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FIELD NOTES.

J. M. McCord, Gurley: I like your new dress much better than the old, and you have improved in every particular.

Dr. J. C. Hiden's postoffice address has been changed from Madison Run to Barboursville, Va. If we are not in error, Dr. H. is to take charge of a newly organized church in Richmond in the autumn.

Rev. A. T. Sims wrote us that the church at Chapman had "fitted him up" for the Convention. We are not surprised. Bro. Sims' churches usually treat him well, and then W. T. Smith is a member of Chapman church.

J. J. Taylor, Mobile: Tell Bro. Quisenberry that the St. Francis Street folks have been giving \$600 a year and more to Foreign missions for several years. This year the amount ran up to over \$800. He may get others to fall into line; and we might do more.

Bro. L. Busby, of Chulafinnee, Cleburne county, sends renewal, and adds that his wife doesn't see how she could get along without the paper, and as for himself, he can hardly wait for the time of its arrival each week. So it appears that the ALABAMA BAPTIST is a fixture in that household.

A brother in East Alabama saw the ALABAMA BAPTIST and at once sent the money for subscription. He wrote that he had been a member of a Baptist church for twenty years and had never been a subscriber to a Baptist paper. There is no telling the good our subscribers may do by passing the paper around among the people.

W. T. Foster, Notasulga: Rev. J. W. Partridge, of Thaddeus, was ordained to the full work of the ministry at Fellowship church, Tallapoosa county, April 16. Bro. Partridge is a promising young preacher. He is fully in line with all our organized work. We expect for him a future of usefulness. May the Lord prosper him.

A pastor in this state having failed to persuade his churches to contribute to missions, etc., as they ought, now says he will try the effect of introducing the ALABAMA BAPTIST among them—if he can persuade the members to take it and read it. If this had been done sometime ago, perhaps the pastor would now be proud of the contributions of his churches.

A Baptist: Like most of your subscribers, I rejoice in Bro. Crumpton's return to Alabama, and also in the change in the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Please don't make the print any smaller, or one of your friends cannot read it.—[The venerable and venerated writer of that note is a daughter of statesmen and a mother of statesmen.—Ed.]

We have received a good letter from Howard College with no signature except "Senex." We do not know any one with that name, and hence the letter must wait for the writer's name. It is a general newspaper rule to print nothing that is not accompanied by the au-

thor's name, and only in rare cases, and for special reason, do we depart from the rule.

J. Lee, Lyerly, Ga., May 8: Rev. W. W. Lee seemingly is convalescent; his physicians are hopeful, and so are his friends; he is quite weak and feeble, but able to be up a part of the time. He is cheerful, and bears his trouble with Christian fortitude and humble resignation to the will of a kind providence. Has a strong desire to be at work in the Master's vineyard.

Western Recorder: Dr. W. B. Crumpton made a pleasant call at our office on his way back to his old home in Alabama. We are sorry to give Dr. Crumpton up from Kentucky. His presence at the associations and everywhere among our people was a benediction. He carries our best wishes back to Alabama, and our prayers for God's richest blessing upon his work there.

J. W. Stewart, Evergreen: The May Day entertainment at the Orphanage was highly creditable to Mrs. Hardy, who arranged it, and reflected much credit on the children who took part in it. It was listened to by a good audience assembled in our spacious dining room. Gradually we hope to induce the people of our town more and more to visit the Home and take an interest in our large family.—Let the churches not forget that the dull season is on us now, and it will be difficult for us to get along on what we have been collecting during the summer months.

A. B. Campbell, Troy: On Saturday afternoon we received Secretary Willingham's special appeal for a ten dollar contribution toward the Foreign Mission Board's expenses during the first quarter of the Convention year, made up that amount yesterday, and the church treasurer will forward it to Richmond today. The Secretary is making a wise and important movement in the matter, and ought to receive the hearty co-operation of pastors and churches. The credit system is one of the greatest curses of the country, and the churches ought to begin the reform by keeping our religious enterprises out of debt. This cannot be done except by furnishing the cash in advance.

Quite a number of members from the Baptist churches of the city met Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at West End Mission and organized a council by electing Rev. Geo. B. Eager, D. D., chairman, and Rev. H. W. Provence as secretary. The council then proceeded in due form to organize West End Baptist Church, consisting of twenty-two members, and with the prospect of quite a number of others in the near future. The election of officers of the church and the call of pastor were deferred to a future meeting. It is believed that there is a fine opening in that locality for a good church to be established. Clayton Street church has sustained a mission there for sometime, having built a small house of worship.

Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry bade good-bye to Adams Street church on Sunday last. He made a tender talk to the Sabbath school, and a number of the pupils expressed a desire to become Christians. A short sermon at 11 o'clock was fol-

lowed by communion, the number of members partaking being quite large. The entire service was spiritual and solemn. At night there was a more formal farewell, and the serious fact of the separation of pastor and people was more impressive. The hope was expressed privately that the church would not soon again have such an experience. Bro. Quisenberry will be remembered in great kindness by many of the church and congregation for his earnestness and faithfulness. He said that other fields of labor were in prospect, but it was not decided as to where he would work. The Lord be with you, brother, and with the faithful wife and co-laborer.

A subscriber makes this request: "Will you please inform me what it takes to constitute a church ordinance." To which we reply: It is sufficient definition of a church ordinance to point to the thing itself. We Missionary Baptists say that Baptism (immersion) and Communion, (or the Lord's Supper, as it is generally called), are the only church ordinances recognized in Scripture. They are to be preserved and administered by the church as such. An ordinance is something that is ordained, established by authority. In this sense any of the laws laid down in Scripture might be called an ordinance; but for convenience of expression and certainty of understanding, and also because there is a certain distinction in meaning of words, the two expressive acts of Baptism and Communion are specially called ordinances. They were ordained by our Savior to have a prominent and permanent place and meaning in our faith and practice, and to be observed by every true believer. Neither church, convention nor council can lawfully add to or take from those two ordinances of Scripture.

The Alabama Legislature convened on Tuesday of last week in response to the call of the Governor, and has repealed the act of the regular session providing for an election to decide upon holding a Constitutional Convention. The House sustained the Governor in opposition to the Convention by a decided majority, and the Senate did the same by a vote of 18 to 13. What next will be done it is not easy to tell.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Judson Notes.

The program for Commencement week is as follows:

Sunday Morning—Commencement Sermon, by Rev. John F. Purser, D. D., of Opelika.
Sunday Evening—Annual Sermon before the Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society of the Judson, by Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., of Selma.

Monday Morning—Art Exhibit.
Monday Evening—Annual Concert, on which occasion the beautiful Cantata, "The Fishermans," by Smart, will be given.

Tuesday Morning—Annual Meeting of the Alumnae Society.

Tuesday evening—Class Exercises.

Wednesday Afternoon—Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Wednesday Evening—Commencement Exercises.

On the evening of Friday, May 5, the Piano Recital for graduation of Miss Margaret Hendon took place. She is the daughter of the beloved and lamented Rev. J. H. Hendon, and has inherited from

him, as well as from her mother, who was Miss Mabson, of Union Springs, talent and ability. The program was:

PROGRAM.

Mozart: Theme and Variations in A Major.

Vocal: (a) Pessard; Good-day, Marie. (b) D'Hagdelot; Midsummer Dreams. (c) Denza; A May Morning.

Chopin: Nocturne; Op. 37, No. 1.

Grieg: Norwegian Bridal Procession.

Recitation: Attending the Yale-Harvard Boat-race.

J. Seymour Wood.

Jenson: Barcarolle.

Jadassohn: Scherzo; Op. 35.

Scharwenka: Valse; Caprice; Op. 13.

Vocal: Tito—Mattei—Spring Revel.

Chaminade: La Zingara; Op. 27, No. 2.

Miss Hendon was ably assisted by Mrs. Paul V. Bomar with four charming songs charmingly rendered, and by Miss Helena Herzfeld with a recitation amusing and well recited.

L. M.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Huntsville.

Interest in our denominational work in this part of the vineyard is on the increase. Bro. Brett, of the First church, is getting his work well in hand. At the close of yesterday morning's service five were received by letter. His congregations are increasing in number and interest, his sermons are spiritual and pathetic. Yesterday was their day to elect officers for their Sunday school. Bro. J. A. Erwin, who has been superintendent for a quarter of a century, was unanimously re-elected, as were all the other officers.

The Dallas Avenue flock is still without an undershepherd, though they keep up regular prayer meeting and Sunday school, the latter of which is second to none in this section. At the last meeting of their Ladies' Aid Society the former president, Mrs. John Glenn, tendered her resignation, and Mrs. R. E. Pettus was elected in her stead; Mrs. Walter Miller was elected secretary.

Bro. Frank Bunnell, who has been president of the B. Y. P. U. since its organization, has secured work for the present in North Carolina, and Miss Mary Glenn succeeds him as president. The church has recently had good sermons preached to it by Revs. G. W. Griffin of the Seminary, W. M. Murray, F. C. David and H. E. Rice. During the past week Rev. J. G. Lowery and Dr. R. C. David have been here, the former in the interest of Howard College, the latter in the interest of the Ministers' Institute work.

Our people are all elated at the election of Dr. W. B. Crumpton as Secretary of the State Board of Missions, and ere long hope to enjoy his genial presence in our midst.

We congratulate you upon the new attire of the ALABAMA BAPTIST and other improvements in the paper.

Rev. Rutherford Brett, of the First church, and R. E. Pettus, of the Dallas Avenue church, will leave next Thursday for the great Southern Baptist Convention.

Industrially speaking, there is perhaps no town today in Alabama that is attracting so much attention as Huntsville. The directors of the great Merrimac Mills of Lowell, Mass., are here now to close the deal for locating here the largest series of cotton mills in the world. When this is settled, then an up to date electric car line will be built and a number of other smaller industries established. Now, what the denomination should do is to see to it that every suburb is well supplied with a strong Baptist preacher, then the Baptists can hope to keep pace with our industrial development.

R. E. PETTUS.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Cullings from Columbia.

We have just closed a series of meetings, the special purpose of which was the edification of the church. The meetings were held by the pastor, with the earnest co-operation of the brethren and sisters, and served well their purpose. Our fellowship has been made deeper, stronger and sweeter; our zeal has been quickened; our joy in the Lord and his gracious gospel intensified, and seed have been sown whose harvest of good is sure.

Capt. John T. Davis who, with his noble wife, turn their hearts and hands to every good word and work, attended the meeting of the committee of brethren which recently assembled in Montgomery for the purpose of considering the indebtedness of the denomination in the state. He cheered our hearts with a glowing report of what had been done, and we feel that the day of freedom from debt for the Baptists of the state is dawning. Bro. Davis is a liberal supporter of all our denominational enterprises.

Since our arrival here we have received the kindest consideration at the hands of all the brethren and sisters.

Our collections for missions the past quarter, including what we did for the Orphanage, and for Mrs. Soper, the wife of a deceased missionary in Brazil, amounted to a little more than \$100.

The lamented Cleveland still lives in the memories, hearts and lives of the people here, and the fruit of his consecrated labors is apparent.

We congratulate the ALABAMA BAPTIST on its improved and improving condition, and the Baptists of Alabama on the return of Rev. W. B. Crumpton to the state and to the Secretaryship of the State Board of Missions.

With thankfulness of heart for blessings past and present, and with enlarging hopefulness for the future, I remain

Yours fraternally,

May 5. ARNOLD S. SMITH.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At the Orphanage.

Our hearts were made sad on April 4th by the death of our beloved girl Daisy Watson, who during her long illness endeared herself to us still more by her cheerful patience. We had become so accustomed to seeing her wan, pale face that we were not aware that she was so soon to pass away till only a day or two before the end came. Dear child, she was ready, and she slept and rests. She lacked just a week of being fifteen years old. To her loving sisters I would say:

"Poor heart, believe the Father knoweth best;
The thorny road but leads to mansions blest,
And long and sweet will be the perfect rest."

At set of sun.

JNO. W. STEWART.

