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For the Alabama Baptist.

HOME MISSIONS.

W. J. E. COX.

I think the name given to this branch of our mission work is unfortunate. There are many people who cannot conceive of the word "home" as applying to any other territory than that immediately surrounding them. I often meet with intelligent persons who have not yet learned the distinction between "Home Missions" and "State Missions," as understood by Southern Baptists. It is quite probable that all the readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST understand the difference between the terms, but unfortunately many of our people do not read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Many have an impression that Home Missions means mission work among the Cubans and Indians. This is no doubt due to the fact that these two features of our Home Mission work have been unduly emphasized in the past.

It is appalling to think of the vast amount of mission work that needs to be done within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. Much of the territory that should be occupied is in states or territories that cannot possibly meet the demands that are made upon them. They are appealing to us through the Home Mission Board to come to their assistance. Oklahoma territory, which had a population of 40,000 ten years ago, has now a population of nearly half a million and there are only two self-supporting Baptist churches in the whole territory. In addition to this, we are told, that there is a strip of frontier country 1,000 miles long and 500 miles wide in the same condition religiously as Oklahoma. We could very wisely expend as much money in our frontier work as we are now giving to all the work of our Home Board. This, however, is only a small part of the work which our Board is trying to do. There are our mountain regions which form no inconsiderable part of several of our states, which are appealing for and are sorely in need of the sympathy and help of their brethren who are more bountifully blessed with gospel privileges and temporal wealth than they are. Here again we might spend a hundred thousand dollars a year and reap in the near future large results. Of course everyone knows of the great harvest of souls that has been reaped in Cuba as a result of the efforts of our Board on that island. The prospect for even greater results are most promising, and we should go up and possess the land.

We have in round numbers 130,000 Baptists in Alabama. The report of the treasurer of the Home Mission Board, as published in the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, shows that our State gave to Home Missions last year \$4,820.20. When we deduct \$481.98, which was retained for expense account, we shall find that our net contribution to this work last year was a little over three cents per member. It is only necessary to mention the fact to convince the brethren that we have been doing practically nothing for this great work. Let us make an earnest effort between now and the meeting of the Convention to double our contribution of last year.

Mobile Ala.

The Associated Press reports the following relative to the Cuban Constitutional convention at Havana: "Senor Cisneros moved to strike out a clause in the preamble invoking the aid of God. He said he had had no religion heretofore, and took no exception to the religious beliefs of others, but that the constitution recognized no religion, and that, in his opinion, there was no reason for invoking the Deity. Gen. Sanguilly said: 'If we do not invoke God, whom can we invoke? An invocation of some kind is customary.' Senor Llorente strenuously opposed the motion of Senor Cisneros, declaring that all constitutions contained such a clause. The convention rejected the proposal of Senor Cisneros."

LITERARY NOTICES.

Documentary History of the Struggle for Religious Liberty in Virginia. By C. F. James, D. D., J. P. Bell Company, Lynchburg, Va. Price, \$1.25.

Dr. James has laid historical students in general, and Baptists in particular, under lasting obligations. He has done a piece of first class work on a subject that is of never failing interest to every lover of soul freedom. More than one writer has sought to rob the Baptists of the glory of being the first and most consistent advocates of the principles of religious liberty, as distinguished from religious toleration, but Dr. James has amply vindicated their claim to this high honor. His book, as the title indicates, is made up largely of quotations from the original documents themselves. Taking the records of the Virginia House of Burgesses, or General Assembly, as the basis, he weaves in much valuable material from other contemporary sources, such as letters from leading men and memorials of the various religious bodies, making a highly interesting and thoroughly reliable account of the great struggle that meant so much for the cause of Christ. No Baptist ought to remain ignorant of the story of this conflict. It is a part of the best of Baptist history and is full of inspiration. And we are aware of no work on the subject that approaches in excellence this volume by Dr. James.

"Success," published by McGraw-Hill, Washington Square, New York, for March, is to hand. Subscription price, \$1.00 a year.

Every family where there are children should have it in their home. Each number contains many examples of success under trying circumstances. It is a source of encouragement and inspiration to all who are endeavoring to triumph in the various avocations of life. It contains much general information, useful and helpful to the boy, the girl, the young men and women, as well as to all readers. It is neatly and beautifully printed, and suited to any household. We commend it to our subscribers. Get a copy and examine it. Single copy 10 cts.

The Southland is a monthly magazine, published by S. L. Morris, Waco, Texas.

We have just received the copy for January. It contains 23 likenesses of young, middle-aged and old men, who have figured and are figuring in the various professions of Texas. We find among the number some who were born in Alabama. This periodical is devoted to the culture and entertainment of the home. We congratulate the people of the Lone Star State in the enterprise. It will go far to the education and development of the State and people. It is a home enterprise—purely Southern—and should receive the hearty support of the readers of the State. Price, \$1.00 a year.

Scribner's Magazine—the old reliable—for March is on our table. It comes freighted with splendid articles, attractive, interesting, educative. The illustrations are object lessons, teaching by sight. Scribner employs the best writers, and its articles are fresh, progressive and up to date. It stands among the leading monthlies of our country. We commend it to our readers. If you will subscribe for a copy and read it for one year, you will not do without it. Price, \$3.00 a year. Write to Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, and have your name placed on the list of subscribers.

The Missionary Review for March maintains the usual high standard of this excellent magazine. The leading articles are: "New Methods and Measures," "Central America as a Mission Field," "Christian Endeavor Movement and Missions," "The Evangelization of New York City," "The Missionary Conference in Japan," and "Prince Tuan's Peace

Terms." No one who desires a comprehensive view of the mission field can afford to do without the Missionary Review. It is full of interest and inspiration. Funk and Wagnall's, New York.

The last number of the Literary Era contains several interesting articles. "The Observer" continues his comments, W. S. Walsh writes spicily of "Chap-Books and Chappie-Books," and Henry F. Keenan discusses "Old World Themes." Among other articles are "Literature vs. Science," "The Future of Poetry," "William Hogarth: Painter-Satirist," and "The Death-Mask of Napoleon." There are also the usual literary notes and comments on the books of the month. (Henry T. Coates & Co., Philadelphia.)

"Farmers' Guide," is the name of a book, and as its title indicates, is a guide to farmers in the cultivation and fertilization of all crops typical to America. This book is handsomely bound, profusely illustrated, and every farmer should have it in his library. It can be had without charge from the German Kali Works, of No. 93 Nassau St., New York City, N. Y.

A Word for Our Paper.

The mail a few days ago brought to our office a letter from one of the best pastors in the south, with this kindly remark:

"I am a little late in congratulating you on the improvement in the periodicals, but I am not late in observing the same. The Teacher is decidedly better and Kind Words has taken a long leap in advance. I have felt like saying this for a long time."

This is a fair sample of the good words which are coming to us nearly every day from pastor and Sunday school workers. It is our aim to make Kind Words a young people's paper, and yet of such cast as to please both those who are younger and those who are older. I would greatly appreciate it if our pastors would give the paper a good examination as to what they would find in it both for themselves and for their young people. It has several departments, and we are aiming to hold all of them on the highest plain. The Missionary department under Miss Annie Armstrong, of Baltimore, is the best missionary literature for young people within the whole range of my reading. This is the common testimony that comes to us from every hand. This occupies one page in each issue of the Weekly. The paper has eight pages, every one of which is filled with reading matter of the highest character, and all advertisements are excluded. It is sold for the very low price of 13cts per quarter, we paying the postage. Surely this is cheap enough to meet every condition. We have more than doubt

led the cost of production although holding the paper at this low price. What a history this paper has had! For nearly forty years now it has held its course among the Baptists of the South. It started with Elford, Manly and Broadus, and has come down through the years under the influence and guidance of many of the best men among us. We are simply trying as best we may to hold it along the great high ends for which these brethren set it a-going. I very earnestly ask our pastors and superintendents and others to see this paper themselves and give us a distinct effort toward having it distributed in the homes of their people. Our work is having a glorious run this year, and we have the promise of going to the convention with a very gratifying report. J. M. FROST, Nashville, Tenn.

On the 5th of March, 1877, John T. Morgan, of Alabama, and George F. Hoar, of Massachusetts, took their seats as members of the United States Senate. The one was in his 53d, the other in his 51st year. Both at once took high rank as senators. Both have remained continuously in commission ever since.

For the Alabama Baptist.

"The Providential Order."

P. V. B.

Dr. Geo. F. Pentecost says one reason why we should be very diligent in the prosecution of foreign missions is that "the Providential order requires it." In the beginning it was first to the Jew and then to the Gentiles, and when the Jews rejected the gospel the preachers then turned to the Gentiles. They didn't think of waiting till the Jews had accepted before turning to the Gentiles.

The need at home today is great, thousands upon thousands who need the truth as it is in Christ, but they will not receive it. Shall we not "turn to the Gentiles?" We will still continue to do what we can for those at home, praying for them and pressing upon them the claims of Christ, but we will not wait till they have become Christians before preaching the word abroad. To do so would be to go contrary to the Providential order. We go forward, therefore confidently, believing that when "the fullness of the Gentiles be come in," then the brightness of that light will dissipate the darkness at home. The light that shines the farthest away must shine the brightest at home. So it is that our home prosperity depends upon a "vigorous foreign policy."

One other thing. There is no such person as a foreign missionary who is not at least in sympathy and prayer a home missionary. He started out by being a home missionary and he cannot cease to be one. And every home missionary will sooner or later in sympathy, prayer, and endeavor be a foreign missionary. It is the Providential order. But the man who pleads the needs of those at home as an excuse for doing nothing for the needy ones abroad is following the selfish dictates of his heart and not the Providential order. And he'll not be of much use at home, his light is too dim.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Touching Several Things.

A. P. PUGH.

Let me congratulate you upon your new dress, and not only as to this, but also as to the matter which fills its pages.

I am glad so much thought has been given of late to the Institute work. The splendid articles recently appearing should be an inspiration to our ministerial brotherhood to go forward. It is also an end to be greatly desired that our people give prominent attention to the New Century Movement. We held five of these meetings last summer in the Centennial Association, and these were largely attended and enthusiastic. I say a hearty Amen to Dr. Crumpton's efforts to have this work vigorously pressed.

Your editorial on raising \$50,000 for Howard College was timely and wise. Our people should press this matter at once and vigorously. The State and denominational schools elsewhere are receiving handsome donations, and are building up permanent endowments, while Howard College has not a cent of endowment. Our work will drag upon our hands so long as this is the case. There is no reason why the Baptists of Alabama should not give this \$50,000 this year, and thus begin a nucleus for a much larger one in the years to come. Let every thoughtful Baptist in the State say Amen to this, and give his heart and hand to the work. Miss Willie Kelly was with us on the 17th. She talked to a good crowd at 3 p. m. All, including the children, were delighted and benefited by her presence. She gave Foreign Missions a grand uplift among our women. Union Springs, Feb. 26.

