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A Statement from Dr. Cranfill.

Dear Bro. Editor: Lest there be a misapprehension concerning the legal proceedings instituted by Dr. S. A. Hayden, I think it well to make the following statement: At the Baptist General Convention of Texas, held in San Antonio, November, 1897, Dr. Hayden was refused a seat. In connection with the proceedings concerning the matter a challenge was filed against him, signed by L. M. Mays, moderator of Austin Association. This challenge was referred to a committee, which made a report to the effect that Dr. Hayden be not allowed a seat in the Convention. The report of the committee was adopted by a vote of 532 to 104.

Dr. Hayden afterward brought suit against thirty-four members of the Convention, including its most prominent members, his complaint being based on the challenge, which he alleged was libelous. In this suit The Baptist Standard and its editor were included. The extent of The Standard's connection with the matter was that in its account of the convention, it published the challenge which the convention adopted concerning Dr. Hayden.

In several accounts sent out from Texas concerning the matter the impression has been made that the suit was against the Standard only, while as a matter of fact it was in effect against the whole convention.

The case has been appealed to the higher courts, and I do not wish to try it in your columns. I do not, however, think it is in the interest of justice to the great body of our people you publish this brief note concerning the matter.

J. B. CRANFILL,
Dallas, Texas.

With great pleasure we publish the above from Bro. Cranfill. It puts the case in its true light, and will be understood by our readers.

For The Alabama Baptist.
B. Y. P. U. State Convention.
To the Baptist Young People's Unions of Alabama:

The annual State Convention of the Baptist Young People's Unions will be held this year at Woodlawn, a suburb of Birmingham, July 27, 28, and bids fair to be the largest and best convention yet held by this organization. A splendid program has been arranged by the state executive committee, and rich blessings are in store for all who attend. It is important that every Young People's society in the state, whether they go by the name of Baptist Young People's Union or not, and every church that has no society, be represented at this gathering.

The benefits to our young people attendant upon these annual conventions are manifold, and none who are earnest and active in their efforts to advance the cause and kingdom of our Lord and Savior can afford to miss these opportunities of being brought into contact with other earnest and consecrated workers from all over the state, and of receiving as a direct result of this contact renewed zeal, inspiration and enthusiasm. And then the convention proper—the great good to be derived from discussion of best means and methods of carrying on the work in which we are all enlisted is incalculable. Not only would it be a help and blessing to the delegates themselves, but the societies which they represent would receive blessings and benefits.

After a careful consideration of the blessings which come from these meetings, no one can fail to see the importance of having representatives from all unions. It is abso-

lutely necessary in order that the work of the Lord may prosper in our hands. Let every society at once elect delegates and send as many as can come.

The local union is making preparation to royally entertain the convention, and we assure all who attend a warm welcome and a pleasant visit to our little city. Homes will be provided for the delegates, and everything possible will be done for their comfort and entertainment.

There may be some who will think that Woodlawn cannot take care of the convention. To all such we will only say, "Come and see." Even should that be possible, we have our neighboring towns and Birmingham to fall back upon. But we anticipate no difficulty in providing homes in our own beautiful little city for each and every one, as our people of every denomination are warm hearted and hospitable, and will gladly throw open their homes for your entertainment.

Woodlawn is an ideal place for the gathering of a state convention. It is situated on the East Lake Electric Car Line four miles from Birmingham and two miles from East Lake. Convenient to the great city of Birmingham, but free from its smoke and dust. It is a residence town, and the most attractive one in the district. We have two car lines to Birmingham, both running by the church, which will make it convenient for those who desire to visit the city.

The entertainment committee has arranged to give the delegates a trolley ride while here, and show them something of the wonders of this great and growing district.

Headquarters will be situated on Second Avenue, convenient to Central street railway station, and delegates will be met at the depot and

which place they will be assigned to homes and placed on cars going to Woodlawn. A committee will meet all the cars at Woodlawn, and will see that you reach the home to which you have been assigned.

All unions are urged to appoint delegates at once and send their names to the committee as soon as possible. It is earnestly desired to have a list of all delegates by July 20th. Don't delay this matter, but take action at once. We should have at least 200 delegates in attendance. See that your society furnishes some of them. Reduced rates will be given by all railroads.

Yours for a great Convention,
BRINSON MCGOWAN,
Chmn. Entertainment Com.
1821 Second Ave., Birmingham.

For the Alabama Baptist.

On to Richmond.

The A. G. S. via Chattanooga, Bristol and the Norfolk and Western has been selected as the official route for delegates going to the B. Y. P. U. Convention at Richmond, Va. The party will leave Birmingham on July 12, at 5:55 and arrive in Richmond at 8:15 the 12th.

It will be well if all the Alabama delegation will go together. In Chattanooga we will meet the Tennessee delegation, and it will make a pleasant party. All who are considering going can get information by writing.

L. W. TERRILL,
Transportation Leader.
Birmingham.

[The omission of a. m. and p. m. in connection with the above figures was not observed at the office in time for correction by the author. All the figures are printed as written.—Ed.]

Sometimes we are troubled with wandering thoughts when we are praying our secret prayers. We fear it is a sign that we are not really in earnest in our petitions. But if any one is so troubled he will find it a great help to pray aloud in his closet.

Dr. Riley's Resignation.

We find the following in the Athens (Ga.) Banner, June 22. It explains itself:

The board of trustees held their concluding session yesterday morning, and transacted the business remaining before them.

The culmination of the discussion over the chair of Rhetoric and English Literature came yesterday morning when Dr. B. F. Riley handed to the board of trustees the following:

To the Board of Trustees, University of Georgia.

GENTLEMEN: I hereby tender my resignation of the chair of Rhetoric and English Literature, to take effect at the close of the session of 1899-1900. Very respectfully,

B. F. RILEY.

The resignation of Dr. Riley was accepted, to take effect in June, 1900. A prominent trustee said yesterday morning: "The majority of the board is satisfied concerning Dr. Riley's ability and competency, they are satisfied that he has since coming to the University done a great deal of hard, conscientious work, and that he has elevated the department over which he presides, but his resignation was accepted in order to end a long continued criticism that could do the University no good and that no doubt was a source of great annoyance to Dr. Riley himself."

For the Alabama Baptist.
From Bro. Gay.

Dear Bro: Please say to the Alabama Baptists that I believe the Lord is sending me back as pastor of the Adams Street church, Montgomery, and that they can count on my help in every good work. The other party will speak for

people who come to Montgomery to the Adams Street church. I will do my best for them in every way I can.

I am sorry to leave here, but when I am stronger in the Lord and the power of his might I desire to return and continue the work which I trust he has begun. We have now five young men in the church who intend to preach. One whom I recently baptized from the Presbyterians has been called as temporary supply. Another whom I baptize from the Methodists is street preacher. Still another will take the superintendency of the Sunday school, which is nearly as large as any Baptist school in the city.

I enjoy your departmental paper. If you three editors don't get to fighting, the outsider can read what he likes. So far as any man reading only what he has heard and what agrees with his notions is concerned, none of us would compel you to that. It would be like the parable of the father, the son, and the poor donkey. None of us would represent the donkey, however.

I expect to be in Montgomery by the middle of July (D. V.)

WM. D. GAY.
New Orleans, June 23.

For the Alabama Baptist.
In the Carey.

I attended a rally at Corinth church yesterday. This was the best meeting of the kind we have had. The house would not hold the people.

The spirit of brotherly love prevails. Our people are coming to be of one mind relative to our denominational interests. Preachers and laymen are talking and praying for missions. It would do your soul good to hear them contending for religious literature in the home, insisting that the ALABAMA BAPTIST should have a place in all our homes.

We are pulling for the thousand dollar mark for benevolence this year. Pray for us, that the Lord may give us the victory.

Four good volumes came into

"The Preachers' Library" yesterday. Two from Bro. Heard, one from Bro. Dean, one from Bro. McCord. This Library is to circulate among our preachers, and we expect much and lasting good to come of this work. A few select volumes from the editor's shelves would be accepted very thankfully.

Many brethren doubtless have valuable books on their shelves that will be of little use to them further; why not put them to work for the Lord? A paper, a tract, a book that has helped you might save a hundred lives if sent out on its mission of love. Pass your blessings along, that others may reap sunshine from the light that has come into your lives.

I would not be uncharitable, but I would help some one to think. Often the illiterate man, especially the illiterate preachers, is ridiculed for his blunders. What have we done to help him? Limited to his advantages, what would we be?

Hear the warning of the Master to Chorazin and Bethsaida. Woe unto thee, fault-finder; Woe unto thee, unkind critic; for if the facilities given you, had been given the object of your criticism he would long since have blessed the world with his wisdom.

Bro. Nichols, who has been sick for some weeks with typhoid fever, is slowly improving. Miss Joanie Barnhill, another one of our members, also has fever. Bro. O. T. Smith, one of our boys, is just home from the Howard, wearing a handsome gold medal. Miss Anna Bartlett, from the Judson, has been engaged as one of the teachers of the Lineville college for another year.

J. R. STODGHILL,
Lineville, June 22.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Now that our people have nobly provided for the debt of Howard College, State Board of Missions and other interests, let the friends of the orphans remember them.

Our contributions in consequence of the great effort to pay off this debt have been smaller than the family could live on, and I have had to ask indulgence of our friends here to get through these two months that have been so much absorbed by these other great interests. But we have reached the danger line. Brethren, I can't carry this load in this way much further. Will you help me? Help now, please.

JNO. W. STEWART.
Evergreen.

For the Alabama Baptist.
In Bro. Barnes' Field.

Bro. Editor: On the second Sunday in June our series of meetings began with Newberne church. Rev. J. V. Dickinson, of Pratt City, came on Monday and preached for us plainly and earnestly through Friday. We all regretted very much that Bro. D. felt that duty called him home on Saturday, thus ending a meeting that gave promise of much power. The pastor continued the meeting through Saturday and Sunday, preaching on Sunday morning to a crowded house. One was received by letter and one by experience and baptism. Our new baptistry was used last night for the first time.

We will soon have one of the neatest little churches in this part of the state. In the early part of the year Bro. G. W. Pollard's family supplied the church with pretty window shades in memory of Miss Mabel Pollard, who died about this time last year.

We are expecting every day the six-lamp chandelier which Mrs. A. L. Smith, nee Miss Carrie Brown, of Fort Worth, Texas, has presented the church in memory of her father, Deacon T. C. Brown. These gifts are highly appreciated by us, and will add very much to the neatness and comfort of the church.

In a few weeks the ladies of the church expect to replace the old

carpet with a new one. Our union and L. A. S. and M. societies are doing well, and Miss Hattie Pollard will soon organize the little folk into a Sunbeam society.

"Bible Day" will be observed by the Sunday school on the third Sunday night in July.

We hope to have our meeting at Hopewell church in July or August. We have recently received a neat pulpit set for that church.

The sad news came to me over the telephone this morning that Bro. David Hogue, the senior deacon of Hopewell, passed away to his eternal rest at 7 o'clock Thursday. Had he lived till August he would have been seventy-two years old. He has been a member of Hopewell for at least a half century, and a deacon for forty odd years. He has been greatly afflicted since the present pastor knew him, having had one or more strokes of paralysis. He has been patiently awaiting "the summons of the Master from the other shore" for some time. He leaves a wife and two children, Mr. John R. Hogue and Mrs. Wm. T. Weisinger, of Browns, several nephews and nieces and a host of friends to mourn his departure.

