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For the Alabama Baptist.

A Question.

Brother Editor: Will you please answer the following question:

If a minister is ordained to the full work of the ministry at A, and after ordination is dismissed from the church at A and joins the church at B. In the course of time he is charged with immoral conduct of such a nature as to make it necessary to call in his credentials—which of the two churches should make the demand, the one that ordained him, or the one of which he is a member?

Homer, Ala. J. B. A.

ANSWER.—A church has no authority over one whom it has lawfully dismissed from its membership on his union with another church of like faith and order. If the ordaining church only could recall the preacher's credentials, what could be done in case that church had disbanded before there was occasion for the recall? When a letter of dismission is placed with a church, jurisdiction over the person to whom it was granted, whether a preacher or not, passes to the church which received him on the letter. If, however, the letter was obtained by misrepresentation, or other form of fraud, then it would be invalid, and the jurisdiction therefore undisturbed.

For the Alabama Baptist.

An Important Question.

Editor Alabama Baptist:
What ought a church to do with a (official) member who rents his store-house for a saloon? Please answer this question through the ALABAMA BAPTIST. We want your opinion on this question.

Yours fraternally,
T. J. PORTER.

ANSWER.—An "official member" should be dealt with *not less* severely than any other. We have not come in contact with the question asked by pastor Porter in our own church experience, but we have observed that those Baptist churches which have considered the subject, and whose decision has been made public, have decided that a member who rents a house to another person for use in the sale of liquors is guilty of giving aid and encouragement to immorality as represented in the whiskey traffic, and of deriving profit therefrom, and thus subjects himself to the discipline of the church for unchristian conduct. That appears to be Scriptural. We remember that a year or two since many of the religious papers of the country, and some of the secular papers, without regard to party, strongly condemned President McKinley for renting a store-house in his town to be used as a place for the sale of liquors. The point made was that Mr. McKinley being a church member (Methodist), it was inconsistent with his Christian profession, and contrary to the spirit of genuine religion, for him to rent his property to another for such purpose. The complaint was promptly recognized by the President and his friends, and the offense was made that the house belonged to Mrs. McKinley individually, and also that the use intended was not known when the lease contract was made.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From the Orphanage.

Here is a letter that came to us a few days ago. The name is withheld because it was not intended for publication:

"Dear Bro. Stewart: I enclose you a little offering for the orphan children. I wish it was more. I send it in memory of my only little girl whom we lost two years ago. I wish you and them every success."

The "little offering" was five dollars.

So when the heart is crushed by the going away of a loved one, God graciously enables his suffering child to find comfort in ministering to those whose parents have been taken from them.

Mrs. Hardy is taking a brief rest in Greensboro. I think our whole family are planning to meet her at the train on her return. She has earned a good rest, and judging from her letters she is getting it.

The friends are sending the children enough this month to support them. Now will they not enable us next month to pay something on what the kind merchant has furnished us when our children must have suffered but for getting it that way.

With the beginning of July Mrs. Kittrell, our house-keeper, left us, taking her three children with her, and Mrs. Fenn came with her five helpless ones to take the place thus made vacant.

JNO. W. STEWART.

Evergreen.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Dispensary at Dothan—First Six Months Record.

Dothan was the first place in Alabama to establish a Dispensary for

relief. The strength of the saloon men, and the lawless spirit of some of their allies, made the obtaining of prohibition well nigh impossible. Whether it would be enforced, if procured, was another question those familiar with the facts seriously asked themselves. Infact, after summing up the situation, many of our most experienced and conscientious citizens decided that at present a prohibition movement was not possible from any standpoint of practical attack.

Favorable reports were current regarding the Dispensaries operated in several Georgia towns, and some of our leading citizens (not politicians) inaugurated a plan to obtain one here. They were jeered at and ridiculed, but undismayed pursued their object. A bill was prepared by aid of the city council and presented to the legislature for passage. This opened a campaign of almost unparalleled fierceness. Both sides were represented in Montgomery by experienced and determined fighters. The law makers, fearing unnecessary friction, etc., advised the submission of the question to the White voters of Dothan. The campaign now took a white heat temperature. At last a ballot was reached, and those for Dispensary won by a handsome majority. The backbone of the whiskey power was broken here and its grip loosened on the life of our social existence, we trust never to be regained.

The Dispensary went into effect Jan. 1st 1899. Almost simultaneously a saloon under the disguise of "The Club" was opened and run day and night. Just before our Spring court evidence was obtained against the slick-fingered gentry at the head of this establishment, and the officers of our court put on the finishing touches with masterly

sary outfit with which to begin business. The still inside the city limits has quit, and the one outside is in a state of *inocuous desuetude*.

A conservative business estimate of the probable profits from the Dispensary for 1899, in spite of the obstacles in the way and the bitter opposition of the whiskeyites, places the figures at about double the amount received under the license system.

No saloon man, nor any one in sympathy with the sale of whiskey, has anything to do with the Dispensary. It is managed by men who have the public good at heart, and who fearlessly enforce the law. The theory suggesting this being that no whiskey man can handle whiskey for the public good.

The law regulating the Dispensary is materially different from that of South Carolina, and in many respects from any other that the Commissioners know of.

The sales of whiskey here in 1898 are estimated at about \$40,000, and the sales this year will be considerably less than half that amount.

The experience of the "blind tiger" run here demonstrates that no such thing can exist alongside a Dispensary. There is not compensation in it from any point of view.

(Signed)

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J. M. DANNELLY,
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J. A. WHITE.

Pastor Baptist Church,
Dothan, Ala., June 30th, '99.

For the Alabama Baptist. In Mobile Association.

The fifth Sunday meeting of Mobile Association will be held with Mauvilla church, beginning Friday evening, July 28th, and closing Sunday.

PROGRAM:

Friday, 8 p. m. Preaching, by Rev. L. N. Brock.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises, led by Rev. J. R. Newell.

10 a. m. The destitution in our Association.—How to relieve it. Led by Rev. H. C. Mason. General discussion. Some secrets of the indifference of the churches to the great needs of the work. Led by Bro. W. A. Alexander. General discussion.

3:30 p. m. How should churches deal with members who fail to attend upon the ordinances, and refuse to support the cause? Led by Rev. H. H. Shell. General discussion.

8 p. m. Preaching, by Rev. J. M. Hall.

Sunday, 9 a. m. Sunday school mass meeting, led by Supt. W. J. Young. Firing all along the line.

11 a. m. Preaching, by Rev. J. S. Lambert. (Collection for missions at close of service.)

3:30 p. m. Devotional exercises, led by Rev. M. Robertson. General discussion of the missionary problem, led by Bro. J. C. Williams.

8 p. m. Preaching, by Rev. D. W. Bosdell.

This program has been arranged with a view to the discussion of some of the questions which most vitally concern the churches of Mobile Association today.

Preachers, deacons and all are invited to attend and take part in the work of the meeting. All visitors will receive free entertainment.

THE COMMITTEE.

If a man is wide awake during the day he can afford to sleep at night.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Program

Of the western district of the Unity association, to convene at Plantersville Friday, July 28:

10 a. m. Devotional services; J. M. Mitchell, W. H. Connell.

10:30. What is effectual preaching? James Mitchell, John Gay, U. L. Maroney.

11:00. Introductory sermon; J. M. Smoke.

2:30 p. m. Duty of Baptists in Alabama to state organs; Henry Burns, John Martin, Will. Mitchell.

3:00. Is union literature better than none? J. W. Ruddick, I. M. McCullough.

3:30. Should any one who does not agree with his denomination on the subject of missions be an officer in his church? Rev. Mainers, G. W. Taylor, C. W. Klimer.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m. Devotional services; J. H. Apperson, R. T. Carroll.

10:00. Benefits of giving; E. M. Bishop, E. L. Vassar, R. P. McCullough.

11 a. m. Duty of deacons to the church and pastor, and the duty of the church to its deacons and pastor; T. G. Milling, T. U. Crumpton, John Letcher. Price at Dixie, Walter Lawrence.

2:30 p. m. Is the lack of missions sapping our country churches? J. M. Smoke, R. P. Barnes, Willie Chandler.

3:15 p. m. Is concert of effort essential to the success of the prayer meeting? J. W. Ruddick, J. R. Wells, Tom Maroney.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m. Sabbath school mass meeting. Prayer service, conducted by Tom Gay and participated in by all who feel an interest in this work.

10 a. m. Missionary sermon, by J. W. Ruddick, followed by a col-

lection for missions.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

D. M. MARTIN,
R. T. CARROLL,
JACK HARRIS,
WALTER LAWRENCE,
Committee.

STATE NEWS.

The heaviest rain we have had this season fell here Monday.—The hogs and goats are dying from cholera and other diseases around the town.—Times, St. Stephens, Washington county, 13th.

Rain badly needed about Athens. A large number of negroes have left the county to work at \$1 per day in the phosphate beds at Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.—Dry weather, short crops and much sickness about Bethel.—The Democrat, Athens, Limestone county, 15th.

We are needing rain again badly, the earth is very dry, and crops are suffering. The grass or hay crop will be very poor unless we get rain soon.—Abbeville Times, Henry county, 14th.

Lit Johnson's skull was slightly fractured by a falling timber at Conecuh river bridge, but he was resting well Thursday.—Mr. J. Horace, Vinson has sold out, and will spend the remainder of the summer in New York.—Guardian, Georgiana, Butler county, 14th.

One third of a wheat crop made about Leesdale, Morgan county; weather dry there and at Lacy Springs.—Hartsell Enquirer.

The Confederate Veterans of Tuscaloosa county will have a basket picnic at Lake Lorraine Aug. 12.

A dispatch says that some farmers in Escambia county, this State, being allured by a dealer in "green goods" (counterfeit money) raised a thousand dollars and sent a man to Chattanooga to get the "goods" at \$10 for \$1. He found the man, went with him to the place, gave him the money at the door, the man went in the room, closed the door, and the "sucker" never saw him or the money again. Was the man who got the money more dishonest than those from whom he got it?

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urer; P. O. Box 768, Montgomery.

From the Baptist and Reflector.

An Experience With Mormon- ism.

"The judgments of Almighty God
shall be upon you, and you shall
never prosper."

These words were spoken to the
writer in Goodlettsville, Tenn., on
June 25th, by a Mormon elder. It
was this way: I had preached at
Union Hill that day, and was at
the home of Bro. Cole arranging to
depart for Nashville that night.
Two men came in at the gate, and
Bro. Cole said to me softly: "Those
are Mormon elders." They came
up smiling and extended their
hands, speaking their names and
enquiring ours.

"We are ministers of the gos-
pel."

"What denomination?" I que-
ried.

"We are elders of the church of
Latter Day Saints."

"Yes, Mormons," I replied.

"Yes, they call us that, and we
are greatly surprised at the way
some people regard us. They seem
to think we are great monsters.
We are trying to disabuse the minds
of the people. We have 600 mis-
sionaries with headquarters at Chat-
tanooga, and 100 elders are assigned
to work in Tennessee. We are
canvassing every house in the state,
for we wish the people to become
better acquainted with our doc-
trine."

This said the speaker, handing
me a tract.

"Yes," I replied, "I do sincerely
hope the people will become better
acquainted with your doctrine, for
when they do you will not find an
abiding place among them."

"How so? Are we as bad as all
that?"

"Yes," I continued, "the half of
your corruption as a people has
never been told. Your people have
been notoriously corrupt from the
start. Your great prophet, Joseph
Smith, was a notoriously corrupt

S. p. m. Sermon, by Henry Bass, been
Saturday a. m. Devotional ex-

and impure man, was more than
once arrested and tried and con-
victed of theft, and was one of the
greatest liars of his age. If your
founder was corrupt, what might
we not expect of your sect?"

"Do I look like a corrupt man?"
said he.

