The Help for the Preachers" which impresses me. I suppose this means help for the weak—those who need the help, "one of whom I am which." I most heartily agree with Dr. Taylor's statement, to which our brother gives a "feeble endorsement." But I must confess that Bro. Wells discourages me somewhat when he says, "The State Board can never reach the strength to supply them all."

Does he mean to say that it is impossible for our strong churches to give the necessary help to the weak churches? Our Methodist brethren support all their pastors; shall we admit that we are so far behind? Well, I am no prophet, but if I can read the signs of the times aright, the time is near at hand when, if our State Board does not give the necessary help to our struggling country churches, the associations will withdraw from the board and give the needed help.

But now we reach the part that "catches" me. Our brother says: "In order to build up the churches and develop them in the support of the ministry and denominational work, is first to build up their pastors. That is, first train and equip their pastors for their work, and they only can reach the churches and give them proper training."

Well, next to the help which comes from above, this is the help we need. I long to be trained and equipped for my work, but I am obliged to earn bread for my wife and children by manual labor five days in the week. I have attended all the rallies and institutes possible, but they do me very little good, as I have no time to study. What good will it do a pastor to attend one of these rallies or institutes and hear the big speeches, when he is obliged to return to his plow the next week? If this pumping process will make a preacher of a man I stand ready to be pumped.

But, brethren, after all, if my churches could be helped to loose my hands so that I could spend some time with my books, I think I could train and equip myself to do more efficient work. If Bro. Wells or some one else will now be kind enough to tell us how to "train and equip" a man who plows five days each week and serves four churches, the problem will be solved.

Newton. B. T. JONES.

Convention Teacher, Nashville.

The Uneducated Preacher.

BY REV. W. E. HATCHER, D. D.

Not the man who has refused an education. He is much in evidence in some parts of the Lord's vineyard. He has a tone and air all his own. He prides himself on the ever-patent fact he is not educated. It is a matter of glory with him. He could have had the thing but he did not want it, and would not take it, when pressed upon him by his pastor, or church, or some generous Christian teacher. He thinks it likely enough that in the case of many preachers, education is necessary, since they could not preach unless they acquired some man-made way of concocting ser-

mons. But he is not of that sort. He gets his sermons from the Lord, though in the core of his fussy little being he really believes that he furnishes the Lord a powerful ally in this homiletical work in his own saintly person. It is a sight to see him smile when he talks of the colleague—the poor brother who felt it necessary to go to school to add to his equipment for ministerial life. His complacency is to him a haven of repose, and to those who have to endure him a provocation and a torture.

But it is not of him that we set out to speak. Our man is the brother in whose soul burns the conviction that he must preach, and who yet has not found the way open to secure any systematic educational training. Perhaps he had not the means; perhaps there was a familiar hitch about recommending him in his church; perhaps he was flattered into the notion that he could do as well without education, and that at a time when he was not prepared to judge for himself; perhaps he was late in getting his ministerial commission, and was pressed into the pastorate at once. In some way, at least, he is in the ministry, and not educated.

What shall he do about it? Let him not be discouraged. If not too late he might yet take a year or two at college or at the Seminary. Many have done that with marked benefit. But if this is out of the question let him remember that many unschooled men, men who never had the chance, have made useful preachers, and some of them have risen to eminent power and eminence.

Those who enter the ministry without preparation ought to get posted quickly as to the best books. They may be without much means, but they ought to understand that more important than bread for their children is the possession of good books for themselves. Matthew Henry's Commentaries, Andrew Fuller's Complete Works, Spurgeon's Treasury of David, in some cases Jamieson, Fausset & Brown's Bible Commentary, a good concordance, a first-class dictionary, a Bible dictionary, Bunyan's Works, etc., with good denominational and missionary journals, a clean daily secular paper, and a good map of Palestine, will do for a start, and they can pull along quite snugly in a small way, making such additions as necessity may suggest. Reading and re-reading a few good books even unto familiarity will be very inspiring and invigorating. They ought to read sermons if they can do so without any guilty appropriation of them. Choice biographies are always helpful, and homiletical monthlies ought to be studiously avoided lest they lead one into the dreadful practice of stealing the worst class of printed outlines. Books on the art of sermonizing, such as Broadus, are valuable, and a little poetry wisely used is good seasoning for a sermon that may lack variety.

The uneducated preacher will always suffer under some disabilities. Many gates are shut on him for life. But then he has advantages. Thoughtful people will be kind to him because of his early lack of training, if he is really industrious and progressive. Educated men will gladly take him into fellowship if he is amiable and affectionate, and from them he will absorb much of their best culture, and then, too, he will be stimulated by the sense of not being up to the mark in the way of preparation. Sermon-making as an art—and it is largely an art, though not simply an art—has been so simplified in later years that a quick, inquisitive man can soon learn it. He sees others do it, and it is the sure sign of a sensible man who, though uneducated himself, takes every opportunity to hear strong men preach and to get their ideas about preaching in every possible way. In the long run, a strong, honest, unenvied man, set on making the most of himself and gathering helps on every side, will rank with the highest. Education has its advantages, but we are seeing on every hand that it does not always make a successful preacher. Men of high learning are failing day by day. It takes much that is essential to ministerial education added to a good education to make any man an effective minister. As a fact, a resolute man who has the natural qualities for the ministry, combined with genuine zeal, can get along better without collegiate training

than the most thoroughly educated man who has no speaking abilities, no sympathies with the people, and no overmastering sense of the world's need of the gospel can succeed. It is one of the dreariest sights of this generation to meet one of our highly educated men, careering up and down the highways of Zion, brandishing his diplomas, complaining that he is not appreciated and loftily disclaiming his purpose to electioneer for places, when as a matter of fact he is at that moment doing that thing with more energy than he ever worked when he had a place. Before such withered specimens of failure a stalwart man, rugged in manner, uncouth in garb, and grammatically destructive in speech, will rise to glory.

The peril of the uneducated preacher is envy. If he is not free from false pride and ready to acknowledge superiority when it does really come along, he will be apt to be captious and unamiable with men who have better equipment for work. Envy is a vulgar and hideous thing anywhere, but it is hard to find any one more in danger of being dwarfed and retarded by it than the uneducated preacher. He ought not to be cross with the brother who has had the better opportunity. Let him rejoice with him and seek to be taught by him.

Among the feeble sort of educated preachers there is a disposition to draw distinctions to the disadvantage of the uneducated preacher. It is a contemptible thing to do. It is shocking to see a seedy, sickly, vapid, colorless little piece of primness refreshing itself by expatiating on the lack of education on the part of other brethren. It may be safely promised that successful men, men who are using their culture to wise purposes, will never be caught in thus trying to advance themselves by glowering down on the uncultivated minister.

It is well to add that the uneducated man is just as truly a man of God as the educated man, and is entirely as worthy of respect as is his more fortunate brother. Success in either case is not dependent on the difference in preparatory culture. Education is not the guarantee of success, nor is the lack of it the barrier of success. After all the Lord gives the increase. Nor does he measure it by any educational standards. It is certainly not made to hang upon the question of culture. It is fixed by the spirit in which the Lord sees that the work is done. It is the faithful man, the man who does the best that he can under his conditions, whom the Lord honors with his blessing. It is for the educated and the uneducated alike.