For the Alabama Baptist.

In North Liberty.

The ministers' and deacons' fifth Sunday meeting at Rice's church was a success. All the subjects on the program were fully and ably discussed. We had some splendid preaching by Elders Crutcher, Hilliard and Brett; the Spirit of the Master was with us, the brethren and sisters were happy, sinners were converted, and ten or more came forward and gave their hands desiring the prayers of the church. On Sunday night Elder Bone, from William Carey association of Tennessee, preached for us.

J. P. HAMPTON.

Meridianville.

I believe that this world utterly and absolutely needs Christ and his life, and that without Christ and his life this world is, without any reference to the future, a lost and dying world.—Robert F. Speer.

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Valedictory.

This week I yield my place as temporary editor of the State Mission Department to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, the new Secretary and Editor. In accordance with the action of the State Board at the time of his re-election as Secretary he now assumes entire editorial charge of this department. This is well for the department and a relief to me.

It was only at the urgent request of the Board that even for the time I assumed this extra burden. I need hardly say that the multifarious and exacting duties which were already mine when I consented to undertake this work made the performance of it necessarily inadequate and unsatisfactory—to none more palpably so than to myself. I gladly resign the tripod now to one who is no novice as an editor and whose whole heart and soul, and mind and strength will be given to "this one thing." May God guide his pen and bless him abundantly with the support and illumination of His Spirit and the co-operation of his brethren!

GEO. B. EAGER.

"Your Cheerful Co-operation"

"For ten years," says Secretary Crumpton to the Baptists of Alabama, "you gave me your cheerful co-operation. Whatever success attended my labors then was largely due to the support you gave me in your prayers and contributions." And then he adds, "I trust I shall have these again. If I accomplish anything worthy of the Master whom we serve, I must have His blessing along with your help." Shall we not give him our help and pray that he may have the Master's abundant blessing?

A Great United Effort.

At a called meeting of the State Board last week a resolution was passed authorizing Secretary Crumpton to accept the proposition of the President of the Board of Trustees of Howard College to make common cause with the College in a joint effort to raise the debts of the College and the State Board of Missions, and to exercise his own discretion as to the time and methods of co-operating in this work. Accordingly Bro. Crumpton left Montgomery for Birmingham at once, and is now hard at work in this united effort for the accomplishment of this great task. It is no mean undertaking, and will call for the earnest sympathy, prayers and co-operation of all our people. Is it too much to say that our divine Master "expects every man to do his duty?"

First, Provide for the Debt.

Secretary Crumpton well points out in his open letter to the Baptists of Alabama that the first thing to provide for is the debt on the board. He will address himself to this at once. He asks you to help him. He begs that churches, or Sunday schools or societies that have money in their treasuries which can be devoted to this purpose, do not hold it for a day, but forward it at once to him to aid in liquidating this debt. In case there is no money on hand, he asks that a good collection be taken promptly. Will not our pastors and churches, Sunday schools and societies heed this appeal? My first appeal is for money, he says. It is not to deprive you of anything, but that the cause of the Master may not suffer. I appeal not for myself; it is your work, and I am your agent.—Let us remember this, and for the cause's sake, for the Master's sake, do our best.

General Rejoicing.

Notes of joy are coming up from all parts of Alabama over Bro. W. B. Crumpton's return. This is most gratifying and encouraging to him and prophetic of good to the work. Few men in Alabama are better known or more dearly loved for his work's sake than Bro. Crumpton. His friends are legion

and they are rallying around him afresh for service. His appeal seems to have reached their hearts. "I do not return," he says, "to find an easy place. The position I take requires hard work. I did not spare myself before; I do not expect to do so now. I shall come as a helper along every line."

These are golden words, and, coming from him, they are full of meaning. He fitly adds: "All the pastors who know me are assured of my sympathy for them in their work; the young preachers and the young people of the churches are ever on my heart, and I earnestly desire to be helpful to them; the sisters of the Central Committee and women's missionary societies know of my interest in their self-denying labors." Is it not so? Surely these several classes need no argument to convince them that this is so.

Secretary Thompson Retires.

Rev. J. L. Thompson, who has served the Board so faithfully and efficiently as office Secretary since the retirement of Dr. Bledsoe, now retires himself to give place to the new incumbent, Secretary Crumpton. Bro. Thompson has served the Board both as President and Secretary with characteristic devotion and fidelity to trust. No more consecrated, painstaking or trustworthy man ever served the Board or the Baptists of Alabama than Bro. Thompson. He has not spared himself in his efforts to do his duty alike to the flock over which God had made him overseer, and to the missionary interests of the denomination which were for a time committed to his charge. No one knows this better than the writer of these lines and the brethren of the Board who have been most intimately associated with him in his labors during these months. Though his service has not been noisy or conspicuous, it has been of such a sort as to lay our whole people under obligations to him which they will never be able to cancel.

He retires, now, not only from the Secretaryship of the State Board of Missions, but also from the pastoral charge of the beloved flock at Clayton Street, whose faithful pastor he has been for several years. His going is recognized by all as a distinct loss to our cause in the Capital City, and yet, we thank God, he is not lost to the Board, nor to our cause in the state at large. May God bless him in his new field and relation!

"Like a Drove of Wild Horses."

In a thoughtful and thought-provoking article in the Convention Teacher for May Dr. A. J. Dickenson says: It has been said that Baptists are great in their weakness and weak in their greatness, because they lack homogeneity and unity of effort. This defect is due to the fact that we are too little affiliated and too freely associated. One has compared us to a drove of wild horses on the plains, each seemingly going his own way regardless of his fellows, and yet somehow all going together. But, ah! the cold sarcasm of the great man's illustration! Did you ever know a drove of wild horses to do any work or develop anything for the world's betterment? So long as we persist in the policy of snorting and kicking at each other, even though we may herd ourselves, we will still be beyond the power of being used for subduing the world to Christ. We have need to develop stronger and more organic relations of fellowship until we become disciplined as members one of another.

Now, I have long been of the opinion that whatever wisdom we really need for the Lord's work is laid up in store for us in God's word. To that all-sufficient rule we have occasion to resort in this hour of distress and discover wholesome and remedial principles. Hence, one may venture the opinion that a close study of the Scripture as it presents the relations of inter-church fellowship and fraternal co-operation will prove peculiarly profitable to us at this time.

What a spectacle a Baptist makes shouting himself hoarse about having the doctrines of God, and yet not giving anything for their proclamation to all the earth. The man that owes the greatest missionary debt is the man that has the doctrines of God in their purest form.—Arkansas Baptist.

Salutatory.

Dr. Eager, who has so ably filled the position of editor of the Mission Department of the paper, retires with this issue, and this scribe takes up the burden.

Dr. Eager has kindly consented to help me in my department as I have need. As soon as I can get my matters arranged, I shall endeavor to make the department interesting and helpful to the Mission cause.

I am hopeful of the situation. I am receiving encouragement from every quarter. God bless the dear brethren who have thought of me in my home-coming. I feel that I am getting back home. Last Sunday I spent the morning with the First church at Birmingham; at night I was at Southside. The warm greeting I received amounted almost to an ovation. Here in Montgomery the hand-shaking has gone on, and I have had greetings from brethren from all over the state. I flatter myself that all this hearty greeting is an omen of coming co-operation.

With God's help we will bring something glorious to pass before the Convention at Gadsden. I am in a quiver of excitement as I think of the good things that will be announced in this issue of the paper. Let us be hopeful and cheerful, giving doubts and fears to the wind.

W. B. C.

Better Houses of Worship.

A brother writes me that the Baptists in his section are turning their attention to improving their houses of worship and building new ones. That is good news. Give God a good house in which he may be worshiped. In the olden time through his prophets he complained at the people for leaving his house to lie waste while they dwelt in their ceiled houses. He told them that was one of the reasons why their crops failed and so many calamities befell them. Give God the best house in the neighborhood and that will honor him, and he promises to honor those who honor him. The people who take pride in their house of worship will have more interest in the service, will take better care of the preacher, and will be more concerned for the spread of the gospel.

Loosing the Pastor's Hands.

A letter says: "We are loosing the hands of the pastors." What better work could be done? The pastors long for it—not because they are afraid of manual labor; they are used to that; but they long to give their time to the work which they feel the Master has called them to. Some pitiable stories could be told how these noble men of God have toiled and sacrificed; how they have suffered and allowed their families to suffer in order that they might preach the gospel. I have a letter before me now that tells a sad story. A preacher with a large family, laboring in the country where he is successfully overcoming difficulties and building up the cause, and the sum total of his salary is less than \$200. If his hands could be loosed to give his whole time to the work, what a power he would be! Let the good work go on. The churches have the ability to bring this wished for change to pass.

The Power to Bring.

Rev. W. E. Hatcher, D. D., in the Convention Teacher.

Andrew brought his brother. Our Lord commanded the blind man at Jericho to be brought unto him. The order was that the servants should go out and compel them to come to the feast. The command which rings through the kingdom of God is to bring the sinner to the Lamb of God.

It is no easy task. It anticipates a momentous change and implies extraordinary power. The change required is one greatly needed in the sinner, and yet one which he recoils from under the blinding influence of evil. The bringing of a sinner to the cross is a mighty event—a performance which carries joy to the angels. It is the highest achievement of human skill. It involves art in approach, stratagem in flanking prejudices, magnetism of experience and holy compulsion in the conquest of the pride and hostility of the sinner.

It is not possible to draw the picture of the soul-saver. No set qualities constitute his outfit. There is

a variety in the make-up of those who excel in the lofty art of recovering the lost. And yet there are certain things which in some shape and degree must belong to those who learn to win souls. One necessary point is a good eye. It is impossible to account for the apparent blindness of many of the true friends of Christ—at least those who in other things give evidences that they are the children of grace. They have no power to see the opportunity. They live with others—in the same family—in the same office or shop—in the same social fellowship—and yet it never breaks upon them that they ought to bring them to the Saviour. If we are to have part in the work of works—that which engages the heart and hand of the Son of Man, and that upon which the salvation of souls depends, then we must have the power to see when our opportunity is at hand. The eye must be open and sharp-sighted.

There must be the courage and tact of approach. Many feelings enter into that dread which we find in attempting to speak the decisive word to the sinner. A sense of our insufficiency—an apprehension that we may blunder in the effort to do good—the fear that a spirit of resistance will rise in the sinner against us, and the disposition to postpone any attempt to do a gracious deed, make it a difficult thing to speak to the sinner concerning his salvation. It does, indeed, require determination, and many opportunities seen are lost through timidity. Where courage is not wanting, skill is. We do not know the road to the citadel of the soul. We are likely to knock at the wrong gate and to wake up the wrong guard. It is wisdom, indeed, to understand how to meet the soul face to face and carry to a successful issue the struggle to open its closed doorway for the coming in of the Lord and Saviour.

There must also be a character behind our act. It has lately been admirably suggested that one explanation of Andrew's success in bringing his brother to the Saviour was that Simon believed in Andrew. Andrew had taught Simon to believe in his sincerity and trustworthiness. He had shown himself to be the right sort of man before, and Simon was not afraid to take him at his word on any subject. When, therefore, Andrew came and told him that he had found the Messiah, he never doubted that Andrew was telling the truth. His faith in Andrew started his faith in Jesus, for it is a fact that we get our power to believe in no mean degree from observing the faith of others.

But spiritual power is largely in temperature. As it takes a certain degree of heat to melt metals, so it requires a given measure of spiritual heat to melt souls. A frigid manner will repel a soul. But a melting eye, a flushing cheek, a swelling breast, and a quivering voice, those signs of a great and tender soul, give power to appeal. It is not the word spoken, nor the passage read, but the warmth of love and the kindly tone that win the sinner.