"You may be a correct man in
general for all I know," I replied;
"but your faith is infamously false
and corrupt, and no people are bet-
ter than their faith."

"There's our faith," said he, re-
ferring to the tract. "Read it, and
see if it appears corrupt."

"Yes, I have read it," I replied.

"Some of you fellows came to my
house when I was gone and im-
posed your vile literature on my
wife, and she handed me this tract
on my return. But this tract
does not show the corruption
of your devilish belief. For
example, in this first article you
profess to believe in God the Father,
Son and Holy Ghost. But what
kind of a God do you believe in?
You believe in a god that has a
body and all the passions of a man;
a god that came down to earth with
one of his many wives, called Eve,
and the god was called Adam.
This god sinned against his own
law and afterwards died, after be-
getting carnally the beginning of
the human race. This same god
you say had another wife in the
Virgin Mary, and he begat carnally
Jesus Christ. That's the sort of
god you believe in, and I am glad I
am here to expose your devilish
fraud before these people, for this
is what your own theology in your
own books teaches."

He had tried to interrupt me sev-
eral times during my exposition of
his faith, but I kept right on, with
my frame towering above him and
my finger pointing straight to his
eye. He got off on his creed to
preach a sermon anyhow, but I in-
terrupted him at the first assertion
that he believed in Jesus Christ,
and broke in with, "Yes, and what
kind of a Christ do you believe in?
One that lived in polygamy with
Mary Magdalene and other women.
Don't pollute my ears with your
allusions."

"Why," whined he, "are you a

minister of the gospel and manifest
such a spirit as this? I should
think your religion should teach
you charity, the greatest of vir-
tues."

"It does teach me charity, char-
ity that exalts in the truth and that
condemns error. The Bible that I
love and try to obey teaches me
that whosoever shall add to it shall
be cursed. You and your sect de-
liberately added the Book of Mor-
mon to divine revelation. You
profess before this people to believe
the Bible. You do not believe a
single doctrine in it. Your guide
is that vile Book of Mormon, that
has a fraud for its author and a tis-
sue of lies for its matter, and your
whole system is as corrupt as the
devil; and as for me, I should as
soon think of treating the devil
with charity, as you say, as treat-
ing you with charity."

"But, brother—"

"Do not call me brother. I am
no brother to you. We are only
human beings alike, but spiritually,
mentally, morally, theologically,
we are no kin in the world. And
I serve notice on you right now
that I intend, as God shall give me
grace, to follow your footsteps all
over this state, and wherever you
leave one of these misleading tracts,
I shall see that the exposition of its
depraved statements shall follow.
If God will give me life and
strength, I expect to have placed
in the hands of every family in this
state a copy of the blessed Bible,
and where that is believed, your
fraud can never grow."

This and very much more was
spoken. The interview lasted quite
awhile, and was very exciting
throughout. The neighbors gath-
ered in to hear it, and the little
black eyed Mormon elder winced
and grew pale under the denuncia-
tions of his doctrine that rushed
from my lips and heart until,
straightening up, with supreme re-
sentment gleaming and flashing
from his eyes, he uttered the im-
precation at the head of this article.

"Hear me a moment," he cried.

"No, I have enough of your soul-
destroying, God-dishonoring doc-
trines."

"Well, then, I shall go, and the
judgment of Almighty God shall be
upon you, and you shall never pros-
per."

He then departed, and I stand-

ing erect before my God, said,
"May the God of all truth rebuke
and destroy your vile doctrine from
the face of the earth."

The editor asked me to give the
report of this interview, which ap-
pears above. But very much more
was spoken by both. I felt in my
innermost soul a great righteous in-
dignation, and that I was called of
God to rebuke this apostle of Satan,
which I did with all the earnest-
ness of my nature, appealing to the
righteous Judge to give it emphasis
and efficacy.

The battle is on, brethren, and he
is false who fails to meet the issue.

A. J. HOLT, Cor. Sec'y.
Nashville, Tenn.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance—Day of Reckoning.

For some years we have heard of
the great collections made by the
followers of the Christian Alliance
at their camp-meeting at Old Or-
chard Beach, as well as at their
meetings in New York. Fabulous
sums have been reported. All this
has been turned as a rebuke to our
more common-place methods of se-
curing money. These Christian
Alliance people have moreover
gone around the country seeking to
create a wave of enthusiastic evan-
gelism, preaching holiness, faith
cure, and the immediate coming of
Christ, and their missionary propa-
ganda. They have claimed hun-
dreds of missionaries, at low sala-
ries, but with great results. At-
lanta has not proven very profit-
able for them. Dr. Landrum openly
refused them the First Baptist
church two years ago, but this year
they succeeded in securing the
Trinity Methodist church, with
the quasi endorsement of its pas-
tor.

For some time, however, rumors
have been afloat regarding the fic-
tious character of these big col-
lections, unsatisfactory methods of
dealing with the finances, and a
general neglect of their missiona-
ries when once on the field. It seems
that no records are kept showing
how many of the pledges made are
ever kept. Indeed it is known that
a great many of the large pledges

are not. These are "faith" pledges,
made by those having no means,
but who make the pledge with
faith (?) as the only security.
Then, in other cases, bonds have
been given which have little or no
value, but Dr. Simpson prays about
them, and fixes their value in the
collection according to the prayer
he has just made. In many ways
like these the collections are "stim-
ulated" for the edification of the
world, and the expectation of other
gifts. Whatever money is received
goes to Mrs. Simpson, is deposited
in her own name, and there the
matter ends for the Christian Al-
liance. No reports are made, and
the whole financial condition is
said to be hazy and inscrutable.
Worse than all this is the storm of
protests from the missionaries in
the field who are neglected, and left
to their own resources. Some have
gone insane and committed suicide.
Many have suffered greatly, and
been relieved by missionaries un-
der the regular boards. Letters
from such as these are either neg-
lected, or left unopened, the one
answer being that the Christian
Alliance only agrees to divide
what money it receives, and that
these missionaries went out trusting
in God, and they must not lose
their faith. Meantime no expense
is spared in booming the work of
the Alliance in this country.

We have recited these charges,
which have been openly made, but
never met, for two reasons. One
is to warn our readers against any
further indulgence of these people
until they clear up their record.
A clear and open financial man-
agement, perfect honesty in announc-
ing their collections, and a love
for their missionary brethren, can
properly be demanded from such
professions of sanctification as they
make. We are sorry to know that
some Baptists have been deluded
by them. We are not ready to
condemn these people, but they
will need to meet these charges
like honest men, and not with fa-
natical protests of superior faith
and holiness.

The second, and main reason—
for we question whether many of
our readers have ever been more
than interested in these curious peo-
ple—is to emphasize the value of
the tried and trusted methods of
missions. Here was a new scheme,
based on a new profession of

faith, and here it will all be paid, to the will of our Heavenly Master.

pious superiority, and a duplication
of apostolic days. It now seems to
be a thing of a moment, with a
waste of money, and great damage
to the Lord's cause. As such, it is
one of many missionary vagaries.
Over against these are the methods
which have for a half, or in some
cases, nearly a whole century,
commended themselves to God's
people. By these, stations have
been planted and, through long
years, grown into strong centers of
Christian influence. Men have
come and gone; generation has suc-
ceeded generation, and still the
work has gone on. It is this per-
manency that keeps our money
from going to waste. May we not
hope that this new example of the
preciousness of wild and extrava-
gant methods will warn our people?
Alas! there have been lessons
plenty already! Still it may be
there are some who will be persua-
ded again to hold by that which
has the seal of sobriety and perma-
nence. The one method is playing
with our feelings; the other is
working at missions. It is this
that pays.—Index.

A Question of Polity.

The Christian Advocate says:
The Methodist system of minis-
terial supply is occasionally sub-
jected to criticism by Methodists
themselves. That it is a perfect sys-
tem no one will be bold enough to
affirm. But on the whole, and in
spite of its incidental defects, it
does its work grandly. To give
it up for any other plan would be
the unwise thing imaginable. A
writer in the Baptist and Reflector
says there are 400 Baptist preach-
ers in Arkansas, 600 in Georgia,
1,500 in Texas, and that there were
He also adds that there were forty
applicants for the pastorate of the
First Church, Memphis, Tenn.,
after the resignation of Dr.
Taylor. From all confusion of
this sort, may the good Lord deliv-
er us! We find immense satisfac-
tion in the fact that our polity pro-
vides a place for every man whom
it receives in every place. We do
not claim that the Bap-

tist polity is perfect in practice.
Nothing, we believe, is perfect in
this world with which human na-
ture has to do. But we do claim
that it is perfect in theory. It is
the New Testament, God-given
polity. It may be true, as the Ad-
vocate says, that the Methodist
polity provides a place for every
man who comes into the ministry,
and a man for every place, but it
is also not infrequently true that the
place does not want the man, and
frequently that the man does not
want place. Such mismatches re-
sult both in unhappiness and failure.
Better, we believe, from a practical
standpoint, to allow every church
to choose its own pastor, and every
pastor to choose his own church—
even if some churches are without
pastors, and some pastors without
churches—than to have a pastor
forced upon a church that does not
want him, or a church upon a
pastor which he does not want.

The European system of provid-
ing for marriages by having par-
ents of the young people arrange
the match probably leads to more
marriages comparatively there than
here, but at the same time we be-
lieve in our American custom of
allowing our young people volun-
tarily to make their own matches.
There may be more old bachelors
and more old maids under this sys-
tem, but at the same time there is
more happiness among those who
are married.—Bapt. and Reflector.

For the Alabama Baptist.

"Just Like Our Dear Lord."

Mr. James M. Burwick, widely
known as "Jim Burwick," for-
merly a notorious sinner, tells the
following pathetic and powerful
story in Men of Chicago: "In
New York City there is a place
where all the stray dogs are put,
and, if not redeemed in a fixed
time, they are taken away and
killed. One day our dear brother,
Tom Keenan, was telling me about
this place and about going there to
get a nice looking dog for himself.
And here I may say that all who
know Tom know that he loves a
nice looking dog and horse. So,
out in the dog pen went Tom with
the keeper. They were no sooner
inside than the ugliest dog he ever
saw jumped up with his fore feet
on Tom, looked him in the face,
crying so pitifully. Tom began to
cry, too, and said to the man in

charge, 'I'll take him.' This hap-
pened two or three years before he
told me about it; but, O, how he
did cry as he told me and said, 'O,
Jim, isn't that just like our dear
Lord? We are so ugly in some
ways, so wicked and sinful, and it
seems that the worse we are, the
more he shows his love for us, if
we will but cry to him? I am so
glad this is all so and has proved
so in my life. When I was down
in the place where I was condemned
to die Jesus came, and I guess, like
our brother Tom, was looking for
some one nice, some one pretty;
but when I cried he said, 'O, Fa-
ther, I will take these fellows,' and
if he had not been all love he would
have called me an ugly dog. I saw
this dog at Tom's house, and surely
he was an ugly looking dog, but
Tom said he was the best and rosi-
est obedient dog he ever had. O, how
different with us! Let us pray our
God that we may be willing and
able to obey, love and serve him
who loves us so much and so
dearly."

I have quoted quite fully from
this man, because the story gives a
good illustration of what Christ's
love for deeply lost sinners will do.
It reaches down to many very ugly
human dogs, and, when they have
let him take them under his gra-
cious control, he transforms them
into obedient and shining sons of
his kingdom. Yes, it is "just like
our dear Lord" to exert himself
with all of his might to save the
worst of men and women. Will
you let him save you?
C. H. WETHERBE.

The little five year old daughter
of Mr. Goodson of Gordon county
was bitten on the foot by a rattle-
snake last week in Randolph
county. The poison was extracted
from the wound and the life of the
little one was saved by turning the
mouth of a quinine bottle filled
with spirits of turpentine over the
wound. This is said to be a never-
failing remedy if applied in time.
—Bainbridge Democrat.