There is a most important duty which the educated minister owes to his untrained brother. It is not for him to seek to restrain his brother, nor to lord it over him, nor to patronize him as an inferior. Let him first win his heart, and then become his servant, for Christ's sake. He may in a large degree put all he has at the disposal of his plain brother. He can communicate himself to him, and so enrich him with his treasure that in no mean degree he will become his equal. A scholarly minister never shines with more honor than when in a dignified and loving manner he becomes the fellow-helper of others who are in piety and favor with God fully his equals. A part of a great minister's heritage, not appreciated by all, is the love of the humble preachers. He can get it if he wants it, and it is to his shame if he fails to secure it.

Richmond, Va.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Supper and the Passover.

Bro. Editor: If you can allow me a little space in your paper I would like to comment on the lesson of April 16th as given in the Quarterlies of the Sunday School Board, Nashville. The lesson is on the foot-washing as performed by our Savior a short time before his crucifixion. I do not write on this subject for controversy or to cross with other of our literature, but that I may come to a knowledge of our Lord as revealed in his word. The lesson says Jesus washed the disciples' feet at the same time as the Passover Supper at the same time that he instituted what we call the Lord's Supper. Now, we want to notice a little about this and another supper, and see when and where they did take place. 1. We

will try to locate another supper first, and we think the one at which the foot-washing occurred. John 12th chapter: "Now six days before the passover Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus was," etc., "there [not then, but there in Bethany] they made him a supper." At this supper Mary broke the box of ointment and anointed the body of the Savior. Now let us see if we can find when and where this supper did take place. Turn to Matt. 26th, and we find that two days before the passover Jesus being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, there came a woman and anointed the head of the Savior with the precious ointment as he sat at meat. Undoubtedly this must have been Mary, and at the same supper mentioned in John 12th. Also Mark 14th and Luke 22d give us an account of the same incident, for all give an account of the anointing by the woman (Mary), also of the grumbling by Judas at the waste of the ointment. John is the only one of the apostles who gives any account of the foot-washing; nor does he say anything about the passover supper. Again, we find that when this supper in Bethany was over, Jesus took his garments again and went on teaching his disciples and talking to them about his departure from the earth.

Now let us see where and when the other supper (Passover) did take place, and what they did on that occasion. Matt. 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, all give a detailed account of this. Now, on the first day of the feast our Savior directed two of the disciples to go into the city and make ready the passover. Remember, this was after they had taken the supper in Bethany; and in the evening of that day the Savior came with the twelve and sat down in the large upper room in the city of Jerusalem. There and then, while eating the Passover, he took the bread and the cup and blessed them and gave to his disciples, and instituted what we call the Lord's supper. And what did they do after that was over? Our Sunday School Lesson and the two succeeding lessons tell us that Jesus went on teaching the disciples, etc. But the New Testament tells us that when supper was over they sang a hymn and went out into the Mount of Olives. Now let us look a little at the 13th chapter of John, from which our lesson is taken. Before the feast, etc., supper being ended. (What supper?) Notice that this was before the feast, or Passover, the supper at which the Lord's Supper was instituted. "Jesus rising from supper" etc., and began to wash the disciples' feet, and after he had washed their feet he went on talking to them, etc. Surely this must have been at Simon's house in Bethany, two days before the Passover, for in this same conversation at the feet-washing, when Jesus had given Judas the sop he told him what he did to do it quickly. Now, none of them at the table knew for what intent he said this to Judas, for they thought he meant for him to buy the things that they might need on the feast (day for the Passover.) Now they would need something at the Passover, and it had already taken place.—the Passover, feet-washing and all.

Surely, Brother Editor, if the feet-washing did take place at the Passover, and at the same time our Lord instituted the Lord's Supper, as taught, let us take it for granted that it is our indisputable duty to wash one another's feet at the time we observe the Supper, just as our Hardshell brethren do, and a great many of our own brethren; for our Savior said at the time he washed the disciples' feet that he had given them an example—as he had done they ought to do. But if it was done at a different time and place (as I think it was), then let us teach it so, and teach the object as is done in the lesson, as an act of humility.

Now, dear brethren, I have given my views on this subject in a very plain manner. Try it, and if I am mistaken I will thank some brother to show me how it is, and I will gladly change my opinion. I want to say that I am a full-fledged Missionary Baptist, in sympathy with all our organized work, and try as far as I am able to help to support all our institutions. So wishing the ALABAMA BAPTIST and its editor success.

R. J. RIDDLE.
Arab, Marshall Co.

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, MAY 4, 1899.

EDITORIAL.

HAVE you given your pastor enough money to enable him to attend the Southern Baptist Convention? If not, you have only a short while to do it in. He would be a happy man if you members of his church would only raise enough to defray his expenses. It is a good thing to do. It is right in the line of duty.

THE collection for Home and Foreign Missions lately taken at the First Baptist church of this city amounted to \$400.00 in cash—\$200.00 for each board. The Ladies' Missionary Society has raised this year \$218.00 for missions in addition to sending a missionary box valued at \$175.00. The Ladies' Working Circle has raised \$25.50 for missions, besides other beneficence.

We publish in this issue an article from Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., on "The Uneducated Preacher," which meets our most hearty endorsement. It is a fine and true article, full of practical thought. He has said just what ought to have been said, and says it so modestly and sweetly. Dr. Hatcher is a great man; and by the way, why would he not make a fine president of the Seminary? It occurs to us that all parties could unite on him without doing any violence to their convictions concerning recent troubles. Suppose the trustees think over this suggestion.

"On to Richmond!" is the cry now of the young Baptists of America, and July 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th is the time. In every State of the Union and in Canada and Mexico our Baptist Young People's Unions are electing delegates to the great annual convention of the B. Y. P. U. of America on the date above named. Richmond is getting ready, too. The largest auditorium in the city, seating 12,000, has been secured. Many prominent speakers will be there. The railroads will give one fare for the round trip.

PRAYER for the Convention has been suggested. This is eminently proper. From now until the 12th of May, and even during the session of the Southern Baptist Convention, let every Baptist take all our interests to God in prayer, invoking the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that peace and harmony and good will and wise and just counsels may prevail. Let us all, pastors and people, make the burden of our song and prayer, "Lord, guide us aright! Take us and use us for thy truth and thy glory. And may all our proceedings be full of love and good fellowship and wisdom. And may our entire Zion rejoice and be glad!"

HERE is a telegram to the ALABAMA BAPTIST which tells grievous news:

GENEVA, ALA., May 1.
Marie, wife of Rev. W. L. Cahall, died yesterday.

J. J. MORRIS.
Bro. Cahall became pastor of the Baptist church at Geneva a year or so ago. It has not been many months since, at Forest Home, Butler county, he and his wife rejoiced in being united as husband and wife, and now he is called to mourn the severing of the ties that bound them. We extend to our brother our profoundest sympathy. If we remember correctly, Mrs. Cahall was a relative of the wife of Bro. Arnold Smith. May all who mourn find the grace of God sufficient for them.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE DAY.