Bro. I. A. White, of Dothan, is under promise to assist me at Browns some time during the latter part of July.

July 31st ends my third year's pastorate in my present field of labor. The Lord has very graciously blessed my efforts to promote his cause in this part of the state. As to another year we will follow his guidance.

Your valuable paper is very much enjoyed. It is constantly getting better. May the Lord bless you.

J. E. BARNES,
Newberne, June 23.

For the Alabama Baptist.
At Eufaula.

We recently had a good meeting at Southside church, Eufaula. The church was much revived and ten were added to the membership. Rev. W. D. Hubbard preached one sermon, and it was excellent. He is doing a fine work in Eufaula, and his people all like him. Bro. Frank Barnett, of Forsythe, Ga., preached twice during the meeting. We were delighted to have Frank with us. He is an able preacher. Bro. Gholston Yates of Fitzpatrick, preached one sermon to the delight of all who heard him. He is a promising young man. The church had hoped to secure his services as pastor, but failed. That is a very important field, and a young man could do great work there. The church building is new. They have a very good Sunday school. I believe the right man would get a support as pastor. Besides the sermons mentioned, I did the preaching. They are a good people, and remembered that the laborer is worthy of his hire.

I am delighted with the appearance of ALABAMA BAPTIST and the matter it contains, and I think that all its subscribers are, as I do not hear the complaint that the price is too high. I explain why it cannot be reduced now, and then that if all the Baptist families in Alabama would take it you could put it at 50 cents and make more than you are making. Some hope to see it a 16 page paper. I hope this summer to add greatly to the list of subscribers, for I find it profitable to the cause to get church members to read the paper; and so that is my first work when I take a church to find out how many get the ALABAMA BAPTIST and try to put it in the homes where it is not.

H. R. SCHRAMM.

I believe that great holiness sets us free from the love of the world and makes us ready to depart. By great holiness I mean great horror of sin and great longing after perfect purity.—C. T. Spurgeon.

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urer; P. O. Box 768, Montgomery.

Trip Notes.

The readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST will recognize this heading. For many years a month did not pass without my Trip Notes in the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Since resuming work at the old stand in Montgomery, May 1st, I have been so constantly on the go in the interest of our Baptist debts that I have had no time to write of what I have seen and heard. It has been a great joy to my heart to receive so many hand-shakes and warm congratulations from old friends everywhere I have gone. Surely the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places! The Lord is good to me! I am thankful, too, for good health and a mind to work. From this time I take up my old habit, and will furnish my Trip Notes in the ALABAMA BAPTIST. I begin with the

HOWARD COMMENCEMENT.

I could not be present all the while, so I can speak of only a few of the many good things. It was a great joy to sit in the pulpit again with my old time friend and brother, J. M. Frost, and hear him preach. He gave forth no uncertain sound, but with plainness of speech and direct address plead with the young men to love and cherish the old Book. It was their only safe guide. His text was, "My word shall not return unto me void," etc. How the hearts of the Lord's children did burn within them as the preacher talked of the mission of God's Word!

The declamatory contest resulted in a victory for young Watkins, of Virginia, with several worthy competitors close at his heels.

The Junior medal was won by Frank Averyt, one of the preacher boys from Dallas, whom I have known from his childhood.

Very sensibly the Faculty discon-

tinued the competition for a medal by the orators of the Senior class. Thirteen graduates received diplomas. President Roof, in a few well chosen words to the class, brought us to the point of greatest interest to the large audience assembled—that was the report of Dr. Gray, President of the Board of Trustees. There were old friends of the college present, some of whom had come from sick beds to hear the glad announcement that the college was at last free from debt; but they were disappointed. It was a disappointment to all, especially to Dr. Gray, who had worked so hard to bring it to pass.

Disappointments we must expect; we must not expect everything to come our way; but this disappointment will not be for long. The long night which settled on the old school about the time it was moved is about to give place to a glorious day. "Forgetting the things that are behind," etc., is the text for us all to cherish now with reference to the college. Of the Alumni address by Hon. Paul Carson I heard many kind words spoken. How fast boys do grow! How rapidly the years fly! I knew Paul when he was a timid child; his faithful father used to bring him to Saturday meetings at old Providence church, Dallas county. At the proper place I neglected to speak of the admirable baccalaureate address by State Superintendent of Education Abercrombie. It was a speech of rare beauty and power.

Doubtless there are numbers of important things of which I have failed to speak. My time was much taken up with other matters, so that I could not give much attention to the commencement. There is one complaint I am going to lodge against the people of Birmingham. I hesitate to do so, because so many are ready to criticize them severely and often unjustly. The charge has often been made that they care nothing for the college. Whether that charge is just or unjust, I cannot say; but I can say they furnished a very small part of the audiences attending the late commencement. With the exception of Sunday and commence-

ment day the audiences were nothing like what they ought to have been. I doubt if there were twenty business men of the city proper who attended the commencement. Birmingham owes it to herself, to the college and to the great denomination which has intrusted its college to one of its suburbs, to make a better showing on commencement occasions.

Of the Alumni banquet, held the last night at the Florence Hotel, I heard this: A message was received from Admiral Cervera from Madrid, Spain, saying he was in search of a *Raiser*. He had heard that Dr. Gray, of Birmingham, had raised the debt on Howard College, and he felt sure he was the man he was looking for—any man who could do that could accomplish the less difficult task of raising his fleet from the bottom of the Atlantic ocean. Dr. Gray was called out to tell how it was done. Very promptly and enthusiastically he responded. He first asked that all those outside of the Birmingham district would stand up. "Now," said the doctor, "they who are in the Birmingham district know how it was done. You who are on the outside are the individuals who want the information. We are badly in need of about \$300 to complete the sum we have been asking for, and I want you to shell down the corn here and now." It is said the boys suddenly discovered they had waked up the wrong passenger, but they made the best of the situation and subscribed \$105 on the spot.

Pastor A. T. Sims has given five years to the church at this place. Three years ago they determined to build a new house in a better locality. It was a great struggle, but brave hearts worked and prayed and gave until Sunday, June 18, the crowning day, witnessed the culmination of the struggle.

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his very heart-string snapping asunder and trying to commit all his troubles to God in prayer, he suddenly found that peace, "sweet peace, the gift of God's love"—I say, "Go on, brother; I understand that all right enough." And when a man says, "If it had not been for God's good hand in my business it would have gone to ruin before now," I know exactly what he means, for I have been there, and I have learned the glorious truth that regardless of calamity howlers and four cents cotton "He openeth His hand and satisfieth the desire of every living thing;" and you just ought to have seen me the other day when a young farmer said to me that God had given him the best crop he ever had in his life, and that he could not help feeling that it was in some way connected with the poor old man and his wife to whom he had this year given a home and all the land they could tend; and as they had been sick most of the time he had tended the land for them; "and," said he, "when I would turn my mule round at the ends of the rows and the birds would be singing out in the swamps, sometimes I'd think they were that many angels singing to my happy soul." Bro. Editor, do you know what I did? It was a lovely spot in a long, dusty road where no one could see me, and I just threw my arms around him and hollered "Amen! God bless you!" Then I told him there were some men and women in Clayton just fools enough to believe in such stuff as that, "and," said I, "Sir, you are a bigger fool than I thought you were, and I am the old head fool of you all, for I just fatten on it." Yes, Bro. Editor, I know what men mean when they talk like that.

BUT—when a man tells me a whiskey dispensary is a good thing for a community, I say, pardon me, sir; I cannot understand or speak Dutch; and when he says "You will admit it is better than a blind tiger," I say, "Never; I'd take my chances every time with a blind, toothless old tiger rather than fight one with both eyes open, every tooth whetted and the 'respectable citizens' of the community to 'sic' him on me." I can look

repulsive, loathsome than that old skin-and-bone hobby on which so many have ridden to their own undoing, the race-track name of which is "The lesser of two evils." Jesus Christ never taught or practiced such a doctrine; the spirit and tenor of his teaching was to choose neither of two or any number of evils; and it is written that we should avoid the very appearance of evil. And if he were here today, and if the per centage of earth's population were an hundred-fold greater than it is; and if his were the only voice to be raised in defence of right, methinks, like some great minute-gun at sea, it would just keep on booming out its call for brave, true and uncompromising hearts to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

"Where is Mr. Lick?"
"Which 'Mr. Lick'?"
"Mr. Jim Lick, the observatory man."

"Here."

"Mr. Lick, will you please lend us a good telescope?"

"For what purpose, pray?"

"We want to take a look out into the coming century."

"You can have the use of the instrument on one condition."

"Name it."

"That you will speak right out in meeting and tell us what you see."

"Agreed. Now put the instrument in position. Adjust the lenses for a range of ten to twenty years. What sees the observer?"

"I see a great battle in progress—a mighty conflict between the Church of the Living God and the forces of the evil one; a flag of truce shoots up from the sable ranks, and a messenger crosses the line for a parley with the hosts of light; he pleads the injustice and inconsistency of the war being waged upon his Satanic Majesty and comes to specifications, one of which is that some of the most prominent antecedents of those now fighting under the crimson banner planted and watered and legalized the handling of an accursed poison by which thousands upon thousands had been inebriated, besotted, impoverished, disgraced, broken-hearted, imprisoned, executed, orphaned, widowed, demonized,

robbed, ruined, murdered, damned; he backs up his contention by particulars, of which only one or two will be quoted: In the year 1898-99 Rev. Dr. A. B. of the Second church in the great city of C. D. called to his church to get behind him, and worked with might and main for the establishment of the dispensary law. Rev. Dr. E. F., of the town of G. H., in his zeal for the great cause, stated openly and above board that if no one else could be found to dish out the stuff he himself would do it."

"Here, Mr. Lick, take this thing back. Our observations through it are not of a cheerful nature, and perhaps it would be best to train it on stars, moons and such other objects."

A compromise measure! Confessedly so by its most ardent advocates. Alas! alas! that Christians should thus beg the question! When such an insinuation was whispered in the ears of the Lord Jesus, "Get thee hence, for Herod will kill thee;" as if his informant had said, I hate to see you run like a coward, but it's the best compromise you can make, for if you stay here you will be killed." He said—and how I wish I could have seen him lift his royal head and fix his eyes upon the speaker—"Go and tell that sly fox that I do cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I will be perfected;" and I guess when old Herod got the message he felt a strange, qualmy kind of conviction that he simply wasn't in it. How often have we seen a temporary triumph become a final defeat, and vice versa. The church owes it to her divine Lord to put herself on record and go down in history under protest against this damning traffic in any form.

Clayton. B. DAVIE.

Central Committee.

My Dear Sunbeams: I am wondering how many of you have had "The Flowers' Missionary Meeting," or "May Party," and how many are going to use Dr. Frost's beautiful program for the benefit of the Bible fund? You must "bear with me," as Paul says, if I repeat to you what I have said often before, that we Sunbeams are trying to learn more than merely mission

news, and that is to be ready always to follow all suggestions made as to the denominational work by our good and wise leaders. I hope we shall have large returns from the program for June.

Truly, MRS. HAMILTON.

EAST FLORENCE.—Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Bro. Brown does me much honor by suggesting me for this great work. I feel that it is much needed in the church, and I dare not refuse to undertake to organize and help in every way possible to carry on this work. My heart is in it, and by the help of God and your earnest prayers I will do all that is in my power to carry this work forward among the children. I know very little about how a band or society of this kind is conducted, but hoping to get full instructions and literature from you very soon, I am, yours respectfully, LILLIAN KERBY.

