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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Resuming the discussion of the "Home Base of Supply," the Christian Index contrasts the large amount given by the Baptists of the South last year for home work, which it puts at \$23,325,274, with their small contribution to the vast work of world-wide missions, which, after expenses were deducted, was \$132,884. The Index errs in counting the value of church property (\$20,025,344) along with the contributions. This amount is a permanent investment, the accumulated result of years of effort, rather than the contributions of a single year. The proper comparison would have been between this enormous sum invested in church property at home, and the meagre, even pitiful amount similarly invested in foreign lands. But even with this correction of the figures of the Index the disparity is humiliating enough. Surely we may not boast of our loyalty to the commands of Christ so long as we spend \$3,300,000 on our home work and \$133,000 (or \$156,000, less expenses) for sending the gospel to the rest of the world. Is not our earnest contemporary justified in saying: "In the light of these figures, it is almost an insult to Him who uttered the 'commission' to talk about cultivating a home base of 'supply,' when the supplies are not drawn from it to be sent forth. What we, as a people, need to do now is to honor our Lord by drawing on the base ten, fifty, a hundred times more largely than we are doing for men and means to cultivate the really destitute fields afar off. Our danger, we repeat and emphasize it, is that the needs of the fields afar off shall be hidden from our view by the ever growing demands of those near by. Jesus said, 'all nations.' We say, 'our country.'"

The following from the Journal and Messenger, purporting to show to its Northern readers how delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention are appointed, will be news to most of us in the South. Our Ohio contemporary says: "The method in vogue is, as was explained several weeks ago, for a committee (self-appointed or otherwise) to sit down, and after determining the number of delegates to which the State, as a whole, is entitled, go over the list of ministers and others and designate certain of the more prominent brethren to be delegates and to publish the list so made up in the State papers."

This is the first we have heard of a "self-appointed" committee to select delegates to the Convention. Any such committee would be likely to find itself in trouble from the moment of self-appointment. Wherever the delegates are chosen by a committee it is because the churches give them authority. And any church or set of churches may reject the authority of the committee, if they have contributed \$250 to the work of the Convention, and appoint their own delegates. The appointing power lies, as it should, with the churches that show their interest in this work.

Again, it is news to find that "certain of the more prominent brethren" are made delegates. On the contrary it is the custom, save in very exceptional cases, for the committee to announce several weeks beforehand that they are ready to receive applications for appointment, and the appointments are made as the names are received.

But the most surprising statement

in our contemporary's editorial is that "under the present system three millions of Southern Baptists had two thousand persons present at their anniversary." We thought the Journal and Messenger surely knew that the negroes have their own organization and are not admitted to membership in the Southern Baptist Convention. And nearly half of the "three millions" are negroes. This is strange ignorance for one who lives just across the river from us.

## TRIP NOTES.

W. B. C.

So many sad changes have come to the people there and to myself since my last visit years ago that I hesitated about going to

M'KINLEY.

in Marengo county. The same old hospitable spirit prevails among the few who remain as was there in the palmy days of the olden times. The visitor is made to feel glad of his coming. It is a great pity that such grand old communities should ever be broken up. The church is composed of some of the salt of the earth. With great self-sacrifice they have erected a neat house of worship on the spot where the old building stood.

We had an old-fashioned service with "dinner on the ground." It was a great pleasure to preach to and shake hands with many old friends.

Brother J. W. Sandlin, the pastor, and is greatly beloved. The mountaineer preacher brags on the black belt people, but he longs for the great crowds he had in North Alabama. The whites in all this region are becoming fewer each year, and many of those who are here never darken a church door—this makes the work of a pastor discouraging.

There are serious problems everywhere, but the few white people in the interior of the black belt have the most serious problem to solve that I know of. Dangers menace them on every hand. If the churches could be kept in fact and a strong ministry maintained the case would not be so desperate; but the people are moving away and dying out; the young men are not marrying and nobody is moving in. It is hoped that new life will be put in the region about McKinley by the coming of the new railroad from Selma to—nobody knows where. It is now a part of the great L. & N. system and that makes it certain it is going somewhere.

It is now just twenty-one years ago, that, in a brief pastorate of a few months at McKinley, I baptized Miss Willie Kelley. It was a great pleasure to have her in the congregation while I preached. It is almost the only opportunity I have had since her return from China to hear her talk of her work. She has promised to give me for publication, before she returns to China, several incidents, which came under her observation, which I may put in tract form for general distribution.

McKinley church enjoys the distinction of having furnished a missionary to the foreign field. It is something to be proud of—not many churches are so honored of the Lord. So many have become "interested in Miss Willie and her work, I have determined to comply with the expressed wish of many brethren, and write up a history of her conversion and call to the foreign field. In the next issue maybe will appear an article which may be printed later in the form of a tract, "How a Question was Settled; How a Missionary was Found."

Heaven bless the good people about McKinley.

I found the crops in this section generally clean and much better than I expected. With seasonable weather the harvest will not be below the average.

If a man always does his duty on little occasions he will know just how to act on great occasions.

## A New Variety of Baptists.

W. B. C.

The Trunk Baptists are an ancient set; the Omissionary Baptists are older still; the Anti-Missionaries date back to New Testament times. See III John 9:10. But we are discovering in these latter days yet other varieties. Not a great while ago I wrote of the "Out-lying Baptists" and "Ex-Baptists." I have lately discovered the

### "BAPTISTS STILL."

One was a Catholic. He had been trained by Col. Murfee, in the Howard, I suppose. Was once, with his wife, an active member of a prominent Baptist church. I could hardly believe my ears as he told how he made the so-called "sinner's prayer." By some strange notion, which sometimes comes into Baptist heads, he sent his children to a Catholic school. Plenty of Baptist schools just as good or better in their reach, but the Catholics got in their work and finally got the whole family! As my wide open eyes expressed my surprise at the story he told he protested "I am a Baptist still, I am no Catholic."

A few days later, a young woman on the train introduced herself to me. I remembered her well. She graduated at the Judson under Dr. Averett. I love all the Judson girls and am so proud to have them do the sensible thing when they meet me—just speak to me and tell me who they are. They know I can't remember them. Well, this young woman rattled it off about where she lived, who she married, how grand her life was, and then took my breath with the remark, "You didn't know I had joined the Presbyterians with my husband."

"Think of it," I exclaimed, "a Baptist girl trained in the

Dr. Averett leaving the Baptists!"

Whereupon she protested most earnestly, "I am a Baptist still!" What a strange set of Baptists these are!

Here is a story I once heard: A Baptist preacher passing the home of a young woman whom he knew, dropped in to see her. She was very happy to see her old pastor of course, but said: "I have been almost afraid to see you, for I have joined the Methodists with my husband and I was sure you would get after me about it." "No," said the old pastor, "I would not have said a word about it, but now, since you have mentioned it, I would like to have one solid reason for your course." "Why," she said, "you see I never was satisfied about close communion; I am a Baptist still, except close communion."

"Well," said the pastor, "I am at the first of that. I was your pastor; you used to bring your troubles to me, but I don't remember that you ever told me you were troubled about that. I don't reckon you lay awake at night thinking about it, did you? But I suppose you like the way the Methodists baptize—pouring a little water on the head and baptizing unconscious infants."