The lack of the bringing power is fatal. It renders it impossible for us to do our part in the rescue of dying men. Besides, there is no exercise for our religious life that is so invigorating as direct effort to assist others into the kingdom of heaven. Cut off from that, we are left in doubt as to whether or not we are the children of God by faith. Nor can others have so convincing a proof of our salvation as they get in observing our diligence and zeal in seeking to lead others into light. That is the practical, tangible, and easily comprehended sign that we have known the blessing of salvation. This power is a thing to be sought. We may rightly ask for it in prayer, and we may do much to secure it by the faithful exercise of what strength we already possess. One honest struggle to help somebody will quicken our whole being and add much to our vigor and confidence.

We need not be ministers or pastors in order to have a share in the harvest of souls. Indeed, much of the personal work of soul-saving must fall on those who never enter the pulpit or speak a word from the platform. They are the ones who grapple the sinner hand to hand and by all holy arts compel him to come in.

Religious Notes from Porto Rico

The Episcopalians have a church organization in Ponce, with a small chapel. Services had been discontinued for some years before the advent of the Americans, but have been resumed under a missionary sent from St. Thomas. Services are also held each Sabbath morning on the Plaza Colon, San Juan, by an Episcopalian missionary.

The Disciples have one missionary on the island, Mr. Irvine, who hopes to establish a school.

The Congregationalists hope to open schools at San Juan, Mayojiez and Otuopo. The Episcopalians have started a school in Ponce.

The Baptists, though slow in their movements, have been fortunate in the selection of Rev. Hugh P. McCormick, long a missionary in Mexico. Mr. McCormick has the reputation of being able to use the Spanish language with great purity and power. To aid him, Miss Hays and Rev. Rudd are here, both having an excellent knowledge of the Spanish.

Bro. McCormick has selected Rio Piedros, a suburb of San Juan, as his headquarters, and is so encouraged that he hopes soon to be able to organize a self-sustaining church there.

Miss Hayes is here to establish a school. Such an institution is needed, and there are many towns where it could be located.

The health of Americans remains good. The climate is probably better than any in the United States south of the Carolinas. The island has a future.—Maj. G. G. Groff, in The Commonwealth.

The teacher, the public speaker, the writer, the preacher, who refuses to present his ideas in a form that would bring them to popular attention, merely because the form seems to him less elegant or finished than his chosen style, is not to be pitied if his ideas meet with no acceptance. This is the truth which should not be forgotten when one is urging purity of style in the pulpit. It is the balancing principle which should keep any preacher from either extreme. There is no reason why a sermon must have three heads if the people prefer that it should have six or one. There is no reason why it should be forty minutes long if twenty-five minutes would secure better attention. It need not be oratorical in style if familiar speech better wins the hearers; it need not be severely plain if a little harmless ornamentation would give greater currency to it. Let the goods be of high grade and unadulterated always; but pack them to suit customers.—The Standard, Chicago.

There are some Baptists who are such strong believers in foreign missions that all missions are foreign to them. They want the mission cause to be so far away that they never hear it. There is a fearful reckoning impending for such pretended followers of Christ.—Arkansas Baptist.

Only what we have wrought into character during life can we take away with us.—Humboldt.

A. J. Preston's First List of Appointments for May.

Midway, Friday 12th.
Mt. Pleasant, Saturday 13th.
Pine Apple, Sunday 14th.

The hours for service will be fixed by each church. All day rallies are usually the most satisfactory and profitable. Brethren, please do your best to make these meetings a blessing to your churches.

A. J. PRESTON.

SECOND LIST OF APPOINTMENTS FOR MAY.

Plantersville, Friday 19th, 7:45 p. m.
Fellowship, Saturday and Sunday, 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 appointments will be duly published, and that each of these churches will arrange 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.
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Each Institute will begin at 7 a. m. Sunday with a sermon by the Superintendent or some other appointee, and conclude on the following Friday.

Bro. Stamps' Answer.

The editor's rejoinder does not show how much is known of a divine Messiah by those who are not Jews, nor how an editor can say nice things about an ignorant correspondent, but it merits a few remarks.

1. Higher Criticism.—I acknowledge that Destructive Criticism was the right word. Denying that the Old Testament reveals a Divine Messiah is not Higher Criticism, any more than is the teaching of the Chicago University professor that Jehovah was a Kenite idol. But the process by which one comes to such conclusions will ultimately, and that very soon, set aside not only the Old Testament as the word of God, but will discredit the words of Christ and his inspired apostles. The reader will pardon the "slip of the pen." The difference between "Higher Criticism" and "Lower Criticism" and "Destructive Criticism" is the difference between tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum. 2. The editor wants brethren to write on topics that they know something about. Are we to understand from this announcement that the department will change editors? 3. Seriously. The editor says that my "article has considerable merit;" then why not "consider" it on its "merits," instead of speaking ex-cathedra in bulls and anathemas? I thought that the Institute Department was intended to enlighten ignorant preachers. If the editor cannot reply to what I have written except as above quoted, many ignorant people like myself will believe that I am right. B. F. STAMPS.
Cloverdale, Ala.

NOTE.—Please return this and I'll remit postage, if it is not inserted. An editor has an advantage if he will use it, of putting a man in a false light. There was nothing in what I wrote to call down any such words from a reasonable man.—S.

We regret that in his rejoinder Bro. Stamps makes a fling at Chicago University. We have had occasion to investigate the slander to which he refers, and can state that it is not true that any professor in that university ever taught that Jehovah was a Kenite idol. We desire to say this, lest by publishing Bro. Stamps' article we become the distributors of baseless slanders on a great institution. We wish the brethren would not make these flings, especially when they play loose with the truth, whether they be directed at the editor or Chicago University.—Ed.

Baptist Affairs in Alabama.

No little embarrassment has been experienced during the past few years by the Baptists of the state as touching interests that are denominational. Many opinions have been entertained as to the cause of our troubles.

Generally, it appears that we have concluded that our Secretaries of boards, or some leader amongst our board people, lacked scope or skill or assertiveness, or something, and so we have thought of new

leaders as the remedy for the evils with which we were annoyed.

Such thoughts and experiments have not improved the condition of our affairs; they are growing rather more unsatisfactory. Some brethren are becoming very much depressed; even very much ashamed of the denominational status of our people in Alabama. All of us should join them.

Allow me to suggest that want of unity has caused want of co-operation amongst our people, and it is this that has brought to us all of our troubles and denominational humiliation. It does not matter who is responsible for the situation, it exists, and our affairs will not be permanently improved until this situation is changed. Our conventions and boards may be to blame, or it may be our pastors and churches, both if you please; but, however this may be, the situation—non co-operation—confronts us, and it is that which we must rectify before our condition will be much changed. How can this be done? That is the question.

I will answer, by touching the churches. This is the end to begin at with Baptists. Other Christian people may be managed by beginning at the other end of the string, but not Baptists. It may look clumsy and tedious to think of consulting thousands of churches, but such is our necessity until our government is changed.

Our churches may be reached through their pastors; therefore, conference with our pastors is the need of the hour.

This, I conclude, is the remedy, and only remedy for our denominational troubles. The co-operation of our people is our want, and we need not expect that until they have been consulted. This may appear to be quite an undertaking, and it is, but it is, I think, the thing to do, and its importance will make it cheap at any price.

To my mind, there is no direction in which we can make more profitable investment than in securing such conference with our pastors as will discover to us the mind of the churches. Our pastors are the God-appointed leaders of his people, and we do well to keep this fact continually in mind.

All of us—conventions, boards, pastors and churches, need continually to acknowledge and respect the office and work of the Holy Spirit. We should humbly crave his guidance in all things, not trusting our wisdom to plan and execute the on-going of our Lord's kingdom. JNO P. SHAFFER.

Camp Hill

P. S.—What I have said does not refer to those who are unified and are co-operating, only as it may suggest the most successful plan for securing the unification and co-operation of those not so well organized. J. P. S.

A Letter from Bro. Crumpton.

Dear Brother Dickinson: I have had it in mind frequently, since you were made editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, to write you something for that department. Now that it is about decided that I am to go back to my old place as Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions, I feel all the more like carrying out my purpose.

I do not hesitate to put myself on record as favoring Institute work. I have always favored it, and am glad to see the remarkable growth of the idea. I see by the papers that it is becoming more and more prominent everywhere. In Georgia it is a regular department of the Convention's work, the Board making a large appropriation for its prosecution each year. I am sure the hand of God is in it, and that great good is to come from it. The old union meetings on 5th Sundays have always been profitable where they have been kept up. Not the least benefit, came from the contact of the preachers one with the other. But the Institute is better for us, as it becomes a school for the preachers where they get instruction, and have their spiritual life quickened by contact with their fellow pastors.

Here in Kentucky the preachers, feeling the need of the Institute, are holding them in different parts of the State. Bro. McGarrity, of Jelico, Tennessee—the Kentucky line runs through the town—is doing the most efficient work. His is a mountain region, and he is doing wonderful things among the mountain preachers. At Williamsburg,

the seat of one of our numerous Baptist Colleges, he holds a session lasting ten days in the summer. The attendance of preachers is very large at this meeting, and the results of the session most encouraging. He engages the services of one of the Seminary professors and some of the most successful pastors in this State and Tennessee. Besides that meeting he holds several others in different parts of that region. I have just gotten in from our prayer meeting where one of our former students, a young mountain preacher, told how he first heard the question of missions discussed at a session of the General Association, held in that region, and how it converted him from anti-missionism. These Institutes which McGarrity is holding are bringing the mountain preachers rapidly into sympathy with the work of the denomination. In that way it is working mightily for the State Mission Board. Every pastor, whether from the mountains or from the more favored regions, goes to his home benefitted and in a good humor about all the enterprises of the denomination. Any pastor who will give the few days set apart for these meetings to diligent study with his brother ministers will be better for every department of his work.

If the summer meetings at the Howard could be revived this summer, I am sure great good would come of them.

May the Lord let his blessing rest upon the work. I hope to soon see you.

Fraternally yours,
W. B. CRUMPTON.
Georgetown, Ky., Apr. 20.

For the Alabama Baptist.
In South Bethel.

Our fifth Sunday meeting was held with Amity church, beginning on Saturday. Rev. J. H. Creighton was re-elected moderator and J. S. Finch, clerk. Delegates were present from fifteen churches. Rev. Wm. Kerridge preached the introductory sermon on Saturday morning. Subjects on the program were discussed in the afternoon. We were pleased to have with us Rev. J. A. Howard, representative of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, who made some very able and instructive speeches on the different subjects. Rev. J. H. Fendley preached at night.

Further discussion of subjects on Sunday morning until the preaching hour. In the absence of Bro. Adams, Bro. Howard preached the sermon. The church being insufficient for the congregation, Bro. Kerridge preached to the overflow in the school house near by. Discussion resumed in the afternoon. The meeting adjourned to meet with Putnam church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July. J. S. FINCH, Clerk.

For the Alabama Baptist.
In Carey Association.

We have just closed one of the best fifth Sunday meetings it has ever been my privilege to attend. The sweetest spirit prevailed from the beginning to the close. Every subject was discussed by brethren filled with holy enthusiasm. When we came to the question concerning Howard College the article in the BAPTIST with the heading, "Good News" was read and the Spirit got hold of the brethren, and such speeches I have not heard in many a day. An offering of \$4.30 was made to it after the speeches. The next day an offering of \$4.31 was given to the institute.

During the meeting we organized ourselves and started a Traveling Library for the Carey Association. If any brother has it in his heart to help his less fortunate brethren in this way, that is, by giving books, send them to Rev. J. R. Stodghill, Lineville, Clay county, or to the writer.

We feel as though we can already see the dawning of a better day for the Carey. The churches are learning to give of their substance to denominational interests. The field is ours; may God move us to develop it for his glory.

We are "pulling" for \$1,000 for missions this year. Let every preacher and lay member keep this before his people, and God will bless us if we go at this great work in his way. May God help us to consecrate our all to him.

C. C. HEARD.
Daviston, Tallapoosa Co.

For the Alabama Baptist.
In Conecuh Association.