We feel greatly indebted to Bro. Brown, our district missionary, for giving us this sweet-spirited sister's name. When Baptist folks are tractable, they are the very best in the world.

ORRVILLE.—My Dear Mrs. Hamilton: The Sunbeam Society has been organized with eighteen members, and we hope to have at least twenty-five. They seem quite enthusiastic, and I hope to be able to keep up the interest. We have a regular program with a good deal of singing, and also study of mission fields on our large missionary maps. We meet every Saturday at 3 p. m., at the parsonage.

The fact that we know and love Mr. Lee intensifies our interest in Brazil, the field to which he intends going if his health improves.

Thanking you for your kindness, and asking your prayers, I am, Your sister in the work, MRS. J. F. WATSON.

Would it not be well for our Bands to elect a Corresponding Secretary, and make it part of our work to correspond with our missionaries and their children, as proposed by the W. M. U.? I hope Bro. Lee's health will be restored so he can send you charming letters from Brazil. Your work and your letters are highly prized, my sister.

HUNTSVILLE.—Dear Mrs. Hamilton: We have newly organized a Sunbeam society here in the First Baptist church, and now have about 25 bright children, who seem to be very much interested. I think the prospects are bright for a great work along this line.

Will you please aid me by sending me some Sunbeam literature? I think the children are thoroughly aroused, and ready to respond to anything I might suggest.

Hoping to receive the literature soon, I am yours in Christ.

MRS. GERTRUDE BRETT, Vice-Pres. and Leader of the Huntsville Sunbeams.

How I would love to see that bright band of twenty-five Sunbeams in the First church at Huntsville. I note with pleasure the latter part of your letter, "Are ready to respond." That's the idea—be alert—and be teachable, and what a band you will be! I sent literature by return mail.

CAMP HILL.—Dear Mrs. Hamilton: Doubtless you think we have forgotten we are Sunbeams. I hope, however, we have not. I left my work at Alexander City in April, and intended to send this report before now, but did not.

You are surprised to know that I mustered courage to leave the "Alexander City Sunbeams" and my Sunday school class. I hated to leave them, but thought it best. I hope the little girls will continue their good work. They were very faithful and did splendid work. I thought, (as I said) I would have a rest when I came to a new place, but the little folks were just ready to organize here and had planned for me to help them even before I came. * * * *

Any suggestions from you, and any interest you may take will be appreciated.

With Christian love, MRS. R. H. BOYD, nee Miss Lizzie Wilder.

Of course I saw that notice in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and feared my Alexander City Sunbeams might suffer, but rejoice that the Camp Hill Band is the gainer by the change. A worker will work in any part of the vineyard.

It has been sometime since you have heard from us, but we have often spoken of writing you. We will still have our first name, "Crumpton Helpers," since Dr. Crumpton has come back.

Your name is a familiar one among us, for our leader tells us about you frequently, although she has never met you.

Our President requests you to furnish us with your program for Sunbeam meetings. You will hear from us again soon, for we are busy getting some money for the orphans at Evergreen.

Your young friend, KATHLEEN JOHNSON.

I am glad you keep your name "The Crumpton Helpers." I know Bro. Crumpton will pet you the most, because your Band is his namesake, but we are all promising him all the help we can give him, and I am sure he will be pleased to know that we are trying to be Baptists to the core, and that means we are working systematically for the Master.

LINDEN.—Dear Mrs. Hamilton: I should have written you sometime ago to tell you of our Sunbeam Society. Miss Lida Robertson was visiting here and organized a Sunbeam Society for the Linden Baptist church. We organized with 14 members, but have increased to 20. Our first endeavor will be to assist in buying an organ for our church. So with that object in view we gave last week an ice cream supper from which we derived the sum of \$15.80. I am sorry I neglected writing, but was busy with my studies. But as my school is now closed I will have more time to attend to my duties as a Sunbeam.

We hope soon to get some words of encouragement from you.

I remain respectfully, ROSA GLASS.

Many thanks for the nicely filled out blank. I do love to see the children learning to be systematic. I am charmed when I think of the fine crop of Baptists being raised in Alabama! Wherever "Miss Lida" goes she puts in some work for the cause. Let us all "go and do likewise."

W. B. CRUMPTON, Editor, Montgomery, To whom all communications for this Department must be addressed.

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Trip Notes. The readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST will recognize this heading. For many years a month did not pass without my Trip Notes in the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Since resuming work at the old stand in Montgomery, May 1st, I have been so constantly on the go in the interest of our Baptist debts that I have had no time to write of what I have seen and heard. It has been a great joy to my heart to receive so many hand-shakes and warm congratulations from old friends everywhere I have gone. Surely the lines have fallen to me in pleasant places! The Lord is good to me! I am thankful, too, for good health and a mind to work. From this time I take up my old habit, and will furnish my Trip Notes in the ALABAMA BAPTIST. I begin with the

HOWARD COMMENCEMENT. I could not be present all the while, so I can speak of only a few of the many good things. It was a great joy to sit in the pulpit again with my old time friend and brother, J. M. Frost, and hear him preach. He gave forth no uncertain sound, but with plainness of speech and direct address plead with the young men to love and cherish the old Book. It was their only safe guide. His text was, "My word shall not return unto me void," etc. How the hearts of the Lord's children did burn within them as the preacher talked of the mission of God's Word!

The declamatory contest resulted in a victory for young Watkins, of Virginia, with several worthy competitors close at his heels.

The Junior medal was won by Frank Averyt, one of the preacher boys from Dallas, whom I have known from his childhood.

Very sensibly the Faculty discon-

tinued the competition for a medal by the orators of the Senior class. Thirteen graduates received diplomas. President Roof, in a few well chosen words to the class, brought us to the point of greatest interest to the large audience assembled—that was the report of Dr. Gray, President of the Board of Trustees. There were old friends of the college present, some of whom had come from sick beds to hear the glad announcement that the college was at last free from debt; but they were disappointed. It was a disappointment to all, especially to Dr. Gray, who had worked so hard to bring it to pass.

Disappointments we must expect; we must not expect everything to come our way; but this disappointment will not be for long. The long night which settled on the old school about the time it was moved is about to give place to a glorious day. "Forgetting the things that are behind," etc., is the text for us all to cherish now with reference to the college. Of the Alumni address by Hon. Paul Carson I heard many kind words spoken. How fast boys do grow! How rapidly the years fly! I knew Paul when he was a timid child; his faithful father used to bring him to Saturday meetings at old Providence church, Dallas county. At the proper place I neglected to speak of the admirable baccalaureate address by State Superintendent of Education Abercrombie. It was a speech of rare beauty and power.

Doubtless there are numbers of important things of which I have failed to speak. My time was much taken up with other matters, so that I could not give much attention to the commencement. There is one complaint I am going to lodge against the people of Birmingham. I hesitate to do so, because so many are ready to criticize them severely and often unjustly. The charge has often been made that they care nothing for the college. Whether that charge is just or unjust, I cannot say; but I can say they furnished a very small part of the audiences attending the late commencement. With the exception of Sunday and commence-

ment day the audiences were nothing like what they ought to have been. I doubt if there were twenty business men of the city proper who attended the commencement. Birmingham owes it to herself, to the college and to the great denomination which has intrusted its college to one of its suburbs, to make a better showing on commencement occasions.

Of the Alumni banquet, held the last night at the Florence Hotel, I heard this: A message was received from Admiral Cervera from Madrid, Spain, saying he was in search of a *Raiser*. He had heard that Dr. Gray, of Birmingham, had raised the debt on Howard College, and he felt sure he was the man he was looking for—any man who could do that could accomplish the less difficult task of raising his fleet from the bottom of the Atlantic ocean. Dr. Gray was called out to tell how it was done. Very promptly and enthusiastically he responded. He first asked that all those outside of the Birmingham district would stand up. "Now," said the doctor, "they who are in the Birmingham district know how it was done. You who are on the outside are the individuals who want the information. We are badly in need of about \$300 to complete the sum we have been asking for, and I want you to shell down the corn here and now." It is said the boys suddenly discovered they had waked up the wrong passenger, but they made the best of the situation and subscribed \$105 on the spot.

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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:

At Hartsell, fourth Sunday in June, and continue one week.
Roanoke, July 2-7.
Fackler, July 9-14.
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Delta, Clay county, Aug. 20-25.
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Each Institute will begin at 11 a. m. Sunday with a sermon by the Superintendent or some other appointee, and conclude on the following Friday.

Crumptonian Questionings.

We desire to say that we meant no reflection on our young men in Louisville by refusing to class them with Philip Schaff and W. H. Whittitt. They could not expect, nor do they profess to have acquired in a few years what men with equal talent with themselves under the most favorable conditions have spent a life to get. Any attempt to construe our language into a reflection is entirely gratuitous. As a matter of fact, we consider the young professors in that faculty endowed with abundant talent, and the more is the pity that they should be destined to live in an atmosphere unfavorable to its development. Give them the liberty and encouragement the pursuit of learning requires, and the golden age of scholarship among Southern Baptists will not be those of Boyce, Broadus and Whittitt, but of Sampsey, Robertson, McGlothlin and their conferees. But how can this come to pass even with such excellent material?

to an atmosphere wherein scholarship is proscribed?

It was the cherished hope of Boyce, Broadus and Whittitt that they might be the pioneers of a school of scholars in the South under the auspices of our Seminary, who should cultivate a conservative type of religious learning, yet as good as the scholarship of anybody. The South is peculiarly fitted for the growing of such a school of religious thought. The world of scholarship certainly needs such a contribution, and we greatly regret that when about to fruit, the life-labor of these men of God should be torn up by the roots.

A scholar, as the term is used in this discussion, is one who, already versed in the world's stock of learning in his department, pursues investigations and researches to add to what is already known. He is to be the pioneer of learning. Hence, to prepare one's self as a scholar, he must master what is already known in his specialty. Then he can get down to the work of advancing the confines of knowledge. This preparation is more difficult in some specialties than in others. In the theological world Church history is the most difficult. I would say that under the most favorable circumstances it would require from fifteen to twenty-five years constant work for a young man of good talent to equip himself for ripe scholarly work in this department. But on the other hand, Parliamentary Practice or Pastoral duties would require but a short period of study from a gifted student. It took a lifetime of work under the most favorable conditions to ripen Philip Schaff. Adolf Harnack has spent thirty years to qualify himself, and still he deplores the fact that much of his scholarly output is quite green. It takes a long time of most painstaking and persistent work, under the most favorable circumstances, for one to win his spurs as a scholar in his specialty.

There was about to ripen in Louisville, under the auspices of the Seminary, a school of real scholar-

ship with quite definite peculiarities, which promised to affect the religious thought of the world. It had been conceived and brought forth by Boyce, Broadus and Whittitt without the masses knowing it. But when the reactionists discovered it they set about its destruction. They wanted no such innovation. It is well known that the man they had selected to supplant Dr. Whittitt was not a friend to any advance in learning, and one on whom scholarship set very lightly. This new policy would make our professors deal entirely in second hand ideas which had passed the censorship of reactionary leaders. Under such a regime the hope of ever growing a scholar would prove forlorn indeed in that institution.