The above remedy was tried by
this editor once on a dog, and the
result was as above stated.—Times,
Abbeville Ala.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Mormonism Again.

I am truly sorry that I have fail-
ed to make myself understood
about Mormonism.

I have never for one moment
doubted the truthfulness of the
statements made by the brethren.
It is a deplorable fact that we have
these tramps among us, and I re-
gret to find that some of our Bap-
tist people will feed them free of
charge. The thing I object to is,
waiting for an evangelist to come
along to refute Mormonism. Why
don't brethren Sandlin, Shackel-
ford and Pace put these Mormon El-
ders out if it is to be done by evan-
gelists? I will expose the heresy
of all who come in my way. Breth-
ren, I honestly believe that these
ambassadors of Satan must be met
by the pastors. You see it can-
not be done by evangelists, since
the best efforts of the best evan-
gelists in the state have failed. If
such brethren as Burns, Shackel-
ford Sandlin and Pace cannot rout
the Mormons, then it can't be
done by evangelists. It must be
done by pastors.

A. J. PRESTON.
Montgomery.

Baptist Ministerial Directory.

The third and last circular has
been sent out to all the ministers
who for reasons have not received
the first two circulars, or have neg-
lected to return the blanks with
the facts of their ministerial life.

A necessary delay will keep the
book from going to press for three
weeks. Let every minister who
has not filled out the blank do it at
once, and forward to the Ministe-
rial Directory Company, Oxford,
O., that the Baptist Directory to
which the Company has given so
much time, and on which it is
expending a large amount of
money, may be a complete abbrevi-
ated history of each minister of our
great denomination.

Fifteen Minutes in Heaven.

The following story is given in
an exchange. It might be worth
some of our readers' while to try
the experiment. Surely there is
ample opportunity these hard
times:

A pastor preached an eloquent
sermon about heaven. A wealthy
member of his church met him the

next day and said, "Doctor, you
told us a great many grand and
beautiful things about heaven yester-
day, but you didn't tell us where
it is."

"Ah," said the pastor, "I am
glad of the opportunity of doing so
this morning. I have just come
from the hilltop yonder. In that cot-
tage is a member of our church. She
is sick in bed with fever. Her two
little children are in the other bed,
and she has not got a bit of coal or
a stick of wood or any flour, or
sugar, or any bread. Now, if you
will go down town and buy fifty
dollars worth of things—nice pro-
visions, and send them to her, and
go and say, 'My sister, I have
brought you these provisions in the
name of our Lord and Savior,'
ask for a Bible and read the 23d
Psalm, and then get down on your
knees and pray—if you don't see
heaven before you get through I'll
pay the bill."

The next morning he said, "Pas-
tor, I saw heaven, and I spent fif-
teen minutes in heaven as certainly
as you are listening."

Minutes Wanted.

I would be so much obliged for
copies of the following minutes:

Antioch,	Mt. Carmel,
Arbacoochee,	Mt. Moriah,
Bethel,	Mud Creek,
Big Bear Creek,	Mulberry,
Boiling Springs,	New Providence,
Cahaba,	New River,
Cedar Bluff,	Newton,
Central,	North Alabama,
Clear Creek,	Pea River,
Colbert,	Rock Mills,
Columbia,	Selma,
Conecuh,	Sipsey,
Coosa River,	Southeastern,
Cullman,	St. Clair Co.,
Elim,	Tallapoosa River,
Geneva,	Tennessee River,
Gilliam Springs,	Town Creek,
Haw Ridge,	Troy,
Judson,	Tuskegee,
Liberty Central,	Union,
Liberty East,	Warrior River,
Macedonia,	Weogufka,
Marshall,	Zion.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

The high moral ground occupied
by the hypocrite is a bluff.

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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:
Stanton, July 23-28.
Delta, Clay county, Aug. 20-25.
Etowah county, July 30 to August 4.
Cherokee county, August 6-11.
Lamar county, Blooming Grove church, August 13-18.
Each Institute will begin at 11 a. m. Sunday with a sermon by the Superintendent or some other appointee, and conclude on the following Friday.

The Institute at Flomaton.

I do not know how many meetings known as Ministers' Institutes have been held with the churches, but one thing I do know, and that is there was one held at our church at Flomaton, commencing June 18th and continuing 5 days, which I think was a grand meeting. In my opinion, there never has been such a chance for the young preachers. I think Bro. Anderson is the right man in the right place.
God grant that the people will keep the Institute moving, not for my sake alone, but for the sake of the young ministers. I would advise every preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to attend the Ministers' and Deacons' Institute that is within their reach; and not them only, but every member of the church. It is good, and not only good, but very good and helpful. Brethren, deacons and laymen, let us go. There is something we can learn.
God bless Bro. Anderson in the work.

M. A. WHITEHURST.

is on my heart very much, and I am praying the Lord and trusting the brethren to do the right thing. Bro. Knowles, of Lineville, aided me here in the ordination of deacons. Just as soon as the services were over I went home, and have been nursing mumps ever since.

The work at Cross Keys, Macon county, remains an average excepting that we have lost from our service there, at present, Prof. L. T. Grogan, who is taking vacation at his old home in Talladega county. Cross Keys keeps going with her interesting Sunday School, which is a mighty factor in church work where we have preaching only once a month. I regretted failing to be there on the first Sunday.

Providence is the best good old country church that I know of, and I enjoy my ministrations there very much. Bro. Jenkins filled my last appointment there.

I am praying for precious revivals in all my work this summer. May the Lord bless his people.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST gets better all the time.

Ashland. C. J. BENTLY.

The Judson's New Director of Music.

After an extensive correspondence with the desire to secure the very highest talent in the musical profession, the Judson Trustees at the meeting last Monday elected to be Director of Music Mr. Glenn Dillard Gunn, of Leipzig, Germany, who has been for the past few years a teacher in the Royal Conservatory in that noted Musical centre, and he has notified President Patrick of his acceptance. The selection of Mr. Gunn is in keeping with the general forward movement along all lines at the Judson. The new director is most enthusiastically commended as a finished concert pianist and teacher by such eminent masters as Carl Reinecke Bruno Zwintscher, Rob. Teichmuller and others. On account of his rare accomplishments as a musician he was selected as a member of the Faculty of the famous Conservatory from which he was graduated. Mr. Gunn's playing has received the high praise of the German press in the centres of music where it is possible for only the best talent to secure favorable recognition. We congratulate the Judson upon its policy of securing the best talent at whatever cost. The patrons are sure to appreciate this, and it is safe to predict that the attendance of pupils will be larger than ever the coming session. —Marion Standard.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Brother Bentley's Notes.

Editor Alabama Baptist: Impaired health for more than a month has kept me shut in most of the time. And just in conclusion of all my debilitated condition I contracted, without my consent, a very severe case of the mumps, which has kept me in doors and in bed for nearly three weeks.

I much regret having been kept from active service so long, especially as our protracted meetings are so near at hand, and besides some of our work suffered, as we felt, owing to inefficient effort during the cold winter months.

I failed to meet the regular appointments, but other kind brethren have aided in keeping the service going; and then there are usually some good "stand-bys" among our brethren and sisters who can be depended on to keep the work moving.

Some of these faithful ones I am pleased to have among my churches, and they can be counted on to "hold the fort" when I am absent.

At our second Sunday June meeting at Milltown brethren Woodall, David and Foster were ordained deacons. Brother Weaver, a resident preacher at Milltown, aided me in the ordination. This new work promises good for the Milltown service. With three new deacons and our two old stand-bys, brethren Rotton and Woodall, we hope to manage the "business" of the Lord to His glory. The work at Milltown has a great future.

On our last third Sunday June meeting we ordained as deacons at Ashland brethren J. J. Smith, R. L. Black, W. I. Lowe and B. F. Stevenson. These, with brethren Judge M. W. Whatley and W. S. Jones, now constitute our board of deacons, and we are expecting great things in the Lord's work by their wise, prudent efforts.

We are here just in the midst of a "trying" effort in "raising" money and courage to build a new house of worship. We feel that success is not far off. This work

is on my heart very much, and I am praying the Lord and trusting the brethren to do the right thing. Bro. Knowles, of Lineville, aided me here in the ordination of deacons. Just as soon as the services were over I went home, and have been nursing mumps ever since.

A Living Sermon.

A few years ago one of the great universities of America put into the course of reading required for Master of Arts a book the title of which is "The Philosophy of Religion." Great scholars pronounced it the master piece of the world on that subject at that time. This book answers all claims made by materialism and places religion, by logical reasoning, upon that high plane where scholars can see it and admire it. In one of the great cities of Alabama there lives an educator who for depth of thought has won for himself almost a national reputation. In his younger days he was a devout Christian, but much philosophical reasoning brought on a period of doubt. Knowing the philosophical turn of mind, the writer placed in his friend's hands "The Philosophy of Religion," and waited three years for the results. "Well," said he, "it has brought me around. I am going to join the church." Not only he, but others have been "brought around" by this living sermon. Every pastor in Alabama should have this book and recommend it to those who are confused over scientific reasoning. Every college in the state should put this book into its course of Philosophy; it will serve as a mighty balance wheel to regulate the destiny of thousands.

Those who wish it can get it by applying to Macmillan & Co. ("Caird's Philosophy of Religion.")

Please, some of you brethren held in honor, investigate this matter, and thus reach a class of men honest and sincere, but misguided.

Newton. A. W. TATE.

For the Alabama Baptist. In South Bethel.

Program of 5th Sunday meeting, to convene with the church at Putnam, Marengo county, Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in July.

Saturday, 10 a. m. Devotional exercises, by J. L. Tucker.

10:30 a. m. Organization, election of officers.

11 a. m. Introductory sermon, by J. H. Fendley.

First question: What is the duty of Baptists to the world as regards the heresies of the times? J. J. Pipkin.

2:30 p. m. Is the financial system of our churches what it should be?—W. M. Nichols, G. P. Crenshaw.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m. Devotional exercises, by W. A. Tharp.

How can our Sabbath School work be best applied to impress Bible truths leading up to conversion of the scholars?—J. H. Creighton, G. F. Nichols.

Missionary Sermon, by J. H. Creighton.

2 p. m. Temperance, by G. L. Sutton, B. F. Dauey.

All are cordially invited. Dinner at the church.

W. M. NICHOLS, } Com.
WM. I. WHITE, }
WM. KERRIDGE, }

For the Alabama Baptist. Program

Of fifth Sunday meeting to be held at Gravelly, with Mt. Olive Baptist church, beginning Friday, July 28:

Friday, 10 a. m. Prayer and praise service; W. B. Moritz.

10:30. Advantages of the "Fifth Sunday Meetings." Volunteers.

11:30. The evangelizing power of the churches when properly manned. A. T. Sims.

2:30 p. m. The pastor's work, and his attendant responsibility. L. M. Bradley.

3:30. How may the pastors of our rural churches best develop their people in missions? J. W. Stewart.

7:00. Sermon, by J. E. Holley.

Saturday, 9 a. m. Prayer and praise service; J. T. Fincher.

9:30. What part may the sisters take in the work of evangelizing the world? A. J. Thames.

10:00. Jesus as a missionary. J. W. Kramer.

11:00. What are we, as missionary Baptists, due the world? E. C. Clayton.

2:30. The reciprocal duty of the pastor to the church, and the church to the pastor. Ingran Spence.

3:30. Baptists in history. J. H. Higdon.

4:30. The preacher's source of strength and power. W. M. Rabb.

7:00. Sermon, by L. M. Bradley.

Sunday, 9 a. m. Prayer and praise service; E. C. Clayton.

9:30. The Sabbath school as a factor in church work. J. F. Jones.

10:00. Qualifications of our Sabbath school officers. What they should be. C. S. Rabb.

11:00. Sermon, by J. W. Kramer.

2:30 p. m. Prayer and praise service, by Dr. P. M. Bruner.