Bro. Shaffer, in his communication found in another column, makes an appeal in behalf of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, for which we most sincerely thank him. We have been thinking for sometime of proposing to the pastors and congregations in the state to agree upon and set apart some Sunday to be denominated RELIGIOUS LITERATURE DAY, at which time each pastor will preach on the literature of the times, and present the claims of all of our religious periodicals, including the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and at the same time take subscriptions for the same. We will say now that if this is agreed upon, we will give one fourth of each new subscriptions to the church where it is taken, to be applied by that church in any way it may see proper. Suppose on that day 1,000 new names were added to our list—and it seems to us this could be done—we would donate for benevolence out of the sum raised \$375. This is no small amount for one poor man to give. We do not ask our preachers to make this effort for nothing. Our offer is liberal and generous, it seems to us—therefore, brethren, as none of you are asked to donate or contribute, but simply to pay your money for an equivalent, it appears to us we might set apart some Sunday, say in June, for the purpose mentioned. What say the brethren over the state? Let us hear from you.

STATE SECRETARY Rev. W. B. Crumpton has entered upon his duties. He is in excellent health and spirits, and judging from his cheerfulness and smiles, he is glad to be in Alabama again. We are sure of one fact, that his return is hailed over the state with delight. Now that he has come among us, and begun a work for which he is so well qualified, let us renew afresh our co-operation and extend to him a cordial welcome. Let us be co-laborers with him in the Master's vineyard. He is earnest, zealous, candid, sincere—ever ready to join in the right and do the best possible for the Baptist cause. In behalf of the State Board of Missions, and the Baptist hosts of Alabama, we welcome, thrice welcome, Bro. Crumpton back to his old home and his old office, feeling assured the brethren all over the state will receive him with open arms.

SOUTHERN TRADE JOURNAL.

The first issue of this excellent paper is before the people. It is up to date in form, size, mechanism, and reading matter. We predict a bright future and successful career. The young men at the head of the enterprise are in every way worthy. They possess pluck, and are resourceful as journalists. Honest, capable, energetic, they are bound to succeed. Let us hope the press all over Alabama will cordially greet this new enterprise and help it along. We need just such a paper in the state. As an advertising medium we believe that within a short time it will rank with the best. Here is to the "Southern Trade Journal." May it grow with marvelous rapidity and prosper as it richly merits.

FIELD NOTES.

W. R. Ivey, Bessemer: I think the new spring dress of the paper is very becoming; I like it.

Rev. J. A. Owens has changed his field of labor, and his postoffice is now Partridge, instead of Warrior.

The report which Bro. Quisenberry sends from the meeting at Selma is very gratifying. We congratulate all concerned. We would add that Bro. Q. expects to preach at Adams Street church, this city, next Sunday.

Two late for remarks we learn that Rev. J. L. Thompson has resigned the pastorate of Clayton Street church, this city, to take charge of our church at Lafayette about the first of June.

J. R. McLendon, Naftel: I have been wanting the paper changed to its present form for a long time. In the old form it was too large for a man with only one hand to handle conveniently.

C. H. Morgan, Lower Peach Tree, April 24: Last week's issue was full of good things. Best of all Bro. Crumpton is coming back to Alabama. Welcome! welcome! thrice welcome, Bro. Crumpton!

Rev. J. J. Pipkin does not allow us to forget him; but keeps himself in our kindly remembrance by sending a renewal for some one, or one or two new subscribers every now and then. We remember you, brother.

We learn that a church in Atlanta has its eyes on Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, who will soon retire from the pastorate of Adams Street church, this city. From what some evangelists say about Atlanta, we conclude that there is a broad field for such a preacher and worker as Bro. Quisenberry.

Mrs. E. C. Straughn, Bellville: Enclosed find my renewal for the paper. I am well pleased with the change of form of the ALABAMA BAPTIST; it is more convenient, just the right size. I don't see how I could do without it. It is one of the best papers, and I always welcome its arrival.

Jonathan Haralson, Montgomery: I congratulate you and your readers upon the appearance of your paper in a new and improved form. It evidences a disposition on your part to keep up with the times and to accommodate your friends as best you may with the best paper you can issue, for which we are all grateful.

P. G. Mance, Shoultz, Bibb county: My work is progressing real well. New life seems to have been infused into my church (Pleasant Grove) here. Plans are rapidly being matured to complete our new house of worship. We have a good and growing Sunday school. Services are held every Sunday. I am glad to see the ALABAMA BAPTIST in new form. It is so much handier.

We must not give the name nor location of the writer of this note, neither must we accept the interest he sends, for he is a gray haired brother who has been battling with misfortune, but is now rejoicing: "I do thank God that at last I have got the money to pay for my dear paper. Enclosed find three dollars and fifteen cents for two years subscription and interest."

Dr. B. H. Crumpton, of Bellville, sends us a comforting money order as a result of recent efforts for the paper, and adds this note: "We had one of the best fifth Sunday meetings of Bethlehem association we ever had. If it had been the fall of the year I think I could have sent you ten or twenty subscribers. We collected \$8 or \$9 for Howard students and missions. Bro. Wood is growing in usefulness."

Too late for mention last week we received the following note from Bro. C. G. Lee, at Lyerly, Ga., in regard to the young missionary to Brazil. Let us hope that he will soon be well and strong: "Rev. W. W. Lee is still confined to his room most of the time. His trouble is pulmonary affection. May not be serious, but under favorable circumstances he will not be able to preach for sometime. He is cheerful, patient and resigned."

G. L. Sutton, Whatley: On Sunday, April 23d, we organized a new church at a place called Winn, in Clark county, where it was much needed. Bro. W. W. Whatley and the writer composed the presbytery. While the body is weak financially and numerically (17 members), you will nevertheless hear their small guns firing along the mission lines in the near future.

Moulton Advertiser: Enon Baptist church, one of the oldest in North Alabama, will celebrate its 80th anniversary on the 3d Sunday in June next. Dr. F. C. David, of Hartsell, will preach the anniversary sermon, and some other eminent divine will deliver a discourse in the evening appropriate to the occasion. Enon is ten miles east of Moulton, and all are invited to attend with well filled baskets.

We thank Rev. S. P. Lindsay for the interest shown in the ALABAMA BAPTIST at the fifth Sunday meeting at Sepulga church. We regret that the length of his report of that meeting, being received on Tuesday as it was, excludes it from our columns this week. The same reasons apply to Bro. Bosdell's report of the meeting which he did not have at Whistler. Brethren, we can't help it; and it may be that you could not.

Washington County News, St. Stephens: Rev. W. A. Parker preached an able sermon in the Baptist church here last Sabbath to a good sized congregation, who gave strict attention to his words of wisdom and gospel truths. After the morning services a church conference was held, at which two deacons—Mr. W. A. Payne, of this place, and Prof. J. W. Riley, of Leroy, were elected. The ordination sermon will be preached at the next appointment—fourth Sabbath in May, and they will be duly ordained as such at that time.

A. B. Campbell, Troy: The Baptists of Pike county have just held a fifth Sunday meeting of great interest at Harmony church. We have about thirty white Missionary Baptist churches in Pike, and these belong to different associations, but will hold their fifth Sunday meetings together.—Last night our church received two valuable members, one by letter and one by experience.—I have resumed full work in the ministry. Of my protracted illness I desire to say something in your columns before long. My health now seems as good as it ever was.

Rev. R. S. Gavin, one of our Alabama raised preachers, is at present pastor of the Baptist church at Okalona, Miss. He was a high grade school teacher, and has been to the Seminary. We are sure he is tired of wandering, and suggest that some one of our pastorless churches speak to him and find out what his answer will be. In sending his renewal Bro. Gavin writes: "That new form of the ALABAMA BAPTIST is 'out of sight.' I love to show it to my friends. It is up-to-date. Good for you! . . . So Bro. Crumpton comes back. Good again!"