"No, Sir," she said with emphasis, "I do not hold to that sort of doings at all; I am a Baptist still, all except close communion." The pastor continued: "You surely must believe in falling from grace, and I suppose you like the plan of having a preacher taken from you and another sent without your having any say-so in the matter." "No, sir," she said, "I hold to the old Baptist doctrine. Once in grace, always in grace," and I told my husband the other day, Sunday, I couldn't see why the Methodists did the way they do about preachers. We had a good man here last year; everybody loved him and we had no doubt but that the bishop would let us have him again, but without one word about it, here comes a boy that can't preach at all and nobody likes him. I tell you I am a Baptist still, all but close communion"—and her eyes flashed with indignation as she told of the wrong which had been done the people by the change of preachers. "Now," said the old pastor, "we won't talk any further about this, but it does seem to me you have gotten yourself into a fix about this church business. When you were a

Baptist you were satisfied about everything except *one thing*, and that couldn't have bothered you very much; now that you are a Methodist, now, my child, the next time any body asks you why you quit the Baptists, tell them, honestly, you wanted to go with your husband. Don't persuade yourself that you were unhappy about close communion."

What will become of the "Baptists Still?" I do not know, but I am quite sure they will never be happy in their church relations. I have seldom found one who was satisfied. I am equally certain not one in ten will ever have the courage to correct the mistake and retrace their steps. Generally they are complete failures as church members and many times lapse into utter indifference and sometimes into skepticism.

Dr. Gambrel has lately written something like this in the Baptist Standard: A friend of his with strong Baptist inclinations married a Presbyterian wife, and a little later joined his wife's church. Seeing his old friend Gambrel he told him about it, and said: "You don't think God will damn me for not being immersed, do you?" "No," said G., "but he may damn you for following your wife instead of following Christ."

The whole tribe of "Baptists Still" have gone off after their kin and have forsaken the leadership of the Master. The Lord pity them! And what do the other denominations want with them? They are fit for nothing but to count. Their hearts are not with the people they have joined. A Campbellite woman joined the Methodists to be with her husband. She said nothing when her children were christened, though she didn't believe in it. A Methodist Goliath came along and went for the Baptists with gloves on. To his own satisfaction he tore them up root and branch. The Baptists took the medicine and said nothing; but the Campbellite woman in the Methodist church rose in her might to defend immersion and fairly painted the town red. She was a "Campbellite Still" and an enemy to Methodism, though she was counted among its followers.

## Brother Risner in Troy.

In response to my earnest solicitation Brother H. C. Risner, of Roanoke, recently spent a week in Troy preaching to the people. Notwithstanding some unfavorable conditions the congregations were good from the first, and increased so long as he continued with us. It gives me pleasure to say that he presents the gospel with great clearness, force and unction, gaining steadily in acceptance with the hearers day by day. Had circumstances permitted him to continue his labors with us a few more days, some of us hoped a general revival would ensue, but he felt obliged to cut short his visit on account of an engagement as a widower.

The Baptists of Troy, with many of their friends and sympathizers, desire to acknowledge our indebtedness to Brother Risner for his invaluable services, and to the church at Roanoke, for their generosity in lending us their worthy pastor for the space above indicated. Especially does the Troy pastor, together with his wife, desire to express our great gratification at having had the honor of entertaining so delightful a guest in our home. That his preaching has left a salutary impression on many minds in our community we believe without misgiving. May the Lord send him to us again in the power of the Holy Spirit, is the desire of many hearts.

A. B. CAMPBELL.

God is peace, God gives peace, God gives rest. Do not delegate yourselves to consider what is to be done with this new phase of unbelief or that; keep to the sacred, thrilling duty and delight of prayer, study, communion with God, fellowship with the eternal, and soon—no man knows how soon—there may be a trumpet blast rending the air and announcing that the kingdom of heaven is at hand.—Rev. Joseph Parker.

## Spiritual Nearsightedness.

There is a disease or defect of the eye which oculists call myopia or nearsightedness. Those thus afflicted see near objects, but cannot see distant ones. Peter tells us of some who are afflicted with spiritual nearsightedness. They can see the near and the material; but they cannot see the distant and the spiritual. They behold very readily the worldly, but are too shortsighted to see the spiritual. The faith-faculty, which takes the office of the imagination to that which is spiritual, is largely wanting or undeveloped. As Peter says, they do not "see afar off." The spiritual horizon of the apostles stretched away into the heavens and into the eternities; this world for which most people live, shrunk into its real proportions as they saw the universe as it is in its vastness, full of spiritual realities, beside which the things that engross material and sordid men were emptiness and vanity. The Bible gives much prominence to this distinction between the two kinds of vision, for the distinction is determinative of human character and human destiny. The eye of the bird is both microscopic and telescopic; it sees accurately the near, and yet sweeps with easy reach of vision objects on the rim of the far distant horizon. This is the double function of faith; it knows the full value of the near, and is at home amidst those spiritual realities which are part and parcel of the soul's environment. It discerns the present duty, the value of passing moments, and teaches the soul how to be at home with God.

Two men are standing on the heights of Bethel. Their herdsman have quarrelled and they must separate. The younger is given choice of the path by which he is to take his way. With wonderful consciousness and with consummate worldly tact he looks out upon the well-watered plain of the Jordan; the cities of temptation; the lures and spells by which worldliness saps the vitality and cuts the nerve of moral principle, are no bar to his selfish choice. He sees only the near material prize. Jericho is a garden of present delights. He saw the near advantage, the opportunity for riches on easy terms, a chance to make worldly riches rapidly; he does not inquire as to the moral and spiritual deprivations or the bad spiritual environment involved in his choice. He was afflicted with spiritual nearsightedness. His uncle, Abraham, took his journey along the less fertile uplands of the hill country, gravitating towards the rocky downs of Hebron. But he took the city which hath foundations with him as he journeyed along; the altar stood at the door of his tent, the God he worshipped was with him and communed with him in doing fellowship; every day his eye stretched away from the near hills covered with his herds and flocks, and fastened upon the city, whose builder and maker is God. How many are fatally nearsighted, living only in a gross material present! Nothing strong and true and lasting in character can be developed out of such conditions. Materialism emasculates character, produces brittle growths; it debars and disallows those elements which makes character strong and enduring; takes away the substances upon which true manhood feeds and grows.

J. H. CUREY.

The chief business of those trying to help the skeptic is to remove difficulties which hinder approach to Christ. This is best done not by furnishing intellectual solutions of difficulties, but by showing that these solutions are not required before coming. The solution comes best, if it comes at all, after the relationship to Christ is established.—E. Y. Mullins, D. D.

'Tis not what man does that exalts him, but what man would do.—Browning.

Who aimeth at the sky shoots higher much than he who aimeth at a tree.—George Herbert.



## Italy a Hard Field.

"Florence and Rome are the only two cities in Italy where Americans pass the winter, and there are usually many weeks of rain, wind and cold that call out one's vitality to combat. The first effect that Rome produces (and I think Florence also) is artistic intoxication. One is possessed, mastered, filled up and overwhelmed by that torrent of plastic art, of figures, of feeling, which strikes the eye and pierces every sense at each step upon that sacred ground. Art is in the atmosphere, in the sky, in the monuments. I will say, also, in the men. Here, on the contrary, there is not a trace of art, nothing to which the name can be applied; not one religious manifestation in the least poetic; churches that give rise to laughter, a grotesque cult, monuments of most supremely bad taste. Not a picture, not a statue worth notice."