The next best field for the cultivation of learning that would be to our manor born was in the Alumni. True, these busy bishops could not do much, but it would be a great deal more than nothing. The Seminary Magazine, if freed from the proscription that prevails in the institution, by being made the organ and property of the Alumni could encourage and foster the growth of learning. Southern Baptists ought not to pass off of the stage of history without making some valuable contribution to the world's store of religious thought.

With these preliminaries we will address ourselves to certain Crumptonian questionings in last week's issue.

1. Under the most favorable circumstances, and in the most fertile soil, and in encouraging climate, it takes many years to ripen a scholar. Where the student is put under duress and proscribed in his research, you can never grow or ripen a scholar, it matters not how good your material may be. It is this that makes so few real scholars among Roman Catholics and Mohammedans, and Southern Baptists.

2. It is very difficult to fix dates as to when Boyce, Broadus and Whittitt ripened into scholars. They kept their progress in learning very secret, and their advance was not open to public view. Indeed, only those who were very close to them ever knew that they were competent to rank with the world's scholars. They never published the results of their research, and the great scholarly world did not know them and was not influenced by them to any perceptible extent. They knew too well the penalty their brethren would bestow upon any attempt to exercise the prerogatives of a scholar, and so in their public writings they kept within the breast-work others had thrown up. At least this was the case until Dr. Whittitt's day, and the result of his sortie is too well known. They kept their scholarship secret until the day of their death, except in the case of the latter, and ere this doubtless he wishes he had followed in the wake of his predecessors. I do not know that any of the present faculty have ever attempted to add to the world's thought from their own researches, and they will be brave indeed to attempt it after recent events.

3. As to the comparative merits of the professor's chair and the pulpit for scholarly pursuit, I do not hesitate to say that the former is the natural field for the growth and fruiting of scholarship. But since it has been proscribed from serving in that capacity, the pulpit is next best. At least it is all we now have except a few editors and secretaries. If we do not grow a few scholars in our pastorates we will grow none at all. The retirement of Dr. Whittitt under the circumstances does two things which, taken together, will remove our Seminary from being a factor in the world of scholarship. First, it took away the only ripe scholar in that faculty. Second it put a ban on the pursuit of scholarship so far as the others were concerned. They can now give up scholarly ambition, or report to the denominational executors by order of the Trustees.

The Institute Editor.

Without replying to Dr. Dickinson's criticisms of our Seminary in last week's ALABAMA BAPTIST, without replying to his indictment of those who opposed Dr. Whittitt, I want to enter an earnest protest against the use of the columns of our paper for the re-opening of this hitherto unpleasant and unprofitable controversy.

Let those who think that they

have not yet discovered the truth go on with research; and if any think that they have to break into the Chicago University to find the truth, let them do so at once. Meantime let us go on with our efforts to save the lost. To accomplish this great end we will stand by the mightiest institution on earth for the equipment of the preacher of the gospel—the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

L. N. BROCK.

Grand Bay, Ala.

We are somewhat at a loss to know just what our excellent brother is hitting at in the above deliverance. His editorship did feel something flying closely by his head, but the aim was not over good. Our brother's protest is duly filed, and notice is hereby served on all our contributors to take warning and govern themselves accordingly. It might be well, however, to remark that people are not compelled to read this page unless they desire. About the only way for brethren to get into these columns what they like is to write it themselves. If brethren do not like the way we do it, they are privileged to do it themselves in their own way. The reason we publish our own ideas is that Bro. Brock failed to furnish his. What a pity the brethren who know just what to write never write it, and those who are deficient are pressed into that service.

But a word of serious nature. It is not proposed to re-open any Whittitt controversy. That is settled, and Dr. W. has gone on his way rejoicing. But our Seminary is here with us, and always will be. It is here in a very new and peculiar situation. It deserves serious thought and earnest counsel from its friends. It is a crisis that has come upon us. What shall we do to make our Seminary most useful? is a present and a pertinent question for these columns. Dr. Greene declines the presidency. All the old teachers and ripe scholars have gone. The situation is materially changed. My own opinion is that conditions are such that for some years we can only give a High School course, and it is better to do this well than to palm off on the public a counterfeit University course. Let us make it a pastors' and preachers' school, and point our candidates for scholarship to Chicago, Rochester, and elsewhere.

is some fine timber in that faculty for the making of superior scholars, but it is young and not yet ripe, and conditions are not favorable in that atmosphere for growth along that line. If they were in favorable position for scholarly growth I would predict another rich harvest of ripe scholars for Louisville in a few years. But Boyce, Broadus, Manly, Whittitt had no such hindrances in their path as these brilliant and talented young men face today. Whether their mental statue will be dwarfed thereby the future will show, but it is now very threatening. The disposal of the Whittitt questions has raised a number of other questions that press on us for solution. We would be glad for our brethren to discuss these fully, freely, fraternally, and in the meantime we have no objection whatever to Brother Brock's going on with his efforts to save the lost, and not reading one line of it unless he so desires.

But brethren must learn that there are many of our readers who do not feel as they do, and whose taste and desires should be considered in these columns. The editor does not like much he publishes, but others do, and no one man has exclusive right to prescribe for these columns. We have plenty of space for all the brethren to deliver themselves, and they are welcome. The only requisite is that they shall be in order, and get off personalities on no one but the editor.

The Richmond Convention.

The B. Y. P. U. A. meets in annual convention in Richmond July 12th to 16th. It is the largest and most inspiring assembly of Baptists in the world. The good which usually issues from attending the assembling of brethren is to be found on this occasion in fourfold measure. There you will meet and converse with Baptists from all over the continent and feel the impact of their fellowship. It will broaden and deepen your heart as a true Baptist. One of the most deplorable estates a preacher can get into is that of being a narrow and

a shallow Baptist. This is a good opportunity to enlarge a contracting heart. The fare for a round trip from Central Alabama will be less than twenty dollars. The trip, especially over the Western of Alabama to Atlanta, and then over the Southern, will be a most pleasant one. It has most excellent service, with fast trains and sleeping and dining cars attached, and will afford every comfort of up-to-date travel. The trains leave Selma at 3:30 p. m. and arrive at Richmond at 6:45 next afternoon. From Montgomery and Opelika you have two trains both morning and evening which go through to Richmond. In Atlanta we will meet the brethren from North Alabama. Bro. L. W. Terrill, at Birmingham, is Transportation Leader for this state, and will assist you in any way he can. It would be a glorious thing to many pastors if they could take in this feast of the Baptists of America. Let many of our young people arrange to go and bring back a blessing to improve the work in our state. You will, besides the benefits usually accruing from such a meeting, get many new and helpful ideas and increased inspiration for the future. Let the churches send their pastors and they will bring back a rich return for the expense. Excellent lodging will be furnished in Richmond at less than one dollar per day. Write to Bro. Terrill and tell him you will go. Richmond is the most Baptist city in the world.

Sheffield Institute.

A great meeting (Institute) was closed at Sheffield last Thursday night. Ten preachers and a number of deacons were in attendance. That section of North Alabama was well represented. Many questions bearing on the ministers' calling and church work, with the regular course in sermon making were discussed.

The Tennessee valley is a veritable garden spot of the world. It is from ten to forty miles wide and one hundred and sixty miles long, and is specially noted for its superior fertility. From forty to eighty bushels of corn are grown upon its rich lands without fertilizer. It is sad to contemplate this beautiful country from a Baptist standpoint. It is Baptist waste. The churches are doing but little for very later, and the ministry have

been either driven away to other fields or to secular pursuits for a living. A large and splendid population fills this valley, but Baptists are fast losing their footing in many parts and with it their opportunity.

Most of those attending the Institute were young men who are sensible of the situation, and who are consecrated to the cause and will make a life-struggle for our interests there. The Institute work was hailed with joy as a God-send by all the brethren.

Fraternally,
G. S. A.

As a Mississippian Sees It.

While I am not a subscriber to your valuable paper, I am a Baptist, and as I have been serving the church at Riverton, Ala., I thought I would visit the Institute at Sheffield and see what the style of the work is that is being done. And while I am free to confess that I was "snake-hunting" to some extent, as there is a kind of clanishness existing between pastors of different states (?), and thank God I found them and was bitten, too. But then all I can say is embodied in Sister Smith's experience when the snake bit Jones' boy: "O Lord, I thank thee that thou hast sent this snake to bite this boy; and O Lord, send another to bite the old man, the old lady, and all the rest of the family." The only difference between us and her is, that we want to be bitten by these snakes again, for they have been and will be to us what the brazen serpent was to the children of Israel. They had the malady, which in this country is not a lack of love or loyalty or numbers, but we need to develop the forces on the field, and believe that the classical, humble, sweet-spirited Anderson with his inimitable way of sermonizing, will enable our forces to eliminate the truth that we may disseminate it in this barren waste. And then comes that princely man Dr. David, with his heart overflowing with love, and preaches the old time Bible plan of salvation in such a way

as makes us thank God for giving us such fathers in Israel.

We were truly glad the Institute decided to hold another session in the fall, so that the noble, consecrated, self-sacrificing preachers who lead the host in the country can attend. Let the watch-word be, go forward in this grand work until every one in North Alabama is impregnated with the truth, and then the sweet stream of God's love will inundate this whole Southland of ours and especially North Alabama.

Fraternally,

W. A. TURNAGE.

Iuka, Miss.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Protracted Meetings this Summer.

The season for protracted meetings in many of our churches is at hand. Suffer a word of caution against an evil that sometimes attends such an effort.

It is usually desirable to have one or more ministers to assist the pastor in the work. The pastor ought to be permitted to select his own ministerial yoke-fellows for such occasions. But the church and community ought not to let the visitor labor at his own charges. They should pay him reasonable compensation for his services. The reasons for this are many and weighty. We do not expect people ordinarily to work for us for nothing, and we ought not to exact it of the Lord's minister. He is required to pay for things like other people, yet he cannot pay if he receive nothing for his work. Indeed, more is required of a preacher in reference to money matters than of other classes. If he refuses to respond to calls of real charity, or if he provides insufficiently for his family, or if he fails to meet his debts promptly, the church's prosperity suffers, his reputation and usefulness are impaired, the hearts of people are hardened against the gospel. No man will long be in demand as a preacher if he habitually gets behind in money matters. Yet many a worthy preacher has been thus sacrificed, not by his own fault, but by the unjust treatment he has received from the people among whom he has labored.

Preachers themselves are often to be severely blamed for this state of things. Some of them are afraid to teach their hearers the gospel on this subject lest they compromise

their popularity. Others go so far as to hold out the idea that they care nothing about the pay, just so souls are saved, though at that very time they are enduring mental torture for lack of a few dollars, and their families are pinched with want, and their creditors are having hard thoughts about bills that are long over due and unpaid. Yet other preachers speak of the obligations of the people to support the living ministry, but speak in a harsh, fault finding way that irritates the hearers, instead of instructing them carefully and kindly out of the Word in a manner to enlighten the conscience and win the heart. Let us all,—preachers, churches and people move—together for a reformation in this part of our church life. The visiting preacher is not going to suffer for hospitality during your protracted meeting this summer. Brethren and friends will take him to their houses, give him the best room and the best bed, and kill the fattest chicken and set it before him. But while you are giving him such a royal time, remember that his wife and children are not sharing in all these benefits, but are at home stinging themselves in order that he may do you service. Instead of lavishing all your liberality on him, convert some of it into a portable shape, into cash, for example, and send it to the real burden bearers, the good wife and children at whose expense you are enjoying the labors of the husband and father. Gal. 6:2, 6: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." Do this, brethren, and the Lord will be much better pleased with the spirit of our protracted meetings.