Genuine heart service is always acceptable to God, whether rendered in the kitchen or cathedral.

They who live near enough to God's thoughts are not troubled by His thunders.

The Christian life demands our all, yet it gives more than all in return.

For the Alabama Baptist.

SEMINARY NOTES.

SAM COWAN.

Your correspondent was sick last week.

J. A. Jenkins has been quite ill for two weeks. W. A. McCain supplied last Sunday morning and evening at Franklin Street Church.

Prof. Shailer Mathews, of Chicago University, conducted a missionary meeting in the hall Monday night.

Dr. Mullins will preach commencement sermon at Bethel College, Ky., in June.

"Life of Broadus," by Prof. Robertson, is on sale in the Seminary book room.

Dr. P. S. Henson, of Chicago, will lecture in Walnut Street church on night of March 24th.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell will be in the city March 25th.

Dr. Mullins is away for a week's trip through Mississippi. He will visit Jackson, Meridian, Crystal Springs, and other points.

Meeting begins tomorrow at McFerran church. Bro. Hamilton will be assisted by Evangelist G. W. Argabrite.

Dr. Carver visited London, Ky., this week to assist Dr. Warden in his Institute held there, a repetition of the studies in Gospel of John which was held in Louisville a month ago.

We all enjoyed very much the session of the Y. M. C. A. Convention held here last week. Special features of the Convention were the speeches of John R. Mott, Fred B. Smith and Bishop Galloway. Bishop Galloway's speech on the "Christian Patriot of the Twentieth Century" was especially fine. He is a profound thinker and an orator in the true sense.

It is said that at the meeting in Library Hall Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Fred B. Smith, at least three hundred rose for prayer, and one hundred and fifty conversions were reported. The farewell services on Sunday night in which several of the city churches took part were unusually impressive and uplifting.

The monthly missionary meeting was held in Norton Hall yesterday. Good reports of the city work were submitted. Two distinguished visitors were present. Bro. A. E. Fox, Secretary of the Kentucky Sunday School Union, told us about his work and gave some interesting points about Sunday school work in general. The orator of the occasion was Dr. Warren G. Partridge, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Partridge spoke to us about "Modern Methods of City Evangelization." He brought to us the fruits of his own valuable experience in city work. The Ninth Street church in Cincinnati, of which he is pastor, has had wonderful success dealing with the down-town population of his own city. Louisville, Ky., March 2, 1901.

I Word About Subscriptions.

Let the friends now send the amounts so cheerfully subscribed for the proposed buildings. Spring will soon be upon us, and we shall want to drive the work rapidly when we start. Some of the brethren have already sent in the full amount from their churches and others have sent part.

Brother, did your church pledge anything? If not, why not? Now that you have had time to consult your people about it, let us hear from you.

Preparatory to the larger work, we have built a shop in which all the turned and scroll work is to be made. The roof is going on this week, and the machinery will be put in in a short while. Brethren, are you ready?

JNO. W. STEWART, Manager.

If you prefer the service of sin, you must be prepared to accept the wages of sin.

The report of the minority voice in the heart should always be given a hearing.

B. Y. P. U. Column.



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Communications for this Column should be addressed to Paul F. Dix, Box 502, Montgomery, Ala. State Convention LaFayette, Ala., April 24-25.

The Two State Conventions.

As the time for the meeting of the State B. Y. P. U. Convention draws near, the question of the young people's organization meeting with the Baptist State Convention is being agitated somewhat. An entirely erroneous idea of the action of the last Baptist State Convention in regard to this matter has been spread among some of our people, it being said that the plan of having the conventions meet together has already been perfected. This is not the case. The young people have taken no action whatever in the matter beyond the appointment, by the B. Y. P. U. State Executive Committee, of a special committee to confer with a committee to be appointed from the Baptist State Convention in regard to a joint meeting. Any definite action will have to be taken at the B. Y. P. U. State Convention at Lafayette in April.

There has been nothing said about this matter in this column, one way or the other, since the action of the Bap-

tist State Convention was made known. The matter has not probably been given the attention that it really deserves. It is an important question, and its solution may affect the very life of our State organization. As stated above, it will be decided by the State B. Y. P. U. Convention in April, and it is fitting that the matter should be brought to the attention of the workers throughout the State, and that they should express themselves in regard to it, so that the decision that is made may be as nearly as possible the sentiment of the whole organization. This could not be done with the matter brought up, perhaps unexpectedly to some, at a meeting which may or may not represent the whole State work.

We would ask, therefore, that all interested workers express themselves in regard to this question, through this column, giving clearly the reasons for and against the movement toward a joint meeting of the two conventions. Don't be bashful about it, speak out.

For the Alabama Baptist. Miss Kelly at Auburn.

M. E. B.

The message from the women and children of China, brought by Miss Willie Kelly, was listened to by a large and appreciative audience of different denominations in the Baptist church at Auburn, on the 22nd, who responded liberally at the close in a collection for mission work in China. The severe weather precluded the changing of costumes, but the exhibition of the idol and actual shoes made us all realize more clearly the difficulties which beset our missionaries in a foreign country.

The fact that our sisters in that far away land think that we are so good and noble in sending them the Light, stimulate us to fresh endeavors, and the example of Mrs. Yung, who is living on one dollar per month earned by knitting at night, rather than take pay for explaining the Bible, thereby taking away a cause for reproach hitherto placed upon her, ought to be an inspiration to us who think we are doing great things when we give one dollar out of our abundance to the cause.

Miss Kelly was met at the depot by a committee of ladies, and several members of the Sunbeam band to whom she has long been dear, and we were all sorry to part with her that night as she left on her way to Alexander City.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet next week to select and order a set of leather-covered pulpit chairs for our church, and it would afford me the greatest pleasure in the world to see our three resident ministers of the Gospel seated thereon; leading in a service of praise to Him whose children we are, and whose cause is injured by a lack of fellowship and charity so prevalent among church members.

Our loved former pastor, Bro. J. J. Cloud, preached an able sermon to us, on the 24th, but the cold and snow prevented many from coming out.

The Auburn Primary Union is doing good work in the thorough preparation of Sunday school lessons, where the teachers from all denominations gather and discuss and decide on the best methods of teaching the ensuing lessons. A portion of the hour is devoted to Child Culture, supplementing the primary teacher's work, preparing, as it were, the soil for the seed.

A sister remarked to me, about a sermon I had missed, "You should have been there—that is a preacher after my own heart." While I was regretting having missed such a treat, she added, "He only preached 30 minutes."

For the Alabama Baptist. Some Lines on Institute Work.

A. J. DICKINSON.

The editor of the BAPTIST requests, at my hands, some notions about our Institute work. There are a few things I think it wise to say, and will content myself with a bare statement of them.

1. It was a situation and not a theory which faced the convention at Tuscaloosa with reference to this work. By a concatenation of concurrent circumstances, this Board was fast reducing itself to a directorate of the Anderson System of Sermon Science. Half of the year's services of the only paid agent of the Board had been spent in revising and publishing that system. Four-fifths of each institute was devoted to the teaching of that system. The only paid employee of the board was the author of that system. So we were in great danger of having that board considered as a Board of Directors of the Anderson Sermon Science. The minority of the committee considered this a narrowing and enslaving tendency, and that the work must be emancipated from this system or it would prove unacceptable to a large part of our people. This the minority report sought to do (1) by abolishing the office of Superintendent of Institutes, which was the citadel through which this aggressive system had captured and was holding the board; and (2) by putting this system on the same plane as all others by an open, positive declaration to that effect. The effect of the minority report was the disestablishment, without prejudice, of the Anderson Sermon Science as the exclusive method of Institute work. The board was so recognized and interpreted the action of the convention.

2. The report carefully avoided any action prejudicial to that System. It did not sit in judgment on its merits or demerits. It did not pronounce any opinion prejudicial thereto, but only refused it a monopoly of privileges. It is to-day, so far as any action of the convention is concerned, on the same plane, with any other. It has only been reduced to ranks, as the military men would say. The Board has rightly interpreted the report in this regard, as shown by the fact that the new Secretary is the chairman of the committee which reported in favor of the continued establishment of this System, and argued ably to that end before the convention. The action of the convention cannot, therefore, in any sense, be construed as prejudicial against the Sermon Science. It simply left it to stand or fall on its merits. Indeed, it even left it in possession of the book and paper which its author had issued while in the employ of the

convention. My own personal estimate of the value of the System is possibly more favorable to it than that of Dr. Dawson, but still it is not wise among Baptists to have any private copyrighted or patented enterprise established as an exclusive denominational enterprise, and reduce all competitors to the plane of dissenters. I think this is a sound principle of policy.

3. The emancipated and broadened work ought to receive the earnest co-operation of all our people. Each, whether he be a disciple of this System or of the thousand and one other systems, is now equally privileged to avail himself of every opportunity to labor with his fellows according to his peculiar gift. Baptists never have been narrow for any great period of time. I have always held that we are the only truly catholic people in history and the very fathers of liberty without license. May we also prove the devotees of faithful service one to another. (See Gal. 5:13-15) We are now put to the test by this new grant of liberty in this action of the convention. Let none sulk in his tent, but all be found following the broadminded, liberal, warmhearted leader, who, in the providence of God, has come into this work. I very heartily congratulate our people upon the securing of Dr. Shaffer for this work. He is, in my humble judgment, the best man for this work. May the Lord prosper him in health and happiness and give him the hearty co-operation of the Brotherhood.

4. The Secretary of the State convention has been caught napping for once. The report which, in the minutes, he records as having been defeated, is the one that was reported by me at night and adopted by the body. It is, however, a small matter, only it does not limit the Board to paying only the actual expenses of those it may select for its service. With this exception the two reports are practically the same. I give it as my judgment that the money expended in Institute work, as Dr. Shaffer conceives that work, will yield the largest return of real lasting good of any enterprise.

5. It is hoped that the devotees of the Sermon Science will not withdraw from co-operation because those of us who believe in the utility of other systems wish these methods to have recognition also. There was no reason why the author of that System should not have continued as Secretary, at least so far as the action of the convention was concerned. I suppose his retirement is, in the main, a matter of his own choice. Any community which so desires can have that System in its Institute, so far as the convention is able to give it. My own opinion of the Sermon Science is, that it is neither the best nor the worst of its kind. The book is a fairly good Primer of theological, philosophical, logical and rhetorical common places, useful in elementary, homiletical training, and I have no doubt does much good in the hands of its author when supplemented by his instruction. I wish for both the author and his System the amplest opportunity for work in connection with our Institutes. Selma, Feb. 22nd.