Dear Baptist: Our fifth Sunday meeting at Sepulga church was a decided success. The program as published was carried out as best we could for nearly every speaker who was assigned a subject to be absent. Other brethren present did most excellent service, some of them laymen. I have not heard from many of the preachers of our association as to why they could not be present, three I believe; don't know what the others were doing, save one who I learn was attending very closely and "adding much pleasure" to a Methodist district conference. District conferences are most excellent meetings for Methodists, but certainly our own pastors should look first to our own work.

Bro. Ed. C. Clayton, the bishop of Sepulga, is a man above the ordinary, and has accomplished a great work at that place during his pastorate of more than three years. Under his ministry they have built a large, neat and comfortable house of worship, well seated and lighted, and have the money on hand to paint it. They have been doing but little for missions, but Bro. Clayton says we will hear from him in the future.

There is one member of this church who was ninety-nine years old in March last, and who has been confined to her bed for five years. Certainly she puts to shame many who visit her, through her expressions of joy, happiness and thanksgivings to God for his blessings. She is very poor, but I had been with her for only a few minutes before she said to me that she wanted the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Please send it to her, Mrs. Dicey Barlow, Mt. Union postoffice, the remainder of her life, and send the bills to me.

The people asked for the next fifth Sabbath meeting. They were delighted, and so were we, for they treated us like princes, having provided the greatest abundance of good things to eat, comfortable homes in which to rest, and last, and above all, contributed cheerfully to our Orphan's Home and Home missions, giving Bro. Stewart four or five dollars in money, besides many things promised in the way of supplies for food. In addition to this, they gave \$6.20 to Home missions.

Our associational evangelist, Bro. J. K. Jenkins, is doing an excellent work. His first quarterly report has just been made, and it is very encouraging to us; and besides, the people speak of him in such an appreciative manner. He is doing thorough and telling work.

We are overjoyed at the coming of Bro. Crumpton back to Alabama. Certainly it is the call of God.

Providence permitting, we will have another meeting similar to the one we have just held, we trust, somewhere among our country brethren. S. P. L.

(A Home missionary heart makes a Foreign missionary pocket book.—C. S. Rabb.)

More from the Carey.

Rev. J. R. Stodghill, as is his custom, sends us new subscribers obtained at the recent fifth Sunday meeting in Carey association, and adds the following notes:

Twelve preachers present, and the Lord with us. We organized a preachers' Library association for our section, and received a number of donations to the circulating library that we propose to have. If some of the brethren who are well stocked with books will open their hearts and contribute liberally to this cause, I am sure it will bring a blessing to our work.

One brother in our bounds, with a heart full of love, and a purpose to grow, at the age of forty-seven is walking three miles to receive private instructions. The earnest speeches at our fifth Sunday meeting in behalf of the Howard, and by men who make no pretensions at education, is overwhelming evidence of the friendship of our people for the cause. Your money or your books, directed to the aid of these noble and tried brethren will not be wasted.

The brethren have elected me to the management of this work, and I shall be truly thankful to receive either books or funds for the work, and will cheerfully report contri-

butions through the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

We had two mission rallies in the Carey last week. The interest was fine and the attendance good.

We feel that the light of a better day is drawing upon us, and we rejoice.

Our brethren are growing in the grace of unity, and the light of God's love is bursting in through the rifted clouds. Pray that the good work may continue.

I rejoice in our much improved paper. It compares favorably with some that are larger. I am giving earnest effort to the enlargement of its subscription list.

Our next "rally" is at Liberty church, four miles west of Ashland, on Monday after the 4th Sunday in May. J. R. S.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Amendment to Bro. Gregory's Motion.

Dear Bro. Editor: I think Bro. Gregory's suggestions very good so far as they go, but I don't think they go far enough. I believe it would have been a good thing if he had said to the pastors of the state. Get all your members to read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Doubtless many of the pastors would say, We get all we can. Perhaps this is true. Then I would suggest that you take a collection in your church, public or by private subscription for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and send it, say three months to those members whom you think it will do most good. Now to show what reading the ALABAMA BAPTIST will do, and the effect of talking about what you have read, I will relate a little incident that occurred in our little country church. On Saturday before the first Sunday in April two of the brethren made speeches on missions, and told about reading the letter of Bro. White, an army chaplain in Cuba, in the ALABAMA BAPTIST of March 30. On Sunday we took a collection (as we do every month) for Home missions, which amounted to forty dollars, and our people are poor. Will not all of our little churches (and large ones, too,) do likewise? GEO. F. NICKOLS.
Nickolsville.

Some of our brethren amuse us when they protest against the claim of Rome and other ritualistic churches that the ordination of bishops and other clergy has come down in direct, unbroken line from the apostles, and yet claim that Baptist churches have thus succeeded each other. They say that there is no proof of such continuity of bishops, and there would be no virtue in it, if it could be proven. But the truth is that while there is no true ground for the claim put forth by the ritualists, and while there is no profit in it, there is far less of either proof or profit in the theory of church succession, for which they are so fiercely and fruitlessly contending. Here is the editor of Ford's Christian Repository inveighing strongly against Apostolic Succession, and calling it "an exploded dogma," not only denying that Peter was the first bishop of Rome, but also that he was ever in Rome; then going still farther and claiming that "Peter was not bishop of Rome; never was a bishop." He asks, triumphantly: "Did Peter ever call himself a bishop?" "Never." But Peter distinctly calls himself "an elder," and it is a Baptist doctrine that the elder of the New Testament and the bishop was the same officer. Elders were bishops and bishops were elders. If Peter was an elder, he was also a bishop. It is said that Peter was an apostle, and therefore could not be a bishop. But if the apostolate precluded his being a bishop, did it not much more preclude his being an elder, unless bishop and elder were the same office? We believe that Peter was both a bishop and an elder; and we do not believe that he was ever bishop of the Church at Rome, nor that he appointed either Linus or Clement, or any one else, to be his successor in that office; nor that it is in accord with the divine plan nor with the spirit of the gospel that any man shall be bishop of a universal church.—Journal and Messenger.

Kindness is a precious oil that makes the crushing wheels of care seem lighter.—Eugene Field.

Faith leaps over the wall that reason cannot pierce.

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, MAY 11, 1899.

EDITORIAL.

OUR OPPORTUNITY.

Two weeks ago we called attention to an important meeting held in this city with reference to our denominational indebtedness. We are now permitted to make known the following:

The indebtedness amounts to \$38,000. This includes \$2,600 which is due by the State Board of Missions.

There is a floating debt on the College of \$13,600. It is proposed that the Baptists in North Alabama provide for this floating debt. Subscriptions are in hand which are as good as cash amounting to \$9,750. Several thousands of this have been paid in already. This leaves a balance of \$14,750 to be provided for.

Bro. D. L. Lewis, a consecrated business man of Sycamore, Talladega county, not only gives liberally to the object, but proposes to give the whole of the month of May going over the State at his own expense, talking to the business men. Brethren Gray, Davidson and Crumpton have given up their trips to the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville in order to help this big-hearted brother in this great enterprise.

This is the greatest opportunity the Baptists of Alabama ever had. In one month we can clear everything of debt, freeing the Howard of the burden which has been crushing it for years.

If the whole amount is not raised, all the money must be returned, and the grand old Howard, which has done so much for the Baptists and the world, must go down, for it is impossible to carry the burden longer.

We are assured that Birmingham and North Alabama will provide for the floating debt. That will be doing a noble part.

We must not fail. In the Master's name let us rise and say these debts shall be paid.

MAJ. HARRIS has kindly delayed the issue of the paper until the last moment to get in all that has been prepared about the great movement of the Baptists of Alabama. This was very kind of him, and we are sure the readers of the paper will excuse him if the paper should be a little delayed in reaching them because of the good news it brings. Would it not be glorious to report at the end of one month that the work is accomplished! G.

It is a great pleasure to us to comply with the wishes of our brethren, and hence we had to make extra effort to get out the present issue within reasonable time, as brethren Gray, Davidson and Crumpton sent us at the last moment much matter of importance to be given the denomination. We are a little late in getting out the paper, but this explanation will explain. Let us say now, as we have already said, that the ALABAMA BAPTIST is for the benefit of the Baptists of Alabama, and we make all things subordinate to that idea.

Brethren, read the good news, and then go to work and help all you possibly can. Now is the time of all times to get out of debt. *It can be done, IT MUST BE DONE, AND UNDER GOD IT WILL BE DONE.*

THE LAYMEN'S MEETING

At Montgomery and the Indebtedness of Alabama Baptists.

The Baptists of Alabama in their general denominational work owe about \$38,000. This has been a heavy burden upon them for years past. At our Opelika State Convention last November it was decided to raise the debt on Howard College—amounting in all to about \$33,500—by the last of October, 1899. The trustees of the college have been doing all in their power to shape things for the accomplishment of this great end. At the suggestion of Bro. D. L. Lewis, a number of our best laymen met the representatives of the College (brethren Davidson, Gray and Roof) in Montgomery, April 25th, to confer about our present situation. The meeting proved to be one of profound interest. About a score of brethren were present. The situation was discussed with the utmost seriousness and candor. The Spirit seemed to be present, moving upon all hearts. It was agreed that Birmingham and North Alabama would provide for the floating debt, and Central and South Alabama would care for the balance.

Good subscriptions to this amount of \$9,750, were reported in addition to the \$13,500 subscription for the floating debt of the College, leaving about \$15,000 to be raised in South Alabama. It is on the line of the superb and unparalleled campaign for the Judson two years ago. If a like success shall attend our present campaign, eternity alone can tell the happy and glorious results that are to follow. It will mean that at our coming Commencement the Howard will be declared out of debt. Then such an attendance of boys as we have never had will be our confident hope for next year. It will mean further that the State Board of Missions will enter upon the summer work free of debt; and what a campaign of aggressive evangelism and progress in missions we shall have under the wise and fervid leadership of our returned and invaluable Secretary Crumpton.

The day of our opportunity has come. The tide is our way. The favor of the Lord is upon us. Faithfulness upon the part of all our people till June 1st will put us upon a vantage ground never before held by the Baptists of Alabama. "The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge." Let us rise to the dignity and grandeur of this mighty occasion.

B. D. GRAY, Ch'mn.
F. M. ROOF, Sec'y.

About the Meeting.

BRO. TIM JONES AND THE LAYMEN'S MEETING.

Talking with Deacon Tim Jones in Montgomery, he said about this: "I was asked to meet with some brethren at the Exchange to confer about the denominational indebtedness. I went with pretty much this feeling: 'Well, I will go, as I have gone to many another meeting of the sort, but it won't do any good. These are no times to try to pay debts; but I will go and hear what they have to say.' I went, and came away with the conviction that it was going to be done."

BRO. JOHN T. DAVIS, OF COLUMBIA, AND THE LAYMEN'S MEETING.

"I hope to hear the best results from the labors of brethren Lewis, Davidson and Gray within the next few weeks. I was most forcibly impressed with those brethren as well as others comprising the meeting. It was a great meeting."

BRO. D. L. LEWIS said: "It was a good meeting; indeed, a fine meeting. Everybody was in the right spirit. My only regret was that several men whom I expected to be present were absent. But it was a very strong meeting. Great good must come of it. We made no mistake in deciding to do the work by June 1st. If we will go at it, we can do it in 30 days easier than we can in six months."

CAPT. J. B. ELLIS, of Dallas, said: "The thing must be done. This meeting is the starting point. I will do everything in my power to help pay off the debt. If I could possibly do so, I would take the field till June. The Selma association will come up all right."

To the Pastors.

Dear Brethren: The success of this movement rests very largely with you. We must have your earnest co-operation. We would suggest that you visit at once the members of your flock who are most able to give. Get the best pledges from them possible. Some may suggest five or ten dollars, when they might easily give one hundred dollars. Plead for the larger sum. Don't ask for a public collection. Get the best subscriptions you can from a few, then call a meeting of the leading members of the church and make the best plea you can for the cause. If you need outside help in this meeting, write to us and we will try to send some one. This is a laymen's movement largely. You can get no better helper than a live business man whose heart is in the cause.

God help you to lead your people to do the great thing! G.

A Hopeful Outlook.