Your unworthy brother,
CLINTON JONES.

The life of action is nobler than the life of thought.—Miss Mulock.

Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord.

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, JUNE 29, 1899.

EDITORIAL.

OUR last week's issue contained a communication from Sister Ford vigorously protesting against our publishing in the Institute Department an article headed, "Convention Aftermath." We do not think the tone and character of the article justified the application of such epithets as "ungentlemanly and unchristian." While we did not agree with all that article contained, yet it breathed the convictions of the writer, and he had the courage of his convictions to publish the same. It was lawful, if not expedient. The author of that article is a Christian gentleman, a strong, forceful writer who thinks and acts for himself. Honest differences often arise among honest men on minor and major questions. None are infallible.

It has been our earnest aim to exclude from these columns all harsh, stinging, hurtful words; in this instance we are at fault, and now ask pardon, with this assurance on our part, that in future we will be more guarded, and permit no language that reflects improperly upon the aim, purpose and conduct of any man.

DOORKEEPER in the house of the Lord. What an honor! Guard at the entrance, to point the visitor in the right way. Ambitious folk, who desire to be served rather than to serve; whose greatest aim is the praise of men and the plaudits of the people, are not satisfied to be a doorkeeper, but rather desire to sit high up in the sanctuary, to be seen by men. What a lovely character is the humble, faithful doorkeeper, who magnifies his office because he is serving the Master. Sweeping by him, as he sits or stands at his post, may be the gaily and gaudily dressed, the rich, the famous, the ambitious, the proud. Now it is all right for people to possess all these things, provided they are subordinated to the will of God. Ought we to be proud? Of course, but let it be a pride of principle, of right, of justice. Ambitious? Yes, to do God's will, and to lead in sacred things and do God's work. Doorkeeper, the humblest office in the service, and yet how much sweeter, and nobler, and better than to revel in high places in sin and vice. "I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness," where vice and wrong reign supreme. He that humbly himself shall be exalted.

CONSTANCY, that principle in man that has steadfastness of purpose under suffering, is one of the noblest and highest virtues when applied to a religious life. The early Christians were put to the severest test by their persecutors. Every species of torture was invoked. Age nor sex were exempt. The most cruel and barbarous treatment perhaps ever witnessed was inflicted upon those godly men and women who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ during the dark days of the Neroic reign. History records the fact that Arcadius suffered martyrdom for obstinate refusal to adore the gods of Rome instead of the true God. The order of execution was, that he should be slowly dismembered. His fingers were first taken off joint by joint; then his toes; then his hands at the wrists; then his feet at the ankles. Extending his hands for amputation, he prayed, "Thy hands have made me and fashioned me; O, give me understanding, that I may keep thy law." At this his tongue was ordered to be cut out. He was

thrown upon his back and his legs were amputated at the knees and his arms at the elbows. What remained of these members was cut off at the thighs and shoulders. He expired in a pool of blood, with his limbs cut in small fragments scattered about him. These were gathered up and buried by Christians who glorified God for such an example of unyielding constancy. While such pictures as these are almost heart-rending to our refined and Christian natures, yet as the teaching of great lessons it is well for us in this good day to study the hardships and executions visited upon the followers of Jesus in other days. How close we ought to get to him, for the goodness and mercy that is keeping us from those who would dare molest or make afraid; here where we can worship the true God as our consciences dictate. Glorious country and a glorious gospel are ours; let us utilize our time and be constant in our faith and our doctrines, looking to the second coming of Christ.

"WHY THIS WASTE?" was a very significant question propounded by Judas. The prompting of the inquiry was born of selfishness. He cared nothing for the poor, as the ending of his career evidenced. In his heart burned a selfish, sordid desire for gain, earthly gain. If judged by the declaration he made, how easily misled we might be! He looked at the depraved side of the incident. Mary saw and felt the importance of the anointing, looking, as it did, to the death and burial of the Lord and Master.

Application: There are people, Christian people, professedly, who regard money expended in missions as a "waste." If you could put the ear to their avaricious hearts, you might hear the silent whispering, "Why this waste?" Is this selfishness? Why not? Not to care for the salvation of the soul; not to be a co-worker with Christ. Lord in evangelizing all nations, is the very quintessence of selfishness, and the sin of selfishness is death. "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." "The Lord will preserve and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth." Do you believe the Word and rely upon the promise? Then do good unto the poor and benighted, and the promise is yours.

A Plain Statement About Our Debt.

We know that brethren and friends are growing impatient over the delayed announcement about the denominational debt.

We make a statement which we hope will satisfy all concerned.

Quite a number of our subscribers have asked us to wait until July 1st, some others are slow about responding. Brethren should remember that our pledge has been from the beginning that nothing should be paid out until all the funds shall be in hand. The committee are determined to live up to their pledge honestly. We hope the final announcement will not be delayed longer than next week, and it will not be, if all the subscriptions are paid, for the full amount has been subscribed.

A. C. DAVIDSON,
W. B. CRUMPTON,
B. D. GRAY.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Alabama B. Y. P. U. State Convention

Will meet in Woodlawn, a suburb of Birmingham, on July 27-28. All Baptist churches in the State are requested to send delegates. There will be free entertainment. Information in regard to program and railroad fare will be published later.

L. W. TERRILL,
Secretary.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. N. R. Pittman requests us to change the address of his paper from Mexico, Missouri, to Clinton, in the same state.

W. J. Elliott, Montgomery: Two received the hand of fellowship at Wetumpka last Sunday, making five who have joined since our last report.

Dr. C. W. Buck preached at Adams Street church on Sunday morning last. The sermon gave great satisfaction to an appreciative congregation.

Pastor Bomar, at Marion, expects soon to leave on his summer vacation, and Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry will preach for him during the month of July.

The First Baptist church at Talladega has taken steps to build a pastorium, which it is expected to have completed by October. The church has owned a lot for some time.

A gentleman with some experience as Teacher can have a school of nine months, with salary of \$50 per month, in a good community, by applying with reference to Rev. J. B. Powell, Soapstone, Dallas county, Ala.

Our good friend Mrs. H. L. Mellen, of Livingston, was kind enough to send, besides her own renewal, the money for one other and also for a new subscriber. An active Christian worker finds many ways of doing good.

Many names have been mentioned in connection with the presidency of the Girls' School at Montevallo, and the Republican, of Anniston, adds the name of Prof. Frazer, of Mississippi, formerly president of the Judson.

Abbeville Times, 23d: Jacob, the son of Rev. G. M. Parker, came very near being killed yesterday evening. He fell from the top of a high gallows on his head,

conscious, but this morning is all right.

Mr. J. L. Wilkes has been re-elected mayor of Sylacauga. He is a son of the late Rev. Washington Wilkes, D. D., and also a subscriber to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. It always gratifies us to see the sons of our brethren deservedly honored by their fellow citizens.

Rev. W. G. Hubbard, of Bibb county, feels thankful. Cedar Grove and Coaling churches recently presented him a good saddle horse. He may feel a little elevated also, but we have no doubt that he still speaks to the other preachers up there just as he did before.

A heavy rain late last Sunday afternoon, followed by dripping and drizzling during the night and on Monday, was a great benefit to Montgomery and the surrounding country. The earth was very dry, and plants were suffering, including some of the shade trees in the city.

Stanton: Good and attentive congregation at the morning service at Ebenezer church on Sunday. Pastor Ruddick preached a good sermon from Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever." There was no service at night on account of rain.

A correspondent of the Advertiser says that on Sunday last Pastor Mullen, assisted by Rev. W. F. McCain, baptized into the fellowship of Oxmoor Baptist church Mrs. Maggie Pendergrass, aged one hundred and three years. Sitting in a chair she was carried into the water by the ministers, and the baptism was easily performed by inclining the chair backward. The old sister has been bed-ridden for many years.

The protracted services at the Baptist church at Prattville closed Thursday night of last week. There were eleven accessions, some by letter. Pastor Sims was assisted by Rev. L. M. Bradley, of Greenville, the last four days. The dedication of the new church and that good meeting gave pastor and people reason for continued joy.

On Sunday, June 18th, the church at Sandy Ridge, Lowndes county, set apart to the office of deacon Bro. Erastus M. Andress. Presbytery: Brethren T. S. Sanford, W. P. McQueen, G. S. Morrison; J. C. Fonville, secretary. Sermon by Bro. Sanford; laying on of hands by presbytery; charge by Bro. Fonville.

We have the program of Montgomery association, which meets at Mt. Hebron church, near Elmore Station, on Wednesday, Aug. 16, and the programs of a few fifth Sunday meetings, which will be printed next week. The length of these programs, and the time at which they were received excluded them this week.

Miss Fannie E. Noble, of Avery, Etowah county, sends renewal and says, "I can't think of trying to do without the paper. It seems to me it grows better all the while." Similar expressions from many other subscribers encourage us to feel that we are at least partially successful in our efforts to meet the requirements of the denomination in the state.

G. M. Parker, Pastor, Abbeville, June 25: All Abbeville is clothed in mourning today. Judge Foster, one of our foremost citizens, is dead. He went to Montgomery Friday morning to have an operation performed for appendicitis, and before the shades of evening closed a message came over the wires that he was dead. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church and an upright Christian gentleman.

Rev. J. M. Greene and family, of Tulare, California, are visiting Mrs. Greene's mother, Mrs. B. F. Ivey, on Madison avenue. Bro. G. will spend sometime with relatives at Brundidge. He is an Alabama boy, and was well known in the Centennial association while a student at Howard College twenty years ago. He preached to a good congregation at Clayton Street church last Sunday.

Rev. L. G. Broughton, who assisted Bro. Quisenberry in a meeting at Adams Street church, this city, last year, has created a sensation in Atlanta. From his pulpit he charged the mayor of that city with being a drunkard and a libertine, and has since laid the charge before the City Council. It is stated that the mayor quit drinking twenty-five years ago, but since his election has returned to the old habit.

Avondale: Bro. Burns came Monday night and preached for us till Friday night. We had decided to close the meeting, as there was not interest sufficient to justify its continuance. But on Sunday there was an expression of general desire for the meeting to go on. So it will continue through the week. Fine congregations Sunday. One accession by letter. Pastor Hunter preached at both services. Our hearts' desire is a great revival. Pray for our success, brethren.

I. N. Langston, Luverne: We closed a good meeting here on Thursday, 22d inst., in which Bro. I. A. White did the preaching. He is a strong preacher, and has sown good seed in Luverne. His style is simple and plain, he uses no unnecessary words, and his methods are above reproach. Results: Christians aroused and edified, sinners convicted and converted, and six added to the church. I had for years.

heartily commend Bro. White to the brethren over the state as one of the best yokefellows I ever knew. All our hearts are glad on account of those showers of blessings, for which we give God the praise. The cause at Luverne is looking up, and soon we hope to have one of the strongest churches in the state.

Greenville: Efficient work was done by our ladies during last week in two entertainments, "Recitations, Songs of Ireland and Gems of Scottish Song," and a "Moonlight Picnic." In addition to a good overflowing measure of heat and rain, returns amounted to something over \$43. After a successful meeting in Prattville, Pastor Bradley returned home and preached with his usual faithfulness Sunday morning. Rain prevented service in the evening.