3:00. Sermon, by J. W. Stewart.

In the preparation of the above program your committee has allowed ample time to each topic for different brethren to speak on the questions raised, which order we hope will be observed.

S. P. LINDSEY, Chm'n Ex. Com. Conecuh Association.

For the Alabama Baptist. Selma Association.

Second Baptist Church, Selma, Tuesday, August 15th.

Tuesday, 10:30 a. m. Devotional exercises, by J. B. Powell.

11:00. Enrollment of delegates and organization.

11:30. Reception of visitors; report of executive committee.

12:00 m. Adjournment.

2:30 p. m. Devotional exercises, led by A. F. Dix.

2:45. Report on Orphan's Home, by Miles Hardy. Discussed by J. W. Stewart.

3:45. Woman's work, by J. F. Savell.

4:45. Denominational li by Law Lamar. Discussed Kendrick.

5:30. Adjournment.

8:00. Introductory sermon, by A. J. Dickinson.

9:00. Miscellaneous business.

Wednesday, 10 a. m. Devotional

For the Alabama Baptist. exercises, by J. Rives Crumpton.

10:15. Report on Missions. 1. Foreign Missions, J. F. Watson.

2. Home Missions, H. A. Haralson. 3. State Missions, J. I. Kendrick. Discussed by Rev. W. B. Crumpton.

12:00 m. Adjournment.

2:30 p. m. Temperance, by J. W. Bailey. Discussed by W. H. Simmons.

3:30. Sunday schools, by W. P. Welch. Discussed by J. R. Crumpton.

4:30. Institute work, by A. J. Dickinson. Discussed by G. A. Hornady.

5:30. Adjournment.

8:00. Missionary sermon, by A. F. Dix.

9:00. Miscellaneous business.

Thursday, 10 a. m. Devotional exercises, by J. A. Mauldin.

10:15. Education: 1. Ministerial Education, by J. B. Powell. Discussed by W. A. Hobson. 2. General Education, by A. J. Dickinson. Discussed by Presidents F. M. Roof and R. G. Patrick.

J. B. Powell, A. J. Dickinson, H. S. D. Mallory, J. F. Savell, Law Lamar, Paul W. Johnson, Louis W. Johnson, Lewis Johnson, Committee.

For the Alabama Baptist. Anniston First Church.

The night of July the 9th was the closing service of the most glorious meeting, as many of the old members say, that the First Baptist church of Anniston ever experienced.

The meeting began on June 11th under somewhat unfavorable circumstances. The congregation had been demoralized by the erroneous preaching of a Campbellite preacher, who had been teaching his doctrine of baptismal regeneration for four weeks.

There were but a few services until the entire membership of the old First Church became interested and went to work for a great revival, and their labor was not in vain. The preaching of the Word was faithfully done for 29 days by Rev. J. E. Barnard. While the preacher preached, the members showed their appreciation of the truth as it is in Jesus.

The first week of the meeting was spent in preaching to the

For the Alabama Baptist. From Texas.

Dear Baptist: When God's people enjoy a feast it is their disposition to tell of it. So Sunday, June 25, was a good day for White Oak Springs church. The pastor was detained at home for some reason, and the pulpit was occupied by Dr. Westbrook, (M. D.) of Winfield. I shall not speak of it in its beauty, as some do, neither of its rhetorical features which so pleases the cultivated ear, but as a gospel sermon accompanied by the Holy Spirit. Although the Dr. was an entire stranger to most of us, it seemed that he did not care whether the people found out that he had ever been to a school of learning or not, but one thing we felt, and that was, he "had been with Jesus." It is a good thing to be a well educated preacher, but it is a far better thing to preach. It does seem to me that there is such a strong stress thrown on education (classical education) that it is actually crippling the work. Uneducated preachers feel so embarrassed that it humiliates them to such a degree that they fail to put forth their best efforts.

Last summer I had the pleasure of attending a series of meetings conducted by two young men from a noted university—been there six years preparing to preach. Their sermons had the beauty and the rhetorical and oratorical style that pleases the critical ear, but if the Spirit was there we failed to feel its power or see its demonstrations. What little money the writer is able to give toward educating preachers from this time forward will be spent on those who have killed the lion and the bear before they go, then we can expect them to slay the giant.

For the encouragement of those in a similar condition to myself, I wish to say that after years of rebellion against the impression to preach the gospel, the Lord sent his signal in unmistakable terms, and at the signal I marched into the battle field as a soldier of the Cross. I am out to stay till I hear the signal to come home. The devil would make me believe I cannot preach without spending a number of years in the college or seminary, but I have put God to a test on the hard battle-ground, and I know the devil is mistaken. If you know that God has signaled you, and you can go to college, do so, and so will I, but if you cannot go to college, at the command of God throw down your staff, and if it turns to a serpent use it as God dictates. Colleges may rise before me and seminaries, too; the technical scholar and the critic may howl, but with all the power that God will give me I will preach his blessed gospel till he shall call me home.

V. M. STONE.
Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

Brains Better than Money.

On June 20 Gov. Roosevelt, of New York, attended the class day exercises of the class of '99 in Cornell Armory. In his address to the graduates the Governor referred to the statements recently made by several who had amassed great fortunes to the effect that collegiate education is useless in the world today. He attacked their position vehemently and said:

"Our country could better afford to lose all of the men who have amassed millions than to lose one-half of its college bred men. We'd get along without men of enormous wealth, but not without men of brains."

Gov. Roosevelt then discussed the desirability of college-bred men making themselves active in the political world. He criticised the position that because politics is corrupt, good men should shun it, holding that the very fact that dishonesty and corruption exist should be an incentive to good men actively participating and removing the evils. The man who holds himself aloof merely because of corruption, he said, is unworthy of the blessings of American citizenship.

"Above all," said the Governor, "do not become of the class of so-called highly educated and cultured, who sneer at American institutions and American customs. If you recognize a fault, come forward and expose it, and strive to remedy it. Do not become one of the class who lose faith in the ability of Americans to govern either themselves or their islands."

church only; the second and third weeks the preaching was to the unconverted upon the subjects of sin, repentance, faith, regeneration, the atonement, and God's love to fallen man; and the last week was given to doctrinal preaching, which was enjoyed not only by Baptists, but by other denominations, especially the sermon on communion from 1 Cor. 11:28-29.

The last service was devoted to instructing new members and administering the Lord's Supper.

At different times 50 to 250 people were turned away from the door for want of standing room.

Results—The membership of the church greatly revived, edified, and made ready for every good word and work; 56 additions to the church, three fourths of whom are adults, some heads of families.

During the meetings Bro. Barnard accepted the pastoral charge of the church. The salary has been secured, and the church starts out with brighter prospects.

REGULAR ATTENDANT.

THE GENESIS OF SIN.—Do you suffer your thoughts to tamper with evil, and to dally with wrongdoing? If so, you are not sincere. God will regard your thoughts, for thoughts are heard in heaven. If you willingly sin in thought, if you are base and guilty there, because you think no eye will see your thought, the guilt and baseness will sooner or later break into the outlets of word and deed—from thought to wish—from wish to purpose—from purpose to word—from word to act—from act to habit—from delight in the imagination to consent in the will—from consent in the will to guilt in the deed—from guilty deed to repeated transgression, such is the genesis of sin. —Dean Farrar.

Too many people overlook their own faults while looking over the faults of others.

A man admires a woman who talks of his future and makes no inquiries as to his past.

A man is up today and down tomorrow—and a good many succeeding days.

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MONTGOMERY, JULY 20, 1899.

EDITORIAL.

CHURCH MUSIC.

It is not our purpose to criticize, but simply to offer some suggestions in a modest way regarding religious song. One of the chief beauties and attractions of church service is the proper rendering of the songs that are sung. The service can be greatly marred by inharmonious singing. A stirring spiritual song, properly sung just before the sermon, not only prepares the congregation for hearing, but it greatly helps the preacher to preach. We have experienced the discord in singing that was so marked as to greatly impair the effect of the sermon.

To have good singing, led by trained voices, with the whole congregation joining in, is the kind of church music that is most effective. In fact, it is the only part of the public service in which the entire congregation can audibly participate, hence it ought to be perfect in all its parts. Choirs in cities, and perhaps all choirs, are, of all associations, the most difficult to keep in harmony and union. Each member wants his or her own way, and hence friction arises. This ought not so to be. The only remedy is absolute submission to the leader. It is distressing to note the mean stubbornness of some members of choirs who, because they can't dictate, "kick," get angry and pout. Such folk are a nuisance.

To have a good singing, the choir must practice and prepare to do the work. Every church should have a choir and an organ, if acceptable to the people, and this choir should be encouraged and given every fa-

cility to perfect itself. Our country churches, many of them, are paying more attention to church music than ever before, and this forward movement is to be commended. Better have good singing with a poor sermon, than a fine sermon with poor singing, for much of the good that might result from a fine sermon will be lost through poor and discordant singing. This we have witnessed. It seems to us that pastors ought to take much interest in encouraging their people to prepare themselves to render in a proper way all church music. Every church should have a supply of song books, so that the entire congregation could be supplied. If a man goes to his farm, or a woman to her kitchen to work, they must have tools to work with, and the better the tools the better the work. Churches too often neglect not only the singing, but the books from which to sing. If you expect to keep house for God, you must supply the house with those things that will aid properly in keeping house. Church service is no small matter, and yet some people, and even pastors, treat it as such. No, dear reader, it is the most important and sacred part of man's work and man's duty. He is working for God, and hence should enter into it with all the zeal and fervor of his soul, making every preparation necessary for its greatest success. Church service should be conducted decently and in order, every equipment should be supplied, and every man and woman should be in their proper place. Let us then be diligent in perfecting ourselves in church music, in order that this part of the service may add to the beauty, solemnity and sacredness, as well to vital results in impressing upon sinners the great truths of the gospel, remembering that many a poor, lost sinner has been brought

to Christ by hearing the singing of some spiritual song. Let us sing, then, with the spirit and with the understanding.

The Baptist Denomination IN ALABAMA IS OUT OF DEBT.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

To the Brotherhood of Alabama: The Debt is Paid.

Your committee are glad to report that the bonded debt of \$20,000 and interest of \$800 was paid Friday, July 14, at the Steiner Bros. Bank, Birmingham.

The floating debt of about \$14,000 has also been canceled to the fullest satisfaction of all the creditors.

The debt on the State Board of Missions of \$2,640 was also settled with Bro. W. B. Crumpton.

Also, the debt on the Board of Ministerial Education has been paid in full.

And the Greensboro church has been provided for, and the house is now being erected.

We want to congratulate the entire brotherhood on their heroic help in this great undertaking. Brethren of Alabama, well done!

We recognize that the burden has been great, but the generous and royal support which has been given us has cheered us unto the end.

And now may God greatly bless Howard College, the State Board of Missions and the Board of Ministerial Education, and foster with his love all the great interests of his people in our beloved state.

(Signed) F. M. ROOF, Sec.
B. D. GRAY,
A. C. DAVIDSON,
D. L. LEWIS,
Committee.

The publication of the Howard College catalogue was purposely

For the Alabama Baptist. "Thank God and Take Courage."

In this hour when our spirits are jubilant and our lips full of praise over the liquidation of "the debt," we give to God all the praise. But it is meet to have in mind the instruments God uses in effecting his purposes. By the heroic efforts of many brethren who have willingly given time, thought and money has this been accomplished.

On the heart and shoulders of the heroic Dr. B. D. Gray has this work rested as upon no other, driving him day and night till it seemed there had been reached a limit to the powers of his endurance. Nobly seconded by Dr. A. C. Davidson and Secretary W. B. Crumpton, President Roof and Rev. J. G. Lowrey, and last, but not least, D. L. Lewis, who it seems God had called to the kingdom for such a time as this.