Associations Which Will Hold New Century Meetings in March.

Antioch, Bethel, Bigbee, Birmingham, Cahaba, Calhoun, Carey, Central, Cherokee County, Cleburne, Colbert, Conecuh, Coosa River, Etowah, Eufula, Geneva, Judson, East Liberty, Liberty (North), Montgomery, Mulberry, Muscle Shoals, Mineral Springs, New Providence, Newton, New River, North River, Pea River, Pine Barren, Shelby, South Bethel, Sulphur Springs, Troy, Tuscaloosa, Tuskegee, Randolph.

I hope the other Associations will hold meetings to include the fifth Sunday in June. We hope to carry on the campaign until then. Brethren are writing enthusiastically about the March meetings. Two meetings can be arranged for the week following the fifth Sunday. The East Liberty will have six, Birmingham two, Calhoun County two, Tuscaloosa several. While the brethren are on the ground and the programs are arranged there is no reason why other meetings shall not be held at other places. W. B. C.

Some people get into serious trouble on account of their inability to separate sport from gambling.

Central Committee Column.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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"The Week of Self Denial."

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

"Opportunity proclaims the hour, Sow thou the seed."

With the advent of the 20th century, there came to us a deeper conviction of responsibility for advancing the great work of our Lord and Savior. As representatives of the 19th century, we rejoiced over what had been accomplished by women in recent years, yet the fact was recognized that these results would have been a hundred times greater if the co-operation of all the women in our churches had been enlisted. Therefore, during this new year, special effort has been made to increase the number of Woman's Mission Societies, and in looking forward to the week of Self Denial, our heart's desire and prayer is that many from among those formerly "uninterested" may cheerfully labor for the success of this effort. As pioneers of the 20th century, peculiar obligations rest upon us, for may it not be that we are setting the pace for the women who shall follow us in aiding the cause of missions as promoted through the Southern Baptist Convention?

What is the great motive power which should control our hearts as we enter upon the observance of the week of self denial? We raise our eyes and behold the wide harvest field, America, our native land, Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Mexico and Brazil. As we contrast our condition with that of thousands who, groaning in the night of unbelief, superstition and ignorance, find life a mere struggle for existence and have no hope for the world to come, almost involuntarily we pray "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" in all the earth. But while pity and gratitude are powerful motives, there is a stronger one which must sway the heart if we would pray with all the earnestness of our souls and give—not the waste drops of our cups overflowing—but with that abandonment which counts not the cost. What is it? Personal love for our personal Savior. In our relationship with those of the home and other friends, the recognized proof of love is daily sacrifice. We marvel not at the self-sacrificing mother, but see in the nobility of her actions, the beautiful outgrowth of love. In how much greater degree should self denial characterize the service which

we give to the "One altogether lovely," the most helpful Friend and Comforter, the Savior to whom we owe a debt of love which can never be repaid! Surely the offering to Him of that which costs us nothing, while we retain for ourselves that which is truly precious, is but a poor way of expressing genuine devotion. As we enter upon the week of self denial, let us question ourselves as to whether or not our actions prove that we have indeed put our Savior first in our lives. May the prayer of each heart be "More love to Thee, O Christ!" True it is that the spirit of missions is the spirit of Calvary; hence the closer we come in touch with the throbbing, self-denying heart of Christ, the more we will appreciate that this redemptive, soul-saving work can only be successfully carried on through sacrifice. The choice is ours to consume our lives by selfish enjoyment, following the Master afar off, or to enter sweetest fellowship with Him by self denial for others.

March 17-23 is the time set aside as "the week of self denial." In 1895 the Home Board first asked that this effort be made in the interest of its work. The great increase in population of S. B. C. territory, obligations to provide Christian education for those in the Mountain Region, opportunities for reaching the mill population, dangers from foreign immigration, responsibility for advancing the work in Cuba so abundantly blessed of God in former years, all, separately and unitedly, plead for increase in cash contributions to the Home Mission Board. The week of self denial affords a special opportunity for the making of such gifts as will indeed be honored by God, and in the name of the Great Exemplar of self denial, we would urge all the women of our Southland to have a part in it.

N. B. For use of Societies and others who will participate in observance of the "week of self denial," special literature has been prepared. The program for daily meetings embraces all mission fields of the Southern Baptist Convention, both Home and Foreign, but the offerings are for Home Missions. Literature may be obtained (free) by making application to State Central Committees, or to Woman's Missionary Union, 304 N. Howard St., Baltimore, Md.

Progress—Changes—Some "Rules for Lent."

W. J. E. COX.

With your permission I want to say several things. As I am in the habit of dividing my remarks into first, secondly, etc., you must allow me to do so now.

1. I enclose you the amount necessary for my renewal to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. This should have been sent to you two months ago. Why do the brethren keep you and other religious editors out of that which is due you for so long a time? I believe it is simple neglect. The little label with its figures is not always observed. I believe we should be more careful in such matters. Many small amounts sometimes cause our religious editors much inconvenience and anxiety.

2. I want to congratulate you on the very decided improvement in the appearance and matter of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Let the good work go on.

3. I am grieved at the probability that Dr. Gray will leave the State. I have not seen much of him since coming to the State, but have known him a long time and have heard of the great work he has done for the Baptists of Alabama.

4. This is the season of the year when quite a number of citizens of Mobile are expected to make an effort to be religious. They are expected to abstain from such amusements as theater going, public balls, card playing, etc. Some grit their teeth, make wry faces and succeed, but give a sigh of relief when the forty days are ended. What a punishment to such people! It seems to me the time ought to be shortened

for their benefit. Others, who ought to, make no effort. They see no reason for trying to be religious these forty days when the church does not require it of them the rest of the year. The bishop of the Catholic church, of Mobile, recently issued "Rules for Lent." Among other things I find the following in these rules: "Fish and flesh are not allowed at the same meal, even on Sundays." What a deprivation, especially to poor people! At our homes when we have fish we are not expected to have any other meat. Two kinds of meat we regard as an extravagance not to be indulged in except when we have company, and not often then. The following, which is found in the rules referred to, is evidently something new. At least I never saw it in such rules before.

"A most praiseworthy custom is that of abstaining during Lent from stimulants, in honor of the sacred thirst of our divine Savior." Observe it is not commanded that the members of the church shall abstain from stimulants during Lent, but it is simply spoken of as praiseworthy. But enough. Such rules, it seems to me, are enough to produce a stench in the nostrils of the Almighty. Mobile, Feb. 27th.

HOW TO GET TEACHERS.

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For the Alabama Baptist. DENOMINATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Do the Baptists of Alabama Need Them?

JOS. SHACKELFORD.

It would seem, at first glance, that this is an unnecessary question, and that it is a waste of time to discuss it. But when we observe the carelessness of Baptist parents in patronizing the few Baptist schools that we have, and how few contribute to their support, we are constrained to believe that a great many of our Baptist people do not appreciate the value and importance of denominational schools, especially their own, and are either opposed to them or indifferent upon the subject. This indifference does more harm than their open opposition. The Baptist denomination is the leading religious denomination in the State, in point of numbers, and I suppose it is not behind other denominations in wealth and influence; yet, the patronage our people give to our Baptist schools is meagre and insignificant, compared to their ability. Other denominations patronize their own schools much better. The Methodists have two male colleges and several female colleges in the State and they are well patronized by their people. Baptists have one male college and two female colleges—how have our people supported them? Howard College has been struggling for existence for thirty-five or forty years with a patronage in all these years of from 100 to 175 students, when it ought to have had from 200 to 300. Unendowed and with a load of debt upon it! We have other schools that have been treated in the same way by those whose duty it was to have supported them. The 120,000 Baptists of Alabama were about to let their college be sold for a debt of thirty-five or forty thousand dollars because they did not feel enough interest in it. Surely the great mass of our people do not appreciate the value of such an institution to us as a people, or they would do more for it than they have done, and patronize it better. I thank the Lord that there were some noble men and women, who were able to help, and who came to the rescue of our beloved school in its extremity and peril. God bless them. These brethren and sisters who saved Howard College to the denomination deserve the gratitude of Alabama Baptists. Thousands of Baptists of Alabama are able to give their children a liberal education and many of them are doing it, but not at Baptist schools. The State University, the school at Auburn, the State Normal and Agricultural schools have many Baptist boys and girls attending them, who ought to be at the Howard and other Baptist schools in the state. I say nothing against these State schools, so far as their grade is concerned. The State is able to have the ablest of teachers, and to make its schools first-class in every respect. Whether it does it, is questionable; but as to morals and discipline, I do not think they compare very favorably with the denominational schools of the State. The State University at least does not. We have never heard of a rebellion of the students in any of the denominational schools. Baptists who patronize these State schools do not properly appreciate the advantages to their sons and daughters in being students at a Christian school.

If all this does not prove that the question at the head of this article needs to be discussed, I cannot see why. It certainly needs to be impressed upon the minds of our Baptist people, that they ought to support their own schools; if it is needful for us to have them. I propose in a few articles, with the permission of the editor, to discuss the subject of denominational schools, in the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, trusting that I may awaken more interest among our people and especially in the minds of the Baptist preachers of Alabama on the subject of denominational schools. The preachers are the leaders, and if they realize that we need such schools and must have them, they will work for them; but if they are indifferent on the subject, the people will be indifferent and the schools will go down.

Now to the question: Do the Baptists of Alabama need denominational schools? I mean Baptist schools. Our Baptist fathers thought so, or they

would never have established Howard College and the Judson Institute. The Baptists of England and America, more than one hundred years ago, thought it was wise to establish schools of their own, just so soon as they were permitted to preach their doctrines unmolested, without the fear of the whipping post, the jail and death.

They commenced to organize schools, first to educate young ministers, and then their children. In 1756 the Baptists of New England and Pennsylvania founded Hopewell Academy in New Jersey. In 1764 Brown University was founded by the Baptists in Rhode Island. The English Baptists also organized schools. Other schools were organized in the American colonies as the necessities arose. Our Baptist fathers, in those early days saw, or thought they saw, that it was necessary to have these schools in which to educate their children, if they desired to preserve them as Baptists. From that early time down to the present, Baptists have been founding universities, colleges and high schools which have been under their control, and in which they proposed to educate the rising ministry and the children of Baptists and all others who might wish to patronize them. And now we have universities and colleges in almost every State in the United States, and in some, two or more, and quite a number of high schools or academies. Let me give the number of these educational institutions in the United States, the number of students and the amount of money invested in them, according to the report two years ago. As a matter of course the number of schools and amount of money invested and students in attendance, have increased since then. We had 7 theological seminaries, with 67 instructors, 1,061 students; we had 94 universities and colleges, with 1,594 instructors, 22,460 students; we had 78 academies and high schools, with 10,057 students. The value of the property owned by the denomination and devoted to educational purposes was \$27,987,772, with an endowment of \$16,190,931.