Circuit Judge J. Webb Foster of Abbeville, died suddenly in Montgomery June 21. On the day before he sent to this office a check for two years subscription to the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and in a typewritten letter apologized for the handwriting on the check by saying that he was quite unwell. He was brought to Montgomery for treatment that day, and died unexpectedly to his physician. The death of Judge Foster is a serious loss to the judiciary and the citizenship of the state, to say nothing of his family and the Baptist denomination.

Clarence Smith, Fredonia: We had good congregations at Macedonia at our last meeting. We observed the Lord's supper, and it was a solemn occasion. Our protracted meeting at that church will embrace the 5th Sunday in July, and the members are looking forward to it with great interest. We have there some of the best people in the country, and they made the

times by a comfortable sum in cash through the hands of Bro. Tom Embrey. My time is not filled up, and I could help some of the pastors in protracted meetings.

It will be remembered that a few months since we proposed to compromise with subscribers who had fallen far behind with their subscription, and who felt unable to pay up. But Rev. L. H. Baker, of Toledo, Fayette county, informed us that he would not accept the offer, as it was his rule to pay in full whatever he owed. He had been unfortunate, but would soon begin to make payment of what he owed. It is our rule not to quarrel with a subscriber who wishes to pay, so we let this brother have his own way about it. And he is keeping his word. Every now and then he makes a payment, and one more pull will bring him to the top of the hill where he can have a breathing spell. Our brother is an example not only to his own flock, but to others as well.

Mrs. O. J. Burson, Buena Vista: I am rejoiced to know that Bro. W. B. Crumpton is numbered among our noble men again. We have a noble Bro. Crumpton as our pastor, much loved and honored by our people. His visits are looked forward to with great pleasure by old and young. The little tots call him "Budder Tumpton." He has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. The young men's prayer meeting was kept alive all winter, and is now growing in interest. When we take into consideration the distance most of our young men live from the church, (from one mile to four and six) we certainly should commend them. Of course you know we have an evergreen Sunday school, and have had for years.

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GREENVILLE, TEX., May 4, '99.
Dr. Wm. O. Bye, Kansas City, Mo.

DEAR DOCTOR:—It gives me great pleasure to write you that my wife is up and has been visiting friends in the city almost every day for a week. Last August she had her left breast amputated and we thought her cancer was cured. In October the cancer reappeared in the right breast. In an incredibly short time the breast was enormously swollen, the tumor seeming to be as large as a saucer. The lower half of the breast was much inflamed and the pain was excruciating. She refused to have the knife applied again, and I sent immediately for your Combination Oils. She began using them about Oct. 26. In three or four weeks the swelling and inflammation had subsided. We have kept up the use of the oils all along. She had some serious complications with other troubles peculiar to women of her age (43). All along she had the most careful attention of our local physician, who has taken scrupulous pains with her general health. She is not well yet, but after eight months confinement to her room, which none of us expected her to leave alive, she is now able to sit up a good portion of each day—goes to her meals and drives down town and to see her friends. Yours very truly,

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

CUBA.

Yellow fever has appeared among the troops at Havana, but the doctors think the few cases will be kept from spreading. At Santiago, also, there are four or five cases, but the authorities express no fear of an epidemic.

A writer from Cuba, who was with the army at the taking of Santiago, and has watched the progress of events in different parts of the island, says that the mass of the people are accepting American rule and adapting themselves to our ideas of things more easily and pleasantly than appears on the surface. The opposition and loud talk come from a comparatively few noisy politicians and malcontents.

Gov. Gen. Brooke and Gen. Gomez are still trying to get the Cuban army rolls into such condition that the men who are really entitled to receive the money may get it.

THE PHILIPPINES.

On the surface there is no material change in the situation. Gen. Otis still reports that the insurgent forces appear to be scattering and weakening. However, they keep up their active resistance. The rainy season has set in, and active operations will be restricted. Our troops are very much fatigued and need rest. More troops are being sent there, and the volunteers are coming home.

It has been decided to send Gen. Otis about 20,000 more men, most of whom are to be recruited, and increase his force to 50,000. It is said that Gen. Wheeler will go.

Admiral Dewey is leisurely making his way home, and expects to arrive in September. His health has improved.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Those Mormon Elders.

Dear Baptist: I hope the brethren who have seen so many Mormons will not wait for an appointment by the State Mission Board to take their Bibles and refute the God dishonoring, soul destroying, devil pleasing heresy of Mormonism. I tell you now that our pastors must meet this heresy. It cannot be met by evangelists. It tires me for brethren to be forever calling out "Wolf!" Why not kill the wolf and stop the alarm?

A. J. PRESTON.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Florence Association.

The next session of this body will meet with Union Grove church, fifteen miles northeast of Florence, on Friday before second Sunday in August. A general invitation to brethren is given.

Our fifth Sunday meeting, ministers' and deacons' institute, will be held with Liberty church, Threet postoffice.

It was my privilege to attend the institute at Sheffield. I was agreeably surprised at the excellent work done by Brethren Anderson and David. We want them in our section the last of August. Every preacher should avail himself of the advantages offered by these Institutes.

B. F. STAMPS.

Cloverdale, Ala.
We are glad we know the fighting parson is abroad in the land in the person of one W. B. Earnest, pastor of the Wylam Baptist church in Jefferson county. He thrashed a young fellow (we won't say man) for disturbing the congregation while he was preaching. May his shadow never grow less. Of all the lowdown, contemptible things that one was ever guilty of (of either sex) it is to our mind misbehavior in and around a church.

"Sure I must fight if I would reign; Increase my courage, Lord."
—Greensboro Watchman.

For the Alabama Baptist.
The Ministers' Institute of East Alabama

To be held at Roanoke, July 2-7. There will be a sermon, Sunday, July 2, 11 o'clock, by Rev. G. S. Anderson, and a sermon at night by Rev. W. E. Lloyd, of Auburn. Regular institute work will begin Monday morning at 8:30, and Bro. Anderson will deliver two lectures each day on sermon structure.

Dr. W. H. Young will also deliver his famous lecture on preaching, etc., two each day.

Rev. A. S. Smith will deliver a lecture or lectures on "The Divine Call" during the session. We trust that Dr. Lloyd will consent to render us the aid which he is so well qualified to do. Drs. Roby, Shaffer and others will be with us, which means our meeting's success.

There will be preaching each night during the session by the following brethren:

On Monday evening, sermon by Bro. J. L. Gregory. On Tuesday evening by Bro. C. J. Bently, of Ashland. On Wednesday evening by J. L. Thompson, of LaFayette, and Thursday evening by Bro. G. L. Bell. Should any of these brethren fail to be present, others will supply for them. So let all come with a good sermon in their hearts.

There will be time for general discussion each day between or after the lectures mentioned. Of course we offer all who attend the Institute free entertainment. May God make the meeting a great success.

W. J. D. UPshaw,
For Committee.

For the Alabama Baptist.
The Meeting at Eutaw.

We have just closed a meeting of wonderful power in Eutaw. Twenty-five members were added to the church as the visible result of the meeting. The simple, yet powerful preaching of the gospel by Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry drew large congregations to every service. While he did not shun to declare the whole counsel of God, giving strong emphasis to Baptist doctrine, he evinced the spirit of fairness.

opinions of those who differ from us.

For many years our cause in Eutaw has had a hard struggle, and was tenderly nurtured by our State Mission Board. But at last we have a firm footing. From a membership of hardly more than a half dozen nine years ago, we now have a membership of about seventy, many of whom are among the most substantial citizens of the town.

Out of the old unsightly church building of a few years ago has come a beautiful modern building, which is a model of neatness and convenience, and an ornament to the town. From a mission station of a few years ago the church has forged its way to the very front rank in point of culture and effectiveness. If the present rate of progress continues, it will not be long before the church will be able to employ a pastor for all his time.

June 22. W. G. CURRY.

For the Alabama Baptist.
At Luverne.

On last Friday evening I returned home from Luverne, where I had been for ten days assisting Pastor I. N. Langston in a series of meetings. Eight were baptized, two of these standing approved for the ordinance at the beginning of the meeting. The good women of the place, as is usual everywhere, co-operated with glad hearts. But it has not been my privilege to preach in any town where the brethren and the men of the town gave to the meeting a more cordial support. Without being asked, they closed their places of business, and everybody came to church.

HOW TO GET TEACHERS.

The right teacher in the right place is all important. Be careful. Address J. M. DEWBERRY, Birmingham, Ala., stating kind of teacher desired and the pay. He recommends efficient teachers to schools, colleges and families, free of charge, throughout the South and Southwest. His service is prompt and reliable.

Efficient teachers desiring information should write for circulars.

It was inspiring to face such an appreciative congregation.

Bro. Langston is one of the rising young preachers of Alabama. He recently took unto himself a wife—a cultured, consecrated woman who will crown his life with happiness and success—and they have "pitched their tent" in Luverne. They have already won a large place in the esteem of the people. It would be a wise thing if the church should decide to build a pastor's home and permanently locate them.

Bro. Henry Folmar, who was recently ordained by that church, will remove with his family to Louisville in the fall, to enable him to take a course at the Seminary. May success ever attend him. I shall not soon forget my stay among the noble people of Luverne.

I. A. WHITE.

Luverne, June 26.

The Rev. Dr. E. W. Donald, of Philadelphia, in the address at Andover, Mass., claimed that the methods of education in the female colleges of his acquaintance made the girls unwomanly. He supported his claim by statistics showing that the per cent of marriages among these graduates is less than among girls generally. One lady replies that these methods of education make the girls more thoughtful in regard to marriage and more careful in the selection of husbands.

B. Y. P. U. A., Richmond, Va., July 13th-16th.

Reduced Rates via Southern Ry. and A. G. S. R. R.

On account of B. Y. P. U. A., at Richmond, Va., July 13-16th, the Southern Railway and A. G. S. will sell tickets from points on its lines to Richmond and return at rate of one fare for round trip. Tickets will be sold July 11, 12 and 13th, limited to return until July 31. An extension of final limit may be obtained to leave Richmond not later than August 15th, provided tickets are deposited with joint Agent at Richmond prior to July 28th and on payment of fee of fifty cents.

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God opened the windows of heaven
And sent out a beautiful bird;
A sigh and a gleam, like the joy in a
dream,
It leaped into life at His word.

God fashioned its pinions and plumage,
He painted its beautiful wing;
He placed in its throat a glorious note,
And said, "Go forth and sing."

Not "for the ears that listen;"
Not "for the shouts that ring;"
Not "for men's praise of thy glorious
lays,"
But merely, oh, bird, "Go sing."

Did it doubt? Did it pine and falter?
Did it furl its beautiful wing?
Because nobody heard, did that wonder-
ful bird
Lose heart and refuse to sing?

Nay, over the wide world speeding,
Far over the mountain's crest,
Away and away, to the ends of the day,
To sing in God's wilderness.

And over the lone world watching,
Where never a step is stirred,
In the midnight's flow, God's ear bends
low,
For the song of his pilgrim bird.

—Miss Dromgoole.

From the Religious Herald.
His Going Out—June 1, 1899.