Naples has produced no artist, no poet; bad taste has ever reigned master here, though truth to say, it is not here only that I have realized what bad taste is. All this, I repeat, because the ideal has not been able to make itself a place. Sensation stifles all else. Priapus—that is the god, that is all the art of this land. Go to Pompeii, to Baiae, to Mycenae, and you shall find that Naples is the rottenness, most Boeotian city in the world, because it is the city of the world where the instinct of enjoyment most prevails. That instinct is necessary to great artistic sensibility; but if it keep not its just proportion the higher form is broken, nothing but the material survives, bestial pleasure, vileness, nullity: that is—Naples."

For the Alabama Baptist.  
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NANAFALIA, ALA.,  
June 24, 1901.

I read the paper with increasing interest. Its pages are so clean and attractive, and its subject matter so spicy and newsy, that I look eagerly for its weekly visit.

I feel sure that I am missing a great deal by not being in attendance upon the Anniston Institute, but my work at this time is so that I can not get away. Myself, however, is very thirty miles in length and ten or fifteen in width, and I am kept constantly at work on such a field.

I preach to four churches. All composed of cultured, loyal members and it is a source of constant joy to minister to them.

Nanafalia and Hill's churches have adopted the envelope system of giving, and it works admirably at both places. I think the other will follow soon.

We are to have a railroad. The B. S. and N. O. is to be completed to Myrtlewood, ten miles from Nanafalia, by October 15th.

Our church at Myrtlewood is small in members, but large in good works and loyal to the denomination, and we hope when the railroad is completed it will bring good Baptist material to unite with the excellent membership we already have in making it one of the best churches in the State.

Bro. J. W. O'Hara will assist me in meetings at Hill's and Myrtlewood, and Bro. C. C. Pugh, of Vicksburg, Miss., will assist me at Nanafalia and Forest Springs.

Fraternally,  
I. N. LANGSTON.

For the Alabama Baptist.

## Good Meeting at Goodwater.

GOODWATER, ALA.,  
June 24, 1901.

Our faithful pastor, Bro. Upshaw, has just closed one of the best meetings Goodwater ever had. Sixteen accessions to the church—ten by experience and baptism.

The success of the meeting fully demonstrates the fallacy of the idea that a pastor cannot succeed in a protracted meeting without the help of any one of the standing bidders for an invitation to help in the summer meetings. We do not need them.

An earnest preacher, with just a few faithful members, need never doubt the result of a protracted meeting. The gospel has ever been powerful to save and revive.

Bro. Upshaw alone, for ten days, preached the gospel, and prayed and wept over the sinners of Goodwater, and everybody and every church in the town felt the effect of the meeting, which has made our town a bet-

ter town and a better people. The most signal victory of the meeting was the conversion of Mr. J. T. Mansfield, who owned and ran a bar room in our town. Mr. Mansfield, his wife and two daughters, joined the church and were baptized, and is now the happiest family in all the country.

Mr. Mansfield has been in the bar business for about 25 years. He came here from Montgomery about 8 or 10 years ago, where he was engaged in the same business. Though in a bad business he was an honorable and genteel man. His mistake was of the head and not of the heart. He has a lovely family, and as a husband, even before this, his life would be worthy of emulation. He is thoroughly consecrated and is now closing out his bar. We fully hope to see the balance of his life given to the Master and to sinful humanity. If he can afford to sacrifice his business and join with us, is it not enough to put to blush the long standing members who continue to petition and encourage saloons?

Bro. Upshaw is now attending the Ministers Institute at Anniston where he will be made stronger and better for his work, and all confidently hope for great things under his faithful work. He and his entire family is a great power for good.

P. A. JACKSON.

For the Alabama Baptist.  
Among the Churches

For the last two months I have been on the field trying to induce a few more souls to be saved.

LANGDALE.

Our first meeting was with Bro. Coffield at this place. It is a cotton mill town of 2000 people. Bro. Coffield is doing a fine work among the people. Unfortunately they have no church building of their own. They have a splendid Union house, but if when will Baptists learn to build church houses of their own.

LANETT.

Our next meeting was with our own dear people at Lanett. We had the able and efficient aid of Bro. J. R. Jester, of West Point, Ga. He is one of the ablest young men in our denomination. The church was greatly strengthened and many souls were saved under his preaching. At Lanett we have one of the best churches in the State. Maj. Harris, of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, preached for us a few Sundays ago. I have never had a brother preach for me that gave more universal satisfaction. They may call him as assistant pastor.

BLOCTON.

From the cotton mill section we came to the mining district. At Blocton we were with Bro. J. M. McCord for ten days. He has a strong church at Blocton and is doing a faithful work among them. The Blocton church is a "sleeping lion." They have never realized yet how much strength they possess, but under the sweet spirited leadership of Brother McCord we may expect much of them in the near future.

BELLE ELLEN.

From Blocton we came here where we are now in the midst of a gracious meeting. From here we go to Montevallo to aid Bro. Jones.

The entire season (D. V.) will be spent in preaching three times a day and "from house to house" in His name. May we have an interest in your prayers in these meetings?

CENTREVILLE.

Here we have been pastor seven months, preached twice a month, and during the week "from house to house." The Holy Spirit has done a great work among the people. 61 people have been added into the church, and our mission contributions have been more than doubled. We expect soon to begin work on a handsome new brick church. Later we expect to have Bro. Jno. G. Lowry to aid us in a meeting among these brethren.

In the work for His glory,  
JOHN BASS SHELTON,  
31 Va. Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

The morose man takes both narrow and selfish views of life and the world; he is either envious of the happiness of others, or denies its existence.—C. Simmonds.

Some of our smart Alexanders know more at twenty than their grandfathers did at eighty.

For the Alabama Baptist.

## From Mississippi.

It could scarcely be said that East Mississippi and her Queen city, Meridian, had realized any startling events in the recent past.

The matters of general interest have rather greatly exceeded those of denominational concern. Of these the principal have been the following: The coming of the Confederate Veterans of the State for their annual encampment and council, was well attended and being at a time to include the memorial day of the season, was an occasion of peculiar interest.

The affair was well planned and carried out in excellent taste. "The Daughters of the Veterans" having it mainly in charge, and you know they never fail in their undertakings.

Then the annual meeting of the Methodist district conference recently brought as a large and well appearing contingent of both "clergy" and "laity," whose preachers, in addition to dispatching the business in hand, gave two sermons daily, greatly to the pleasure and doubtless, edification of waiting congregations.

More recently the State International Sunday School Convention held an interesting session in our city wherein a goodly number of visiting and home State talent very interestingly discussed many important questions relating to Sunday school work.

But the more we see and learn of this independent and irresponsible movement the more we have occasion to press the pertinent query *ci bono*? In what respect and to what advantage can or will any undenominational and undenominational movement profitably and helpfully supplement the work of the denominations which especially feel themselves charged with the evangelization of the world, and in their judgment, are the needed efficiencies for the furtherance of that great end? Our own opinion is that the churches of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, are the source from which all movements of this kind are to go out, and that the divine blessing will not fail to rest on all such well-meant and properly directed efforts.

We think sometimes we have need to fear the possibility of denomi-

Meridian at least. When we reflect that three of our city pastors out of the five are direct importations from that aggressive State. Elliott, at Emmanuel; Cook, at the South Side, and Boswell, at Forty-first Avenue, are all of Alabama extraction and hold their favor well, but are all strictly loyal so far to their environments, and are, with their people, doing well for the Master.

Our other pastors, brethren Venable and Johnson, are at their posts and are encouraged by many tokens of prosperity and promises.