The news published in this issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST is enough to thrill the heart of every lover of the cause in the state. If the program is carried out, it will be the greatest year in the history of the Baptists of Alabama.

It will take heroic work to accomplish it, but it can be done. In the last few years we have gotten in the habit of doing great things in Alabama. Only a few years ago, by the most self-denying labor, the bonded debt on the Howard was reduced by \$20,000, and quickly following that the Judson was freed from indebtedness. Then debts on the churches began to be canceled. The First Church in Birmingham paying the most of its debt; East Lake and others sweeping away all theirs. Only three months have passed since Southside in one day paid \$11,000, thus freeing itself of debts which had long embarrassed it.

Debt paying has become popular and easy for us. Now we have reached the last. It is the finishing up of this sort of work. After this we can go on to endow our institutions.

Already we have some cheerful things to report about the prospects of endowment of the Howard as soon as the debts are paid.

The prospects are most cheering for us. Let everybody be hopeful and helpful.

Ready to Help.

I have talked with a number of pastors about the debt-paying scheme. In all my long experience in Alabama, I have never seen so much enthusiasm. Not a discordant note has been sounded. Dr. Eager, when he returns from the Convention, will join the forces at work; brethren Elliott, Thompson and Provence stand ready to help; brethren Preston and Sandlin will put their hands to the work in South and North Alabama; Dr. Shaffer, when seen, was most happy over the prospect, and said, "Count on me to help all I can;" Bro. Bradley, of Greenville, and Dr. B. H. Crumpton, of Conecuh, both go down on the list of volunteers; Bro. Lowrey, to whom belongs the honor of first suggesting the thought of attempting the settlement of all debts, can be depended on for his share of the work; I have talked with the preachers of the Birmingham district, they are thoroughly alive, and their people are with them; the State Board of Missions, when the matter was put before it, endorsed the movement most heartily, and authorized their Secretary to leave the office and take the field until the work is accomplished.

Letters are pouring in from all quarters expressing great interest in the movement.

I saw a check for \$2,000 sent by Bro. B. L. Lewis.

Other sums have been put in bank to await the announcement that the whole sum has been raised. I want to reiterate what has been said before: Brethren, don't take hat collections. It is a hand-to-hand contest. Organize your forces. Go to those who can give, and in the name of the Lord ask them for good sums. Of course the little are not to be despised; but this is a great undertaking, and we must ask for larger sums than in ordinary collections, where they are to be repeated at regular intervals.

Let sectional lines be blotted out in this work. We are one people,

laboring together for the glory of God. Let the old State ring with this good work until all is settled. W. B. CRUMPTON.

Montgomery.

Birmingham Association and the Debt.

In the great meeting recently held at the Exchange hotel, in Montgomery, by a few of the big-hearted laymen from different parts of the state, it was agreed that North Alabama would assume the floating debt of the College amounting to \$13,500, and that Central and South Alabama would look after the balance, amounting to \$24,500.

After returning home from the meeting and talking with their brethren, the representatives from Birmingham have determined to assume the whole of the floating debt for the Birmingham Association, leaving the balance to be raised in the state.

This is the most cheering news we have heard.

It seems to us this announcement should carry to every heart assurances of success.

Let no one ever again complain that Birmingham is not doing her part.

Of the \$24,500, subscriptions as good as cash have been secured amounting to more than *eleven thousand dollars*. Thirteen thousand dollars, with the small amounts coming in from all sources, will sweep the whole debt!

This movement must not fail—it will not fail!

Giving Up the Convention.

Brethren Gray, Davidson, Sandlin, Crumpton and others have given up their trip to Louisville to attend the Southern Baptist Convention so as to give all their time during the month to the debt-paying movement. One of them said, "It is the greatest disappointment of my life!" What a pleasant trip they give up, all for the cause of the Master!

He will reward them.

So many of our subscribers have expressed themselves pleased with the change of form of the ALABAMA BAPTIST that we suppose the new form gives general satisfaction.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION will be in session when this paper reaches our subscribers. Let us pray that all things may be done in a wise Christian spirit.

NEWS NOTES AFTER THE WAR.

CUBA.

At last it was definitely decided to begin paying out to the Cuban soldiers the \$3,000,000 that has been waiting so long. There will be some left after giving a certain amount to each private and non-commissioned officer, and that will be divided among the officers of high and low rank who are most needy.

Some members of the dissolved Cuban assembly are now doing what they can to excite hatred of the United States. These men apparently expected this government to turn Cuban affairs over to them as soon as the Spanish soldiers had left, and are now angry because it was not done. One reason for our interference was to establish a stable and peaceful government in Cuba, so that we would be rid of the loss and annoyance of war so close to us; but this object would fail if the island in its present condition were turned over to those who are clamoring for it. One paper in Havana was so violent in its efforts to create trouble with the United States that Gen. Ludlow gave the editor warning that if he did not cease his efforts in that direction his office would be closed. It requires much patience to bear abuse from those whom you are helping.

Our army officers in Cuba complain of over work, on account of the number sent away on duty and others withdrawn with the volunteers. The Fifth Immunes, which contains a number of Alabama sol-

diers, has arrived at Camp Meade, Pennsylvania, and expects to be mustered out next month.

THE PHILIPPINES.

The Filipino messengers whom we reported last week as visiting Gen. Otis with the purpose of securing an armistice returned to him again and acknowledged that they were sent by Aguinaldo instead of Gen. Luna. They received the same answer as at first, that is, that no Filipino congress or other government was recognized, and they had nothing to do but to lay down their arms, receive pardon and go home. But the Filipinos, like the Spaniards in Cuba, insist that they must be allowed to surrender "with honor." In the meantime fighting has continued almost incessantly, but not by large bodies of troops. Our lines are extending and also advancing, but the progress is not now rapid. Many of the Filipino soldiers are posted near large streams and other bodies of water on which light gunboats which Gen. Otis has secured render great assistance to the army.

There is a general impression among those in high position at Manila that the resistance to our government will not continue more than three weeks longer. It is stated that when peace comes Admiral Dewey will start to the United States. These two events are so confidently looked for in New York that already money is being subscribed to give Dewey the most splendid banquet that has been seen in that city at any time.

For the Alabama Baptist.

What the Women Have Done.

Ed. Alabama Baptist: The Woman's Missionary Union has just closed a most successful year. The contributions to all three boards—Home, Foreign and Sunday School—are larger than those of last year. In fact, the receipts, in the aggregate, are the largest since the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union, exceeding those of the Centennial year.

I enclose copies of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, thinking that you may like to have these advance copies, in order that you may make some note in the next issue of your paper of what has been accomplished.

Very truly,
ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,
Cor. Sec. W. M. U.
Baltimore, May 6.

We appreciate the thoughtful attention of Miss Armstrong, and regret that we cannot print the reports of the great work the Woman's Missionary Union has done in each of the Southern States. The report shows that the Union has paid in Alabama for the Convention year 1899—

To Foreign Missions.....	\$1,213 10
Home Missions (cash).....	723 61
" " boxes, value.....	1,944 67
Sunday School Board " " boxes, value.....	33 85
	197 97

Total.....\$4,113 20

Other states have given more and many have given less; but the Baptist women of Alabama have done well.

The amount contributed by Sunbeam and other bands for missions, etc., through the Union is \$446.58.

The entire sum contributed by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern States for all purposes for 1899 is \$64,112.73. Entire amount since its organization in 1889, \$532,971.96.

Truth is quite beyond the reach of satire. There is so brave a simplicity in her that she can no more be made ridiculous than an oak or pine.—J. R. Lowell.

The true calling of a Christian is not to do extraordinary things, but to do ordinary things in an extraordinary way. The most trivial tasks can be accomplished in a noble, gentle, regal spirit, which overrides and puts aside all petty, paltry feelings, and which elevates all little things.—Dean Stanley.

Alabama Baptist.

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For the Alabama Baptist.
Am Well Again.

Permit me to acknowledge the great goodness of God and my fellowmen bestowed upon me during the long illness through which I have recently passed. For four months I did not once enter a pulpit. Throughout this period, at the request of the deacons, our pulpit was occupied twice every Sabbath by Bro. L. H. Bowles, a greatly beloved minister having membership in our church, and the weekly prayer meeting was conducted for the most part by Bro. N. C. Underwood, who also resides among us and preaches to several of the best churches in this section of the State. The only point at which the work was suspended was in pastoral visiting during the week. The above named brethren were prevented by their own engagements from rendering that service. The church kept me supplied with funds to meet my expenses at home and in Stockard's Sanitarium in Atlanta, and ministered to me and my family in ways innumerable. During the two months since my return home we have never sat down to dinner a single time when there was not on the table something sent in by thoughtful friends, and frequently the meal has consisted chiefly of such donations. From friends and even from strangers in Atlanta, from the churches in Americus and Macon which I formerly served as pastor, and from individuals residing in various States came expressions of sympathy, affection and solicitude that I had not presumed to expect, but which will ever be remembered with deepest gratitude. Not least ought I to praise God that though my sufferings were intense at times, and though the doctors in Atlanta and Troy acknowledge my recovery a surprise to them all, and though my natural temperament is little adapted to endure pain or restraint without complaining so abundant was the influence of His grace I never felt the slightest despondency, fretfulness or impatience. In brief, I declare without feigning that my comforts and actual pleasures of mind have been so great throughout this period of trial, I do not the least regret its occurrence and would not eliminate it from my life if I could.

Having never heretofore offered to publish a line about my private affairs, I will be excused for asking space in the BAPTIST for these acknowledgements. As this is the first time since entering the ministry I have ever been bedridden, and as my work has never before suffered serious interruption, the experience here recorded is altogether novel to me.

Am thankful to be able to say my health is fully restored and I have resumed my public duties in the pastorate.

Fraternally,
Troy. A. B. CAMPBELL.

For the Alabama Baptist.
A Growing Church.

Dear Baptist: I am glad to announce that old Chestnut Creek church is running on the up grade. It has an interesting Sunday school and a fine corps of vocal musicians, and is working to purchase an organ. The outlook is promising. An effort is being made to get on a higher plane by being better organized for the Master's work. Rev. J. H. Thomas is in charge, and is doing efficient work; he is doing good preaching, and is much loved by the church and community and is receiving their hearty cooperation. Bro. Thomas is a promising young preacher. He strikes from the shoulder, yet kindly and lovingly. He is preaching the old fashion gospel of Christ with power and demonstration.

Verbena. HARDY JONES.

That man is perfect in faith who can come to God in the utter dearth of his feelings and his desires without a glow or an inspiration, with the weight of low thoughts, failures, neglects and wandering forgetfulness, and say to him: "Thou art my refuge, because thou art my home."—George Macdonald.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Please Take Notice.

Almost every day I am in receipt of letters pertaining to the State Board of Missions. Remember that Bro. W. B. Crumpton is the Corresponding Secretary. On the second day of this month I turned over the office to him. For ten years he conducted the office to which he has been recalled to the great satisfaction of the Baptists of the State. Nothing that the Board has done is more in accord with the fitness of things than the bringing of Bro. Crumpton back to his native state. No one knows the needs of Alabama Baptists so well as he, and no one can take up the work and carry it forward so regularly and successfully. In the future, address all letters pertaining to the State Board of Missions to him at Montgomery, Box 768.

I want to express my gratitude to the brethren throughout the state for the kindness I have received at their hands during the time that I had temporary charge of the office. I pray that the Lord's blessing may abide upon the work of our Board, and that this may be one of the most prosperous years it has ever experienced. J. L. THOMPSON.

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For the Alabama Baptist.

The Montgomery Association
Will meet this year with Mt. Hebron church, about one and a half miles from Elmore, on the L. & N. railroad. The time will be fixed by the Executive Committee. I presume it will be about the 15th of August, as this date will be more convenient for business men of the city, and I suppose will suit the brethren in the country just as well. The time and program will appear in the ALABAMA BAPTIST as soon as arranged by the Executive Committee.