Why all this? Why have Baptists put so much money in their denominational institutions, if they did not think it was right and wise to do so? It is here that the greater part of this work has been done by a few, comparatively. But these were the leaders of the denomination—our wisest and most prudent ministers and laymen.

They certainly thought that it was a nice thing to build up denominational schools, and I think that their wisdom has been manifested. The Baptist fathers who founded Howard College and the Judson Institute, such men as Gen. E. D. King, Prof. Jewett and Sherman, Dr. DeVotie, and many others could be mentioned, if space permitted, are entitled to the gratitude of the Baptists of Alabama. Those institutions have been of incalculable benefit to our denomination. The facts which I have mentioned are evidences of what Baptists in the past have thought of the importance of having denominational schools. If they were necessary then, they are now. If they were conducive to the development and progress of our people then, they are now. Education, Christian education, is just as important now as it has ever been. And we need schools in which our rising ministry can be educated now, just as we have always needed them.

But it may be said, circumstances have changed materially within the last fifty years. So far as education is concerned, we now have State schools, universities and colleges, high schools and academies, and a good system of common schools, and these are all free. No tuition is to be paid. Our children can be educated in these schools without much cost. We pay taxes to keep them up. Why have denominational schools when the State furnishes all the educational facilities we need? Why call upon us to pay out money to keep up these denominational schools, and urge us to send our children to them at an increased expense, when we can get the same advantages, and sometimes better, from the State schools, and at less expense? This is a plausible argument, and it satisfies a good many of our brethren who patronize these State schools. But let us examine it and see if these schools furnish all that our children need, and whether they furnish the advantages they profess

to give at a less expense than the same can be secured at our denominational schools? In our next article we will answer this question.

For the Alabama Baptist. TRIP NOTES IN BRIEF.

W. B. C.

While attending the Bible Conference at Anniston I preached for the saints at

OXFORD.

Bro. C. S. Johnson has been the pastor for several years and has done a good work. Oxford is a fine town with an extensive trade, a college with a wide reputation. It is connected by an electric car line with Anniston. The church is strong in numbers and finance. They are amply able to be among the most liberal in the State, and would be if they would half way work systematic methods. This they think they will do and better results may be looked for. Much has already been written about the

BIBLE CONFERENCE.

I will add: The movement to have these conferences is a good one. It is along the idea of Institute work. Bro. Shaffer was present and laid plans for a great Institute in the summer at Anniston. We must have at least one hundred preachers present. None of us can afford to miss it. The churches can do no better thing for their pastors than to send them, paying their expenses, which will not be much. I am sure that meeting will be followed by great revivals when the preachers return to their homes. It has been many years since I was at

FORT DEPOSIT.

The old town seems the same—considerably improved in many respects—but how the people have changed! The great majority of those whom I used to know have passed away. The widows of Brethren Bishop, McQueen and Plaster are all there, but these servants of God, who labored through all this region, have been gathered home. The church is doing well under the lead of Bro. T. J. Porter, a Floridian whom they captured three years ago. Here is another church that doesn't know its strength. It always has been a strong church financially. They gave me a good hearing and a very good collection. The country's founding Fort Deposit is largely occupied by negroes, the whites for the most part having left their farms for the towns. Prohibition having been abolished in Lowndes county, the devil is doing his worst trying to drink revenge for the years of partial abstinence.

AUBURN.

Was visited in unfavorable circumstances. How it did rain! But we had a very good service, notwithstanding the bad weather. The church has been pastorless for a long while. An attempt was made while I was there to supply the need by calling a brother who was admirably fitted for the field, but he has declined to come. Out of the four hundred boys in the college more than one-third of them are from Baptist homes. It is important that the pulpit shall be filled speedily by the man whom God has chosen. May the church soon be led to him! While the Baptists are so largely represented in the patronage and in the State, is it not a little singular that they have so few men in the faculty? It is not because we are short of men, well equipped for these places, but because we haven't got the "get there" Eli sort of spirit about filling such positions, like the poor fellow at the pool, while we are coming another steppeeth in before us.

I was with one of the biggest preachers in the State at

LINCOLN.

He weighs almost 300 pounds. Pitt M. Jones is his name. He is named for his grand-father, Pitt Callaway, of blessed memory in all southeast Alabama. He is young in the ministry yet. He is tussling with some great problems on his field. If God gives him grace and he keeps a level head, he will solve them. My advice to the young wife was: "Make your husband study. He must give at least half of every day to his books." By the way, here is a message to another pastor in another State by his young wife: "Stick to your books. Form habits of study now. Save some part of your salary every month. If you don't do these things, you will regret it the remainder of your days." The church at Lincoln has consid-

erable financial strength. They have a good house of worship and have lately built a commodious house for their pastor. A fine territory surrounds Lincoln, and Baptists are numerous. Bro. T. K. Trotter lives here and preaches to churches not far away. Bro. J. B. Mynatt, who has worn himself out with labors for the Master hereabouts, has membership in the Lincoln church, and greatly aids the young pastor with his counsel. The brethren treated the visiting preacher well, and gave him a good collection for missions.

For the Alabama Baptist.

MEET SOME PEOPLE AND THINGS HEREABOUTS.

W. A. TALIAFERRO.

I have been a little loth to rush into print hitherto and I doubt not that wisdom would yet suggest that I keep quiet, but for that ever hankering to see ourselves in print, as "The Evangelist" has it, I cannot longer desist. By the way, those articles "The Evangelist" is giving us are excellent, and barring the odiousness of that haughty humility and brazen modesty about himself and what we think of him, he might be accounted somewhat of a philosopher.

We had with us, two Sundays since, the arch-elder of this Association, Dr. D. W. Ramsey, the beloved imitator, from the church which is at Pine Apple. He came over to assist in the ordination of our young brother, P. V. Spier, as deacon in our church. The old Bethesda has always had the beloved physician among her deacons and Bro. S. is a worthy successor of those who have gone before.

Bro. W. J. Ray, the new pastor on the Forest Home-Ackerville field, came over after his first round, or "sampling" trip, and spent a week with me (paying his board in preaching). Ray is a young man of power, and will wake up things in this "neck o' the woods" when he turns loose.

Bro. Jno. W. Stewart ran up here last week to get that \$25 I promised him on his new buildings when in Tuscaloosa. I was afraid it would be a big job to get \$25 from my three churches, but Furman has already made it \$75 and we hope to make it \$125 at least with the help of the others. It put me to thinking that maybe after all the preachers are to blame for the churches doing so little. People love to give if you will show them the whys and then lead off yourself to show them how. We undertake and do too little ourselves. Every Baptist ought to be proud of our Home. Pardon me, but it is the best headed institution in the State.

Good, Bro. Jones, your volunteer mission work idea in last issue of BAPTIST, is a good one. Pine Barren Association is trying it this year. Every preacher in our Association has volunteered ten days' mission service to be given where the Associational Executive Committee directs. Won't other Associations join us in the movement for the new century? Come, or send "the tramp," to our fifth Sunday meeting at Beatrice in March. We have the best people on earth down here. Come see.

Furman, Feb. 21.

Help for Galveston Churches.

After due consultation with Dr. Gambrell, the Secretary of the Texas State Board, it has been agreed that pastors everywhere should be asked not to press any further, at the present time, collections for rebuilding the Galveston churches. It is of the utmost importance that nothing should interfere with the collections for Home and Foreign Missions during the months of March and April. If, therefore, any pastors have not taken up a collection yet for the Galveston sufferers, the brethren are respectfully urged to drop this for the present and give their immediate attention to the usual collections for missions. This also is the understanding and request of the Home Mission Board.

F. H. KERFOOT, Cor. Secretary.

For the Alabama Baptist.

FROM A NORTH ALABAMA PASTOR.

JAMES D. MARTIN.

Married, at Liberty Baptist church, by the writer, Mr. Otis Horton to Miss Alice Jackson, and Mr. Henry Lester to Miss Florence Chester. A large attendance to witness the oc-

caison. Rev. R. A. Kidd is pastor at said church, and is doing a good work.

In my last report I failed to state the number baptized last year. I baptized five, and received four others by experience. Rev. L. C. Kelly baptized two of those and the others are yet to be baptized. I am at home a few days; I went out to Weldon a few days ago, and heard a Holy Ghost man preach. To hear him, it appears, that if we are not baptized with the Holy Ghost, we are on the road to eternal ruin. But I did wish we had a Mormon there to go on and show, equally as conclusively, if we could not raise the dead we were still in our sins. I believe in the gift of the Holy Ghost that follows repentance and baptism; but I do not believe in a physical Holy Ghost power now. Then I wished that we had a Campbellite preacher to show (as they can do) that if we are not immersed, that we are sure to be lost. Then, I thought: O Lord, how much grace we need to keep us from being carried about by every wind of doctrine.

Montevallo, Ala.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Baptist Usage.

BY LANDMARKER.

Reading of so many practices now-a-days in our churches, I am led away in my mind, and call up what used to be considered orthodox Baptist teaching, and when I make a comparison between what used to be the usage and the usage now, I am much pained to see and know that so many of our churches have departed from the old ways so earnestly contended for by our fathers. If the old usages and practices were right seventy-five years ago, they are right today. Yet, nine out of ten churches at the present time are so engrossed with the idea of increasing the number of communicants by holding enthusiastic meetings, conducted often by good men no doubt, but not infrequently by an entire stranger to almost the whole congregation, being totally ignorant of the needs of the people to whom he is to preach, and in this way Baptist doctrine is lost sight of in the hurry to get the people into the church; and today, I have not the shadow of doubt but that there are hundreds of men and women, young men and young women, in our churches, who could not, if called on to do so, tell why they are Baptists in preference to some other popular pedito organization. In the days of our fathers, Baptist pastors were not ashamed nor afraid to declare the whole counsel of God to dying men and women. Now it is often the custom to carefully avoid saying a single word or uttering a sentence about our peculiarities, as though it was not our peculiarities that makes us a peculiar people, "a people everywhere spoken against." Our Heavenly Father knew we were to be diverse from all others, and He designed that all His teachers should so explain the way of salvation that His children could give a reason why they are Baptists. Correct teaching will compress everyism into one way, "one Lord, one faith, one baptism," but we will never reach this much desired end until we, as Baptists, put on the whole armor of our King and go boldly forth to evangelize a world that is steeped in sin.