One of the best written obituaries we have read recently is printed in the Ennis, Texas, Meteor of April 17, and signed by Bennett Hatcher. It announces the death of Mrs. Minnie Smith Lucas, a daughter of Rev. Catt. Smith and wife, who are well known in East and Central Alabama, and who now live at Hubbard, Texas. This daughter was 23 years of age, and was married to J. E. Lucas in July of last year. She was highly educated, and was specially proficient in music and art. We join many friends of the bereaved family in extending cordial sympathy in their great sorrow.

Rev. R. M. Hunter, of Avondale, went down to Carlowville, Dallas county, on a pleasant mission. He officiated at the marriage of his brother, Charles Molton Hunter, of Birmingham, and Miss Mammie A. Yates, of Carlowville. The ceremony occurred at the Baptist church at 8 p. m., April 26. The church was beautifully decorated with spring's first offering of flowers. The bridal presents were numerous and valuable. The bride is a daughter of Bro. James A. Yates and wife, two prominent and substantial members of the Baptist church and of the community, and long time subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. The young couple will make their home at Carlowville.

There was no program for the fifth Sunday meeting at Sister Springs church, Dallas county. The pastor conducted the morning and afternoon services, but did not preach formal sermons. The large congregation, in which were many people from a distance, was quite orderly and attentive, and the cheerful faces of the people were matched by the bright flowers and ferns about the pulpit and organ. The singing was spirited and hearty, and was quite a feature of the services. Observers felt that the day was not only pleasant but profitable. It hardly needs to be added, in speaking of that section of the country, that the dinner fully met the most exacting requirements. The women down there have all their lives been accustomed to making preparation for such occasions, and they know just how to do it.

J. H. Thomas, Jemison: I am serving four churches, and feel that we are doing good work. We have held some meetings recently with good results.—I think our people in my territory need societies of some kind in the churches to engage them on Sundays, so that they will not resort to amusements that are not proper for the Sabbath. We need Christian Endeavor [or Baptist Young People's] work for our young people to prepare them for the Master's use. I would be glad of help to organize societies in our village and country churches, so that our people may come to the front along with others. Let us lay aside our foggy ways and do what we can to persuade the people to advance in religious life. We need more earnest workers for Christ, and more time to study the Bible that we may be better prepared to teach others.—The ALABAMA BAPTIST comes into our home every week shining brightly with good tidings.

NEWS NOTES AFTER THE WAR.

CUBA.

It is now said that the roll of the Cuban army has been reduced very much below the number reported to the American officials, and the doubt is now expressed of there ever having been a roll until one was made after the \$3,000,000 had been sent from this country. Perhaps the truth is that the Cubans were in and out of the fighting ranks according to whim and convenience, and that few, if any, were ever regularly mustered in.

It is announced that this government proposes to fill a large number of minor civil offices with Cubans, and leave them, as far as is safe, to manage local affairs in their own way. It is evident that the people must have long experience and teaching in making and administering laws before they are capable of managing their own public affairs. Some of our officers think it will require at least ten years; but many of the Cubans are anxious to begin right now, without either money, credit or experience.

Robbers have begun to operate

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here and there, and some have been captured and others killed by native police and American soldiers. They are mostly in the province of Santiago.

THE PHILIPPINES.

At our last report the American forces were preparing to attack the city of Calumpit, which was selected as the capital after the fall of Malolos. The Filipinos felt safe in Calumpit. It was near the river which the Americans must cross to reach the city, and there were breastworks on the bank. Our troops had no means of crossing the river. The Spaniards had once failed at the same place. But to the surprise and disgust of the Filipinos, the American soldiers plunged into the river, wading, swimming, and getting across in any way they could. Water did not affect the shell cartridges. They marched up the bank and drove the Filipinos from their works. Troops were approaching from other directions, and the Filipinos left the city. Soon afterwards Gen. Luna, commanding the Filipinos, sent two officers with a flag of truce with a message to Gen. Otis, the commander of our troops. They were treated with great respect and sent with an escort on to Manila, where Gen. Otis received them with marked consideration. Their message was a request for a cessation of hostilities for four weeks, so that the Filipino congress could be called together to consider terms of peace. Gen. Otis told them he could not recognize their congress or a government of any kind, but that pardon and amnesty would be granted to all if the Filipinos would lay down their arms and return to peaceful pursuits. Admiral Dewey and the American commissioners were present. The messengers were not authorized to accept these terms, and departed, well pleased with their treatment, and expecting to return with another communication. It is said to be certain that the Filipinos are short of provisions and are generally discouraged. Some think the request for a cessation of hostilities was only a trick to gain time to collect a stronger force in better position; others think that neither Gen. Luna nor Aguinaldo is willing to take the responsibility of surrendering their army, and desired to get a so-called congress to give the order. At any rate, it is thought the end is near.

The Filipinos who captured Lieut. Gilmore and the men from the ship Yorktown report that the Americans are held as prisoners at the town of Baler, where they were captured.

What Some of the Papers Say About It.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST comes to us this week in an eight page form, instead of a four page form as heretofore. The present form is a decided improvement upon the old. But while you were changing, Bro. Harris, why did you not adopt the popular sixteen page form, which has come to be the one almost universally adopted by religious papers—Baptist and Reformer, Nashville.

It requires time, brother, to accomplish large things, and hold your ground.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST came to us last week changed from a four-page to an eight-page paper and greatly improved in appearance. The BAPTIST is a good denominational paper, and should receive the support of the church in Alabama.—Pine Belt News, Brewton.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST, one of the leading, ablest edited and

brightest denominational papers in the South, has adorned itself in a new spring dress and changed from four pages eight columns to eight pages five columns. The BAPTIST is always filled with choice reading matter, and each week shows what the Baptist of the state are doing, as well as offering many timely and valuable suggestions. It is a paper that should be in the home of every Baptist in Alabama.—Collinsville Clipper.

We must say "Thank you," even though we blush.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST comes to us in a new form and dress. It is greatly improved.—Baptist Argus, Louisville.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST has our congratulations in its continued improvement. It is the last, but one, to leave the "blanket sheet." Its present form is an eight page size of the Chronicle.—Baptist Chronicle, Louisiana.

At length the conservative and able ALABAMA BAPTIST has yielded to the fashion and changed its form from a four to an eight-page form.—Central Baptist, St. Louis.

Judson Notes.

In our busy preparations for Commencement there is little to write these days. The new chairs for the Chapel will be in place on the 24th of May; and we are happy to say that the contributions for them have come in generously. Many in the town of Marion and in the Judson itself have given liberally. There are no friends more faithful than the home folk, after all.

On Thursday morning at the early hour of six, we had the pleasure of witnessing the beautiful marriage of Miss Julia Daughdrill to Mr. W. B. Ivey, of Evergreen. It was in the Siloam Baptist church, which was decorated with plants and flowers for the occasion, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Paul V. Bomar. The fair bride is the daughter of the honored Secretary and Treasurer of our Trustees, Mr. T. T. Daughdrill, and is an alumna of the Judson. The happy couple left at once for their new home, followed by the good wishes of their many friends here. The Judson turned out in force, and the procession was a long one even at that early hour.