Brethren, let us make this one of the best meetings in the history of the association. See to it that you take collections for the various enterprises that we foster as a denomination, and go to the association making a good showing financially as well as in other respects.

The brethren who have been appointed to make reports will please refer to the minutes and note their subjects and kindly have their reports ready. The Sunday School Convention of the association will not be held this year, as the brethren who had the matter in charge deemed it inadvisable to undertake it this year. It is hoped, however, that the Sunday school work will have a good place on the program and have the attention that it so well deserves.

G. G. MILES,
Montgomery. Moderator.

Life is a building. It rises slowly, day by day, through the years. Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice which is rising silently with us. Every experience, every touch of another life on ours, every influence that impresses us; every book we read, every conversation we have, every act of our commonest days, adds something to the invisible building. —J. R. Miller.

For the Alabama Baptist.
At Greenville.

Bro. W. B. Crumpton was with us yesterday, and we found him just the same he used to be. While he is a little older, of course, still he looks just the same, and has the same earnest, clear, forcible way of presenting the truth. In the morning he told us of the work which he came back to Alabama to do; said he is here as a helper in the Lord's work, and is ready to help everybody in every good work. He made our hearts glad when he told us that the probabilities were that the Baptists of Alabama would soon be out of debt, that is, if the

friends of the Board and College would help and help now. I earnestly hope our people will see to it that we obey Paul's injunction, "Owe no man anything," then I am sure our denominational work will move along grandly. At night he preached a very strong sermon on the subject, "Is the young man safe?" He made profound impression on his hearers and quite a number stood for prayer.
L. M. BRADLEY.

To turn a new leaf is not enough; there must be a new life to make the record.

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MARION, ALA., April 20, 1899

Editor Alabama Baptist:—I enclose a poem which I think a poem of merit, and which was handed me on her death bed by one of the finest Christian characters I ever met, with the request that I have it published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST (she had written it for the BAPTIST) without word of comment. I hope you can see your way clear to publish it.

Truly yours,
PAUL V. BOMAR.

RESIGNATION.

When first we taste the bitter draught of Life
Our souls are fraught with wayward strife;
In wild distress we cry, in passion pray,
"My Father, take, oh! take the cup away!"
How wrapt in shadow seems the world!
The tangled way
How dark! The sky, once luminous,
How gray!
The music of our hearts with grief is stilled,
And Fancy's notes with wailing anguish filled.
At length 'tis past—the cup that sorely pained,
But not until each bitter drop we drained.
And now the Bow of Promise, glad and bright,
O'erspreads the sky with radiant light;
As Fancy rings her clearest silver chime,
The joy-bells in our heart keep tuneful time,
And thus we sing, "How sweet is life!
How fair!
What happiness she brings! What pleasures rare!"
But scarcely have we thus begun to sing,
Ere Fate again doth her deep goblet bring.
Again the prayer—in faltering tones we plead,
With blinding tears, with breaking hearts we pray;
For we know not our own great need,
And we know not our Father's way.
'Tis past,—again Hope's welcome arch appears;
Its wondrous beauty lulls our fears;
Once more our dream of Life is sweet,
And pealing chimes their melodies repeat.
Alas! alas! The bitter cup again!
Life's chalice brimming o'er with cruel pain!
And gazing on the seething, burning lees—
Dregs that no mortal soul for any other sees—
Again we cry—almost despairing pray:
"Dear Father, take, in pity take the cup away!"
But that dear Father knoweth best,
And wisely He compels the test.
Again 'tis past, and lo! the Promise Sign
With glory-tinted bars doth shine!
Adown life's vista long there beams
The sunlit arch in cloud-dispelling gleams!
But ah! again the cup, and we must bow!
But 'tis not wholly unexpected now,
And "Father, give, oh! give the strength to bear
This sorrow great!" is now our pleading prayer;
"Teach us to bravely drink the cup from Thee,
Although its wisdom now we cannot see."
Thus prays awakened, trusting love,
And angels chant the prayer above.

And so through all Life's weary, winding way
We ever hope and ever pray.
Each time the cup is quaffed a gloom it leaves,
Which Time into his fabric quickly weaves,
And gives it place beside the Promise-Bow,
That her entrancing hues may perfect glow.
Ere long, as come and go the cycling years,
We meet the cup, not with pale, panting fears,
Not with poor broken hearts and reeling brain;
For we know our Father's ways are best,
That chaste is spirit-gold through pain,
And that when God wills we shall rest.
We know with Christ our stay, with Christ our guide,
We'll safely stem Death's mystic tide;
We know the joy of earth's most brilliant dream
Is naught to Heaven's ecstasy supreme;
That rarest symphony of earthly clime
Is naught to Heaven's harmony sublime;
At last we know the lesson pure, of grace,
That fits us to behold God's hallowed face,
To join the rapture-chanting angel band,
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Marion, Ala. MOLLIE POOL.

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MAY.

Colored People.—"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Co-operative work has been done in Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Missouri and Kentucky with most gratifying results. Co-operation is now regarded as a bond of fellowship between the white and colored Baptists. In addition, the Home Board has missionaries to the negroes in Maryland and Tennessee. Five Industrial Schools and Mothers' Meetings in Baltimore.

Study Topics.—Colored population in the South. Organized or co-operative efforts. Need of personal work. What we can and should do to help the colored people.

WORK OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AMONG THE NEGROES.

The spiritual welfare of the negro has been a matter of interest to the Baptist people ever since the first Africans were imported to this country. In the early days the work among them was done by the white pastors and leading members of the church. A certain part of almost every Baptist house of worship was set apart for them and they received the same spiritual instruction, were received into the same church fellowship, were baptized by the same pastor and participated with the other members in the Lord's Supper and other acts of worship. As a result of these efforts among them, many became members of our early Baptist churches.

NEW ERA INSTITUTES.

The conference held at Fortress Monroe resulted in the establishment of what are called "The New Era Institutes," in which the Home Mission Society, New York, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the State Mission Boards of the white churches in various states, and the colored churches in these states unite in supporting and managing; the design of which is to give instruction, especially to the pastors and leading members of the churches. This scheme of work has been published so widely that there is no need of repeating the form of organizing in this paper.

It is in successful operation in the states of Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Seventeen missionaries are working under the plan in these states.

PLEASED ALL AROUND.

Thus far the work has been an eminent success, and highly gratifying to all concerned. It is hard to say whether the Home Mission Society of New York, or the Home Mission Board, or the Boards of the Conventions or the masses of our colored brethren are better pleased with the work that had been accomplished, and which it is proposed to extend and carry forward until the entire masses of our colored people throughout the whole South shall have been reached by it.

In addition to the co-operative work, the Board has missionaries to the negroes in Maryland and Tennessee in co-operation with the State Boards, and co-operates in a limited measure in religious educational work in Georgia.

Five industrial schools and mothers' meetings have been most successfully carried on by the ladies of Baltimore, at a cost of only \$40 per annum to the Board.

DR. I. T. TICHENOR.

A FAMILY CRITICISM.

"Our race is in too big a hurry. The preachers want the title of D. D. before they know divinity. Almost every graduate in the English course must be addressed as 'professor.' We want a biography before we have lived. Some want to take Latin and Greek who do not know the personal pronoun in English, some want postoffices who do not know how many stamped envelopes to give for eleven cents. Go to the farm. We do not want to govern the country until we learn to govern the home."—Selected.

HELPING THEMSELVES.
It was found that most of the or-

ganizations centered in the churches. The church is the center of the social life of the colored people. Next after the churches in importance as centers for social improvement are secret societies. Practical insurance and benevolence are the chief aim of these societies. Other organizations seek the improvement of the populace. Such are the societies for mutual benefit, which are usually connected with the churches. These are only suggestions as to the ways in which these people are already helping themselves.—Missionary Review.

AFTER MANY DAYS.

The economy of the colored people of the South, and their deep interest in the education of their race, was recently illustrated in the receipts which reached the treasury of the American Missionary Association. Martha A. Parker, an ex-slave, has left a legacy of \$210 to the Association, to be used in the education of the colored people of the South. Another legacy of considerable amount was recently left for the support of one of the large institutions of the Association by another ex-slave.

For the Alabama Baptist. Resolutions

Adopted by the ministers' conference of Columbus, Ga., regarding the death of Rev. G. D. Benton.

Whereas, It pleased our heavenly Father, on 26th day of March, 1899, to call from labor to refreshment our beloved brother and yoke-fellow, Rev. G. D. Benton, and we are called upon to mourn the absence of him whom we had learned to love; Therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That we deplore the death of our brother, but humbly bow in submission to him who doeth all things well, and rejoice in that he gave him the victory in the end.

2. That in the death of brother Benton we have lost a constant friend, his churches a faithful shepherd, and the Baptist denomination a loyal advocate of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

3. That we will be more faithful in the discharge of our duties and covet a closer communion with God, knowing the night cometh when we must work.

4. That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and commend them to him who is able to remove all sorrow from their hearts.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the ALABAMA BAPTIST and Christian Index for publication.

B. W. BUSSEY, D. D., E. S. MONCRIEF, W. H. SMITH, D. D., R. A. J. CUMBER, J. W. HAMNER, W. A. BOYD, J. W. HOWARD.

A Matter of Opinion.

Divergent views are common enough. The other night an intelligent man left a church saying of the sermon, "Oh, pshaw! that wasn't up to date." (He was a "new church" man.) The same evening another intelligent man said as he left the same church, "I did not miss a word of that sermon; if that were a Presbyterian church I know where I would attend." (He was a Presbyterian.) Still later, concerning another matter, a vivacious woman asked in our hearing, "Who did that? It is very bright." A moment after another smart woman said, referring to the same thing, "It is so silly." This world is a broad place, there is room for differences. Why worry over them?—The Commonwealth.

From all which the preacher can draw much comfort. For if one hearer thinks his sermon poor, another may say it is good. That is something for which to be thankful.

"Scolding preachers are as powerless as nagging women. Nothing can atone for lack of kindness in spirit and courteous deference in manner. When one's voice rises to a shriek of petulance it is a betrayal of conscious weakness." So says Frank Crane. He is right. We never knew of a case where a preacher did any good by scolding, in the pulpit or out of it. The worst of all times to scold is at the close of a pastorate. To accompany a resignation by a bitter and sarcastic statement of the causes that led to it—whether true or not—is to destroy one's influence in that community.—The Standard, Chicago.

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It is a well-known fact that the e are two things in a woman's toilet so important that, according to their state of preservation, they either make or mar the costume. Gloves and shoes, it is needless to say, are these two items, but there is an accessory to the toilet which quite as often mars the costume as a worn-out or ill-fitting glove or shoe, and this is that bothersome thing called a bow.—The House.

A country school teacher in New York gave to his pupils this short, simple and wise rule for good reading: "Be natural—that is, read as if the thoughts and words were your own. Put yourself in the author's place. Give his expression of countenance, his motion of person, his emphasis of words." This rule would be sufficient to put an end to the monotonous way of reading which makes it so difficult to listen.

Years ago Congress passed an act that all appropriations to the Catholic schools among the Indians should cease in 1898. But one Congress can undo the work of another. The Catholics brought pressure to bear on Congress, and just before adjournment a bill was rushed through giving the Catholics money this year also, and saying this shall be the last. Little they care how many such declarations of "the last" is made to quiet Protestants so that they go on getting their money.—Western Recorder.



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The Christian life is having convictions and not talking about them; having them and not fancying that we have them. Not calling Christ our Master, but making him our Master in fact. "Believest thou this?" Ask the question on your knees, and pray that God will help you to give an honest answer.—Greenough.

The First Baptist church, Philadelphia, of which Dr. K. B. Tupper is pastor, proposes to erect a new house of worship at a cost of \$350,000. This will probably be the finest Baptist church in the United States, with the possible exception of Tremont Temple, Boston.

"They shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy." They shall be arrayed in those garments of glistening purity which were with difficulty kept white in the world, but which in the world to come divine favor shall keep free from every stain.—William Milligan.