Our people must be taught that a scriptural church is a company of baptized believers, who hold and teach the doctrine that Paul so nobly and eloquently taught and defended in his day—salvation by grace; that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin; that once saved, saved forever; that the final preservation of the saints is as clearly taught by Paul as faith and repentance. Our people need to be taught that a church is the highest ecclesiastical authority known; that a church is an independent body, and when a church belonging to any association departs from Baptist usage or teaches or practices anything not scriptural, all that can be done is to withdraw fellowship from such, but not without first admonishing the wayward one in love to retrace her steps and fall in line with those who are valiantly fighting the battles of the Lord.

A pastor is the servant of the church, and has no right to perform any duty pertaining to the church without the consent of the church.

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RESOLVED. That we heartily endorse our State organ, the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and earnestly recommend it to our people.—[Resolution adopted by the Baptist State Convention at Gadsden, November 10, 1899.]

The Legislature adjourned Tuesday. We regret that so many damaging charges are made against the conduct of some officers connected with the body. The tampering with and losing bills has been charged. Who did it? is the question. Such disgraceful conduct as this, and the paid lobbyists, should be investigated, and driven from the halls of legislation. If there has been theft and corruption and bribery it ought to be made public. Painful is the thought, that any citizen of Alabama, holding a high place of trust, could be bought. Can such a conclusion be true? Let us hope for better things. If any legislator has yielded to the influence of money, he ought to be branded as a traitor. Certainly none have been guilty of this high crime, and yet the air is full of rumors, charges and counter-charges. We know this Legislature has some as true and noble spirits in it as ever sat in a deliberative body—men who would spurn and denounce the very intimation of bribery. Can it be that the talk of the people is well founded?

CAPT. S. B. TRAPP, for four years president of the Convict Board, has retired from office. He leaves a fine showing on record,—that of over one hundred and eighty thousand dollars in the treasury and no debts. Capt. Trapp is an excellent man. It may be that he and his Associate Inspectors have made some mistakes. If so, no doubt they were just such mistakes as the wisest and best of men might make. The Convict Bureau is one of the most difficult, complicated and burdensome offices in the State. The very wisest and most judicious may make mistakes—honestly—in its conduct.

JUDGE J. M. CARMICHAEL, of Dale, succeeds Capt. Trapp. He is a wise, judicious, painstaking and conscientious man, and will discharge the duties of the office faithfully and along all lines that he may think right and just.

HON. JAMES CROOK, for the past four years president of the Railroad Commission of Alabama, retired from office on March 1st. Capt. Crook has filled the position ably and well. He has been faithful, zealous, watchful. He goes out of office with an honorable record. There is no truer, better, nobler man in Alabama than James Crook.

HON. JOHN V. SMITH succeeds Capt. Crook. Mr. Smith is in middle life, and is an honorable citizen of Russell county. He has been Solicitor of his district for a number of years, and made a most efficient officer. He is a true man, with an honorable record. His loyalty to duty, his moral integrity and excellent qualifications insure a successful administration.

GUARD THE CHURCH DOOR.

A great change in the mode of admitting members into our churches has taken place during the last century. Formerly great pains were taken in instructing candidates for baptism in regard to the duties and obligations they were assuming. Their religious experiences and doctrinal views were closely scrutinized. They were not admitted into membership unless they gave credible evidence of conversion and of considerable acquaintance with Scriptural truth. No doubt these examinations were often too severe. The dread which they awakened kept persons not unfrequently out of the church for long periods, sometimes for life. But the care then exercised in this important particular, while it reduced the quantity, enhanced the quality of membership.

We do not hold that some modification was not necessary. A truly converted soul ought not to be kept out of the church because timid in spirit, and unacquainted with the "deep things" of Scriptural doctrine. And yet, it is quite apparent that not a few of the evangelical churches have gone to the other extreme. The desire for members, or the fear of dealing harshly with young converts, has effected the introduction of an immense amount of worldly material into the membership, and even into the sacred desk. And, as a natural result, a lax and sentimental theology and a worldly conformity, diametrically opposed to the strict notions of our fathers, has been steadily gaining ground.

We have often wondered how Puritanism could have reared Henry Ward Beecher, the most restless and capricious of disorganizers. In a lecture talk he has himself explained the secret. He entered into the church an unconverted man. In 1827, according to his statement: "A spasmodic movement, called a revival, struck Mount Pleasant, where he was at school, and ran like fire through the students. He thought that he had got religion, but, yet it seemed to be more the pastor's notion than his. In four or five weeks he had forgotten all about it and was having as much fun as ever." He continued: "I then was astounded to get a letter from my father telling me, I was expected to come down and join the church with brother Charles on the next Sunday. Well, if I had been condemned to be hung, I shouldn't have felt worse. I went down there, however, and I had the regulation examination, and was pronounced to be all right. But I remember as I went down the aisle on that Sunday how the carpets danced. I was excited to the bottom of my shoes. It was a piteous time. I had not had a word of instruction. I was told that I must make my choice, and I suppose I did choose something, and I got into the church. It was not my fault."

But it was somebody's fault. And the result ought to be a warning to the churches at large. A conversion subsequent to membership is not unusual; and even when it does take place it may leave the earlier stamp of thought and character unaffected. The bent twig may never regain its straightness. The fruit gathered in its immaturity may never attain its natural flavor. And while the member is injured beyond remedy, the result may also be most prejudicial to the cause of Christ.

The moral of all this is very simple. It is given in the familiar precept: "Keep the church pure!"

LAST year Alabama gave for Home Missions, \$6,827.89; for Foreign Missions, \$8,893.33. Don't let us fall below these figures this year, but go far beyond them. What do the pastors say?

UNDER-PINNING UNSAFE.

One of our pastors from a neighboring town called at our office, and, during the conversation, remarked that his people had, after so long a time, begun to talk about a new meeting house. "The old one is very old," said he, "and I fear some day it will fall down and kill a number of people—the underpinning is unsafe." This put us to thinking of the great necessity of having things safe. Here is an old meeting house, hoary with age, around which cluster many fond memories, and yet so much neglected as to be defective and dangerous to the "underpinning," the foundation. Men and women come and go—worship—in this dangerous structure, unconscious as to the peril that hangs over them. Some day, like the tower of Siloam, it may fall and crush out the life of many.

There is a great moral and spiritual lesson in the announcement that the "underpinning is unsafe." Thoughtlessly and carelessly men and women move about the earthly tabernacle, unmindful of the imminent danger that threatens the soul. The "underpinning is unsafe" in this, they have not put their trust in God; they have not sought and obtained the cleansing blood of Jesus of Nazareth, hence the soul is imperiled, and before the redemptive power of the gospel is vouchsafed, the tabernacle of clay succumbs to death and all is lost. There is no to-morrow certain to a human soul: now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation: the "now" is the time for closing in with offered terms of mercy. You may live until to-morrow or longer, but no man can tell the hour of his death.

Are the "underpinnings" safe? Have you dug deep and planted upon a firm foundation—the Rock of Ages cleft for thee? If so, then all is well. The storms of adversity, the troubles of disappointment, the accumulating sorrows of a sinful world, the unfaithfulness of former friends, the losses of worldly goods, the undermining of physical health—all these besetments and more may fall to our lot, and yet if the "underpinning is safe" all will be well.

THE CHRISTIAN INDEX—1839.

Our dear brother, Rev. J. S. Yarbrough, of Orion, Ala., has sent us a copy of the *Christian Index*, published at Washington, Ga., October 3, 1839, with Jesse Mercer and William H. Stokes as editors. It is bound in pamphlet, 8x12 in., containing 12 pages. It is full of good reading. On the editorial page we find the following

REVIVALS.

"Revivals in religion are of the Lord. They are those times of refreshing which come from His presence. They cannot be promoted or hastened by human instrumentality; for the Father has them reserved under His own power. Those Christian duties and feelings, which are agreeable to a revival, can be promoted, and Christians ought always to be engaged in the promotion of these, both in each for himself and in one another. 'Tis not supposable that the Christian feeling will be always the same in every season; but this should by no means cause him to relax in duty. In seasons of declension Christians should at all times be waiting on God in the use of all holy obedience (the only proper way to wait on God) for the revival of his work. The very proposal to get up a revival, to set about doing something to promote

a revival, is the condemnation of those who make it; for it supposes them to have been negligent and out of duty before. We think it also throws contempt on common means, on the ordinary and established use of God's own order of divine service; and leads to place that dependence on the extraordinary use of human instrumentality and means, which should alone be in God. Christians should always be ready."

The above words sound to us orthodox, and carry us back to the days when consecrated men spoke and worked and thought on the work of the Lord. It seems to us that the article is in conflict with the methods and teachings and ideas of modern times. There is a ring about the facts in the case that thrusts and strengthens and enlivens the Christian worker. While it does not belittle personal work, but, on the other hand, encourages the same, yet it does demand that Christians should be always ready for an onward move.

Our fathers learned and taught and closely held to the great truth that Apollon may plant and Paul may water, but the increase cometh from God. We are, therefore, co-laborers with Him, He being the leader, the inspiration—for nothing of good cometh except through Him.

COL. HARVEY E. JONES, of Mobile, has been appointed back-tax commissioner for the State. Col. Jones is a true and tried man. He lost one of his lower limbs in the Confederate service. He is a business man, with a spotless record. We rejoice to know that he has been given the place. He will fill it, in our opinion, as well as any man in the State. The Governor made no mistake in appointing him.

FIELD NOTES.

It is reported that the iron market is better now than for twelve months past.

Poets are given license in language, and so are some others who are not poets.

The State Young Men's Christian Association will be held in Birmingham April 18-21.

Few men have been so noted in the law as W. M. Everts, who died in New York Feb. 28th.

Rev. H. W. Provenge, of the Clayton Street church, is in Tallahassee, Fla., engaged in a series of meetings.

I will again take up my work of helping pastors in meetings the end of March.—H. A. Wolfsohn, Gospel Singer, Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Marion saints are enjoying a glorious meeting. Pastor Bomar and Bro. Quisenberry are rejoicing, and so are many others over there.

You are making the paper better and better all the time. I enjoy it now, in my 79th year, as never before.—Mrs. E. Cree, Sallie, Ala.

The late legislature, if one is to judge by things said of them in the secular papers, had some who had more sentiment than sense.

A rumor that General Dewet had been captured was put in circulation on the stock exchange, London, but no confirmation of the report could be obtained.