Our city is no more cursed with saloons, and just now not much with "blind tigers," but the tide of commercialism is most difficult for our Christian forces to stem and "keep themselves unspotted from the world." But relying on Him who has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee," we are earnestly laboring and patiently waiting for the increase.

Bro. McMillen and his people at Hattiesburg have recently dedicated a new and beautiful house of worship in which they are now holding forth the word of life with great joy and earnest expectation of greatly enlarging the borders of Zion.

Hattiesburg is a fine young and growing city. The Baptists are strong there and Bro. McMillen is popular, aggressive and successful. All of our churches and pastors in the east, as far as we know, are prospering and hopeful.

A little while ago we had a joyful experience with our mother church—dear old Jerusalem. It is now at the enterprising little inland village of Ludlow, in Scott county, Mississippi. The old house had been brought in from its old site in the country, rebuilt, enlarged and improved, and we were there to preach the dedication sermon and otherwise participate in the delightful services. It goes without saying we had a happy time.

Yours in love,  
J. A. H.

Despondency is not a state of humility. On the contrary, it is the vexation and despair of a cowardly pride; nothing is worse. Whether we stumble or whether we fall, we must only think of rising again and going on in our course.—Fenelon.

For the Alabama Baptist.

## The Work in Pensacola, Fla.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would write and tell you something about the work and situation of the Baptists in this part of God's vineyard. As I am a native Alabamian, perhaps it might interest some of that State to hear something of our work down here, and indeed a number of brethren asked me to write occasionally and let them know what we were doing here. I never was much of a hand to write for a newspaper, but I will try to give you a brief description of our work here. There are about 10,000 white people here, and out of that number there are only about 170 Baptists identified with the churches. In the first place I want to say that we have plenty of room to work. I feel very small when I think of the great amount of work. I came here one week ago and took charge of the work at Tenth Avenue Baptist church. Now this work has some very encouraging as well as discouraging features. We have only a few members at present, the most of whom are ladies, but we hope in the near future to have a few more added to our list. What few we have are for the most part devoted workers. The work is in its infancy and will require a good deal of careful and tender nursing for a good while. We have a very small house in which to worship at present, but we can only hope that in a few months we may have a house which will be more commodious. I intend for the present to preach for them three Sundays in the month, though they are hardly able to have it that often. God has some noble people in Pensacola. I must not forget to tell you about the First church. Bro. Fred Jones is the pastor, and a very fine man he is. He is a man of much experience and is a great help to the young pastor, and his people are devoted to him. They evidently know when they have got a good man, and know how to appreciate him. They have a very commodious house of worship, worth about \$20,000; a fine auditorium, with a \$3,000 pipe organ in it. There are some noble people in this church. Sister Jones, the pastor's wife, is a most estimable

has another church across the bay from Pensacola, about twenty miles east, known as East Bay Baptist church. I preached there on last third Sunday, at which time they gave me a unanimous invitation to become their pastor, which was accepted. At the close of the service on Sunday, Prof. J. M. Sapp, principal of the school there, came forward and united himself with the church. He is a fine young man and has already done a great deal of good there though he was out of the church. He, I think, will be of much use in the Master's service now that he has joined the church. I will baptize him, nothing preventing, on my next preaching day, with four others who were already awaiting baptism. We have some fine people over there also. Capt. J. H. Harvell, a representative of his county, lives there and is clerk of the church and an awful big-hearted fellow, both as a Christian and as a friend. The only objection I have to that work is that I have to go to it in a sailboat. But I am getting used to it, and then I take a lemon along with me and that is sufficient for the demands of the emergency.

I will say this much, in conclusion, that our church is needing money badly to carry on this work here, and that if any one individual or church should feel disposed to give anything that contributions would be gladly accepted and appreciated. If you wish to send anything send it to the undersigned, 219 North Tarragona street, Pensacola, Fla., and it will be turned over to the church. With best regards to all the readers of your paper, and soliciting, above all else, your prayers and sympathy, and those of all good people for this work, I remain,

Yours in the work,  
W. R. LAMBERT.

Let every dawn of the morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for ourselves.—Ruskin.

Rigid economy has made many a fortune.

## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

From the Baptist News.

The young man or young woman that refuses to take the first step that leads away from the path of moral rectitude and virtue occupies the only safe ground. If you allow yourself to take the first step it weakens you for every succeeding temptation and makes it all the harder for you to return to a life of moral uprightness and virtue. Never allow yourself to take the first step and it will be comparatively easy to withstand the wiles of the tempter.

The Pharisee of New Testament times thanked God that he was not like other people, and the sinless perfectionist of these degenerate days reiterates the same old pharisaical cant of, "I am more holy than thou." Jesus said of the Pharisees, "O generation of vipers, how can you escape the damnation of hell," for "Ye are of your father the devil and his works ye will do." This language is just as applicable to the Pharisees of our day as it was to the "holier than thou" class of men in the days of the Savior.

It is proper for us to confess our sins to God and our faults to one another. But that we should always be pouring into each others ears the story of our mistakes is another matter. We should rather be planning ahead for better things. "Forgetting the things that are behind"—the mistakes, the disappointments and losses—"let us press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." The man who is always looking backward is gloomy and pessimistic. The man who is hopefully looking ahead is full of good cheer and is glad that he is alive.

Infidelity is hopeless. It is pessimistic. Its future is dark. Christianity is optimistic. It hopes for the best. It sees visions of good and of glory yet to come. It believes that finally the very best will come. So we quote with approval the following from the Biblical Recorder: "Faith believes in the best. It clings to the hope that the best is yet to be. It interprets events as God working in mysterious ways, but working nothing but good to his people. It stands history as God is planning. It accepts life as God's gift, and it understands that his will guides it, overrules it, and at last will make it what he desires it to be."

We appoint times and places to proclaim the word of God, and if the people do not come to hear it, we seem to content ourselves with effort, and comfort our hearts with the reflection that if the people of that locality are lost it is no fault of ours. We forget the lesson taught us in the parable of the great supper as recorded in Luke 14. After two invitations had been made, and those invited had refused to come and partake of the supper provided for them, the servants were commanded to go out into the streets and lanes of the city, and into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in. If the people will not come to the house of God to hear the gospel we should go to them in their homes and take the word of life to them, and urge them to come to the royal supper of the Lamb.

Some ministers take a text of Scripture and use it merely as a peg on which to hang a lecture on some theme that has no more relation to the text than Christ has to Beelzebub. Then they will wonder why it is that their congregations have fallen off so that they are compelled to minister to almost empty pews. The people want to hear the gospel, and when they go to the house of God and are forced to sit and listen to a lengthy discussion of "The Relation of Capital to Labor," "Why the Workingman does not attend Church," or some kindred subject, they are sorely disappointed, and it does not take but a very few such disappointments to make them seek some other pulpit to minister to them, or they become discouraged and stay away from church entirely. The people of today are demanding the gospel of the grace of God. Preach it every time you enter the pulpit and you will never have cause to complain of the size of your congregation. When the gospel is preached with power, and an unction from on high it always moves the people who hear it, to seek for the salvation it offers to them so freely.



## The Lions in the Way

BY REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.

John Bunyan, in his immortal allegory, makes his Pilgrim to encounter, at a very early stage of his pilgrimage, "two lions in the way." He was told afterward that the ferocious looking beasts were "placed there for trial of faith where it is, and for discovery of those that have none." The Pilgrim heard the lions roar; but he went on, keeping in the midst of the straight road, and they did him no harm, for the Lord of the road had mercifully muzzled them.