Man must work. That is certain as the sun. But he may work grudgingly, or he may work gratefully; he may work as a man, or he may work as a machine. He cannot always choose his work, but he can do it in a generous temper, and with an up-looking heart. There is no work so rude that he may not exalt it; there is no work so impassive, that he may not breathe a soul into it; there is no work so dull, that he may not enliven it.—Henry Giles.

That public education, consideration, and action are progressing towards the suppression of quack medicine and appliances as inimical to the public health, is evident from recent efforts to legislate against them. Thus, in Switzerland, no secret or patent medicine can be sold without the certified permission of the local Board of Health, not even to physicians. No pamphlets can be distributed advertising the self-cure of disease or treatment by correspondence, except under the same conditions. During the past winter bills have been introduced in at least two State Legislatures—Michigan and Washington—prohibiting the sale of proprietary or patent medicines without a publication of their composition or formula.

There is no joy like the joy of communion. Living apart from God is misery. Look at Gethsemane; see the Savior's face; how sad with sorrow because of the Father's wrath. But on the Mount of Transfiguration, when the Father said, "This is my well-beloved Son," the person of Christ glistered with glory. Communion with God has the effect of making us joyous. The Lord does not like to see any of his disciples looking sad. When men seek to entice you to forego communion with God and to follow the world with them, let your face shine with the brightness that comes from your communion with the Master, and they will cease to trouble you. Christians can sometimes do more by shining for God than by speaking for him.—Andrew A. Bonar.

The Baptist church of Troy, O., is greatly disturbed by the prospect of having too close a religious neighbor. The Methodist people have come into possession of a fine lot just across the street—the opposite corner from that on which the Baptist church stands—and propose to build a fine house there. The Baptists have remonstrated, but without avail. With only a narrow street between them, there will needs be a good deal of union, if not a good deal of disunion, between the two congregations. In the summer time, when windows are open and the Methodist people "get to feeling good," the Baptists might about as well shut up shop and go home. We know two or three Baptist ministers who can give an ordinary Methodist odds in a yell; but ordinarily our people are nowhere in such a contest. We advise our Trojan brethren to hold their peace and wait for the salvation of the Lord.

Plant System.

Florida to Cuba.

Schedule in effect April 16, 1899.

No. 82.	No. 86	No. 36	No. 58.	STATIONS.	No. 57.	No. 33.	No. 85
8 10am	11 25am	7 45pm	7 45pm	Lv. Montgomery. ar	8 10am	9 30pm	7 00pm
11 15	12 50pm	10 12	10 12	ar. Troy. lv	8 31	7 40	4 05
2 10	1 56	10 16	10 16	ar. Ozark. lv	5 28	6 30	1 00
8 00	2 25	10 45	10 45	ar. Pinckard. lv	5 00	6 00	7 00am
	5 30	1 00am	1 00am	ar. Thomasville. lv	5 55	2 50	
	6 50	3 12	3 12	ar. Valdosta. lv	1 22	1 22	
	7 32	4 30	4 30	ar. Dupont. lv	11 30pm	12 39	
		8 37	8 37	ar. Live Oak. lv	6 55	5 42am	
		10 50	10 50	ar. High Springs. lv	5 25	4 25	
				ar. Gainesville. lv	4 30pm	3 15am	
				ar. Ocala. lv	1 55	1 35	
				ar. Leesburg. lv	12 32	12 10	
				ar. Trilby. lv	11 00am		
				ar. Lakeland. lv	9 30		
				ar. Tampa. lv	8 07		
				ar. Tampa Bay Hotel. lv	8 00		
				ar. Port Tampa. lv	7 30		

Via Jacksonville and Palatka.

8 10am	11 25am	7 45pm	7 45pm	Lv. Montgomery. ar	8 10am	9 30pm	
12 50	7 32pm	3 55am	3 55am	ar. Dupont. lv	11 40pm	12 39	
2 40	8 40	5 00	5 00	ar. Waycross. lv	10 30	11 40am	
	10 50	7 30	7 30	ar. Jacksonville. lv	8 00	9 00	
	11 05	9 20	9 20	ar. Jacksonville. lv	7 40	7 30	
	1 00am	11 00	11 00	ar. Palatka. lv	5 55	5 00	
	3 55	1 35pm	1 35pm	ar. Sanford. lv	3 00	1 15	
	4 44	2 34	2 34	ar. Winter Park. lv	2 25	12 15	
	4 52	2 42	2 42	ar. Orlando. lv	2 15	12 01	
	5 30	3 12	3 12	ar. Kissimmee. lv	1 40	11 13pm	
	8 17	5 35	5 35	ar. Tampa. lv	11 00	7 37	
	8 55	6 20	6 20	ar. Port Tampa. lv	10 20	7 00	
				ar. Palatka. lv	5 45pm		
				ar. Tarpon Springs. lv	7 55am		
				ar. Clearwater. lv	7 15		
				ar. Belleair. lv	7 12		
				ar. St. Petersburg. lv	6 25		
	10 30pm	6 00am	6 00am	ar. Waycross. lv	8 30pm	10 55am	
	1 20am	9 10	9 10	ar. Savannah. lv	5 35	8 35	
	6 13	4 39pm	4 39pm	ar. Charleston. lv	2 30pm	6 13	
	8 40pm	5 30am	5 30am	ar. Waycross. lv	10 00pm	9 40am	
	11 40	8 30	8 30	ar. Brunswick. lv	8 00	7 45	

Pinckard Accommodation—Leave Montgomery 4 p. m., arrive at Troy 6:45 p. m., Ozark 9:10 p. m., Pinckard 10 p. m. Leave Pinckard 5:20 a. m., Ozark 6:07 a. m., Troy 8 a. m. Arrive at Montgomery 10:30 a. m.

Five Ships a Week to Cuba—Leave Port Tampa 9 p. m. Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Arrive Key West 3 p. m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Arrive at Havana 6 a. m. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Mondays.

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Georgia & Alabama Railway.

Passenger Schedules. Effective February 5, 1899.

No. 19*	No. 17*	MAIN LINE.	No. 18*	No. 20*
7 30pm	7 25am	Leave Savannah. Arrive	11 45pm	8 40am
8 16	8 05	Arrive Cuyler. Leave	11 00	7 57
9 55	9 35	Arrive Collins. Leave	9 34	6 30
11 55	11 35	Arrive Helena. Leave	7 34	4 30
	12 26pm	Arrive Abbeville. Leave	11 44pm	
	1 30	Arrive Cordele. Leave	5 22	
	1 50	Arrive Americus. Leave	5 22	
	2 55	Arrive Richland. Leave	4 17	
	3 55	Arrive Hartsboro. Leave	3 40	
	5 50	Arrive Montgomery. Leave	1 21	
	7 55	Arrive Montgomery. Leave	11 30am	

No. 31 No. 1* COLUMBUS AND ALBANY DIVISION No. 2* No. 4*

5 20pm	10 00am	Leave Columbus. Arrive	5 20pm	1 00pm
8 25	11 35	Arrive Richland. Leave	3 55	10 50am
10 05	12 34pm	Arrive Dawson. Leave	3 01	8 25
11 5	1 25	Arrive Albany. Leave	2 15	7 00

Trains Nos. 1 and 2 carry through coaches between Atlanta and Albany in connection with Southern Railway.

No. 11*	No. 9*	No. 7*	FITZGERALD BRANCH.	No. 8*	No. 10*	No. 12*
12 35pm	6 55pm	1 20pm	Leave Abbeville. Arrive	12 01pm	6 10pm	12 10pm
1 35	7 55	3 25	Arrive Fitzgerald. Leave	10 15am	5 10	11 10am
2 05	8 25	4 20	Arrive Ocala. Leave	8 30	4 45	10 45

*Daily. + Daily, except Sunday. § Sunday only. || Meal Station.

NOTE—Change of Schedules of Trains 19 and 20, which is arranged so as to make direct connection at Helena with the Southern Railway for all points in the North, Northwest, West and Southwest, carrying Through Pullman Palace Sleeping cars between Savannah and Atlanta.

Passengers for Atlanta can remain in sleeper until 7 a. m.—East-bound sleeper will be open for passengers in Atlanta depot at 9 p. m.

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Mobile & Birmingham Railroad Co.

Time Table in Effect January 22, 1899.

Going South.	STATION.	Going North.
9 10pm	lv. Kansas City. ar	7 10am
5 00	ar. Memphis. lv	11 20
8 00	ar. Memphis. lv	7 45
10 40	ar. Holly Springs. lv	6 0
5 50am	ar. Birmingham. lv	10 20pm
6 00am	lv. Birmingham. ar	7 45pm
6 25	lv. Bessemer. ar	7 24
7 20	lv. Blocton. ar	6 17
8 32	lv. Montevallo. ar	5 01
10 25	ar. Selma. lv	3 15
8 30am	lv. Cincinnati. ar	7 30pm
7 40	lv. Louisville. ar	7 55
6 10pm	lv. Chattanooga. ar	9 45am
10 15	ar. Birmingham. lv	5 55
6 00am	lv. Birmingham. ar	7 45pm
10 25	ar. Selma. lv	3 15
4 20pm	lv. Atlanta. ar	11 30pm
6 55	lv. West Point. ar	8 50
7 40	lv. Opelika. ar	8 10
8 30am	lv. Montgomery. ar	5 35
10 25	ar. Selma. lv	3 30

Going South.	No. 5.	No. 1.	Going North.	No. 2.	No. 6.
	(Mixed)	(Pas'ger)		(Mixed)	(Mixed)
9 30pm	10 30am	lv. Selma. ar	3 00pm	5 00am	
10 30	10 58	lv. Marion Junction. ar	2 30	4 05	
11 55	11 38	lv. Albert. ar	1 48	2 40	
12 30am	11 54	lv. Catherine. ar	1 33	2 28pm	
2 00	12 23pm	lv. Pine Hill. ar	12 52	1 02am	
3 30	1 03	lv. Thomasville. ar	12 25	12 15	
3 57	1 20	lv. Fulton. ar	11 49am	11 28pm	
4 28	1 39	lv. Whatley. ar	11 29	10 52	
4 58	2 01	lv. Walker Springs. ar	11 09	10 15	
5 20	2 17	lv. Jackson. ar	10 52	9 53	
6 42	3 16	lv. Calvert. ar	9 48	8 10	
6 57	3 26	lv. Mt. Vernon. ar	9 38	7 55	
8 50	4 25	ar. Mobile. lv	8 30	6 00	

Read down. 2 15pm 4 35pm lv. Mobile. ar. New Orleans. 7 15 8 30 ar. New Orleans. Read up.

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The Western Railway of Alabama.

Read down. IN EFFECT APRIL 1, 1899. Read up.