What means these happy, thrilling songs? Why, they are practicing, and they'll be a part of the fifth Sunday meetings. Even Bro. Crumpton will help sing them.

The ladies' aid society of the First Baptist church is making a strong effort to paint the parsonage. That they will succeed is a foregone conclusion.—Brundidge News.

From our dear brother, Rev. J. S. Yarbrough, of Orion, comes the following words. May the Lord bless him in his affliction: "I am yet unable to be engaged in the duties of the ministry. I never knew before how hard it is for old ministers to submit gracefully to being laid aside."

Of Bro. Quisenberry's preaching at Marion, the Standard says: "Mr. Quisenberry preaches the old story of man's lost condition and God's marvelous grace with great directness and force."

Rev. O. C. Swindall, of Elmore county, is a candidate to the constitutional convention. He is a thoughtful, sensible and strong man, and would do credit to the citizens of that county in the convention.

The Avondale bishop, we learn, is in a strait betwixt two, whether it is better to remain with the saints at home or to go to Brookwood, where he has received a flattering call. Brookwood is a promising field.

The "big Injun" of the Montgomery Advertiser is ex-Secretary of State, Maj. J. D. Barron. What Maj. Barron doesn't know of Indian lore, few of us are able to tell him. He is the best posted "Injun" in all these parts.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Pine Barren Association will be held at Beatrice, Ala., March 29-31. Program published in Wilcox Era and Monroe Journal. Brethren cordially invited to attend.—D. W. Ramsey, Pineapple.

The Central Committee has a very important letter in this issue by Miss Annie Armstrong. It ought to be read by every sister in Alabama and before every W. M. U. organization. Take the time to read every line of it, and then pray and act.

United States Minister Conger has left Pekin for this country, on sixty days' leave of absence. Commissioner Rockhill will have full power to conduct the negotiations now in progress. Mr. Conger returns of his own initiative.

Here is a pearl of a thought from Bro. Bomar's communication in this issue: When the "fullness of the Gentiles be come in" then the brightness of that light will dissipate the darkness at home. The light that shines the farthest away must shine the brightest at home.

Memphis proposes to spend \$50,000 on the Confederate Reunion next summer. This will surpass the other cities that have entertained the veterans from \$10,000 to \$20,000. President McKinley has declined the invitation by the committee to be present.

Mr. W. A. Fountain's chief product is rice; he raises from five to six hundred bushels yearly. Has a fine rice mill, and was busy as a bee getting his crop ready for market. He says he finds no trouble in selling his rice and for a good price.—Marion Standard.

Still tokens of appreciation come to the pastor and his family. This time it is a beautiful quilt made by Mrs. E. D. Avery, Mrs. J. W. Whately and daughter and Mrs. W. L. Fagan and daughters. This token of love is highly appreciated by us. God bless the good women, who are always foremost in the good work.—H. R. Schramm.

The river and harbor bill measure, carrying more than \$50,000,000, passed the U. S. Senate on the 28th ult. Appropriations for some Alabama rivers and harbors were included in this amount. We hope our subscribers will now aid in sending our ship through as early as possible.

Next to the good news of a church's being built, comes this, from a correspondent at Loachapoka to the Opelika Post: "Funds are now being raised to erect a handsome new school building at this place. By the first of next September it is expected to have a comfortable and commodious building, and the promoters mean business."

Some time in January I wrote you and sent 25 cents for "back rations" on the paper, telling you to stop it. It is possible you didn't get it, and now I have this to say: I just can't do without the dear old ALABAMA BAPTIST, and I feel that no true Christian can; so in a few days will send in my renewal. May you prosper long.—D.

A card from Brother Quisenberry, who is assisting Pastor Bomar, at Marion, says: "The Lord is bringing the people in large numbers to hear His Word. Eighteen received for baptism, fourteen of whom are from the Judson. Many of the boys in M. M. I. interested. Help me to praise Him and seek for yet greater things from Him. He is able."

The following was sent out from Washington: "Mr. Pettigrew created a laugh during the presentation of the morning business by proposing an amendment to the army appropriation bill, readings. And that the title of the President shall hereafter be the President of the so-called Republic of the United States, and the Emperor of the Islands of the Sea."

I am always glad to see my paper come in, and look first for the Field Notes. I think some one ought to write from here and help to make our paper better. We are getting along nicely with Bro. Mack Stamps as our leader; ordained two deacons the second Sunday in January, Bros. J. M. Riddle and W. B. Wheeler.—A Sister, Dallas Avenue Baptist church, Huntsville, Ala.

A good congregation greeted Bro. W. G. Hubbard at Liberty church on Feb. 16th, when he preached an able sermon. This was also our time for church conference. On Sunday, 17th, Bro. Hubbard preached another strong sermon, after which all agreed to move forward in the Lord's work. A weekly prayer meeting was announced. The two days' meeting closed Sunday night.—A. J. C.

So far as can be ascertained, from reliable data, 128 lives were lost in the wreck of the Pacific Mail steamer, City of Rio de Janeiro, which went down in the Golden Gate, San Francisco, Cal. A pilot of twenty years' experience, without an accident, was in charge. A heavy fog made it impossible to locate the position of rocks near the coast. What a lesson—one rock, one mistake, twenty minutes for rescue, 128 lives lost!

Last Saturday and Sunday were our regular preaching days at the Baptist church here, and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Williams, who is always prompt and on time, delivered two very fine sermons. Our preaching days hereafter will be on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in each month, as they formerly were. The change was made by request of Bro. Williams.—Uchee correspondent Russell Register.

I have accepted work in West Florida. Many of God's elect are here. Some of the finest farming lands I have ever seen lie adjacent to Marianna, Fla. I have a splendid field and the outlook is encouraging. If in the long, hot summer, you should grow tired, just lie yourself down to the "Land of Flowers." I would take you to St. Andrew's and let you breathe some fresh air. Come.—Geo. W. McRae, Greenwood, Fla.

It was our privilege to worship with the people at Mt. Pleasant church, two miles beyond Cottondale, on last Sunday. A very good congregation was present, and we had a good service. It was the day for calling a pastor, and Rev. R. S. Cox was unanimously chosen to succeed himself in that office. Mr. Cox has served this church about two years, and the church seems very much attached to him.—Alabama Breeze.

When the circus property was passing through the town on Sunday from the Midland to the Central railroad, Mrs. James Wood, wife of the section foreman, started to run from the front to the rear of the house to tell her mother to come and see the bear. In passing a fireplace her dress caught fire, and she narrowly escaped serious injury.—Dothan Home Journal (Bro. Baber's paper). But what we are anxious to know, Bro. Baber, is—did they see the bear?

"The young folks of this place met at the Baptist church last Sunday and enjoyed themselves by singing songs. This place cannot be excelled for good singing."—Charlton correspondent Eufaula Times and News. That used to be a splendid way to spend an hour or two on Sunday afternoons, years ago, in a great many of our country and village churches. Why not keep it up? Good singing of gospel hymns is second only to the preached Word.

Oswichee church, Russell county, of which Rev. N. C. Underwood is pastor, presented him and family with some nice presents, among them a nice parlor rocker, one for his study, and a center table, half a dozen Smyrna rugs for the rooms, and two large rolls of matting for the hall floors. The church here had a splendid pastorium built and the Oswichee church felt it a duty to help

Mr. Underwood, who has served them so faithfully, to individually furnish liberally the home which the Brundidge people have provided for him and his family. He and they, as well as the members of the Brundidge church, appreciate this token from Oswichee.—Brundidge News.

A fifth Sunday meeting will be held with the Chalybeate Springs church, March 29-31, 1901. Those on the program are Rev. J. S. Jernigan, L. H. Shetleworth, J. H. Pool, R. M. Hunter, J. G. Lowery, A. J. Creel, W. B. Crumpton, J. A. Moncrief, J. T. Hughes, John Raglin, T. A. Eliot, Geo. E. Mize, Robert Jones. Those traveling by railroad will be met at New Castle, on L. & N. R. R. Write to T. A. Eliot, New Castle, what train you will arrive on.

The colleges and universities to the north of us may go on till the crack of doom advising against the phonetic system of spelling, but some of our people will use it just the same. A brother writes: "I nu my time was up, but that u had sens nuff to stop the paper enyhow." That isn't exactly according to the science of the art, but it conveys the meaning and gets there by a shorter route. To say the least of it, when a man comes at us that way we always know what he means. We seldom hesitate, very seldom.

Just after Rev. W. A. Parker arrived in St. Stephens last Sunday morning for the purpose of filling his appointment at the Baptist church, he received a telegram announcing the death of his mother in Jonesboro, Ark., at 11 o'clock Saturday night. Of course, all were ready to excuse him from the duties of the pulpit when they learned the sad news that brought sorrow to his heart, such as none know save those who have lost a tender, loving mother.—Washington County News.

Yesterday was another good day with the people and members of the Baptist church at this place. Bro. Brannan preached one of the old-time, soul-stirring sermons from 1 Tim. 15. There was a manifestation of the Spirit among both people and members of the church. On the third Sunday in this month two deacons are to be ordained. Bros. Crumpton, Shaffer, Foster and A. C. Swindall have been chosen by the church to assist in the ordination, and we hope all will be present.—A. J. Lilly, Tallahassee.

Speaking of Sunday schools the Abbeville News says: "We are not informed what the growth in attendance upon the Methodist church was, but it is large, and at the Baptist the attendance has just doubled since the first Sunday in January of this year, last Sunday eighty being present. And the collections for books and other expenses are not so scant as in the past, but a sufficient amount is collected when the call is made to about, if not quite, meet the demand. Certainly these conditions are most favorable for both the churches."

On yesterday, the 3rd, Rev. T. J. Porter resigned as pastor of the Fort Deposit Baptist church. His resignation was unanimously accepted. He will leave here next Wednesday, the 6th, for a new field of labor. Our church is now without a pastor. We hope to be able soon to secure another for two Sundays in each month. We have a furnished parsonage, and hope to be able to secure a pastor who can live in our midst. We will make an effort to have preaching occasionally between this and the time of securing a pastor.—C. A. Gunn, Fort Deposit, March 4.

On the morning of January 2, 1901, Mr. Wm. H. King's body was laid quietly to rest in the cemetery at Prairieville, Ala. Mr. King was born at Warren Plains, N. C., on Feb. 27, 1828. He was highly respected as a citizen, a consistent Christian, a member of the Macon church, and a tender, loving and thoughtful father. He leaves eight children and many friends to mourn his departure. May the God in whom was his trust comfort and sustain them.—J. E. Barnes, Selma, Feb. 25, 1901.