Do we realize the meaning and significance of this event? Only to a few vigilant ones is the meaning seen, and hardly to any one, even the most sanguine, does its full significance appear. The future will reveal to us what God has wrought.

Let us bestir ourselves to the opportunities opening before us as never before.

Let our watchword be "Go Forward." W. M. BLACKWELDER, Woodlawn.

FIELD NOTES.

Pastor J. F. Watson, of Orrville and Providence churches, has gone to Shelbyville, Ky., for a season of rest. He found his wife there, and no doubt thinks it a great town.

Rev. A. J. Dickinson attended the great B. Y. P. U. meeting at Richmond, which is sufficient reason why he did not write something for the Institute department this week.

Abbeville Times, 14th: Rev. A. L. Martin is confined to his bed and quite sick. Services at the Baptist church will continue some days yet. There have been full houses at each service so far, and

interest in the meeting growing.

Dr. J. L. Fant, of Tuscaloosa, sent a check to renew his subscription, and ten cents to pay exchange. This was just and considerate, and this sentence is encouraging: "I am very fond of reading the BAPTIST, and always anticipate its coming with pleasure."

Those who go on the L. & N. train to attend the district meeting of the western division of Cahaba Association will find conveyance at Akron. Those who go on the A. G. S. will find conveyance at Stewarts. If necessary to write on the subject, address Bro. J. J. Stivender, Akron.

South Alabama Institute, at Thomasville, Clarke county, sends us a catalogue, which shows a larger number of pupils than we had expected. The course of instruction is extended, and the school appears to be filling a large place in that part of the state. The pupils are of both sexes.

The usual number of lengthy and obituaries have crowded our columns for some weeks past, so that much other matter has been left out; and even when it was too late for this issue a program was received which we regretted not to print. We are doing the best we can, brethren, with what you send.

Rev. J. B. Powell, of Soapstone, county, got himself into trouble by announcing in these columns only that a teacher was wanted. He had received thirty applications at last account, and the districts were still to be made the announce-ment that a teacher has been selected. It is thus evident that school teachers as well as other good people read the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

We know that our readers will heartily join in a feeling of anxious sympathy with Bro. W. B. Crumpton, who left for Georgetown, Ky., on Sunday night last, in response to a card from the physician informing him that Mrs. Crumpton has typhoid fever. Many prayers will be offered for her recovery.

The catalogue of Marion Military Institute for the year recently closed has been received. It shows an attendance of 92 young men from the best families, and gives such particulars as to course of instruction, discipline, expense, etc., as a parent would like to know. Col. Murfee is too well known for commendation—his success for many years speaks for itself.

Georgiana Guardian, 14th: Rev. J. A. Howard, the field editor of the Alabama Baptist, was here Tuesday. Bro. Howard has many friends here, and we are always glad to see him. Pastor Thames is busy getting his church ready for the annual meeting, which will be held some time in August. He expects Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, recently of Montgomery, to assist him.

P. S. Montgomery, Springville: Our church at this place is now making some advance in Christian work and spiritual growth. We ordained three active deacons in our church on the third Sunday in June, namely, Brethren J. J. Osburn, W. R. King and K. S. Woodruff. These brethren, together with brethren G. M. Truss and Levi McBrayer, will make a good working force, as they are all aggressive young men "of good report."

President Patrick, of the Judson, was in the city for a few days recently. He was quite cheerful over the good prospect for next year as indicated by the number of

Just as we are almost ready to go to press here comes a quantity of most interesting matter from Dr. Gray relating to the payment of the debt. To print it would delay the paper for a day, but the articles will keep till next week. We must say, however, that Steiner Bros., the bankers, who represented the holders of the \$20,000 of bonds which have just been canceled, were so pleased with Dr. Gray's efforts in the payment of the debt that they tendered him a trip to Europe at their expense. He has accepted the appreciative offer, but will not go at once. Dr. Gray's church also has shown appreciation of his labors.

T. M. Thomas, Inverness: Indian Creek church, Bullock county, has been blessed with a gracious revival. Ten were received for baptism and one by letter. The writer assisted the pastor, Rev. G. W. Harrison, in the preaching. Bro. H. is very much loved by the people of all his churches, and they have kindly consented to grant him a vacation during August. He leaves on the 27th inst. for Texas, and expects to be engaged in protracted meetings during his stay. May the Lord bless him and his family during his absence.

Rev. J. M. McCord, of Gurley, Madison county, gathered up some money for a brother's renewal and some for a new subscriber and sent it to us under date of July 15. He added this note: "I have just returned from Fackler, where we held an Institute this week. There were fifteen preachers present, and a great work was done. Anything that helps the ministry helps the churches. Brethren cannot have a proper appreciation of this work unless they attend the meetings. The work of this board has already been felt in the state, and will continue to be felt. I will go with Bro. Anderson to Albertville today, where an Institute will be held next week."

Lacy Springs correspondence

Hartsell Enquirer: Rev. Sam Ditto preached at this place last Saturday night, and on Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. J. T. Dameron, pastor of the Baptist church, filled his regular appointment. Quite a large congregation was in attendance—even more than could find seat room. According to previous announcement of the church, Rev. Wallis Oaks was ordained to the full work of the ministry. The presbytery consisted of Elders Jno. M. Simpson, J. A. Blankenship, J. T. Dameron, and Deacon C. C. White. It was announced that a two weeks meeting would be held, beginning the 4th Sunday in this month. An harbor will be erected, or at least this is the talk.

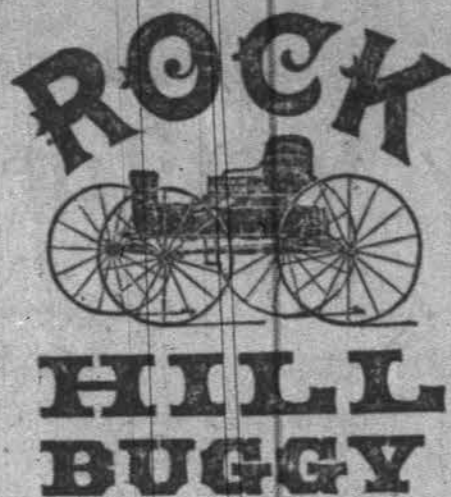
L. C. Kelly, North Birmingham: On the night of the 9th we closed a twelve days meeting, which resulted in the salvation of many souls,—three fathers, three mothers, three little girls and three little boys. Bro. F. H. Watkins did most of the preaching, and our people are thankful to God for sending him here. He preaches in the power of the Spirit, measures by God's "plumb line," and boldly shows a man what, where and who he is. Besides the conversions we feel much strengthened, and believe the preaching will bear fruit for many days to come. —On the morning of the 25 ult. at Coalburg, I officiated at the marriage of Mr. Will. Hill, of North Birmingham, to Miss Cornelia Cox, of Coalburg. Also, on the 28th, in the Second church at North Birmingham, at the marriage of Mr. John Hayden, of Avondale, to Miss Dora Lindsey, of North Birmingham.

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An Atlanta dispatch says that Dr. Kerfoot, of the Seminary, has been elected to succeed Dr. Tichenor as secretary of the Home Mission board. Perhaps he was elected assistant secretary. He would not accept until he had resigned from the faculty of the Seminary.

Montgomery Churches.

Adams Street Church.—We have begun well, and very fine congregations are at every service. The Sunday school overflowed the room, the Ladies' Societies, Young Peoples' Societies, the Sunday school, and preaching at the Park are all hopeful and happy. About twenty-three have signified their intention of joining by letter, seven have already been received, and several who are sinners are interested in their souls' condition. We trust the church will continue its present interest and that a revival may begin in August.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Revival at Brundidge.

Brundidge Baptists have had a fine harvest season. Twenty-four accessions by baptism and two by letter. In several instances the last member of the family was received into the church. Again and again brothers and sisters descended into the water in pairs. In one case twin brothers, grown young men, last two of nine children, were converted, approved by the church and baptized in the order of their ages in the presence of their aged father and mother who have long been among the most devout christians of the community. Pastor Underwood preached twenty-five of the twenty-eight sermons, and invited a neighboring pastor to preach the remaining three. The meetings closed Friday night just after approving the last six candidates for baptism, with a large and deeply solemn congregation in attendance. Brundidge church contains some of the excellent of the earth. They have a treasure in their pastor. They think they know it, but I doubt if they know it altogether so far as it is true. He went immediately over to Pea River church, in this county, and is preaching twice a day to the people of those parts

in her heart an earnest desire and purpose to improve the Howard College Mess Hall. She has already enlisted some in her praiseworthy undertaking, and should have the sympathy and co-operation of every friend of the College. Send her a contribution; a large one if you can, or if you can't, send her a small one. She wants \$400 from the entire state.

I spent a little while in Mobile. Bro. Shell is happy because work has been begun again on his church, and the great improvements will soon be finished. Then he will have an elegant house of worship. Shell has worked faithfully and quietly in this field for years—so quietly that most of us know very little about the great good he has done. He is so modest that he came near dying of yellow fever without getting into the papers as a martyr; so modest that I fear he will die an old bachelor. Bro. Taylor is getting ready to make his final bow to Alabama Baptists. We are about to lose one of our best preachers. Mobile will miss him and Alabama will miss him. He has promised, though, not to forget us. He will now and then send a message through these columns to those whose kindness he greatly appreciates.

J. A. HOWARD.

From Over the Border.

Bro. Editor: As one can never forget his own state, I trust you will permit me to say a few words to my friends about my work in Mississippi.

On the 14th of June I began work with Forty-first Avenue church. The people of Meridian, especially of my own church, gave me a most hearty welcome. I am well pleased with my work, and the Lord is blessing us in many ways.

I have just gotten back from the State Convention at Aberdeen. The Baptists of Mississippi are wide awake on the subject of missions, and the convention was a great stimulus to spiritual growth to all. We have all returned to our work stronger, and with a greater determination to give the gospel to all the world.

We will begin our protracted meeting in a short time. Brethren, give us your prayers, that sinners

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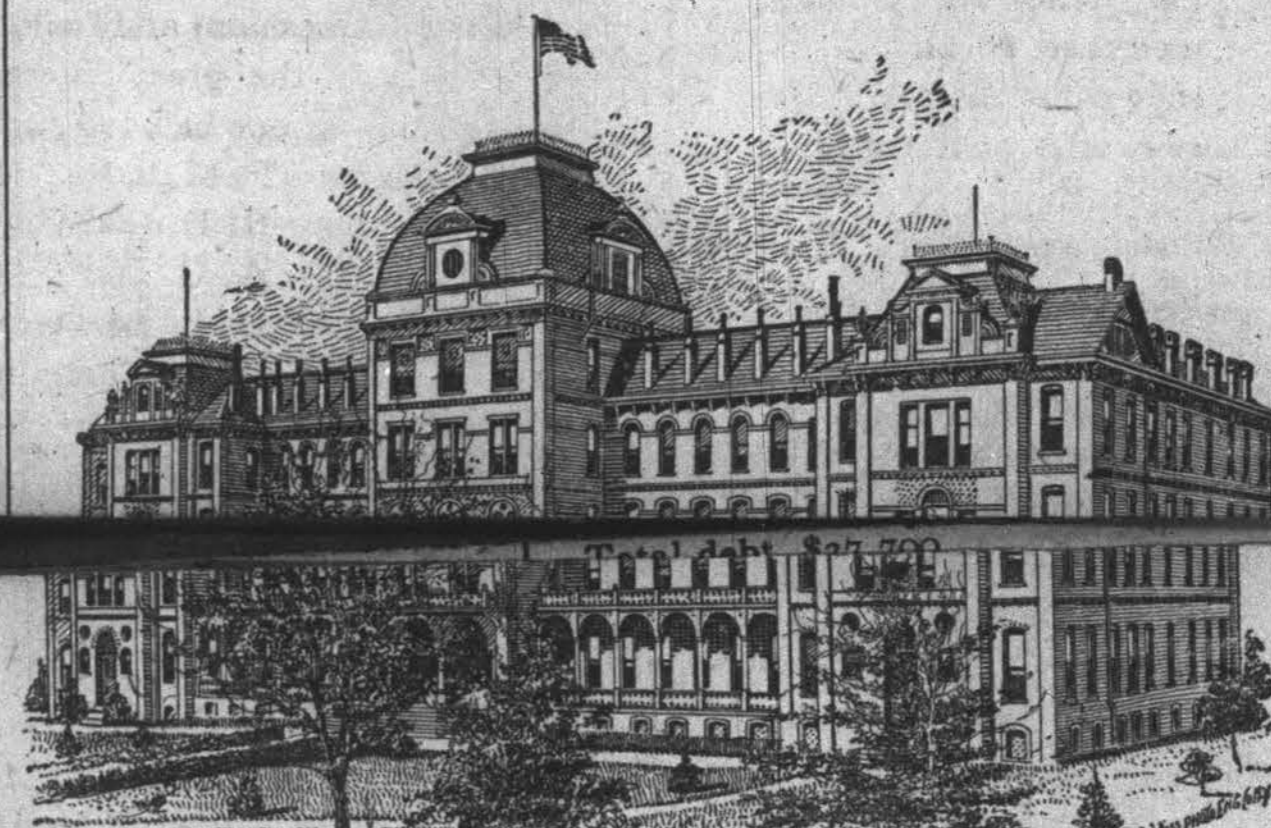
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Troy. A. B. CAMPBELL.