Mr. John Trotwood Moore has offered a prize to the Art Class for the best set of life-sketches of negro types, to be given at the Commencement in June. The eager pupils are at work on different styles of the negro face, and in the Studio one sees sketches of all sorts, young and old, funny little pickaninnies and gray-haired, dignified uncles, mummies in their head handkerchiefs, and young girls with hair nicely smoothed and plaited in the latest style. It will be interesting to see the finished sketches in June, and still more interesting to the contestants to get the prize.

Our Commencement programs will soon be out, and we will send one to be published, that all our friends may see what we have to offer this year. Our graduating class consists of twenty-four members, and they have done fine work.

The Judson History will be published this summer. L. M.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Very Important Question.

The Messiah, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, is the messenger of the covenant, Malachi 3:1

He is the mediator of the new and everlasting covenant. Heb. 12:24; 13:20.

The question is, What is the new and everlasting covenant?

The people need to know what God proposes to do, and what they must do, in order that they may receive the covenant blessing.

Please give the answer in inspired words with references. Very much is involved to sinners and to the disciples in this question and answer. Therefore, I ask the thoughtful attention of Bible students to it.

THOS. E. WILLIAMS.

Pleasant Hill.

Satan does not need to waste time on Christians when they are quarreling with each other. They are already in his service.

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Quiet Hour Thoughts.

REV. O. C. PEYTON.

Lack of faith will surely restrict our usefulness in the service of the Master. Faith has been made a condition upon which God bestows his favor. It is a basal principle of the divine government. We can do nothing without God's help, and he cannot help us unless we have faith. Recall a striking scene. Just after the transfiguration of our Lord he returned to the plain, with the three disciples who had witnessed the manifestation of his glory. There were the other nine disciples and a vast multitude, eager to have proofs given them of the power to heal that Jesus had conferred upon these disciples. Lying at their feet was a boy, tortured by all the horrors of lunacy and, anon, as the anxious and pleading father expressed it "sore vexed; for oftentimes he falleth into the fire and oft into the water." That father had brought his suffering boy to the disciples, but, they could not heal him. Rare opportunity was this to do good and to honor their Master. But alas! the disciples stand mute. They fail to use the power given them. Jesus himself heals the suffering boy and restores him to his father. The disciples, in wonder, ask Jesus why they could not cast out the demon. "Because of your little faith," he answered. With sublime and holy egotism, with continued self-assertion, over again and in multiform expressions, Jesus has taught us that our usefulness in his service is in exact proportion to our faith in him. Life, with all the many and varied opportunities for service, is ours. If we love the Savior, we desire to serve him. Since the extent and the effectiveness of our service depends on the strength of our faith, our unceasing prayer ought to be, "Lord, increase our faith."

Every day and every hour, the true believer in Jesus is stepping heavenward. Trials may burden—this thought lightens them. Sorrows of life are bitter—the hope of soon entering that home of freedom from sorrows will sweeten all. Often, in the midst of life's cares and anxieties, there comes the precious thought that our summons to that home of everlasting peace and joy may be nearer than we think. Our hearts grow restless with long waiting.

"Our hearts are hot and restless,
And life is full of care—
The burden laid upon us
Seems greater than we can bear."

But, 'tis unspeakably sweet to look beyond this dreary, desolate wilderness of pain and trouble, and enjoy, even here, a foretaste of our heavenly rest. It will not be long. May God speed the day! Our souls pant for the joys that are spiritual and eternal. Change and decay are seen on all around us here. We yearn for the realization of our hopes for the home not built with hands, eternal in the heavens.

But, now and here, there is work to be done! We must not, in our logging for Canaan, forget that we are to wage warfare against the enemies of our Lord. Sin, in our own hearts and in the world about us, must be dethroned. The affections of human hearts must be untwined from sin and trellised up to the skies. Hearts that are now rejecting the Savior must be won to loyal devotion. Let us say to all, "Come and go with us, we will do thee good, for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." We cannot promise the riches of earth, but the Lord will bless your bread and water, and, the little the righteous

hath is better than the riches of many wicked. Come and journey with us to the heavenly Canaan!"
Maryville, Tenn.

Suppress Alumined Food.

The doctors inform us that alum is a poison, and that alum baking powders should be avoided because they make the food unwholesome. Prominent hygienists, who have given the matter most study, regard these powders as an evil that should be suppressed by state action. In Minnesota and Wisconsin alum powders are not permitted to be sold unless they are branded to warn consumers of their true character, while in the District of Columbia the authorities have under the direction of Congress adopted regulations to prohibit the use of alum in bread altogether.

Are not the people of other states, as well as those of Minnesota and Wisconsin, entitled to warning of a danger which is apparently menacing at close hand, and is not the whole country entitled to absolute protection, as the people of the District of Columbia are protected, by legislation which is entirely prohibitive?

Until we can have protection in the form of a statute, how can our state boards of health, state analysts or food commissions better serve the public than by publishing in the newspapers from time to time the names of the baking powders which they find to be made from alum?

Meantime, it will aid the housewife in designating the alum powders to remember that all powders sold at 25 cents or less per pound are of this dangerous class. Pure cream of tartar powders are usually sold at from 45 to 50 cents a pound.

For the Alabama Baptist.
From Texas.

Things are moving on here as usual. The Baptists are the leading spirits in this part of the State. The writer was invited on the third Sunday in April by Bethel Baptist church, in Grayson county association, to assist in the ordination of Cicero and William Bradley to the office of deacon. J. W. King preached the ordination sermon. (He is from Alabama.) The writer examined the church and candidates on the qualifications for the office they were elected to fill. Prayer by J. M. Haide, the pastor, J. W. Slaton gave the charge to the candidates. This church is in a prosperous condition, and has just completed a beautiful and commodious house of worship, which is an honor to the church and community.

Texas is making a strong effort to relieve her colleges of debt and place them for generations to come out of danger, and far ahead of all other denominations in the State in that respect. It would be a source of pleasure to me if Alabama would place Howard College on the same footing, as I was at one time in my life closely connected with Alabama. I yet love the Alabama Baptists and their educational interests.

May your paper live long and go out weekly a good denominational paper. We all need to read a good religious weekly that we may know about our Baptist work more and more. I am still a reader of the paper though I am living in the Lone Star State.

J. B. WILLBANKS.
Blue Ridge, Collin Co.

The death of Dr. Robert Ryland at Louisville April 23 closed a very useful and long life. He was in the ninety-fifth year of his age—probably the oldest Baptist preacher in the country. Dr. Ryland's work was done in Virginia and Kentucky. After several pastorates in the former state, he took charge of a manual labor school in Richmond, which developed in 1844 into Richmond College. He rendered important service as its president for twenty-two years, and then resigned to undertake religious work for the Negroes of Richmond. The religious condition of the freedmen just after emancipation was peculiarly appealing to a man of Dr. Ryland's nature, and he gave himself freely for the best years of his life to the pastorate of a great Negro Baptist church, of more than 3,000 members. During this pastorate of twenty-five years he baptized nearly 4,000 persons. His later life was spent in Kentucky, in teaching and preaching.—The Standard, Chicago.

Costly Handkerchiefs.