A fifth Sunday meeting of the Alabama Association will be held with Union church, Honoraville, Crenshaw county, beginning Friday, March 29-31. Among the speakers we note the following: T. E. Morgan, W. C. Avant, Joe Kierec, J. G. Well, T. T. Dobbs, T. E. Massey, J. C. Fon-

ville, J. W. Holloway, Geo. Vickery, Andrew Watts, J. F. Sims, C. C. Lloyd, J. M. Carter, J. W. Supples, T. S. Sanford, E. M. Address, J. A. Rhodes, T. L. S. Grace, W. H. Cheatham, C. E. Morgan, Steve Pickett, J. G. Thomas, J. T. Moncrief, J. M. Dickerson, J. M. Routen, D. A. Hurst.

On the night of January 25th there passed from earth to the home of the blessed, the spirit of sister Anne E. Eley, wife of the late Rev. M. N. Eley. Like her devoted and consecrated husband, sister Eley was a choice spirit in our midst. In her death there is removed another of the old land marks of our city and church. She was born in Georgia, June, 1830, and was married in Nov., 1867. She had no children of her own, but was most highly esteemed and lovingly regarded by the children of her household.—A. P. Pugh, Union Springs, Ala.

"The right hand man."—"I know not," said a brother to me, what I shall do when Gray is gone. He was my right hand man." "Gray's removal will sorely cripple us," writes another. "What will — do now that Gray is out." We in Tuscaloosa know how much he helped us. As these things are being said all about, it grows as a wonder upon me to see how many worthy causes and men were propped, staid, saved and supported by the strong hand and big heart and brain of the Birmingham man. Each of us knew how much he was helping us, but we did not know how he was carrying others. It seems he was the 'right hand man' of us all. God bless him.—L. O. Dawson.

We are in the midst of one of the greatest revivals in the history of our church, and town. Pastor Bomar is assisted in the preaching by Bro. W. Y. Quisenberry, of New Decatur, whose messages have been presented with great directness, fervor and power. Up to this time some sixty have made profession of their faith in Christ, and we trust also have had an experience of grace. Many hearts here and in other parts of this and other States are being made glad because of the conversion of their loved ones. Many of the Judson girls and the young men of the Marion Military Institute are confessing Christ, and also a number of girls from the Marion Female Seminary. Let all our Christian friends throughout the State join us in prayer for yet greater blessings, and help us to praise God for his generous work. Mor later.—R. G. P., Marion, March 2nd.

I have sent, as a beginning, forty little books to the Home, which will be interesting and helpful to the children. Thanks to friends who have given me two dollars to this worthy cause. And while you make your appeal to the pastor, I wish to remind the lady friends of the Home how easily we can make this a success by only mentioning the fact in our societies that the precious children need a library of choice books, and that it would gladden the heart of Bro. Stewart. In most all our best homes are good, clean books, which have been read and reread by the children of these homes, and in many cases, I am sure, the mothers, and even the children, would be glad of an opportunity to donate them to the Home. If the friends will merely mention these facts, I am sure donations of this kind will be collected and sent in; and then, by wisely spending what cash subscriptions we get, we will do the Home a lasting good in which all will have an interest, and on account of which all can rejoice.—Mrs. J. D. Pittman.

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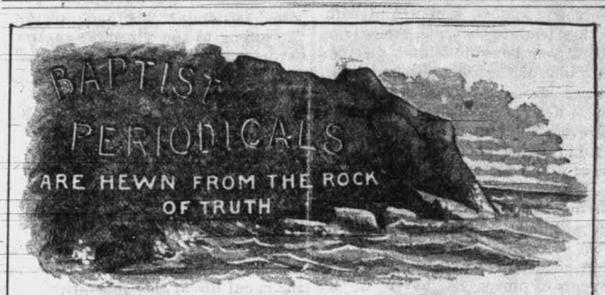
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The Union Springs Herald comes with this one: "Suppose some one should approach you very suddenly, and say to you that he would give you a twenty dollar bill if you would write a sensible and clear essay, of at least two hundred words, explaining what the 'Ship Subsidy Bill,' before the U. S. Senate, is. Two things would occur to you, in all probability, namely: you don't know what the bill is, and how you would miss that twenty dollar bill." The

best definition we have seen is the following from Senator Clay's speech in the Senate: "A ten-knot ship travels per day 240 miles and would receive a yearly bounty of \$48,300. A twenty-one-knot ship travels per day 504 miles and would receive an annual bounty of \$304,200, or more than six times the amount donated to a ten-knotship, the real freighter."
Men are willing to be slaves of some that they may be masters of others.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Gloria in Excelsis.

BY E. S. ROBERTS.

A dying one said, "Take away the wine, give me a great thought."

I gaze upon a distant star,
Seemingly near, and yet so far.
A scintillating ray of light
Emblazoned on the brow of night,
A shining point of silver ray,
Untold millions of leagues away.

Yet, 'tis a gorgeous, blazing sun,
Around it, worlds their orbits run.
A planetary system's trace,
In that bright point in endless space,
Wonderful thought, so much should be,
In star in the immensity.

Yet, 'tis but type of millions more
That gem the boundless ether o'er;
No finite mind can grasp the thought,
The mysteries that God hath wrought:
Endless creation, endless space,
Endless eternity of grace.

We call this earth a mighty sphere,
Our all in all centered here.
(Compared with nature's endless chain
As grain of sand in desert plain,
As crawling insects on the ball,
We dream that we are lords of all.

On these earths in this ether sea
Are there God's children, such as we?
A common brotherhood and race,
Needing as much a Savior's grace?
Are these the sheep, He said of old,
That He would bring, not of this fold?

If this be so, what glory shone
Resplendent 'round the Great White
Throne.

When Father gave His only Son,
A lamb, slain 'ere the worlds begun,
Amazing grace, stupendous plan,
To save His fallen creature, man.

The universe will then proclaim
Hosannas to the Savior's name,
And countless hosts their off-rings bring
To feet of Heaven's Eternal King.
To Him, all worlds, both great and
small,

Will come, and crown Him Lord of All.

For the Alabama Baptist.

GOSSIP.

MRS. I. WINDSOR.

I consider gossip one of the great sins of this age and country.

"Speak evil of no man" is a grand injunction, which, if obeyed, would almost constitute a new race.

The sin of gossip has caused many unpleasant feelings in the home, much disturbance in the community, and a lot of unnecessary trouble in the church.

Gossip poisons the mind of the one who gossips, and really does him more harm than the one gossiped about.

A great deal of gossiping is the result of idleness—people who have nothing else to do but go about telling the news.

Paul in 1 Tim. 5:13, speaking of the young widows, says: "And when they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle, but tattlers also and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not." So much for idleness. If everybody would employ their time in doing good, as did Christ, there would be fewer tattlers.

A gossip is a dangerous person. No one has any confidence in him. He will make "public property" of your secrets.

A good way to avoid making gossips of others, is never to tell them your secrets. Never tell a secret to your most intimate friend, for he will have another good friend to whom he will entrust it, and so it goes.

Another cause of so much gossiping is ignorance. People not knowing anything else to talk about, but the little, trifling, every day happenings of the community in which they live. "Read good books, think good thoughts, and lead a pure life."

Notice the people who read good books and who are constantly storing their minds with useful knowledge. When you meet them they shed a hallowed influence over you for good. They haven't time for gossip. They are thinking of loftier and grander things. Now, are these not the people with whom we would all like to associate? Those who are able to entertain by relating something new and interesting every time we are with them. We could all do a great deal better if we would just think when we have company or when we go to see some friend. Now, I am not going to gossip, but I will tell something I have just read or we will talk on religious matters. There are many more ways of entertaining people than tattling about our neighbors.

Our thoughts are ourselves. "As ye think, so are ye." As we think, so we speak. If we think evil of a

person, we are going to speak evil of him the first opportunity we have. If our thoughts are good and pure toward everybody, our words and actions will be the same. If we send out good thoughts toward all mankind their thoughts for us will be good.

"As you sow, so shall ye reap." I close by suggesting a resolution for all who read this: "Let us each and everyone refrain from thinking, saying or listening to anything that may be said of another that we would not want thought or said of ourselves."

MRS. CAROLINE NATION.

What Hon. John Temple Graves Says of Her.

I very much fear that the pendulum swing of reaction will carry this reform in Kansas as far backward as Caroline and her hatchet have carried it forward, and that the general results of her radical crusade will hurt rather than help the noble cause she had in her heart to serve.

John G. Woolley, the Prohibitionist candidate for president, is in open opposition to Caroline of Kansas. So are the W. C. T. U. people, and our "Uncle Jones" seems her only illustrious champion.

But the world never saw a man who hated liquor more honestly than Sam Jones, and profoundly respecting his honesty, I love him even when I differ with him.

Mrs. Nation herself is one of the kindest of women, motherly, good natured, fairly good looking and bubbling over with amiable enjoyment of herself and her crusade.

Nothing delights her more than to talk with anybody, man or woman, drunk or sober, about her work.

The other night in Kansas City depot she was rushing around under charge of Charlie Stroud, the popular Burlington railroad agent, when a young fellow walked up rather unsteady on his legs and said:

"Charlie, I want you to introduce me to Aunt Carrie."

The introduction was given. "Auntie," said the youth, "I am awfully glad to meet you. I've (hic) been wanting to (hic) meet you ever since I heard of you."

"Well, my dear man, I'm glad you met me at last," said the hatchet heroine cordially. "Why have you wanted to see me?"

"Well, you see, Auntie, (hic) I just wanted to see somebody (hic) who had destroyed more 'booze' than I had (hic) without paying for it."

But the old lady had said some good things herself. What could be better than her reply to the Chicago saloonist, who, for advertising purposes, had draped his nude picture "according to the directions of Mrs. Carrie Nation." The old lady came again to see how he had followed her demand.

"That is not enough," said she. "You must drape it more."

"How would you have me drape it, Auntie?" said the smiling jointest.

"Drape it, sir, as you would drape your sister when she appears in public," was the fine reply.

This temperance question is a great, towering, magnificent issue in the moral life of this generation.

There has been spent upon it a world of prayers, an ocean of tears, a mint of money, a wealth of consecration, and, if the truth must be told, a vast amount of honest fanaticism.

It is a question in which it is hard to be reasonable and conservative in the front of the sorrow and the suffering and tragedy that is linked with its history, but a question in which, as in all other questions, it is at last only the reasonable and the conservative that will win an enduring victory.