Notes by the Way.

At Georgiana I found Bro. Joe Thames rejoicing in a better outlook for his church. He recently lost from his forces two of his best workers, Bro. U. C. Vinson and wife, but there are earnest ones left who will close up the gap and earnestly press forward. There are indications of a united forward movement.

My next stop was at Andalusia. I could not quite reach it by rail. However, it will only be a short time before trains will be running into Covington's capital from two directions. Already large things are mapped out by business men. Buildings are to go up and people are coming in. The Baptists have caught the spirit of progress and are getting ready to build a Pastorium and locate Bro. Metcalf in their midst. He is anxious to get there and catch the Baptists and those who ought to be Baptists as they arrive. He seems to be wide-awake, and proposes to wake up everybody about him. The church has grown under his leadership.

At Evergreen I found Bro. Lindsay and wife anxiously watching over a sick baby. May the Heavenly Father spare them the little one we pray. I always enjoy a season of rest in this home, to which a preacher may go knowing that he will receive a Christian welcome. Lindsay and his wife are real jewels.

Bro. Stewart reports the orphans as doing well, and the treasury as always open for the reception of funds. Send him some money. He needs it, and needs it right now.

Bro. Kramer, at Brewton, was in the midst of a meeting, doing his own preaching. It was whispered to me that he knows how to preach, and the fine congregations that attend night after night are evidence that he is guilty as charged. The meetings are doing good. Miss Nannie Granberry, one of the best workers in the state, has

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Goes back and forth o'er the kitchen floor
With plate and platter, and fork and
spoon.
As every day she is wont to do;
And she lays them with a quiet grace
On the homely table set for two.

Oh! the bread is like the sea's white
spray,
And the cloth is clean as mountain snow;
From the pantry shelf to kitchen stove
The dear old wife on her errand goes.
The Morning Glories over the porch
All in riotous tangle run,
The cat lies curled asleep on a chair,
The old dog blinks at the noon-day sun.

But the dear old wife is sad today,
And the morning hours have seemed so
long,
For her thoughts are of the long ago,
When the old house rang with mirth
and song;
When the red-cheeked boys and the
merry girls
Came trooping through the open door;
Some, wander now 'neath an alien sky,
And some will come back no more—no
more.

There are empty chairs against the wall,
And the wide old rooms are strangely
still;
The day is sad, though the sunshine falls
Like the sifted gold on the window sill;
And the dear old wife, in her quiet way,
Does the homely tasks she is wont to do;
But the tears fall fast as she sadly thinks
Of the lonesome table set for two.
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Dallas church	5 30
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is an evolution from primitive cus-
toms which is entirely due to the
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At first, in the early colonial
days, all contributions were made
in the shape of necessities of life
—meat, flour, potatoes, and the
like. These served well enough
the purpose of keeping the pastor
cared for, but when it came to pro-
viding for missionaries, difficulties
arose.

It was not possible to send a
missionary on his journey accom-
panied by so many bushels of po-
tatoes or pounds of pork. Then
money for such purpose became
a necessity, and some bright colo-
nial mind conceived the idea of
using the brass warming pan to
collect it in. It was easy to judge,
by the noise made, of the amount
being collected.

Perhaps for this reason, or for
some other, it was determined that
something less noisy would be bet-
ter 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 plate
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 keep-
ing 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 par-
ishes.—Emma Churchman Hewit,
in Forward.

THE WORK OF OUR HANDS—ESTAB- LISH THOU IT.

The work of our hands—establish thou it.
How oft with thoughtless lips we pray.
But he who sits in the heavens shall say,
Is the work of your hands so fair and
fit. That ye dare so pray?

Softly we answer, Lord, make it fit—
The work of our hands, that so we may
Lift up our eyes and dare to pray;
The work of our hands—establish thou it.

Graduation Day.

At this season thousands of fam-
ilies are looking forward with
pleasure to the next few days, for
is not the beloved son or daughter
about graduating from school or
college, and is there not the satis-
faction both in the hearts of pa-
rents and child that a fair prepara-
tion for life's duties and successes
has been gained? How much of
love and economy and self-denial
has gone into keeping a boy or girl
at school until the course was fin-
ished! Parents conceal these things
as much as they can from their
children, but they are dull indeed
if they do not understand some-
thing of what it has cost to carry
them through. But the very hard-
est part of it for parents or bear is
when an education has carried their
children out of sympathy with
themselves. That happens too of-
ten, and the boy or girl who has
enjoyed advantages that father or
mother never knew is by those very
advantages lifted up in conceit
above them. A word in your ear,
my young friend. There other are
things in life than an education,
and you will never have more dis-
interested friends than the middle-
aged man and woman who look
over the program with such pecu-
liar interest because their boy's or
girl's name is there. How can
you pay your debt to them? By
being the simple-hearted, confident-
ial child that you were before you
went to school or college, and then
by making such good use of your
advantages that they will feel every
time they think of you that they
are repaid for all they did.—The
Watchman.

"Now, boys," said the Sunday
school teacher, "can any of you
name the three great feasts of the
Jews?"
"Yes'm, I can," replied one lit-
tle fellow.
"Very well, Johnny. What are
they?" asked the teacher.
"Breakfast, dinner, and supper,"
was the unexpected, yet logical
reply.

"Thank God for Mother."

After one of the hard-fought bat-
tles of the war, a Confederate chap-
lain was called hastily to see a dy-
ing soldier. Taking his hand, he
said:

"Well, my brother, what can I
do for you?"

He supposed, of course, the young
fellow would want to cry to God
for help in his extremity; but it
was not so.

"Chaplain," said he, "I want
you to cut a lock of hair for my
mother; and then, chaplain, I want
you to kneel down and return
thanks to God for me."

"For what?" asked the chap-
lain.

"For giving me such a mother.
O, she is a good mother! Her
teachings are my comfort now.
And then, chaplain, thank God
that by his grace I am a Christian.

What would I do now if I were
not a Christian? And thank him
for giving me dying grace. He
makes this hard bed feel 'soft as
downy pillows are.' And O, chap-
lain, thank him for the promised
home in glory—I'll soon be there."

"And so," said the chaplain, "I
kneeled by his bed with not a peti-
tion to utter, only praises and
thanksgiving for a good mother, a
Christian hope, dying grace, and
an eternal home in glory."

"Now, boys, I have a few ques-
tions in fractions to ask," said the
teacher. "Suppose I have a piece of
beef-steak and cut it into sixteen
pieces, what would those pieces be
called?" "Sixteenths," answered
one boy, after meditating a mo-
ment. "Very good. And when
the sixteenths were cut in half,
what would they be?" There was
a silence in the class; but presently
a little boy at the foot put up his
hand. "Do you know, Johnny?"
"Hash!" answered Johnny, confi-
dently.

These two paragraphs are taken
from the Baptist Argus, Louisville,
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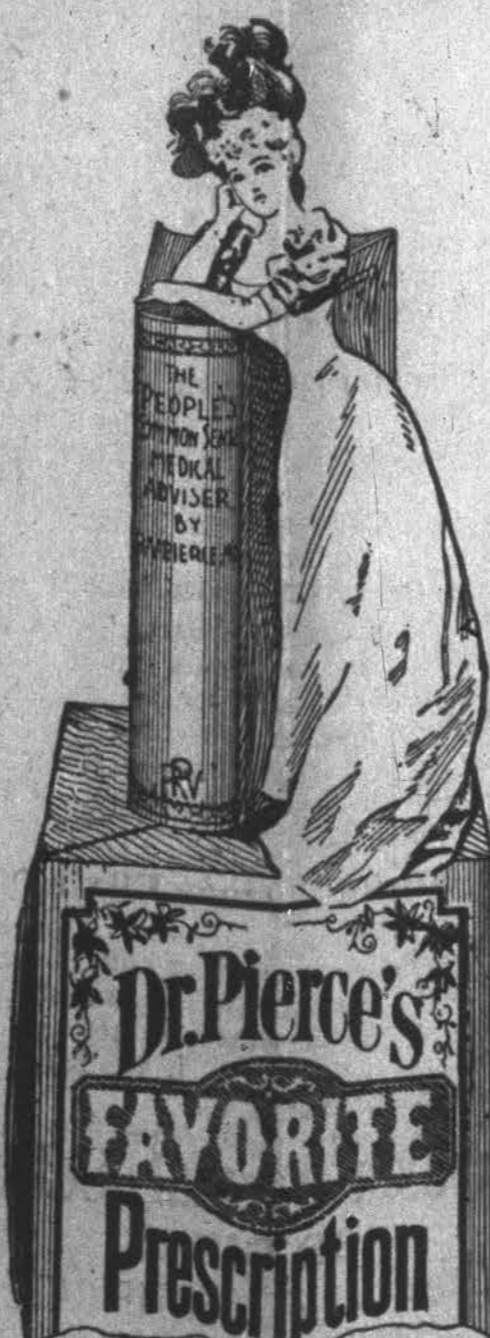
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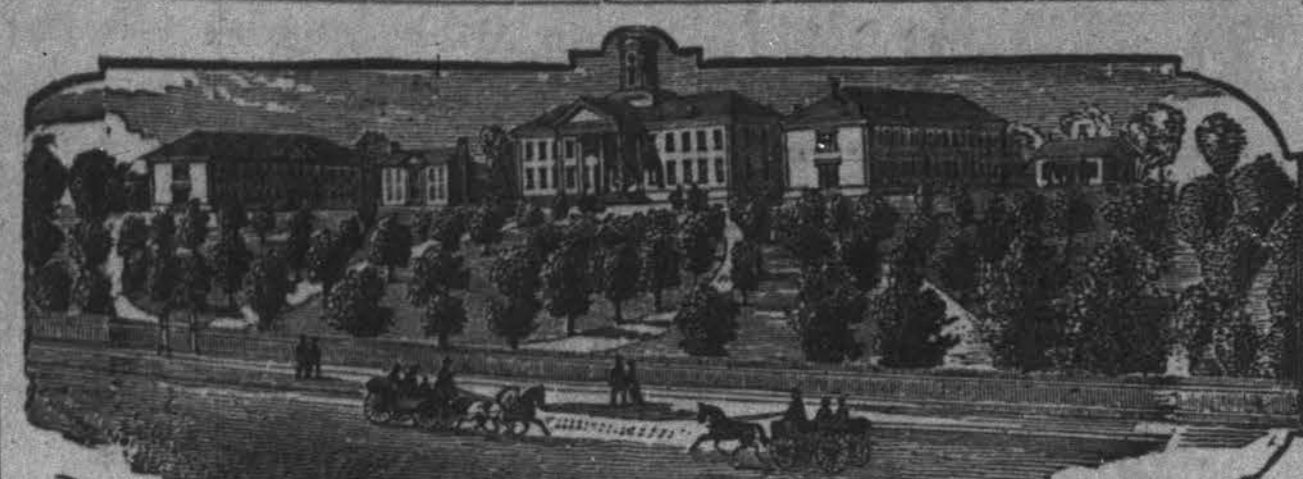
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John Marion Thomas was born in Copsa county, Alabama, December 27, 1862, received decree of B. A. from Howard College in 1887 and Th. M. from the Seminary in 1891. Before coming to the Seminary he served Sheffield and Tusculumbia, Ala., churches, and after leaving the Seminary, settled as pastor at Campbellsville, Ky., remaining there from 1891 to '93.