The most beautiful handkerchief in all the European courts belongs to Queen Margherita of Italy, and it is at the same time the most costly, being valued at \$30,000. In making this marvel, three artists worked constantly for more than twenty years. It is so fine that were the eyes closed and the handkerchief passed across the hand a person of the most acute sensibilities would find it impossible to feel anything. The queen keeps it religiously in a tiny jewel case of gold in the form and just the size of an ordinary bean pod. The Queen of England owns a dress which almost equals this. It was a wedding gift from India, and is so fine and light that the whole dress can be placed in a small fan box. On this nine persons worked during ten years. The queen's collection of laces is worth \$375,000, and that of the Princess of Wales is not far behind, as it is now valued at \$250,000, her stock having been increased by the legacy of her mother, the late Queen of Denmark. Though ex-Empress Eugenie lost many pieces of great value on her flight from the Tuileries, still she has considerable, and what she has is beautiful. One piece alone cost about \$25,000. The laces of the Vatican are rated at \$875,000.—The Standard.

At the recent session of the German Baptist Union, held in Berlin, a brother from Russia stated that the last Baptist conference had been dispersed by the police. The brethren afterwards met in a hay-loft, where a barrel set on end had to serve as a table upon which to write the minutes. The Russian Baptist Association has about 90 ministers and missionaries and 17,000 members. Between 1,200 and 1,300 members are received annually by baptism. The police have destroyed all the Baptist literature which of late has been sent into Russia. Within the German Empire there are 116 Baptist churches, 25,000 members, 761 stations, 162 preachers and elders, 65 missionaries and colporteurs, 367 Sunday-schools, 1,462 teachers and 16,076 scholars.—Ex.

Last Sunday Broadway church, Louisville, took a collection for Home and Foreign missions, which amounted to \$2,533 60. This is perhaps the largest mission collection ever taken in the South by a pastor at a regular service. There were several \$500 gifts. The mission collection for the year will be about \$3,500.—Baptist Argus.

One reason why we do not find more new things in the Bible is because we do not search it expecting to find them. There is not a single chapter or verse which we have exhausted.

THE WEAPON OF SCIENCE.

The man with a spear and shield may seem a terrible fellow to one who meets him empty handed or with only the same sort of an equipment with which to oppose him, but where does either of them stand before a modern rifle?

Any disease may be deadly enough when you have no adequate means at hand to confront it. Plenty of people die every day of curable diseases, simply because the stereotyped, routine, senseless methods and remedies usually employed are not half-way equal to the occasion.

But when a truly scientific remedy like Dr. Pierce's great "Golden Medical Discovery" is brought to bear upon the complaints which it is designed to cure, it penetrates the tough hide-bound armor of obstinate disease with the same unerring accuracy and power with which a modern rifle penetrates a savage shield.

"I had been doctoring and using patent medicine for about a year and a half, being unable to work most of the time," says John L. Coughenour, Esq., of Glensavage, Somerset Co., Pa. "The doctor said I had heart disease and indigestion. It began with a choking and oppressed feeling in the chest. I seemed to be raw from my throat clear down into my stomach. My appetite was usually poor, and I was as weak and nervous as though I had been starved out for months. My heart kept thumping continually, and I was short of breath."

"I ally I wrote to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for advice and he informed me that I had indigestion and torpid liver. I did not think that diagnosis was right, but I ordered six bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and began its use. After using three bottles I began to improve slowly, and soon went to work; and I have been working ever since."

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WINE OF CARDUI

WOMEN WHO WORK.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 12.
Though only 19 years old, I suffered from pains and female troubles two years. Last spring I got so bad I had to quit work. I had to support myself, and could not afford a high-priced doctor. I got one bottle of Wine of Cardui and that made me feel better. Have now used several bottles and am well. My mother used the Wine for Change of Life and was greatly relieved.

MISS MARGARET WALSH.

WINE OF CARDUI

Many girls and women find it necessary to earn their own living in various kinds of employment. Their work is often so hard and confining that the health breaks down. Their delicate constitutions are unfitted for tiresome tasks. Weakness nearly always makes its appearance in the peculiarly delicate womanly organs. Constant standing on the feet, and coming and going at the beck of a superintendent or foreman, induces falling of the womb, leucorrhoea, headache and backache. The pay of women workers is often so notoriously small that when sickness comes they have no money to engage skillful physicians. To them Wine of Cardui is truly a blessing. It cures them of their ills at a small cost, and they can act as their own physicians. No doctor can do as much for "female troubles" as Wine of Cardui.

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WINE OF CARDUI

Southern Baptist Young People's Union.

To Meet in Louisville May 11th.

The Baptist Young People's Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention will meet at Louisville, Kentucky, on May 11, the day before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. A full and attractive program will be presented, announcement of which will be made in due time.

All Young People's Societies in Baptist churches are entitled to one delegate to every twenty-five members, and churches having no such society to one delegate to every fifty members.

Churches and societies are urged to take notice and to send full representation.

L. O. DAWSON, President,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

W. W. GAINES, Secretary,
Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., March 15.

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FRANK G. BROWDER JR.,
G. P. A., Selma, Ala.

Southern Baptist Convention.

Louisville, Kentucky, May 12th, 1899.

The Committee on Entertainment respectfully invite your attention to the following announcement, to wit:—All duly accredited delegates whose applications are received by the Secretary on or before Friday, May 5th, will be provided with homes, and notice of assignment will be mailed to them. For the information of delegates and visitors who desire hotel or boarding house accommodations, we have secured the following rates per day, to wit:

Galt House (Convention Headquarters) \$3.00; Louisville Hotel, \$3.00; Victoria Hotel \$1.50; Fifth Avenue Hotel \$1.50. Other hotels and boarding houses, \$1.00.

No assignments of homes will be made after May 5th.

Address all communications to Thos. J. Humphreys, Secretary, 544 West Main Street, Louisville, Kentucky. J. B. MARVIN, Chm'n. THOS. J. HUMPHREYS, Sec'y.

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My six-months-old daughter broke out with Eczema. A doctor pronounced it "Moist Eczema," and prescribed for her. She screamed when I put the medicine on her, and I stopped using it. Her skin was all red and raw, and moisture coming from it all the time, and was very painful. I got CUTICURA SOAP and CUTICURA Ointment, and her skin is as fair as a lily within a month, and her skin is as fair as a lily.

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"It happened a good many years ago," said the grave looking man as he smiled reminiscently, "but the incident is still as fresh in my mind as if it was yesterday."

"I was born and brought up on a farm where it was part of my father's religion that we boys should always rise at 4 o'clock in the morning summer or winter. Although we had learned from bitter experience that our father's summons was not to be lightly disregarded, we found our warm beds on a cold winter morning so alluring that we sometimes tarried there until our father arrived with a strap, and yanking the luckless youngster out, proceeded to strap all desire to remain in bed out of him."

"It was my misfortune to sleep in the room at the head of the stairs, and I was the first and in many cases the only victim, for my howls, as the strap fell, caused my brothers to jump into their trousers before my father had placed the finishing touches upon me. It was an injustice; and I brooded over it for sometime and finally spoke to father about it, saying that I objected to making an alarm clock out of myself for the benefit of my brothers. But his only answer was that he didn't care which one he got hold of, as it was only the effect that he was after. I think it was that, unlucky remark that caused me to do what I did."