This is a parable for every one who aims to set out on a new and a better life. The road to heaven is not a smooth macadamized one, like the drives in a city park—well graded and well guarded. There are steep hills of difficulty to be climbed, valleys of sharp trial to be threaded, and lions to be faced. He that cometh after me, says the divine Savior, must take up his cross and follow me; and the path of obedience to Jesus Christ often runs uphill. When an awakened soul—convinced of sin by the Holy Spirit—undertakes a Christian life, he not only encounters difficulty in breaking with his old sinful self, but also oppositions from without. The evil world is not a friend to grace, and its currents are not set toward Godward.

Sneers and scoffs are not the only "lions" to be encountered by the soul that seeks to lead a true life for Jesus Christ. Selfishness and worldly ambition are a pair of very ugly lions that require often the almighty grace of God to conquer. Henry Martyn, after winning the first honors at Cambridge, determined to consecrate himself to the humble toils of a foreign missionary. "Oh," he wrote in his diary, "it is an arduous thing, an awful thing, to rout out every worldly ambition and every earthly affection and to live only for another world!" Jesus Christ gave him the grace "to stop the mouths of the lions," and out of the very crosses that he carried he wrought the ladder which carried him up to a glorious world-wide influence in the kingdom of God. The lions were made to draw his chariot.

Skepticism is a very noisy roaring lion in these days. March right up to it, my friend, and you will find that it begins and ends in mere denial of truth. It is a mere negation. Try the Bible for yourself as a rule of living; the "lion" becomes a phantom of straw. Your simple "I know whom I believe" is the sufficient answer to all the infidelity that was ever spanned by men or devils.

Bunyan was right when he declared that God had so ordered it that Hills of Difficulty shall be found in every man's road to heaven, and that lions shall confront him in the way. They were put there not only to test faith, but to strengthen faith. Our enemies may become our helpers. Every tough climb carries us upward to a purer atmosphere. Every hard fight well fought gives you spiritual sinew. He that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Let me offer two or three practical suggestions to those who are seeking a true Christian life. The first one is: never seek easy paths or places. Peace of conscience, usefulness, spiritual growth and the joy of victory are never found there. Never choose any path in which you cannot discover the footprints of Christ and of all heroic men and women. To such a man as Paul the roar of lions became music to his ear; they proved to him that he was in the King's highway of holiness.

Every victory you win makes you the stronger. The strength of the conquered foe enters into your own soul. The vanquisher of Satan's lions becomes more lion-hearted. Faith as a mere opinion is only a straw; but faith exercised links you to Jesus Christ and becomes invincible.

Finally, when your Divine Leader commands a duty he gives you grace for that duty. For every fight he furnishes the weapons; his mastery of you will give you mastery of self and of sin. Faith will fire the last shot, and when the life battle ends you will stand among the crowned conquerors in heaven.—Independent.

The light which we have gained was given us, not to be ever staring on, but by it to discover onward things, more remote from our knowledge.—Milton.

## Gems from "Success" for July.

"Nothing else is so contagious as enthusiasm. It is the real allegory of the fable of Orpheus; it moves stones and charms brutes. It is the genius of sincerity, and truth accomplishes no victories without it."

Half the people in the world think they could do better and be happier elsewhere than where they happen to be placed. They see only the thorns, the drudgery, and the disagreeable things in their own vocation, and only the flowers and the pleasant experiences in the vocations of others.

## WHAT THE WORLD DEMANDS.

The world does not demand that you become a great lawyer, a great physician, or a great merchant; but it does require that you shall so carry yourself, through life, as to uplift and not blight your fellow men, so as to help and not hinder, so as to elevate and not degrade them. It does ask that you shall not gain riches by impoverishing those who help you to become wealthy, that your dollars shall be clean and not snatched with the guilt of trying to get ahead of your competitor by sharp practice; it demands that your wealth shall not be stained with the blood of widows and orphans, that you shall not lift yourself up by tearing others down.

## BE GLAD OF ANOTHER'S SUCCESS.

Teach yourself early in life to be glad of another's success, sorry for another's failure. The moment you entertain the opposite feeling, you invite ultimate disaster to your life. The thoughts you send forth will come to you as events, finally. Thought is the main road to happiness. As you think, so shall your life be. Circumstance and environment are changed by intense thought-action. Happiness comes mainly from neither. Every day we hear and read of successful men and women, judged from the worldly standpoint, who are miserable and unhappy. The suicide of the rich and prosperous is too common. Nevertheless, prosperity, friendship, success, and, best of all, love, add greatly to the happiness of a happy mind.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## JUST THIS SIDE OF THE LAURELS.

One of the most pathetic sights is to see a man giving up the struggle to lie down when just in sight of success. Of course, many people are side-tracked or hindered in the race through no fault of their own, but the vast majority of those who cease to climb and give up, do so from some weakness or defect. Many of them lack continuity of purpose or persistence; others lack courage or determination.

It is really pitiable to see young men and women in the prime of life becoming discouraged and ceasing to advance. Many of these unfortunate would attain at least something of real success by merely sticking to their tasks, but there is no hope whatever for the man who gives up,—the one who loses heart.

In thousands of American homes—lying, perhaps, in the attic, woodshed, or workshop,—are scores of ingenious, labor-saving devices, or inventions, which, if carried a step further and patented, would not only give those who originated them a competence for life, but would also enrich the civilization of the world. But the thinkers get discouraged or tired, or lack persistence, energy, or push, and so the half developed machinery, the embryo invention, has never come to light, and the time spent upon it has been lost, perhaps worse than lost, because the lesson of perseverance was not sufficiently learned.—O. S. Marden.

## A WAY TO HAPPINESS.

Find out as early as possible what you can best do, and do it with all your might, and expect to succeed, no matter what obstacles you may encounter. Cultivate a philosophical vein of thought. If you have not what you like, like what you have until you can change your environment.

Do not waste your vitality in hating your life; find something in it which is worth liking and enjoying, while you keep steadily at work to make it what you desire. Be happy over something, every day, for the brain is a thing of habit, and you cannot teach it to be happy in a moment, if

you allow it to be miserable for years. Make yourself worthy of true friendship, and lasting respect and worthy love; and, if any of these emotions seem to prove ephemeral, remember, they were not the realities,—the real ones will come to you, since you are worthy.

Acquire all the knowledge and accomplishments possible, and enter into studies and sports with all your energies. They help to round life out, and to keep the mind fed with a varied diet, while they open new doors of pleasure and enjoyment.

Form a habit of trying to do some little act to add to the comfort and pleasure of some living thing,—man or beast,—every day of your life. If you do no more than to feed a starving cat, speak kindly to a lost dog, or loose the cruel check of a misused horse, you have traveled a step toward happiness, and have not lived the day in vain.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## Burleson Memorial.

Notice to the friends of the late Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, of Waco, Texas.

The Southland, of that city, has made an elegant number, memorial to him. It contains much of what the press and people said about him, and also much original and editorial matter. It contains splendid cuts of him at the ages of 28, 50, 78—and his grave flower bedecked. It will make a most beautiful memento in any home where Dr. Burleson is loved. The prices named by the Southland are 10 cents each, \$1.00 a dozen, or \$7.00 a hundred. Many persons take 100 and distribute them through the community.

The supply is limited, but first address will be promptly filled and money refunded when the supply is exhausted.

For the Alabama Baptist.