He is now the successful pastor of Union Baptist church, Pittsburg, Pa., of which he took charge in February '94. This church is located in a densely populated section of Pittsburg, in which he presides over 90,000 people, who are not touched by any other English-speaking Baptist pastor. When he assumed control they had 363 members, but soon a new church was organized and letters granted. The church membership was cut down to a few over two hundred, but has again increased to over six hundred.

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What is obedience? "Doing just what you are told to do." Let me ask these girls a question. If your mother should tell you to sweep and dust the parlor, and you should dust and sweep it, would that be obedience? "Yes, sir!" Ah, some boys say that, but boys don't know. I want the girls to answer it. What say you, girls? "No, sir!" Why? "Because she was told to sweep the parlor first and then dust it, but she dusted first." Very well.

Now, boys, I will give you a chance. If you were a farmer and told your workmen to pick up the stones in the field, and plow the land, and plant the corn, and they should plant the corn, and pick up the stones, and plow the land, would that be obedience? "No, sir!" Why not? They did the very thing he told them to do. "Yes, but they did it backwards." That's good. I like the answer. For to do a thing backwards is not obedience. It is not doing it just as we were told to do it.

Now you have preached a sermon on baptism as an act of obedience. Our great Master commands us to repent and be baptized—believe and be baptized. But a great many do it backwards. They baptize infants first, and expect them to repent afterwards. Here we differ from all others. We urge the people to do just what they are told to do—"to repent and be baptized"—to "believe and be baptized." It is best in all things to do just what we are told to do, for that only is obedience.—Kind Words.

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No. 82.	No. 86.	No. 36.	No. 58.	STATIONS.		No. 57.	No. 33.	No. 85.	
8 10 am	11 25 am	7 45 pm	7 45 pm	Lv. Montgomery.	ar.	8 10 am	9 30 pm	6 15 pm	
11 10	1 00 pm	9 28	ar.	Troy.	ar.	6 37	7 43	3 45	
1 20 pm	2 22	10 40	ar.	Ozark.	ar.	5 27	6 24	1 40	
2 15	2 55	11 10	ar.	Pinckard.	ar.	5 00	5 55	1 00	
7 40	6 25	2 40 am	ar.	Thomasville.	ar.	1 45	2 30	7 00 am	
10 04	7 59	4 11	ar.	Valdosta.	ar.	12 18	1 00		
11 20	8 45	4 54	ar.	Dupont.	ar.	11 30 pm	12 07 pm		
	10 00	6 00	ar.	Waycross.	ar.	10 30	11 05 am		
	12 30 am	9 00	ar.	Jacksonville.	lv.	8 00	8 00		
	9 20	1 10 pm	lv.	Jacksonville.	ar.	7 00	6 40		
	11 50	2 55	ar.	Palatka.	ar.	5 10	4 10		
	3 30	5 17	ar.	DeLand.	ar.	3 10			
		5 35	ar.	Sanford.	ar.	2 30	12 45		
		6 45	ar.	Winter Park.	ar.	1 15	11 32 pm		
		6 57	ar.	Orlando.	ar.	1 05	11 20		
		7 26	ar.	Kissimmee.	ar.	12 33	10 40		
		8 40	ar.	Lakeland.	ar.	11 55	9 00		
		10 00	ar.	Tampa.	ar.	9 55	7 35		
		10 30	ar.	Port Tampa.	ar.	9 30	7 00		
			ar.	Waycross.	ar.	10 10 pm	10 00 am		
			ar.	Savannah.	ar.	6 05	8 40		
			ar.	Charleston.	ar.	2 00	6 28		
			ar.	Waycross.	ar.	10 00 pm	9 30 am		
			ar.	Brunswick.	ar.	7 45	9 30		
			ar.	Palatka.	ar.	5 10 pm			
			ar.	Gainesville.	ar.	4 10			
			ar.	Ocala.	ar.	2 00			
			ar.	Trilby.	ar.	10 35 am			
			ar.	Lakeland.	ar.	9 05			
			ar.	Tampa.	ar.	7 30			
			ar.	Port Tampa.	ar.	7 00			
			ar.	Trilby.	ar.	10 30 am			
			ar.	Tarpon Springs.	ar.	6 39			
			ar.	Clearwater.	ar.	5 45			
			ar.	Belleair.	ar.	5 41			
			ar.	St. Petersburg.	ar.	5 00			
			ar.	Dupont.	ar.	8 55 pm			
			ar.	Live Oak.	ar.	7 00			
			ar.	Lake City.	ar.	8 00			
			ar.	High Springs.	ar.	3 40			
			ar.	Trilby.	ar.	10 35 am			
			ar.	Lakeland.	ar.	8 50			
			ar.	Tampa.	ar.	7 30			
			ar.	Port Tampa.	ar.	7 00			

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Passenger Schedules. Effective February 5, 1899.

No. 19*	No. 17*	MAIN LINE.		No. 18*	No. 20*
7 30 pm	7 25 am	Leave	Savannah	Arrive	11 45 pm
8 16	8 05	Arrive	Cuyler	Leave	11 00
9 55	9 35	"	Collins	"	9 34
11 55	11 35	"	Helena	"	7 34
		Arrive	Abbeville	Leave	11 44 pm
		"	Cordele	Leave	10 24
		Leave	Americus	Arrive	5 22
		Arrive	Richland	Leave	4 17
		"	Montgomery	"	3 40
		"	Montgomery	"	11 30 am

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

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Time Table in Effect January 22, 1899.

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

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

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IN EFFECT APRIL 1, 1899.									
Read down.				STATIONS.		Read up.			
6	34	36	38		37	35	39	5	
8 40 am	3 30 pm			Lv Selma	ar	11 30 pm		10 30 am	
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 50 pm	Lv Opelika	ar	7 40 am	8 10 pm		
		1 00 pm	12 20 am	.. Mobile	..	3 15	4 01 pm		
		12 20	11 25 pm	.. Pensacola	..	5 30	6 10		
		6 00	6 10 am	Ar. Mont'rylv		9 30 pm	10 50 am		
1 00 pm	12 01 pm	6 20 pm	6 20 am	Lv. Mont'rylv		9 20 pm	10 31 am	7 25 pm	11 00 pm
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			.. Notaulga				5 37	6 50
5 55	2 13	8 05	8 14	.. Auburn	7 40	8 53		5 10	6 03
6 20	2 25	8 17	8 26	Ar Opelika	lv	7 28	8 43	4 56	5 40
14		2 45 pm	8 50 am	Lv Opelika	ar	2 30			23
		3 45	9 50	Ar Colum.	lv	1 30			
	2 35 pm	8 20 pm	8 20 am	Lv Opelika	ar	7 25 pm	8 40 am	4 53 pm	
	3 03			.. Cusseta				4 28	
	3 37	8 55	9 07	West Point	6 49	8 00		4 07	
	3 54	9 05		Gabbettville		7 52		3 54	
5 25	4 14	9 21	9 31	.. La Grange	6 22	7 35		3 33	8 35 pm
5 52	4 43	9 42	9 52	Hogansville		7 12		3 07	8 08
6 05	4 57	9 55	10 03	.. Grantville		7 00		2 53	7 54
6 20	5 10	10 08	10 17	.. Moreland		6 49		2 42	7 42
6 40	5 26	10 20	10 29	.. Newnan				1 58	7 28
7 10	5 58			.. Palmetto		6 12		1 45	7 00
7 25	6 13			.. Fairburn		6 03		1 25	6 46
7 45	6 37	11 10		Col'ge Park				1 20	6 00
7 55	6 42	11 14	11 22	.. East Point	4 35	5 40		1 00 pm	5 35 pm
8 20 am	7 00	11 30	11 40	Ar Atlanta	lv	4 20 pm	5 25 am		
				lv Atlanta	ar	3 55 pm	5 10 am		
				.. Greenville		12 28	1 20		
				.. Charlotte	9 35 am	10 15			
				Greensboro	7 05	7 37			
				Ar D'nville	lv	5 50	6 20 pm		
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				10 00 pm	7 00 am	Washington	10 43 pm	11 15 am	
				11 25	8 00	.. Baltimore	9 20	6 31	
				3 00 am	10 15	.. Philadelphia	6 55	3 50	
				6 20	12 43 pm	Ar New Y.	4 30 pm	12 15	
				4 45 am	2 00 pm	Lv Atlanta	6 55 am	1 15 pm	
				9 25	7 30	Chattanooga	12 10 nt	8 05 am	
				7 15 am	Ar C'f'at'lv			8 00 pm	
				7 50 pm	7 30 am	Lv Atlanta	ar	7 45 am	
				11 38	11 15	.. Macon	4 15	8 05 pm	
				6 00 am	6 00 pm	Ar S'van ahlv	9 00 pm	7 25	
				11 10 pm	2 55 pm	.. Atlanta		5 00 am	
				5 10 am	8 10	.. Augusta		10 30 am	
				11 00		Ar Chas't'n lv		12 15 n	
								7 15 am	

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OBITUARY.

Tribute of Respect.

Whereas, Deacon J. H. McGuire, who was for years a citizen of this place, highly esteemed for his many virtues and unimpeachable character, fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Jasper, Walker county, on the 10th of June, 1899; and, Whereas, He was for years the efficient superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school here, and an indefatigable Sunday school worker in this, the New River Baptist association; therefore,

Resolved, That this Sabbath school feels deeply the loss sustained in the death of Bro. McGuire.

2. That in the death of this highly cultured Christian gentleman, the Sunday schools both of the North River and New River associations have lost a zealous worker, a wise instructor, and a safe counselor.

3. That the cause of our blessed Master has lost a strong, fearless, liberal supporter, and that our beloved Zion is poorer by this sad occurrence; yet, we bow in submission to the will of Him who called our brother to come up higher.

4. That this Sunday school send expressions of condolence to the grief-stricken widow and orphan children of our departed brother, and commend to them the grace of our Lord Jesus, who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities; and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication and one to our Sister McGuire.

Adopted by the Sabbath school at Fayetteville, Tenn., July 2, 1899.

J. E. Cox.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God, in his infinite wisdom, on the 19th of June called our most esteemed and beloved brother, G. R. G. Buckhaults, from earth to heaven; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we deeply mourn our loss, but bow with reverence to the hand of him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, 2. That not only has our church sustained a loss in the death of Bro. Buckhaults, but the community one of its best citizens. Bro. Buckhaults was an affectionate husband, a kind father and a good neighbor.

W. H. CHEATHAM,
WM. NORSWORTHY,
J. A. HARRISON.

Indian Creek church, Butler county.

Resolutions.

Your committee on resolutions beg to report as follows:

Resolved, 1. That the Baptist church of Christ at Compton Hill (Birmingham) sustains a serious loss in the death of our dearly beloved brother, Thos. H. Wildsmith, as a good neighbor and church member.