"One cold winter night we received a visit from the minister, who lived quite a distance away, and my father insisted that he should not dream of going home, but pass the night with us, a proposition that the minister gladly accepted."

"It was while I was lighting the visitors up stairs that I conceived the idea of putting him in my room and taking the spare room myself, thinking that if it was only an example that father wanted, the minister would do as well as I."

"The next morning my father, receiving no reply to his summons mounted the stairs with strap in hand. It was dark and he had to grope his way in and feel for the bed. With a heavy jerk he had the parson on the cold floor and was applying the strap before the innocent man was fairly awake. It was only when he woke the house with his howls that father realized that something was wrong."

"When a light was brought and the situation was explained the minister received a most abject apology from my father. What I received is a matter of private history, and is neither here nor there."

—Detroit Free Press.

Southern Baptist Convention

Meets in Louisville, Kentucky, May 12, 1899.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad and connecting lines have arranged for a rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold from all points in the South on May 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, and limited to fifteen days for the return trip. An extension of this return limit, however, may be secured, to leave Louisville not later than June 10th, by depositing ticket with Joint Agent in Louisville on or before May 18th, and payment of fee of 50 cents.

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I will be pleased to wait on you, either in person or by letter, giving you full information as to the schedules, rates from your city, etc. Address me as below.

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Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Louisville, Ky., May 12th. A rate of one fare for the round trip will be made from all points South, and an extension of limit for return trip to June 10th can be secured on all tickets reading over the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. The L. & N. system of through carlines provides the most expeditious and comfortable route from Southern cities to Louisville. If you will write to Mr. R. F. Beasley, Passenger Agent, Birmingham, Ala., he will furnish you with information as to the best train service from your section to Louisville.

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For the Alabama Baptist Church Organized at Reform.

I have been preaching at Reform, Pickens county, monthly since the third Sunday in February. It is indeed a pleasure to meet and work with such an appreciative and earnest people.

The moral and religious sentiment is on the ascendant.

Sunday, April 16th, was a glad occasion, a historic day for the church at Reform, a day memorialized by the organization of a Baptist church. The new and large school house was filled with attentive listeners, eager to witness the deeply interesting and solemn exercises. A good representation came from Carrollton, among whom was Deacon W. G. Robertson, who was chosen as moderator of the occasion, and Bro. J. W. Smith, a constituent member, clerk. Letters were presented from fifteen persons who expressed a desire to enter into the organization of the church; their names were enrolled, and by solemn covenant read by the moderator, and presentation of the Bible as the rule of faith and practice, the charge as to obligations assumed, the right hand of welcome into the brotherhood of churches was extended and it was declared the Reform Baptist Church.

At night it was agreed to begin a weekly prayer meeting, to be held on Wednesday night. We have a good Sunday school, in which other denominations take part, and join us in brotherly love and in worshiping God by studying his word.

May God smile with his choice blessings on this good beginning and carry it on to great results.

Our next step is to build a house of worship, a temporal home where we may build for that eternal home. Pray for us, brethren, and the work at Reform.

I desire to give my hearty approval of the change in the form of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, a timely and helpful change. The paper is entitled to the high esteem and loyal commendation of every forward-going Baptist in the State. May God's blessings richly cheer you and prosper the paper until it shall enter every Baptist home.

J. W. CALDWELL.

Carrollton.

For the Alabama Baptist Church in Conecuh County.

I will give some notes of the field in which I labor.

I have been with Sepulga church three years as pastor. I found the church almost completely hidden by the debris of discouragements, indifference and general spiritual debility. It numbered about twenty-five members who gathered for worship in an old log building about forty-eight years old. During my pastorate we have received one hundred members, and a commodious and substantial house of worship has been built and entirely finished (except painting), in which God's hand has been clearly manifest. The anti-mission spirit prevails here as elsewhere in the county, and the scarcity of money gives Satan another tool which finds many ready users.

The church at Long Branch is moving along very nicely, and I look for an ingathering of souls this year. The prospects for good crops are bright, and the general health is good; services are well attended, and considerable interest is manifested by many who have been careless as to the "one thing needful."

As to Old Town, I have very limited knowledge of the general conditions, as I have made only one visit at this writing.

The indications point to a sympathetic touch between pastor and people at all my churches, for which I praise God. I love these people.

Sepulga church had a visit from Bro. Jenkins, Evangelist for Conecuh Association, on the second Sabbath. We all love him. His service was highly appreciated by the congregation, and I trust was

accepted by the Master, for consecration was evidenced in every word.

God bless the Evangelists. Their visits are as sunbeams to the pastors especially, they cheer, comfort and strengthen; but they are so comelike as to returning.

Mt. Union. E. C. CLAYTON.

MARRIED.

At 7:30, on the evening of April 23, by the writer, Mr. W. F. Stubblefield and Miss Lula Barnard, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at Eldridge Baptist church, of which the bride and groom are both members. These young people start out with bright prospects before them.

J. W. ROGERS.

OBITUARY.

On Monday, April 17, our dear sister Annie Mancil obeyed the call of the Master to come up higher. After a long period of affliction, of which the last six months were spent in bed, she passed gently through the valley and across the river at peace with God and all mankind. Kind hands and affectionate hearts were near to bear up the frail and wasted casket while the spirit took its peaceful flight. Verily "she is not dead, but sleepeth." Sister Mancil was born in Wilcox county in 1826. Had been a consistent member of the Baptist church about forty years, the last twelve of which were with Sepulga church, Conecuh county. She was the mother of our highly esteemed Bro. E. Mancil, deacon of that church. Her remains were laid to rest in the family cemetery at the old Mancil homestead near Red Level, in Covington county, beside those of her husband, who preceded her some years ago. Three sons, numerous relatives, and a host of friends mourn her death. We commend the bereaved to the mercy and sympathy of God the Father, and pray that all may realize the great truth that our loss of this dear old mother in Israel is her eternal gain.

E. C. CLAYTON.

In Memoriam.

Elder John Cumbee was born August 2, 1826, in South Carolina. In his boyhood the family removed to Meriwether county, Ga. At the age of 12 he was converted, but did not unite with the church until he was 19 years old, when he joined the State Line Missionary Baptist church, Heard county, Ga. He was licensed to preach by Fellowship church, Randolph county, Ala., Oct. 3, 1857, and ordained Oct. 30, 1858, Elders N. H. Mathews, Benj. Goss and Gideon Leverett composing the presbytery. He married Miss C. C. Spurlin (daughter of Eld. J. M. Spurlin) whom he survived eight years. They were blessed with eleven children, ten of whom survive him to mourn the loss of their earthly father. During the greater part of his ministerial life, he was in the active service of his Master, and in that time was pastor of Roanoke, Rock Springs, Fredonia, Fellowship, Hickory Flat, Lystra and Bethel churches. Of the last named he was pastor from 1863 to 1880, and several years since, and was a member there at the time of his death. During these years the Lord blessed his labors greatly. The good he accomplished through Christ is being felt, and will be for years to come. His death came unexpectedly to us on April 8th, but not to him, as he had told the family his time was short. The funeral was conducted by Elder W. J. D. Upshaw, the text used being one he selected before his death: "By the grace of God I am what I am." He was a kind and affectionate father, good neighbor, and was honored and loved by all who knew him. He was one of the pioneer ministers of Chambers county. Therefore be it

Resolved, That as our heavenly Father has in his goodness and providence seen fit to take from us our dearly beloved brother, Elder John Cumbee, we humbly bow in submission to the will of him who doeth all things well.