Whenever the issue is joined between temperance and liquor, I am going to vote as I have always voted, for the side that carries the moral betterment of the race, but in the light of history and experiment, I am forced to believe that so long as men are permitted by law to manufacture liquor, men will find a way, with or without law, to buy it and to sell it.—Atlanta Journal.

Woman may not be much of a philosopher, but she is, nevertheless, a clothes observer.

A man may be as honest as the days are long and then do a great deal of mischief during the night.

Contentment is better than riches—provided you have them both at the same time.

Ten Rules for Politeness for Children.

1. To be polite is to have a kind regard for the feelings and rights of others.

2. Be as polite to your parents, brothers, sisters and schoolmates as you are to strangers.

3. Look people fairly in the eyes when you speak to them or they speak to you.

4. Do not bluntly contradict anyone.

5. It is not discourteous to refuse to do wrong.

6. Whispering, laughing, chewing gum or eating at lectures, in school, or at places of amusement, is rude and vulgar.

7. Be doubly careful to avoid any rudeness to strangers, such as calling out to them, laughing or making remarks about them. Do not stare at visitors.

8. In passing a pen, pencil, knife, or pointer, hand the blunt end toward the one who receives it.

9. When a classmate is reciting, do not raise your hand until after he has finished.

10. When you pass directly in front of any one or accidentally annoy him, say, "Excuse me," and never fail to say "Thank you" for the smallest favor. On no account say "Thanks."—School Rules of Santa Barbara, Cal.

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For the Alabama Baptist. The Work—Some Suggestions.

MRS. CHAS. A. STAKELY. To my mind one of the charming features of the work of women's missionary unions is the fact that our study and contributions have been systematized, and our women find time to study the needs, pray for and contribute towards the support of every branch of our denominational work. It has been deemed best by those in charge of our affairs to appoint only a few special days, but we all know what a joy it is to aid the Sunday schools and junior societies in celebrating Missionary Day. At Christmas time, with one accord, and I trust, in the spirit of Him whose birth we celebrate, we make our offering for the spread of His gospel in foreign lands. And then in March we have the blessed privilege of a week of prayer and self-denial for the work of our Home Mission Boards.

What could be more important than caring for our own? Take the great State of Texas, for an example. For years the Home Board has been aiding in the establishment of churches in that great field and now, behold! that State is fast making ready to do for others what has been done for her. Some one in writing of the State Convention there said that Texas would soon be no longer a mission field for Baptists, but would be one of our greatest sources of supply for the giving of the gospel to others.

Our Home Board never needed money as it does today. Look at the vast millions of population pouring into our midst, look at our neglected mountain people, struggling, languishing churches, and the vast negro population! Will not each woman's missionary society arrange at once for the week of prayer?

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"Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide. In the strife twixt light and darkness, For the good or evil side."

And I believe that we are now called upon to decide whether or not we will take our fair Southland for Christ, or carelessly pass by our glorious opportunity.

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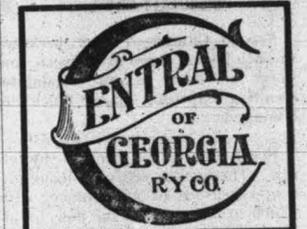
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The March Campaign.

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OBITUARIES.

PARKER.

Mrs. Henrietta Ann Parker, widow of Eld. W. J. Parker, for twenty-five years a Baptist minister in Alabama, was born Oct. 27, 1820, near Milledgeville, Ga., and died at Jonesboro, Ark., Feb. 22, 1901. She was the mother of eleven children, five living, two of whom are ministers of the gospel. She was on her way to visit her son in Texas, and while paying a brief visit to her daughter in this city, when she was stricken with malarial fever and passed away. The writer conducted her funeral from the First Baptist church, using Rev. 14: 13. FRANCIS BOZEMAN, Pastor First Baptist church, Jonesboro, Ark.

HICKSON.

On Jan. 20th Bro. Jas. Harvey Hickson, a faithful old follower of the Lord, was called up higher. Bro. Hickson was born in Lowndes county May 15, 1822. He was converted in 1844, and has been, through all these years, a consistent and substantial member of the Baptist church, first at Collinville, but at the time of his death at Pleasant Hill. He was married Jan. 20, 1848, to Miss Susan Reese, and for fifty-three years have they lived happily together. Always faithful in State, church and family was he, and generous and charitable ever. He had no children, but was a father indeed to many. We thank the Lord for the loan of him. HIS PASTOR.

Feb. 10, 1901, at Ashland, Ala., little Francis Willard Bently departed this life.

Only 3 years and 3 days were allotted her here, but enough to bring much light and love into the home and win for herself a place in the affections of all who knew her.

May the Lord comfort the bereaved and enable them to realize that He "means it unto good."

There's a new mound in the churchyard, There's a vacant chair in the home; Mother's heart is bleeding and sore; But heaven is so much nearer, And Jesus is so much dearer, Than ever they have been before.

Lovingly,

J. R. STODGHILL, Lineville, Ala.

Whereas, Our beloved brother, D. L. McRae, has departed this life; and whereas, it seems fitting that we, his fellow laborers in the Master's vineyard, should pay the tribute to his memory that his good life so abundantly deserves; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That in the death of Bro. McRae Bethlehem church has sustained the loss of one of its most efficient and faithful members.

2. That his life has been of untold value to the cause of Christ as an example.

3. That we shall bear with his family the great grief they are suffering, and prayerfully commend them to the tender watch-care of Him who doeth all things well.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family and a copy to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication.

ALBERT RICHARDS, Committee.

Adopted by the church Feb. the 9th, 1901.

RESOLUTIONS.

Of Prattville Baptist Sunday school on the death of Misses Bessie and Alice Wilkes.

The strange, fearful and sudden providence that called Misses Bessie and Alice Wilkes, as they stood in the very sunshine of life and just knocking at the door of young womanhood, we do not understand; but believing, as we do, that God knoweth what is best and doeth all things well, we bow in humble submission to His divine will.

The association with us of these modest, retiring girls, has been such as to command our respect, inspire our admiration and win our dearest love. In their short Christian life we have seen reflected the spirit, character and essence of that Christian religion which alone can dispel the darkness of the tomb, rob the grave of its victory and death of its sting.

Resolved, That in their death our Sabbath school has lost two bright and lovely students, and each of us two sympathizing personal friends, whose character we extol, whose virtues we shall strive to emulate, and whose memory we shall always cherish. We extend to their bereaved mother, sister and brothers, our tenderest sympathies. If we could lift this load of grief from off your hearts we would most gladly and quickly do so, but we cannot. We, therefore, most humbly pray that He who has called Bessie and Alice to Himself may support and comfort each of you with abundant grace and unspeakable love.

Be it further resolved, That a record of these resolutions be kept by our Sabbath school, and that a copy be furnished Mrs. Wilkes, and also one sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

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SOME PLAIN TALK.

Rev. Sam Jones Tells the Atlanta Journal What He Thinks of Modern Society.

Tragedy and comedy. There are many things to laugh at and others that make your blood run cold. What a tragedy the papers this week report of the gruesome find out near Bolton. These horrors are not accidents or the mishaps of a day; they have their roots running backward and running downward. Society is getting more corrupt, modesty and purity are standing at less premium, decency and sobriety are spurned by many who would be esteemed respectable. When a woman loses her modesty she has already half way lost her virtue. When a man has a bottle of whiskey in one pocket and a pack of cigarettes in the other he has very little more to lose except his soul. This world never needed the old-fashioned mammys and daddies like it needs them today. We have substituted for them things called mammas and papas, of which I am whom, and they are a sorry set.

Buggy and bicycle riding, ball-rooms, etc., however nice they may seem, they are like the old woman's collards when she said, "If you cook these old blue stem collards before the frost bites them, if you don't put heap of grease in them you will find after you eat them that they have got the very devil in them." Buggy riding and ball rooms need grace instead of grease and a great deal more grace than goes to that phase of life. I noticed a report in the New York World the other day of the women who dined at the fashionable restaurants in New York, that 75 per cent of them took wine and whiskeys with their dinners. I said it and I stick to it that when a woman is full of wine she is not able to take care of herself properly in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation. But while the young folks, so called, are having a good time, there are bleeding hearts behind them suffering untold agonies, and I have said it and stick to it again, that the greatest mystery in God's economy is that the innocent must suffer with the guilty, not penance like old dog Tray who went in bad company, for he ought to have been licked for having gotten with that gang, but the innocent, who do not consort with the guilty. Mothers, wives, daughters, husbands, suffer because of the guilt of another whom God has bound to them by the ties of consanguinity.

If the devil does get his dues and gives some people their dues, there is going to be a picnic some day in Pandemonium. I have long since abandoned from my mind the thought that the devil will get anybody whom he ought not to get, or that he will do any more to them than he ought to do.

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MARRIED.

Prof. D. A. McNeil, of Fitzpatrick, Ala., and Miss Hirsch L. Nichols, of Lineville, Ala., were united in marriage Feb. 10, 1901, at the home of the bride's parents, Lineville, Ala. Prof. McNeil is a young man of fine intellectual attainments, and a Christian gentleman. Miss Nichols has been the organist for our church for several years, a favorite in society and much loved by many friends. The promise of a bright future lies before them and many good wishes for their happiness and prosperity follow them.—J. R. Stodghill.

Now for Home and Foreign Missions.

We must give the Home and Foreign Boards the right of way for March and April. The returns for State Missions have not been as good as I had hoped for; but we must be true to the other Boards and give them the time between this and the Convention in New Orleans May 10th.

We are asking for \$10,000 for Home Missions, and \$13,000 for Foreign Missions from Alabama. I will have the exact figures for the next paper. Let everybody help now.

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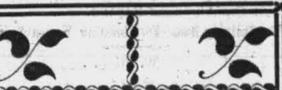
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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of a mortgage executed to the undersigned by G. M. Best, and recorded in Mortgage Book No. 53, page 53, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Crenshaw county, Alabama, I will proceed to sell, on the 26th day of March, 1901, at the Artesian Basin, in the City of Montgomery, county of Montgomery, State of Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit: The N 1/2 of NE 1/4, and N 1/2 of NW 1/4, and SW 1/4 of section twenty (20), township eleven (11), range seventeen (17), situated in Crenshaw county, Alabama.

G. T. EDWARDS, Surviving partner of Bradley & Edwards Mortgage.

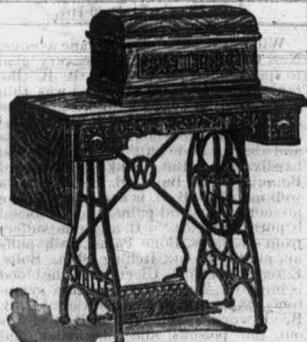
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