2. That we suffer in his loss as a deacon. He was an efficient officer, bearing a double portion of responsibilities, and meekly letting his light shine before men, proving himself worthy the vocation of his calling.

3. That as the superintendent of our Sunday school, the church and community realize the hand of providence in the removal of Bro. Wildsmith as a great light.

4. That we submit to God's providence, and "render unto God the things that are God's," as we know that he belonged to God, and that we will speed the day when we will meet him again by "running with patience the race that is set before us."

5. That we tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy. Dear ones, weep not, as those who have no hope, for, as we know, he fought a good fight, and was ready and willing to be offered up. Relatives and friends, let us all take courage.

Far out upon the widening seas
Our Captain steers the way,
And yonder in the eastern skies
We see the gleaming day;
Oh, yes, we see the distant shore,
We hear the ransomed sing—
And every breeze that comes this way,
The sweetest odors bring.

6. That the above resolutions be entered on the church records; that a copy be furnished to the family of the deceased, and that the Birmingham Baptist and the ALABAMA BAPTIST be requested to publish them.

W. M. GRIMSLEY, Chm'n,
T. D. SORRELL,
T. D. PARSONS.

On the 30th of June Sister Spratling departed this life at the home of her husband, H. J. Spratling, at Loachapoka. Sister Spratling was a daughter of J. S. and A. F. David. She was baptized by Rev. George Gunn in her 16th year, and joined Bethel Baptist church, Lee county, and continued a member of that church. She was a good and faithful woman, much loved by all who knew her. She was the mother of two daughters, both of whom, with their father, remain to mourn their loss. In the absence of her pastor the writer conducted the funeral services.

J. P. SHAFER.

In Memoriam.

After an illness of more than three weeks, death came to the relief of our beloved brother, J. H. McGuire, June 10th last. Bro. McGuire was born Sept. 29, 1848, in Tuscaloosa county, this state. His people were from Pennsylvania, his grandfather having moved to Alabama in 1817, and settled near the place where our brother was born. Bro. M. was a graduate from the law department of the University of Alabama, and was recognized as a leading member of the bar in Jasper. He was a good citizen, and above all he was one of the chief supporters of the Baptist cause in his church. He had been a teacher in his Sunday school for years, and was looked upon as one of the best in this section. He responded to every call of his pastor, whether for money or personal work, if it was in his power to do so. His death is a great loss to his church. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his departure. God bless the bereaved.

HIS PASTOR.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by Maria James, Wm. James and Flora Strickland on the 16th day of December, 1895, and in compliance with the authority therein conveyed, I will sell at public auction for cash at the Court Square fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., on Saturday, the 10th day of August, 1899, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, to-wit: A lot in that certain tract called Stewartville, north of the city of Montgomery, Ala., fronting forty (40) feet on the west side of Ripley street and running back one hundred feet, being the south forty feet described in a deed of John H. Stewart, recorded in Book 28 of Deeds, page 455, and also the lot described in contract of purchase from John H. Stewart. This description is intended to embrace that certain lot 40 feet on the west side of Ripley street and running back one hundred feet upon which Flora Strickland now resides; said lot bounded on the north by a lot sold H. W. Fancher Dec. 14, 1895, on the east by Ripley street, on the south by lot of Strauss, and on the west by Vine Lane's property. Said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery county, Book 139, page 36. This sale is made for the purpose of satisfying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, and all expenses incident to the foreclosure of the same.

H. W. FANCHER, Mortgagee.

C. G. ZIRKLE, Attorney.

Sheriff's Sale.

Under and by virtue of an execution placed in my hands from the circuit court of Montgomery county in favor of Kennedy & Cody, and against G. F. and N. H. Cramton, I will proceed to sell on Monday, the 14th day of August, 1899, at the Court Square Fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale, at public auction, to the highest, best and last bidder, for cash, the following described real estate as the property of said defendants, to-wit: Commencing at a point on the west side of Hull street two hundred feet south of the northeast corner of lot No. 2 of square 3 of the Villa of Burtonville, running thence south fifty feet on said street, thence west one hundred and fifty feet, thence north fifty feet, thence east one hundred and fifty feet to the beginning. Also, south half of lot 9 in block 13, according to map of Montgomery Improvement Company recorded in Plat Book, page 90, Montgomery County, Alabama. C. E. PARKS, Sheriff.

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J. F. SAVELLE, Pastor.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Hattie Cotton, wife of W. R. Cotton, was born January 18, 1866. She united with Harmony church in July, 1892, and was dismissed by letter in order to be in the constitution of Mt. Hebron church October 11, 1896. She lived a devout member there until her death, June 12, 1899, at the age of 33 years, 4 months and 24 days. She was a true and loving wife and affectionate mother. She leaves five children, husband, mother, two brothers and one sister and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. The church has lost a faithful member, but our loss is her eternal gain. Many earnest prayers ascend to the God of all comfort for the bereaved husband and motherless children.

By order of the church.

R. L. ENNIS, Church Clerk.

Resolutions on the death of Jacob Snell, adopted by Salem Baptist church at Pinckard at a regular conference held July 1, 1899.

Your committee appointed for the purpose of drafting suitable resolutions in regard to the death of Bro. Jacob Snell, beg leave to make the following report:

1. That Bro. Snell had lived more than his three score years and ten, having reached the age of 82 years, 2 months and 2 days. He was born in Emanuel county, Ga., March 30, 1817; moved with his parents to Macon county, in that state, in early life; was baptized into membership of Travelers Rest church at about the age of 21. He removed to Dale county, Ala., in January, 1840. He was in the constitution of three churches; first, Mount Moriah church; second, Newton church; third, Salem church, at Pinckard—all of Dale county—and of the latter of which he was a member at the time of his death. Bro. Snell was twice married; first to Martha Lillie, who lived a little more than three years and bore one child, which is still living. About two years after the death of his first wife he was again married to Mary Knight. To them were born eight children, six of whom with their mother survive him. Bro. Snell's health for two years has been gradually giving way until June 1st last, when death came to his relief.

His remains were taken in charge by the Masonic fraternity, of which he was a member, and interred at Mount Moriah, the family burying-ground, with Masonic honors.

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Snell the community has lost a good citizen, the church a consistent member, the children an affectionate father, the widow a kind and true husband.

Be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the church record, a copy be sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication, and a copy also be furnished the family.

WM. PASSMORE,
W. N. HARRIS,
J. M. YORK,
Committee.

Done by order of church in conference.
P. L. MOSELEY, Moderator.
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Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by E. T. Byington and Ella Byington, his wife, to the Banking, Building & Loan Company, of Montgomery, Alabama, on July 3, 1895, which mortgage is recorded in Book 43, page 134, of the records of the Probate Office of Russell county, State of Alabama, the said Banking, Building & Loan Company will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 31st day of July, 1899, the following described property, situated near Phoenix City, County of Russell, and State of Alabama, to-wit:

All that tract or parcel of land known as the "Bell Font Residence," consisting of twelve and four-tenths (12 4-10) acres in the northwest corner, section thirty-five (35), township seventeen (17) and range thirty (30); and thirty-seven and six-tenths (37 6-10) acres in the southwest corner of section twenty-six (26), township seventeen (17) and range thirty (30), in all fifty (50) acres of land, including said residence, and bounded as follows: On the north and west by lands of Mrs. M. E. Fountain, on the east by plantation road running between said place and the lands of W. E. Wolfork, and on the south by lands of W. H. Young. A plat of said tract of land having recently been made by J. B. Billups, county surveyor of Russell county, Ala., being the same property conveyed to E. T. Byington by George H. Fontaine, on the 31st day of February, 1893, by deed of record in the probate office of Russell county, State of Alabama, in Book 32, page 203.

This the 3d day of July, 1899.

BANKING, BUILDING & LOAN COMPANY, Mortgagee.

J. L. Holloway, Attorney.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by Thomas Freeman and Lula Freeman, his wife, to the Banking, Building & Loan Company of Montgomery, Alabama, on July 26, 1895, which mortgage is recorded in Book 136, page 546 of the records of the Probate Office of Montgomery county, State of Alabama, the said Banking, Building & Loan Company will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 31st day of July, 1899, the following described property, situated in the City of Montgomery and State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot No. Fifty-one (51) of original Lot No. five (5) in block No. four (4) of "Peacock Tract," and further described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west side of Dorsey Street five hundred and forty (540) feet south from the southwest intersection of Loudie and Dorsey streets, and running south along the west side of Dorsey street fifty (50) feet, thence west one hundred and forty (140) feet, thence north fifty (50) feet, thence east one hundred and forty (140) feet to the point of beginning, which description is shown by a map or plat of said property known as "Chappel's Plat," and recorded in the Probate Office of Montgomery County, Alabama, in Book of Deeds No. 8, page 295.

This the 3d day of July, 1899.

BANKING, BUILDING & LOAN CO.,

J. L. Holloway, Attorney. Mortgagee.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by J. A. Clegg and Nancy Clegg, his wife, to the Banking, Building & Loan Company of Montgomery, Alabama, on March 11th, 1895, which mortgage is recorded in Book 42, page 379 of the records of the Probate Office of Russell County, State of Alabama, the said Banking, Building & Loan Company will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the City of Montgomery, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 31st day of July, 1899, the following described property, situated in the town of Girard, County of Russell and State of Alabama, to-wit:

One-fourth of an acre of lot in the map or plan of the town of Girard and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the north side of Broadnas street east one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the northeast intersection of Boyd and Broadnas streets, and running north one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet, thence east sixty-one (61) feet and six (6) inches, thence south one hundred and twenty-five (125) feet to Broadnas street, thence along the north margin of said Broadnas street sixty-one (61) feet and six (6) inches to the point of beginning. Said lot being bounded on the south by Broadnas street, on the west by lands of J. A. Booth, on the north by lands of one Martin, and on the east by lands of A. D. Marchant, and is the same conveyed to J. A. Clegg by A. D. Marchant on the 5th day of March, 1881, by deed of record in the Probate office of

Russell county, State of Alabama, in Book —, page —.

This the 3d day of July, 1899.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage with power of sale, and under the powers therein contained, executed by Louis J. Betheze and Theresa Betheze, his wife, to the Banking, Building & Loan Company, of Montgomery, Alabama, on February 18, 1895, which mortgage is recorded in Book 29, pages 517, 518, 519, 520, 521 of the records of the probate office of Mobile county, State of Alabama, the said Banking, Building & Loan Company will proceed to sell at public auction, at the Artesian Basin, Court Square, in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, to the highest bidder for cash, on the 31st day of July, 1899, the following described property, situated in the city of Mobile, county of Mobile and State of Alabama, to-wit: That certain lot or tract of land particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the west side of Lafayette street one hundred and forty [140] feet south of Davis avenue, thence running south five [5] degrees west one hundred and twenty-four [124] feet and six [6] inches to the northwest corner of Burt and Lafayette streets, thence south eighty-eight [88] degrees west along the north line of Burt street seven hundred and thirty-nine [739] feet, thence north thirty-five [35] degrees west twenty-eight [28] feet, thence north five [5] degrees east three hundred and seventy-five [375] feet to the south line of Quigley street, thence along the south line of Quigley street north eighty-eight [88] degrees east five hundred and twelve [512] feet to Davis avenue, thence along said Davis avenue south sixty-eight degrees and thirty minutes east one hundred and ninety [190] feet, thence south five [5] degrees west one hundred and fifty-four [154] feet, thence south eighty-five [85] degrees east sixty [60] feet to the point of beginning, containing five and nine-tenths [5 9-10] acres, being a part of the Espijo tract granted to Anthony Espijo by the Spanish government, and is the same conveyed to Louis Betheze by Cora E. Quigley and Cora Cawthorn on the 24th day of September, 1894, by deed of record in the probate office of Mobile county, State of Alabama, in Book —, page —.

This the 3d day of July, 1899.

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