Commencement Day at the Seminary, on June 1, 1899, demands a paragraph in history. But it would be a deadly wrong to the spirit of that day for a partisan hand to write that paragraph. Surely there is in the heart of the present writer no sentiment that would mar the dignity and seriousness of the events of that day by insinuating into the report any unpleasant memories. The day was pre-eminently Whittitt Day. Already the decree had gone forth that on that day the official relations of President Whittitt with the Seminary would be brought to an end. The several orders of exercises set for the day avoided all recognition of the impending event. Externally it looked as if things were to run the wonted way, and that no surprises were in store. But nothing is so speechful as an awe-inspired silence. The consciousness that a notable event was at hand pervaded the city, and imparted a tinge of sobered melancholy to earth and sky. Around the Seminary there was an air of throbbing expectancy and a sort of chastened content in facing the inevitable. There was no hilarity and no noisy rush of feet. One thought reigned in every mind and one name trembled on every lip.

Dr. Whittitt did not emerge from the presidential mansion until the time for the morning exercises was at hand. That serenity, so strikingly his distinguishing feature, marked his face and hid whatever of tumult went on in his soul. His entrance into Norton Hall, where the exercises were to occur, stirred no applause. The people simply looked at him as he moved up the aisle—a look of ineffably kind and reverential—and were silent. Later on, when the opening services had passed, and a kindly reference to the man who sat in the chair was made, the long-repressed passion of the assembly burst into applause, timid at first, but growing in volume until its thunders actually shook the house. The brother who made the address of the morning was endured when he spoke on other themes; but, if he dared to point his finger at Whittitt, he became at once the friend and spokesman of the audience. They were there to pay court to just one, and all who assisted in that were friends. If there was music, its undertone was a loving good-by to the man whom Louisville delighted to honor. If a speech was made, it got its best hearing and its loudest applause when it uttered the sentiment of the hour. If honors

came to the Seminary students, they took on a new charm and worth because they bore his signature and came straight from his hand. If prayers were offered, they reached their utmost fervor when they called for blessings on the retiring president. Reporters flitted about like hungry birds, but nothing satisfied them so well as news about Whittitt. Elect women sat through the service with faces wet with tears, and every tear was a messenger from the heart bringing tidings of grief and love.

A portrait of the retiring head of the Seminary was unveiled, and it was received in the midst of stormy applause and bursting tears. A brother, in presenting the picture, paid eloquent tribute to the original, and it looked as if the entire audience adopted every word as its own. He who accepted the portrait in the name of the Seminary felt that he gave it to every one present as a thing to be kept forever as altogether his own. True, it was only a shadow of a man, but many felt as if there was healing power in the shadow, and that it would shed endless grace upon the Seminary.

At night, the surging crowd came in, apparently to the commencement, but really to get a final glimpse of the president and to hear his farewell words. It was overmastering to observe the subduing power of his voice and to mark the strain of attention with which every sentence was caught. The occasion and the man alike were too high for the indulgence of shallow sentiment or to appeal for the pity of tears. A tone of pensive gratitude pervaded the opening utterances of the valedictory, but this soon gave place to a thrilling appeal for steadfastness in upholding the fundamental doctrines upon which the Seminary was founded. His last words were a plea for loyalty to truth. There was a mellowness of manner, a quiet sense of self respect, and a touch of exalted charity in his tone that went to the hearts of his brethren. He had been through intense experiences, and the close of his official career was itself a crisis, and it was pleasant to observe with what discretion and grace he bore himself. Not an enemy, if he had been there, could have uttered a just complaint as to his last message.

When his voice ceased, and he

official tie which bound him to the Seminary was finally broken, the people sat motionless. The strain was over, and yet the oppressed assembly had no power to dissolve. An unexplained spell held them to their seats. A trustee, unbidden, except by sympathy with the subdued multitude, quietly arose, and, after a few words of fellowship and affection, gave the honored brother the parting hand and implored the guiding mercy of the Lord for him and his family, and then, after long clustering about him and showering upon him the demonstrations of their love, the people gradually retired from the hall, the lights went out, and Dr. Whittitt was no longer president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Thus passed out William H. Whittitt from the service of the Southern Baptists. He left behind him the record of twenty-seven years of continuous labor in our Seminary. No man ever had truer friends, and not one ever carried with him into retirement more affectionate esteem and devotion. Checkered, indeed, was his career. The sword went into his soul, and not all of his brethren could see eye to eye as to his wisdom and usefulness. His convictions brought sufferings, and he showed the patience which marks the hero. What his immediate future will be is not yet known to the public, but it is hardly possible that the Baptist historians of the future will overlook his name. His last public words were: "With charity for all and malice for none, I bid you farewell."

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Origin of the Contribution Box.

It may be generally known that the church contribution box is an evolution from primitive customs which is generally due to the American brain.

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Perhaps for this reason, or perhaps for some other, it was determined that something less noisy would better be adopted. An era then followed when the corn-popper did duty as a collection plate. The clink of the money as it struck the brass pan was no longer heard, to be sure, but soon there came an aesthetic demand. Something more artistic in appearance than a wire corn-popper was felt to be more in keeping with the purpose to which the money was to be devoted, and gradually there was evolved the contribution-box as it is still seen in many of the more remote country parishes.—Emma Churchman Hewitt, in Forward.

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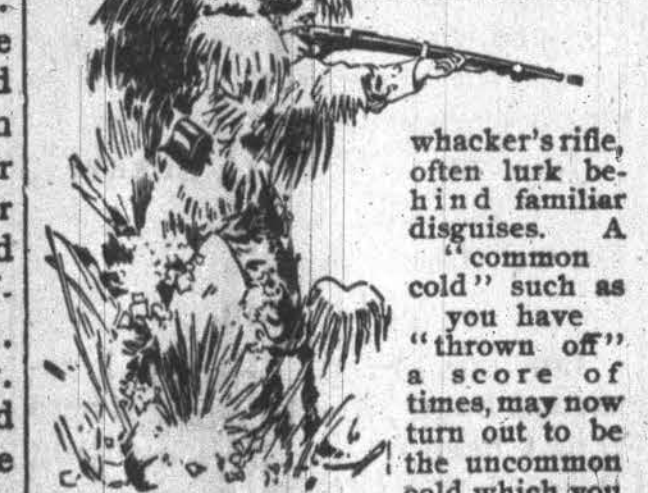
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Clay-Ashland: All crops revived by recent rains; corn looks promising, and some in silk.—Jas. L. Carville.

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Barbour-Mt. Andrew: All crops are generally clean of weeds and grass; corn is being laid by.—J. S. Willis.

Butler-Greenville: Sugarcane and sweet potatoes are generally poor; grasshoppers are still doing some damage to cotton.—F. E. Dey.

Clarke-Glover: Sugarcane making poor stands, and growing slowly; some corn laid by.—J. T. Day.

Concub-Diadem: All crops doing nicely since the recent rains; some late cotton being planted.—Alonso J. Lee.

Covington-Hilton: Cotton blooming, but some is being damaged by grasshoppers; corn doing nicely, and some is silking.—M. E. Pharr.

Having good, full grains, but oats not so good.—S. C. Ramage.

Wheat or oats made.—Geo. H. David.

well; old corn beginning to silk; no ton coming up to good stands since recent rains; wheat-harvest about completed; ground-peas doing well.—A. M. Dinsmore.

St. Clair-Riverside: All crops in fine condition; oats and wheat promise light yield.—J. H. Wylie.

Walker-Saragossa: Corn being laid by, and some is tasseling; cotton forming squares, but no blooms here yet.—J. W. Ferguson.

Middle District.

Autauga-Mulberry: Cotton forming squares, and promises to be well fruited, if season continues good; corn tasseling low.—A. B. Jones.

Bibb-Brierfield: Corn and cotton in Escambia-Pollard: Cotton is full of blooms and promises a good crop; corn very good.—J. W. Kelly.

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11 10	1 00pm	9 28	ar....	Troy.....ar	6 37	7 43	3 45		
1 20pm	2 22	10 40	Ozark.....	5 27	6 24	1 50		
2 15	3 55	11 10	Pinckard....	5 00	5 55	1 00		
7 40	6 25	2 40am	Thomasville..	1 45	2 30	7 00am		
10 04	7 59	4 11	Valdosta.....	12 18	1 00			
11 20	8 45	4 54	Dupont.....	11 30pm	12 07pm			
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	9 20	1 10pm	lv....	Jacksonville..ar	7 00	6 40			
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	3 30	5 17	DeLand.....	3 10				
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		8 40	Kissimmee....	12 33	10 40			
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			Port Tampa..	9 30	7 00			
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	1 20am	10 15	Savannah....	6 05	8 40			
	6 13	4 24pm	ar....	Charleston..lv	2 00	6 28			
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	9 00	9 20	ar....	Brunswick...lv	7 45	9 30			
	11 59am		lv....	Palatka.....ar	5 10pm				
	2 15pm		Gainesville..	4 10				
	3 20		Ocala.....	2 00				
	7 00		Trilby.....	10 35am				
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	10 30		Port Tampa..	7 00				
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		7 23	Trilby.....	10 35am				
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9 55	9 35	Arrive.....	Collins.....	Leave.....	9 34
11 55	11 35	Arrive.....	Helena.....	Leave.....	7 34
		Arrive.....	Abbeville.....	Leave.....	10 44pm
12 26pm		Arrive.....	Abbeville.....	Leave.....	10 44pm
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5 20pm	10 00am	Leave.....	Columbus.....	Arrive.....	5 20pm
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11 15	1 25	Arrive.....	Albany.....	Leave.....	2 15

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2 05	8 25	4 20	Arrive.....	Ocala.....	8 30	4 45	10 45

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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.....	ar	6 10	
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 34	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.		STATION.		Going North.	
No. 5.	No. 1.			No. 2.	No. 6.
(Mixed)	Passenger.			(Mixed)	(Mixed)
9 30pm	10 30am	lv....	Selma.....	3 00pm	5 00am
10 30	10 58	lv....	Marion Junction.....	2 30	4 05
11 55	11 38	lv....	Alberta.....	1 48	2 46
12 30am	11 54	lv....	Catherine.....	1 33	2 38pm
2 00	12 23pm	lv....	Pine Hill.....	12 52	1 02am
3 30	1 03	lv....	Thomasville.....	12 25	12 15
3 57	1 20	lv....	Fulton.....	11 49am	11 28pm
4 28	1 39	lv....	Whatley.....	11 29	10 52
4 58	2 01	lv....	Walker Springs.....	11 09	10 15
5 20	2 17	lv....	Jackson.....	10 52	9 53
6 42	3 16	lv....	Calvert.....	9 48	8 10
6 57	3 26	lv....	Mt. Vernon.....	9 38	7 55
8 50	4 25	ar....	Mobile.....	8 30	6 00

Read down.	2 15pm	4 35pm	lv....	Mobile.....	12 05am	3 15pm
7 15	8 30	ar....	New Orleans.....	lv	7 45pm	11 15am

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Read down. IN EFFECT APRIL 1, 1899									
6	34	36	38	STATIONS.	37	35	39	5	Read up.
8 40am	3 30pm			Lv Selma Ar	11 30pm		10 30am		
9 18	4 14			.. Benton..	10 50		9 47		
9 33	4 30			.. Whitehall..	10 35		9 31		
9 46	4 35			.. Lowndesboro..	10 21		9 18		
9 57	4 58			.. Burkeville..	10 09		9 06		
10 35	5 35			Ar Mont'rylv	9 35		8 30		
No. 33									
		7 55 am	7 50pm	Lv O'leas Ar	7 40 am	8 10 pm			
		1 00pm	12 20am	.. Mobile..	3 15	4 01pm			
		12 20	11 25pm	.. Pensacola..	5 30	6 10			
		6 00	6 10 am	Ar Mont'rylv	9 30 pm	10 50 am			
1 00pm	12 01pm	6 20pm	6 20 am	Lv Mont'ry Ar	9 20 pm	10 31 am	7 25 pm	11 00pm	
1 50	12 30			.. Mt Meigs..			6 45	10 04	
2 25	12 50			.. Shorters..			6 24	10 13	
2 40	12 55			.. Goodwyns..			6 18	9 00	
2 55	1 00	7 10		.. Milstead..			6 15	8 33	
4 05	1 25	7 31	7 35	.. Chehaw ..	8 11	9 25	5 52	7 20	
4 45	1 40			.. Notasulga..			5 37	6 50	</

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STATE NEWS.