## Good News From Ensley.

We have just closed our meeting and are rejoicing over the good results. Bro. Cox won all hearts by his genial manners, and very deeply impressed our city by his fine sermons. Never has the gospel been preached in our town with such simplicity and power, and never has any preacher been more swayed by a love for God and the souls of men. Every one felt his earnestness in his efforts to reach the unsaved and to stir up the hearts of Christians who were living out of duty. We received during the meeting, and on last Sunday, 15 by baptism and 37 by letter, making a total of 74 received into the church since December 1st.

J. F. WILLIS.

It is altogether a useless, not to say a senseless proceeding and also a waste of precious time to sit down and grieve over past failures and delinquencies. If you could shed an ocean of tears it would not turn a single failure into a success, nor cure a single delinquency of the past. This does not mean that we should not be sorry for past failures in the performance of our duties nor that we should not deeply regret all past delinquencies, but it does mean that we can not mend them by our grief no matter how bitter or sincere. If we expect to make our tears effective, it can be done only by faithfulness in the future. To cry and lament without mending our ways is supreme folly. To lie prostrate on the ground simply because by a mis-step we have fallen, and weep and mourn over our misfortune without making a single effort to rise, is to make ourselves the laughing-stock of all who may observe us. What we need to do is to get up and do our best to avoid a similar blunder in the future. Don't waste any time or energy weeping over past failures. Present demands on us are too pressing and important to admit of such a useless proceeding. If every moment that God graciously gives us is employed in his service we will soon be so full of it that we will soon forget all our past failures in the joy of present labor and usefulness. God has destined it thus, and thus it will ever be.—Ex.

Obedience must be the struggle and desire of our life—obedience, not hard and forced, but ready, loving and spontaneous—the doing of duty, not merely that the duty may be done, but that the soul in doing it may become capable of receiving and uttering God.—Brooks.

## Receipts at State Board of Missions

For February, 1901.

STATE MISSIONS.	
A. C. Swindall	\$ 1 00
Bethel	5 75
New Hope	3 90
Camp Hill	5 00
East Lake	35 00
Opelika	10 00
Refuge	2 00
Spring Hill	1 00
Anburn	10 85
Bethel	7 38
Rock Springs	4 00
Centerville	7 00
Clinton	1 79
Salem	4 02
Salem S. S.	95
Fayetteville	3 30
Wilsonville	4 08
Hopewell	6 19
Stewarts	78
Seale	2 91
New Shiloh	4 50
Woodwater	4 10
Brewer Memorial	2 15
Deatsville	2 00
Jewiches	2 27
Alabama City	10 00
Bell Elen	3 00
Dallas Avenue	29 17
Ensley	21 00
Lincoln	25 78
Refuge	1 00
Catherine	1 20
Centennial ass'n	15 28
Woodlawn	10 00
Clayton Street	20 00
South Montgomery	2 15
South Montgomery S. S.	78
Salem	4 16
Fitzpatrick	1 65
Medline	3 60
R. E. Lambert	2 00
Vincent	3 25
Salem	20 00
Childersburg	4 05
Providence	5 00
Gallion	11 15
Friendship	5 15
New Prospect	10 00
Attalla	2 50
Huntsville 1st	20 00
Montgomery 1st	5 00
Bethel	1 00
Jno. T. Davis	25 00
New Hope	2 70
Bethsaida	9 40
Jefferson L. A. S.	3 00
South Montgomery Sunbeams	50
Collinsville	9 65
Prattville	10 00
Bassett's Creek	1 06
Mt. Gilead	2 70
Ebenezer	5 05
Charlton	3 10
McKinley	2 00
Bethlehem	2 95
Cedar Bluff	4 00
Union	1 00
Total	\$ 497 07

HOME MISSIONS.	
West End	\$ 1 30
East Lake	15 00
Orrville	25 30
Refuge	3 34
Auburn	5 00
Bethel	5 00
Centerville	5 00
Sumterville	6 22
Newton	5 25
New Shiloh	4 40
Goodwater	4 05
Oswichee	2 37
Camp Hill	5 00
Ensley	5 00
Centennial ass'n	11 78
Fitzpatrick	1 00
R. E. Lambert	1 50
Vincent	3 25
Amity	1 70
Suggsville	2 00
Ashland	3 00
Town Creek L. A. S.	4 20
Prattville	5 00
Bassett Creek	1 66
Palmetto St. S.	6 80
Alpine	2 00
Total	\$ 186 08

FOREIGN MISSIONS.	
West End, Montgomery	\$ 1 30
East Lake	20 00
Decatur	8 00
Auburn	5 00
Livingston	6 50
Bethel	5 00
Centerville	5 00
Epes	1 60
Macedonia	80
Mt. Hebron	3 39
New Shiloh	4 40
Oswichee	2 27
Clayton St. S.	2 40
Camp Hill	10 00
Ensley	5 00
Central, New Decatur	23 33
Centennial ass'n	4 50
Woodlawn	1 00
Fitzpatrick	1 00
R. E. Lambert	1 50
Amity	70
Suggsville	3 28
Lower Peach Tree	2 56
Attalla	7 80
Prattville	10 00
Bassett Creek	1 68
Palmetto St.	15 40
Palmetto St. S.	6 85
Clayton St.	12 00
Hoke's Bluff	7 30
Total	\$ 187 34

ORPHANAGE.	
Clayton St. L. A. S.	\$ 2 00
Ruhama L. A. S.	30 00
Total	\$ 32 00

ALABAMA CITY CHURCH.	
Camp Hill	\$ 2 00
Pleasant Ridge S. S.	3 10
Total	\$ 5 10

NEW CENTURY MISSIONS.	
Macedonia	\$ 3 08
Stewarts	1 36
Total	\$ 4 44

## TEXAS CHURCHES.

Greensboro	\$ 3 20
Enterprise	6 00
East Lake	28 12
J. H. Creighton	1 00
Ebenezer	3 50
Pleasant Grove	4 00
Charlton	3 80
Springfield	2 00
Orrville L. W. C.	10 00
Macedonia	1 55
Mt. Hebron	3 27
Stewarts	1 78
Florence	4 85
Tuscaloosa	27 44
Elba	5 00
Friendship	2 00
Bethany	5 00
Total	\$112 21

## CHINA.

East Lake L. A. S.	\$ 11 30
East Lake Sunbeams	1 00
Total	\$ 12 30

## SEMINARY.

J. B. Shelton	\$ 17 00
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## CHURCH BUILDING.

Tuscaloosa	\$202 00
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## EUTAW CHURCH BUILDING.

East Lake	\$ 5 00
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## TRAINING HOME FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN, CHINA.

W. T. Smith	\$ 300 00
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## RECAPITULATION.

State Missions	\$ 457 07
Home Missions	136 02
Foreign Missions	187 34
Orphanage	32 00
Ala. City Church	5 10
New Century missions	4 44
Texas Churches	112 21
China	12 20
Seminary	17 00
Church Building	202 00
Eutaw Church	5 00
Training Home for Christian women, China	300 00
Grand Total	\$1470 88

Dr. Rowland Taylor, the martyr, was told: "If you will not rise with us now, and receive mercy now offered, you shall have judgment according to your demerit." He replied: "So to rise should be the greatest fall that ever I could receive; for I should so fall from my dear Savior Christ to antichrist." Hooper was urged to recant. He replied in these solemn words: "I have taught the truth with my tongue and with my pen heretofore; and hereafter shall shortly confirm the same, by God's grace, with my blood." Latimer was urged to submit to the church, but refused, and before the commissioners the aged man encouraged his younger friend, Ridley, saying: "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man! We shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England as shall never be put out." Cramer was urged to recant. His natural courage was not strong; but he renounced his former recantation, and added: "Forasmuch as my hand offended in writing contrary to my heart, therefore my hand shall first be punished; for if I may come to the fire, it shall first be burned." At the burning he thrust it into the flames, exclaiming, with a loud voice, "This hand hath offended."