6	34	36	38	STATIONS.	37	35	39	5
8 40am	3 30pm			Lv Selma. ar	11 30pm		10 30am	
9 18	4 14			ar. Benton. lv	10 50		9 47	
9 33	4 30			ar. Whitehall. lv	10 35		9 31	
9 46	4 35			ar. Lowndesboro. lv	10 21		9 18	
9 57	4 58			ar. Burkeville. lv	10 09		9 06	
10 35	5 35			ar. Montgomery. lv	9 35		8 30	

No. 33

	7 55am	7 50pm	Lv. Opelika. ar	7 40am	8 10pm			
	1 00pm	12 20am	ar. Mobile. lv	3 15	4 01pm			
	12 20	11 25pm	ar. Pensacola. lv	5 30	6 10			
	6 00	6 10am	ar. Mont'y. lv	9 30pm	10 50am			

1 00pm	12 01pm	6 20pm	6 20am	Lv. Mont'y. ar	9 20pm	10 31am	7 25pm	11 00pm
1 50	12 30			ar. Mt. Meigs. lv			6 45	10 04
2 25	12 50			ar. Shorters. lv			6 24	10 13
2 40	12 55			ar. Goodwyns. lv			6 18	9 00
2 55	1 00	7 10		ar. Milstead. lv			6 15	8 33
4 05	1 25	7 31	7 35	ar. Chehaw. lv	8 11	9 25	5 52	7 20
4 45	1 40			ar. Notasulga. lv			5 37	6 50
5 55	2 13	8 05	8 14	ar. Auburn. lv	7 40	8 53	5 10	6 03
6 20	2 25	8 17	8 26	ar. Opelika. lv	7 28	8 43	4 56	5 40

14		2 45pm	8 50am	Lv. Opelika. ar	2 30			23
		3 45	9 50	ar. Colum. lv	1 30			

	2 35pm	8 20pm	8 29am	Lv. Opelika. ar	7 25pm	8 40am	4 53pm	
	3 03			ar. Cusseta. lv			4 28	
	3 37	8 55	9 07	ar. West Point. lv	6 49	8 00	4 07	
	3 54	9 05		ar. Gabbettville. lv			7 52	
5 25	4 14	9 21	9 31	ar. La Grange. lv	6 22	7 35	3 33	8 35pm
5 52	4 43	9 42	9 52	ar. Hogansville. lv		7 12	3 07	8 08
6 05	4 57	9 55	10 03	ar. Grantville. lv		7 00	2 53	7 54
6 20	5 10	10 08	10 17	ar. Moreland. lv		6 49	2 42	7 42
6 40	5 26	10 20	10 29	ar. Newnan. lv				7 28
7 10	5 58			ar. Palmetto. lv		6 12	1 58	7 00
7 25	6 13			ar. Fairburn. lv		6 03	1 45	6 46
7 45	6 37	11 10		ar. Col'ge Park. lv			1 45	6 15
7 55	6 42	11 14	11 22	ar. East Point. lv	4 35	5 40	1 40	6 00
8 20am	7 00	11 30	11 40	ar. Atlanta. lv	4 20pm	5 25am	1 00pm	5 35pm

	11 50pm	12 00	12 00	Lv. Atlanta. ar	3 55pm	5 10am		
	5 45am	5 30pm		ar. Greenville. lv	12 28	1 20		
	9 30	8 30		ar. Charlotte. lv	9 35am	10 15		
	12 10pm	10 44		ar. Greensboro. lv	7 05	7 37		
	1 30	12 00 nt		ar. D'nville. lv	5 50	6 20pm		

	6 40pm	6 00am	6 00am	ar. Rich'd. lv	2 00am	12 00 nt		
	10 00pm	7 00am		ar. Washington. lv	10 43pm	11 15am		
	11 25	8 00		ar. Baltimore. lv	9 20	6 31		
	3 00am	10 15		ar. Philadelphia. lv	6 55	3 50		
	6 20	12 43pm		ar. New York. lv	4 30pm	12 15		

	4 45am	2 00pm		Lv. Atlanta. ar	6 55am		1 15pm	
	9 25	7 30		ar. Chattanooga. lv	12 10 nt		8 05am	
		7 15am		ar. C'p'a'tlv			8 00pm	

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The Fifth Sunday Meeting at Whistler.

During the session of our last associational gathering the brethren present unanimously agreed that the fifth Sunday meetings in our association would be of great force in bringing our churches together and promoting interest in and support of our denominational work. This is our belief, but James the Apostle said, "Faith without works is dead!" The results of our meeting do not demonstrate to our brethren of this association that we are proving our faith by our work.

We could not say the meeting was a failure, but do say our people were disappointed. It does seem to me that it is always possible to avoid disappointments.

Under date of April 13th Rev. J. S. Lambert, chairman of the committee to arrange a program for the meeting, wrote me stating that Whistler was the place appointed for the fifth Sunday meeting. The BAPTIST of April 20 printed the program of the same meeting.

Not a minister of the association was present except Rev. James Munro, who had written me stating it would be impossible for him to be present, but being apprised of the circumstances surrounding us, came to our assistance, which we greatly appreciated. We had preaching at nights during the time the meeting should have been in session.

I suppose the brethren of the association were unavoidably kept from attending the meeting. It seems to be universal that brethren fail to realize the importance of being present at our associational and conventional gatherings. If the brethren were unavoidably kept away they should have written us, and thus relieved us of a great deal of unnecessary arrangements and prevented the disappointment.

We anticipated a glorious meeting with the brethren of the association. We are always more than glad to have the brethren meet with us, not only from this association, but from any part of the State. It increases our pleasure to see the execution of anything tending to further the Master's cause, but we do not enjoy disappointments.

We say with all other churches made to partake of the like, that we hope in the future disappointments will be to us as "Angels' visits to the world, few and far between."

Yours in the Master's cause,
D. W. BOSDELL.
Pastor Bethany Church,
Whistler.

LITERARY NOTICES.

THE QUIVER for May is bright, sparkling and entertaining. Some of the leading articles are, "The Centenary of the Church," "The Masterful Young Man," "Our Roll of Heroic Deeds," "Motherhood," etc., are exceedingly attractive. The Quiver is a most instructive magazine.

LIPPINCOTT'S May number is on our table. It contains 133 pages of literary thought. "The Question of the Philippines," by John Foster Kirk, is interesting reading just at this time. This article, together with a dozen others, brighten its pages. This is a fine monthly magazine.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for May is also before us. As usual, it is full of good reading matter. It contains an article, "Santiago since the Surrender," by Major-General Wood, and "The Rough Riders," by Governor Roosevelt. These two articles alone are worth the price of the magazine. There are a number of other instructive contributions.

CASSELL'S MAGAZINE, published by Cassell & Co., 7 and 9 West Eighteenth street, New York, has been sent us for review. The May number contains 109 pages. It is beautifully illustrated, and the mechanical work, as well as the liter-

ary matter, is of a high order. It is growing in favor in the field of letters. This number contains twenty different subjects, and each shows a master hand. This same firm publishes each month "Cassell's Little Folks," which is devoted to instructing and entertaining children. It is artistically designed, and full of winning and educative matter. The May number contains 90 pages fully and instructively illustrated. Price of each of these magazines \$1.50 a year.

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MARRIED.

At the First Baptist church, Auburn, April 26, by the writer, Mr. James G. Meagher and Miss Mary F. Thomas. It was an ideal day; the church was beautifully decorated; the wedding march was played by Mrs. Boyd on the organ, assisted by Dr. Drake and son on their violins. Mr. Meagher is a promising young business man of Pratt City, and Miss Thomas is one of the fairest flowers of "fair Auburn." May prosperity and happiness attend them through life.

J. J. CLOUD.

OBITUARY.

Died, on May 1st, at her home near Greenville, Sister Irena W. Mercer, wife of Bro. Seth Mercer.

During the snow of last February Mrs. Mercer had a fall from which she was rendered as helpless as a babe. Through all her sufferings she was patient and resigned to her fate. She was born June 20, 1829; had been a wife for 48 years and a consistent member of the Baptist church 44 years. She was baptized by Rev. J. E. Bell. Though a frail, delicate little woman, she was full of energy, and was indeed a helpmeet to her husband who now mourns her loss. She was ever ready to assist and befriend the poor and distressed, and many will call her blessed. She leaves a husband and two brothers, E. and M. F. Fail, all of whom have passed the age of three score and ten years.

Rev. John Cumble.

Bro. Cumble died without much warning from sickness, on the 8th of April, 1899. He was born in North Carolina August 2, 1826, and came to Alabama in infancy, and spent his life near the place of arrival. He married a daughter of Rev. James Spurlin in 1846, by whom a good family of sons and daughters was reared. Most of his manhood has been spent in Chambers, near Stroud. He was highly esteemed as a citizen, Christian and minister. He was baptized at about 12. Ordained in Fellowship church by B. H. Goss, A. H. Mathis and James Spurlin in 1857, at the same time with his brother Reuben Cumble. His ministry was given to the churches around him, and he supported his family in comfort. Without thought on the part of the family of the end being near, he called his son from the store, gave directions in regard to business and burial, told him he was dying, bade affectionate farewell to those present, sending messages of love and exhortation to the absent, asking them to love and trust in God and he would care for them as he had for him, and then fell asleep. Bro. Upham conducted the funeral, as the writer could not be reached, from the text chosen for the occasion by Bro. Cumble, "By the grace of God I am what I am." Was buried at Fredonia. May the grace which sustained our brother keep his loved ones.

GEO. E. BREWER.

Resolutions.

In the providence of God the Baptist church at Midland City, Ala., has been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its members. On December 6, 1898, the spirit of Sister Martha Watson was called from earth to heaven. She joined Pea River Baptist church in 1891, and in August, 1895, united with the Midland City church, of which she was a zealous member until the time of her departure. She was a great sufferer, but was always patient and resigned, and lived assured of her acceptance by the Master. In this sad event we recognize the hand of God, who doeth all things well. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That while we mourn our loss, we rejoice in the hope of her eternal gain.
2. That we may strive to live consecrated Christian lives, so that we may be ready when the summons comes to call us

home to meet the loved one gone before.
3. That we tender to the bereaved husband and stricken daughters our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss, and pray that the God of all grace may comfort them in their sorrow.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication, and also they be spread upon the minutes of the church.

H. C. COPELAND,
MISS EULA WALLING,
M. E. PIERCE,
Committee.

In Memoriam.

Preamble and resolutions adopted by the Adams Street Baptist Sunday school, May 7, 1899:

Whereas, On the evening of April 24, 1899, at the home of her father at Highland Park, little Lula Pearl Jones and her brother were playing and swinging on a rope swing, one end attached to the house and the other to a closet in the yard, the closet toppled and fell upon little Pearl, crushing her skull and causing almost instant death; and, whereas, deceased was a member of our Sunday school, and greatly beloved by the officers, teachers and pupils; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That in this sudden and violent providence of our heavenly Father in taking to himself one of the brightest and tenderest lambs of our flock, casting a gloom over our entire school, we bow in the presence of his will with all humility, believing that our loss is her eternal gain.

2. We tender our sympathy to the grief-stricken family, and pray they may look to him who is able to comfort and heal in this hour of sore affliction; and we lovingly commend to them the tender truth so beautifully expressed in the following lines by the immortal Cowper:

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face."

And may their grief be—
"A sorrow and sadness,
Not akin to pain,
But resembling sorrow only
As mist resembles rain."

3. That the Secretary is requested to spread these resolutions upon the minutes of our Sunday school, forward a copy to the family of the deceased, and also to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication.

A. P. WILSON,
A. F. FRAZER,
Committee.

North Alabama Collegiate Institute.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Sunday, May 21, 1899, 10:30 a. m.: Commencement Sermon, by Rev. Mack Stamps.

Monday 22, 8 p. m.: Educational mass meeting, for the benefit of the school.

Tuesday, May 23, 10 a. m.: Annual meeting of Board of Trustees. All the members are requested to be present.

Tuesday, 8 p. m.: Literary entertainment by the school.

Owing to the destruction of our buildings last Christmas, our commencement exercises will be shorter than usual.

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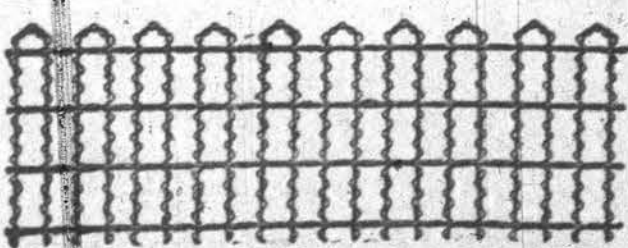
Under and by virtue of an execution, and an order of sale, placed in my hands, from the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama, against L. E. Bryan, and in favor of Kennedy & Cody, I will proceed to sell on Monday, the 15th day of May, 1899, at the Court Square Fountain, in the City of Montgomery, 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. E. 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.

Notice.

Application will be made to the Governor for the pardon of H. L. Houser, convicted at the spring term, 1899, of the City Court of Montgomery for false pretense. May 6, 1899. 11-2t



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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 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, 1895, which mortgage is recorded in book 30, pages 458 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 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, 1888, 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 22d 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 Peacock 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 24th day of April, 1899.

BANKING, BUILDING & LOAN CO.,

J. L. Holloway, Attorney. Mortgagee.