2. That in his death the church, the community, and Missionary Baptist cause has suffered a great loss—the cause he so ably defended in the ministry for nearly forty years.

3. That we extend to the family our heartfelt sympathy in the sad bereavement.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the church records, and one each sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST, Lafayette Sun and Roanoke Leader with a request that they publish them.

T. N. JONES,
ROBT. WHEELER,
J. T. LEE,
J. P. JORDAN,
W. J. GRADY.

Resolutions of the Wylam Baptist church and Sunday school on the death of Mrs. J. W. Minor, April 16, 1899:

Whereas, It has pleased God to remove our sister, Mrs. J. W. Minor, from the scene of earthly labors; and

Whereas, The peculiar relations of kindly sympathy and active helpfulness sustained by her and her honored husband to us as a Sunday school and church, make it not unfitting for us to speak the language of our hearts in this hour of grief. Be it

Resolved, That we esteem it a privilege to pay an humble tribute to her worth, and to voice our conviction that in all relations of life, man had in her a gracious helper, and God a willing servant; and to avow our belief that she will be keenly

missed by many to whom her presence has been a benediction.

Resolved, That our sympathy be extended to the grief-stricken husband and children, and that assurance be given of our prayerful interest in a rich provision of sustaining grace to them as they walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Resolved, That a copy of this paper be sent to Bro. Minor, and also that it be published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and the Birmingham Baptist.

W. W. HOLMES,
FRANK BARNARD,
MISS MINNIE EARNEST,
Committee.

Resolutions of the Wylam Baptist church and Sunday school on the death of little Mary Tidwell, April 16, 1899:

Whereas, The home of our brother, J. H. Tidwell, has been visited by disease and death, and the family have occasion to mourn the loss of little Mary; be it

Resolved, That we extend to the weeping household our hearty sympathy, and pray God's comforting promises in their bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of this paper be sent to Bro. Tidwell, and also that it be published in the Birmingham Baptist and the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

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Sheriff's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an execution, and an order of sale, placed in my hands, from the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, against L. J. Bryan, and in favor of Kennedy & Gody, I will proceed to sell on Monday, the 15th day of May, 1899, at the Court Square Fountain, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, at public auction, during the legal hours of sale to the highest, best and last bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, to wit: One-half undivided interest of said L. J. Bryan, in north half of lot No. forty-two (42) and south half of lot No. forty-three (43) Moses Bros.' subdivision of Wise tract, near the City of Montgomery.

This, April 11th, 1899.

C. E. Parks, Sheriff.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by A. H. McNeely and Florence G. McNeely, his wife, to the Banking, Building and Loan Company of Montgomery, Alabama, on April 8th, 1897, which mortgage is recorded in Book 37, page 269 of the records of the Probate office of Henry County, State of Alabama, the said Banking, Building and Loan Company will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 1st day of May, 1899, the following described property, situated in the City of Columbia, County of Henry, and State of Alabama, to wit: One house and lot, being the south half of lot No. seventy one (71) in said town of Columbia, and further described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of Wm. McNeely's lot on the east side of Main Street and running north along Main Street one hundred and thirty-five and one-half (135 1-2) feet, thence east three hundred and ninety-four (394) feet to section line, thence south along said section line one hundred and thirty-five and one-half (135 1-2) feet, thence west three hundred and ninety-four (394) feet to the point of beginning. Said lot is bounded on the north by lot of C. E. Walker, on the east by lands formerly owned by W. H. Wood, on the south by lot of Wm. McNeely, and on the west by Main Street; being the same conveyed to A. H. McNeely by C. E. Walker and wife on the first day of August, 1885, by deed of record in the Probate office of Henry County, State of Alabama, in Book "Z," page 41.

This the 5th day of April 1899. Banking Building and Loan Co. J. L. Holloway, Mortgagee.

At the request of the mortgagor the above sale is hereby continued until 15th day of May, 1899.

BANKING, BUILDING & LOAN CO. J. L. Holloway, Attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by William McNeely, an unmarried man, to the Banking, Building and Loan Company of Montgomery, Alabama, on Nov. 19th, 1896, which mortgage is recorded in Book 30, pages 463 to 461, of the records of the Probate office of Henry County, State of Alabama, the said Banking, Building and Loan Company will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the City of Montgomery, Ala., to the highest bidder for cash, on the 1st day of May, 1899, the following described property, situated in the City of Columbia, County of Henry, and State of Alabama, to wit: A certain lot or parcel of land fronting west on the east side of Main Street, one hundred and fifty (150) feet and extending back east with that equal width three hundred and ninety (390) feet. Said lot is bounded on the north by residence lot now owned by A. H. McNeely on the east by lands formerly belonging to the estate of William H. Wood on the south by lot known as the F. M. Walker property, and on the west by Main Street, containing in all two acres, being the same conveyed to the said William McNeely on the 3rd day of January, 1888; by A. H. McNeely and wife, by deed of record in the Probate office of Henry County, State of Alabama, in Book No. 3, page 201.

This the 5th day of April, 1899. Banking, Building and Loan Company, Mortgagee.

J. L. Holloway, Attorney. At the request of the mortgagor the above sale is hereby continued until 15th day of May, 1899.

BANKING, BUILDING & LOAN CO. J. H. Holloway, Attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by Hallie F. Bryan and C. E. Bryan to Lucie R. Watt on the 27th day of December, 1898, which mortgage is recorded in Book 157, page 23 of the records of the Probate Office of Montgomery County, State of Alabama, and has been sold, transferred and assigned to me, I will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the City of Montgomery, Ala., to the highest bidder for cash, on the 15th day of May, 1899, the following described property, lying and being situated in the city and county of Montgomery, Ala., to wit: That certain lot commencing at a point on the north side of Jeff Davis Avenue two hundred feet east of the northeast corner of Jeff Davis Avenue and Amanda Street, thence running east along the north side of Jeff Davis Avenue fifty feet, thence due north one hundred and fifty feet to an alley, thence west fifty feet, thence due south one hundred and fifty feet to the point of beginning, being the same lot conveyed to Hallie F. Bryan by Lucie R. Watt.

T. M. McPHERSON, Transferree. Holloway & Holloway, Attorneys.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by Cindrella McKenzie and Jesse McKenzie, her husband, to the Banking, Building & Loan Company of Montgomery, Alabama, on April 8th, 1897, which mortgage is recorded in Book 148, page 342 of the records of the Probate Office of Montgomery County, State of Alabama, the said Banking, Building & Loan Company will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 22nd day of May, 1899, the following described property, situated in the City of Montgomery, County and State of Alabama, to wit:—

Lot number twenty-four (24) and the east half (1-2) of lot number twenty-three (23) as shown by James Chappell's plat of part of Peachock Tract, made by H. B. Barker, and recorded in the Probate Office of Montgomery County, Alabama, in Book of Deeds 8, page 295. Said lot twenty-four and the east half (1-2) of lot (23) twenty-three fronts north on the south side of Loudie street seventy-five feet, and extends back south with that equal width one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet.

This the 24th day of April, 1899. BANKING, BUILDING & LOAN CO. J. L. Holloway, Attorney. Mortgagee