There are men who are so impulsive that they rush into any movement which claims their attention without due consideration. They are the sort of men who take up with fads of various kinds, without waiting to see what they mean. They are the kind of men that rush headlong into riots, and join in mob violence against the liberty or even the life of a fellow-man accused of crime. They are men who, when the tocsin of war is sounded, volunteer when the drum is beaten and the life is blown the first time. They are moved entirely by impulse. At the same time they are men who soon tire, no matter how good the work into which they have inconsiderately rushed, may be. Such men are often brought into our churches. They are the spongy ground hearers of the parable of the sower. The good seed of the kingdom takes no real root in their hearts, and soon they wither away, and their last state is worse than their first. Christ had many "disciples" of this sort, when he was here on earth, but when they became offended in him, they "went away and walked no more with him." They had never forsaken all for him and had only gone with him for selfish purposes. They wanted to be identified with a man who could do such wonders and who could feed multitudes by a miracle.—Ex.

The longer we live and the more we think the higher value we learn to put on the friendship and tenderness of parents and friends.—Dr. Johnson.



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## THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The Constitutional Convention is making haste slowly. For this it must not be censured. Grave issues are involved; difficult problems must be solved. It differs from the Legislature in this, if the law-makers find from experience a mistake has been made, the mistake can be corrected or repealed at the next meeting of that body. Not so with a Constitutional Convention. Only once in a quarter of a century do we have such Convention, and in some States not so often. An error committed in the framing of our constitution may be fatal. Every section of this instrument should be reviewed from every standpoint—every argument, for or against, ought to be presented and answered before it is submitted to the people. Ratification depends upon wisdom and justice.

It has been suggested that platform pledges should be disregarded under certain conditions. Our doctrine has been to stand by and carry out every political party pledge unless conditions unforeseen arise that make it absolutely necessary to disobey the pledge. A general goes into battle under specific orders from his superior officer, based on a certain plan, he finds conditions to the reverse of the plan outlined, and to carry out the plan of battle would bring inevitable defeat, under such circumstances he would be justifiable in changing the plan. Hence this Convention should stand by "party pledges," unless by so doing it would prove detrimental or fatal to success.

The report of the committee, made Saturday, on the suffrage question, is in the main good. The "grandfather clause" was objected to by a minority of the committee and the arguments presented by said minority, why they oppose it, are very forceful—and yet the majority favored it. If the court officers and juries will do their duty and carry out the demands of the 6th article there will be no need of the "grandfather clause," for, if persons guilty of these crimes are convicted, all bad men and unworthy voters will be eliminated and the ballot box will be pure. Evidently the committee worked faithfully to bring out a perfect franchise law, and while they may have failed in some parts, it shows honest, faithful work.

The liquor power in this State is beginning to feel the encroachment of aggressive prohibition sentiment. This sentiment has never been so strong as now, and it is growing, too.

## STUDYING PROVIDENCE.

Providence, to speak of it in the abstract, is a system as minute as it is comprehensive. It is inexplicable, for to be able to explain it would be to describe the infinity of the ways of God. Providence studies the stars in their orbits, and directs the machinery of the universe, while it supports the insect upon its wing, and inhabits each drop of water with animalcules. But between these great extremes there are innumerable orbits in which move souls, some great and some small, but all under the governing law of this immeasurable system, made higher in power than the beasts of the field or the fowls of the air, we are gifted with the ability of discrimination and can study the ways of God to man. That which men call "luck," "chance" and "fate" is but a distorted name for Providence. That which is called "accident" is a misnomer which only discovers the ignorance of men.

There is no such thing as "chance" or "luck" or "accident." Everything is governed by immutable law, and because we see things through a distorted medium and through an atmosphere of ignorance we give to them such names as have already been mentioned. To a child a stick thrust partly into the water is bent. To the illiterate the disc of the sun grows as it nears the horizon. To the savage an eclipse means a dire calamity. A proper knowledge of God, as the moral Governor of the universe, dispels the mists of ignorance, and affords us an opportunity to see God's hand in all that occurs.

It is a comparatively easy task to study history as a Christian scholar and observe the hand of God in uplifting nations as well as in directing the establishment of others. If this we can do why not see His hand in the present movements and events as they pertain to us.

There is much nutriment for faith in the study of God in our affairs. Contented as our sphere is, limited to the narrow confines of domestic affairs, or the routine of the counting room, or the drill of instruction, or no matter what, Providence is involved in every moment of our existence. God speaks to us as in his ways of dealing with us. Reduced to sudden poverty or exalted to quick wealth, radiant with joy or weighed with sorrow, honored to exalted station or prostrated by some mysterious blow, swept into a swirl of eventful conditions, or moving along a primrose way—in all this there is purpose, heavenly design. Men judge and misjudge as we drift upon the current of events, and yet if we could see beyond the visible we should discover the guiding hand of God.

This being true we should be more submissive—not theoretically, but vitally. We should not seek as we some times do, rudely to tear asunder the partition which screens the invisible, but we should feel that it is the Lord's doing, and while astonishing, it is wise.

The rich patriarch who had lost all and was prostrated upon the dung heap, a leper and despised of men, knew nothing of the conversation between God and Satan concerning him. The sailors who threw Jonah overboard went onward on a placid sea, but they knew nothing of the outworking of his history as God directed him through the depths.

To accept every dispensation as an expression of wisdom, and a design for good is a means of soul growth and a growing inspiration to life.

Dr. William S. Wyman has been elected president of the State University at Tuscaloosa. He is an alumnus of the University and has been professor of Latin since 1852. It is thought his election is a wise one, as his election gives satisfaction to the students and faculty.

## VANITY OF VANITIES.

The world deserves not our supreme regard, because its objects are so transitory, and its enjoyments are so brief.

It was thus that the Christian heroes judged, whose examples the Apostle Paul has recorded. Like Moses, they recognized that the pleasures of sin are but for a season; they renounced them; they were willing to submit to any privation, to bear any reproach, rather than indulge the carnal desires that would have led them away from the path of duty; to share in the afflictions of God's people, to suffer the spoiling of their goods—loss which effects man so sensibly—yea more, to suffer imprisonment, exile and death, rather than follow the course of this world.

Do you say: We see no such examples now. To sacrifice any indulgence for Christ's sake seems too much for the effeminate Christianity of those days. Perhaps so. But were the saints not wise? In those calm abodes to which they have gone do they not praise God this day, for the grace which enable them to deny themselves, and which kept them faithful unto death? Amid their thrones of light, do they not look with amazement upon us, who are surrounded with the emblems of mutability, upon us who see beauty withering like the flowers of spring, and fortunes and reputations vanishing like the vapors of the sky, upon us who have but a few more breaths to draw before our own probation ceases forever, and yet who live for no higher end than perishable interests and pleasures?

Infatuated men! You lose heaven, and for what? For a bubble that breaks while you look upon it; for the occasional transport of a life that passes away like an eagle cleaving the clouds, for the gains and joys of days that are as a hand breadth you give up the blessings of eternity.