The Prattville Rifles expected to be mustered into the State troops on last Friday night.—The barn of M. M. Smith, on the Henderson place, was burned, it is thought by an incendiary.—Mrs. Clara Hudgins died at Prattville, and was buried at Ramer, Montgomery county.—Crops generally are good, but rain is needed in some localities.—Prattville Progress.

Dr. B. F. Meek, for a quarter of a century one of the best and most learned professors in the University, died recently.

A British ship arrived at Mobile last week with a Chinese member of the crew who had leprosy. He was ordered to be placed at the quarantine station till the ship left port.

The area planted in cotton in this State is less than it was last year.

Prof. Shackelford was elected principal of the Normal school at Troy in place of Dr. Eldridge.

No peaches in Russell county this year, and not many apples, but a fair blackberry crop. So says the Seale Register.

The furnace at Talladega is enlarging its facilities for making and shipping its products. The cotton-seed oil mill is also an important industry of the city.

The demand for dwellings in Anniston does not abate. A number are now being erected, yet there is a demand for many more.—Probably no towns in the union are more prosperous today than are the towns in Northeast Alabama.—Republican, Anniston.

A negro man was in jail at Elba for failing to work the road. His sweetheart procured license, got a preacher and went to the jail to be married. The sheriff kindly let the man go, and the ceremony was performed, the groom putting his hand through the bars to take the hand of his bride. So relates the Elba Clipper.

The crop prospect appears to be good throughout the state, but in localities here and there is not promising. The wheat crop was not very full, but those who planted are satisfied to try it again. The oat crop generally suffered for rain.

By the will of Robert C. Billings, of Boston, the Negro Normal school at Tuskegee gets \$10,000.

Dadeville is to have a cotton-seed oil mill, large ginney and corn and wheat mill; also possibly electric light and power works.

Miss Fannie, a member of the noted Sadler family near White Plains, Calhoun, died recently at the age of 89 years. This is the third member of the family to die this year, and leaves but one other, Aunt Bettie, who is 91 years old. But an older woman is Mrs. Newton, a few miles away, who is 104 years old, and quite active.

Although the wheat crop was considerably cut off in this section, there are many people eating biscuits every day who heretofore had them only every Sunday morning, and this once a week was not certain; it all depended on what kind of a humor the mortgagee was in on Saturday night when they went up to draw.—The crop conditions of this section are anything but favorable at this time. They have been well worked, and but for the extreme dry weather, which we might say has been of two months duration, the crops would have been splendid.—Abbeville Times, Henry county, 23.

Watch the Mormons.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., June 22.—Thirty-five Mormon missionaries from Utah arrived in this city yesterday and were assigned this morning by President Rich, of the South propaganda of the church which is in this city. These missionaries are to go to Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and Eastern Tennessee.

ATLANTA, GA., June 22.—The splendid home of General John B. Gordon, at Kirkwood, a suburb of Atlanta, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday. Mrs. Gordon, her daughter and two sons were at home when the fire was discovered. With the assistance of the family servants and neighbors, the general's books, pictures and war relics were saved, but everything above first floor was burned. The general's residence was a typical Southern home of twenty rooms, and was built in 1859. General Gordon was on his plantation.

MARRIED.

By Rev. J. B. Powell, at the parsonage at Town Creek church, Dallas county, on Monday, June 19, Mr. Ivey Sewell, of Mt. Willing, Lowndes county, and Miss Annie Stringer, of Pleasant Hill, Dallas county.

OBITUARY.

Harriet E. Orme departed this life June 12th inst., when, after a brief illness of only five hours, partially relieved by the faithful physician, loving friends and sorrowing children, they all realized that—

"Here she laid her burden down,
Changed the cross into the crown."

She was born Dec. 26, 1840, and was married to the late John W. Orme Nov. 14, 1857. He preceded her into the realms of glory about twelve years. She lived an exemplary Christian life, adorning the profession for about twenty-five years, when the Lord called her hence. She was unassuming, and won many friends who loved her for her honesty of purpose and integrity of mind. Love seemed to be her watchword. "Owe no man anything, but to love one another." This she did, and of her vast circle of friends, those who knew her best loved her most. She leaves a host of friends, many relatives, a bereaved daughter (Mrs. G. C. Turnipseed), and three sons, for whom we feel the most profound sympathy, especially the youngest, who has never been separated from "Mother" before. While we weep with those who weep, still we sorrow not as those without hope.

"Where immortal spirits reign,
There we shall meet again."

"We deplore our loss, but she is enjoying the heavenly society of loved ones."

When her voice ceased, and she is her adieu.

"Farewell, loved ones! yet not farewell;
Where I am ye, too, shall dwell.
I am gone before your face
A moment's time, a little space;
When ye come where I have stepped
Ye will wonder why ye wept.
Ye will know, by wise love taught,
That here is all and there is naught."

MRS. M. V. BELL.
Ramer, Montgomery county.

Sister Lafayette Edwards, widow of the late John A. Edwards, died at her home with her mother March 30, 1899. She was born in Lowndes county in the year 1833, joined Mt. Gilead church in 1860, and was baptized by P. H. Lundy. She was the oldest daughter of Sister Martha Howard, who now wears the stately crown of eighty-four years, and who has been one of the active and prominent members of Mt. Gilead church for over sixty-six years. Sister Edwards was noted for many Christian virtues; among them was her remarkable faithfulness to her mother, to her church and her neighbors. She lived with her mother so long, and was so intimately associated with her and her alone as the only two members of the household, till they became almost like one and the same person. She died suddenly, and as I remember trying to do something for her mother. She left one child, Sister Mealing. Her death also leaves Sister Howard with one surviving child out of six children. We extend them our sympathies. HER PASTOR.

By request of the church at Vance, Tuscaloosa county, it becomes my sad duty to express the great loss we feel in the death of our faithful pastor, Rev. W. B. Carter, at his home in Birmingham on Monday, June 5th. He died suddenly of apoplexy, having returned that morning from Big Sandy church, of which he was also pastor. We at Vance are bereft of a leader who has done much for us. Under his pastorate of three years we have bought and paid for the vacant Methodist church house, and have accomplished much besides that we did not believe possible. Bro. Carter was a tireless worker for the Master. We deeply sympathize with his invalid wife, and we strive to bow with submission to the will of God, feeling sure that our loss is our brother's eternal gain.

CHURCH CLERK.

In Memoriam.

THOMAS HUNT, AGED ELEVEN.—A sweet, brave spirit returned to his God, when on the 9th of June the soul of Thomas Hunt passed from earth to heaven. He went away to that goodly land before the blur of this world had marred his pure young life—

"Yet we look with shuddering grief
O'er the words so strange and brief—
'Dead, and only aged eleven.'"

But though he seemed so young to die; though life stretched out before him like

a rosy, dawning day, the wise Husbandman knew when "His immortal grapes were purple," when the bud was ready to be plucked to blossom in another land. To the home circle and to many friends and playmates, his sudden death came as a distressing shock. Bright in mind, splendid in physique, noble in heart, and devout in spirit, many possibilities of usefulness and joy opened before him. His tender ministries to his loved ones and to the gentle dumb creatures in God's world marked him as a noble soul. To his little brother who was ill, he was tenderly considerate, and on his pillow had penned with his own boyish hands the following lines:

"A little bit of patience often makes the sunshine come,
And a little bit of love makes a very happy home;
A little bit of hope makes a rainy day look gay,
And a little bit of charity makes glad a weary way."

This gentleness was shown in all his daily life.

"Mild and gentle as he was brave,
The sweetest love of his life he gave
To the simpler things. To the violet blue,
To the little brown bird his heart was true."

It was in returning a little fallen sparrow to its nest that he lost his life.

His nature was singularly devout for a merry, romping boy. He was devoted to his Sunday school work, and carried the lesson paper in his pocket, studying it between his plays. Only a few days before the fatal accident he had said to his brother, "When I die I want mother to sit on one side and Dr. Eager on the other, so that he can pray for me as I go." He was singularly thoughtful for his years, and had a passionate love for music and poetry. Only a few hours before his death he got permission to use the music box, and strangely enough played "The Dead March from Saul"; and in his pocket was found the verses of James Whitcomb Riley that he had cut from the Sunday Advertiser, beginning—

"O heart of mine, we shouldn't
Worry so.
What we've missed of calm we couldn't
Have, you know!
What we've met of stormy pain,
And of sorrow's driving rain,
We can better meet again
If it blow!"

May sorrowing ones be comforted. In that "far off land, streaked with immortal dawn," this bright, brave soul is developing into fuller beauty under the smile of that blessed Master whom he loved and trusted.

"I cannot say and I will not say
That he is dead; he is just away;
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land."

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Montgomery, June 20.

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Notice to Non-Resident.
ELLIS & GAY vs. J. J. HUNTER.
Pending before M. H. Stuart, Justice of the Peace for Montgomery county, Alabama.

ATTACHMENT.
In this cause it appears by the affidavit of Geo. W. Ellis that the defendant is over the age of 21 years, and is a resident of Warrenton, in the State of Florida. It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, a newspaper published in Montgomery, Alabama, once a week for three successive weeks, requiring the said J. J. Hunter to plead or answer the complaint in this cause by the 14th day of July, 1899, or three days thereafter a judgment of default will be taken against him.
Given under my hand this 20th day of June, 1899.
M. W. STUART, J. P.
June 29-31

For the Alabama Baptist.
The North Alabama Baptist Collegiate Institute and Normal School.

Editor Baptist: As a matter of news, in which some of your readers may be interested, permit me to say that the trustees of the above school met at Decatur yesterday to take into consideration the subject of its removal and location somewhere else. For good and sufficient reasons the trustees thought best to remove the school from Danville.

After considering several places that indicated a desire to have the school, the trustees by a large majority located the school on the mountain one mile from Trinity depot and six miles from Decatur. This place was for years noted for having a good school. It is a very healthy locality. The citizens of the Trinity neighborhood have given very liberally, both in land and money. The old Grange Hall, or school house, which has been given by Bro. J. Gunn, will be repaired and used until a new building is put up. The trustees expect to erect a large and commodious building near the old school building as soon as the money can be procured. Your correspondent was elected president of the school, with Prof. H. T. Lile as associate principal. The school will convene on the first Monday in September. Other teachers will be employed as they are needed. Rev. J. I. Stockton was elected agent to collect funds throughout the associations for the purpose of rebuilding, and he will appeal to the Baptists of North Alabama for help. We think that the Baptists of North Alabama ought to give at least \$2,000 for this object. The location is a most eligible one, with pure air and good water, and easily accessible to all parts of North Alabama. It is just one mile from the depot on the Memphis & Charleston railroad. This point is fast becoming a health resort for the citizens of the Decatur and the surrounding neighborhood. We think it will not be long before a street car line will be built between Trinity and New Decatur.

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