Give this subject a fair consideration; it is all that we ask of you. Others have served the world faithfully as you serve it; what wages have they received? Let go and find them if we can, and learn what has been the result of all their cares, and crosses, and toils, and pleasures. Where shall we go? They are gathered together, but not in the places of business, not in the hall of fashion—the scene of their reunion is the place of skulls.

What a spectacle do we behold, as with the dim taper in our hands we wander through the gloom of the sepulchre! That coffin with its silver nails green with rust, is the prison of the man of business who dies in his maturity; his home is occupied by others; there is nothing in all the world he can call his own. That livid, withered form which the worms scarcely deign to prey upon, is an old man who lived poor that he might die rich; but his riches are not buried with him. That heap of crumbling bones is a strong man who perished in his prime; strength has passed away from him more utterly than from Samson when his locks were sheared.

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## THE SUFFRAGE.

The principal features of the majority report in election franchise in Alabama constitutional convention are as follows:

A registration board for each county to consist of three persons, to be appointed by Governor.

Any person denied right of registration may appeal to city or circuit court.

All qualified voters must be able to read and write any article of constitution of United States.

If unable to read, must own by self or wife 40 acres of land in the State or other real estate to value of \$300, or personal property to that amount.

Any person offering to sell his vote or buy vote of another shall be disfranchised.

Poll tax upon each male between 21 and 45 years of age to be \$1.50, must be paid.

The "grandfather clause," qualifying all who served in the army or navy, and their descendants, from the war of 1812 to the present time is also a feature of it. A strong minority report was also submitted, containing objections to the "grandfather clause."

## FIELD NOTES.

Dr. T. T. Eaton was elected president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention at its recent session.

Rev. W. J. Elliott preached in the South Montgomery church last Sunday morning and evening.

Bro. Crumpton left for Delta, in Clay county yesterday. He will not return to the office until the 10th.

The Ministers' Institute, held at Anniston for the past two weeks, closes today. It has been largely attended and a great success.

At Concord Baptist church, Buena Vista, Alabama, on Thursday afternoon, July 11th, Miss Dovie Finklea will wed Mr. David W. Watson.

The Christian Index is authority for the statement that a new theological seminary is to be established in the Southwest—probably in Texas.

Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention can be had by enclosing five cents for postage to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala. 3t

Bro. Crumpton reports a fine gathering of preachers at the Minister's Institute, with great interest. He promises to write about it when he has time.

A series of meetings will begin at the Baptist church the fourth Saturday in July. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Falkner, will be ably assisted by Rev. A. B. Metcalf, of Andalusia. Ozark Star.

Sunday morning Rev. C. D. Daniel, a missionary from Cuba, made a very interesting talk in the Clayton Street Baptist church, on the work in Cuba—past, present and future. He was listened to with marked attention.

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Last Sunday night the ordinance of baptism was administered to four converts at the First Baptist church, by the pastor, Dr. Chas. A. Stakely. This makes about forty recent accessions to the church by baptism, and there have been quite a number by letter.

June 1st, Rev. B. W. Spillman entered upon the work, to which he was recently called, as Field Secretary to our Baptist Sunday School Board, with headquarters at Nashville, Tenn. His efforts will be bent to quicken interests in the Sunday School work throughout our Southland.

Brethren Rufus Woolley and Sumner Spain were ordained as deacons of Grant's Creek church, June 9, 1901. Brethren J. L. Ray and Miller assisted the pastor in the ordination service. Brother Miller preached a very appropriate and edifying sermon.—J. H. Curry, Foster, Ala.

State Evangelist R. C. Medaris several months ago went up to Newport, Ark., began holding a meeting, organized a Baptist church, began the erection of a building, continued his labors until a pastor was called and the church established on a firm footing. That's business! He is now holding a meeting at Marion, Arkansas.

Some interior improvements have been made in the Baptist church, in that the seats have been finished in oak, to correspond with that handsome oak finished organ. The stairway to the front upstairs entrance has, also, been supplied with new parts where the weather has caused some of the steps and flooring and bannisters to begin decaying.—Union Springs Herald.

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Brother Crumpton says the amount needed, to make the purchase of the Scottsboro school property, is \$400. This includes all which has been promised. He writes us: "Let everybody send in their money by July 10th. We have until July 15th. We ought to make the purchase that day. Some have asked why I am so concerned about it. The answer is easy; but I am discussing nothing now but that \$400. Will the brethren give it to me? Let me hear from you July 10th without fail."

In addressing the students of University of Chicago, Mr. Rockefeller said: "I am not here to discuss theological questions, such as whether Jonah's relations to the whale were that of tenant or landlord." "The friends of the university can be relied upon to contribute to its support. I know several members on the Board of Trustees who are about to make large contributions." Great cheering followed this remark. He urged the students to keep warm their gratitude for those of their families who were struggling to help them get an education, and accented the world's need of great men.

Rev. F. R. Watkins, of East Lake, Ala., is assisting Pastor T. M. Thomas in a meeting at the South Side church. This church was begun in May, 1893—a mission work originating in the loving heart and planted by the gentle hand of that noble, courageous minister of God, Dr. J. G. Bow. Under the guidance of her faithful pastor she shines today a light in our city. Small, 'tis true, but brilliant. May God himself feed pastor and people with bread from heaven and permit them to drink long and deep from the crystal fountain of His love.—Lee Ella McLean, Eufaula.

Rev. T. H. Watkins passed through the city Monday en route to Eufaula to assist Rev. Mr. Thomas in a series of revival meetings. He recently conducted a revival at Linden, and in speaking of it the Reporter says: "The entire community has been benefited by his coming here, and as a result of the meeting there were about 25 conversions. The preacher some times used strong language when dealing with sin, but always had the Bible to back up his assertion. He has done a good work here. He has promised to visit us again, and when he comes he will have hearers."

The Southern Baptist Convention, at its last session, appointed Dr. George Cooper, of Richmond, and Rev. Oscar Hayward, of Tennessee, as fraternal messengers to the meeting of English-speaking Baptists in Edinburgh, in October next. It will be remembered that the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, at their May meetings, made arrangements for this meeting and issued invitations. We sincerely hope our Southern representatives may be able to attend. This meeting of "English-speaking Baptists" is the forerunner, we trust, of the "Pan-Baptist" Conference.—Religious Herald.

The announcement in the Sunbeam column of last week's issue of the BAPTIST, that the Sunbeams were requested to raise \$2,500 for a comfortable home for our Canton missionaries was so palpably a typographical mistake that it seems al-



most unnecessary to say that it was twenty-five dollars, only, that has been asked from our Sunbeams numbering over one hundred Bands. How many bands will respond at once by sending \$1? The Randolph Sunbeams head the list. It is better for the twenty-five Bands to send \$1 each than for five Bands to send \$5 each, or for one Band to give the whole amount.—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Dr. A. B. Campbell, pastor of the Baptist church in Troy, is here, in response to an invitation for the purpose of assisting Rev. A. P. Pugh in a series of meetings in the Baptist church. The services begun last Sunday, and good congregations greeted Dr. Campbell. Every day this week, the services will be held at half past eight, in the morning, and at eight in the evening. After today, the services will be held in the auditorium of the church, they having been held in the Sunday school room since Sunday evening. Our people should all lend their assistance to this meeting, and make it one of great good to the community. Some time has elapsed since the city has had a revival, and just now much can be accomplished. Dr. Campbell is receiving a cordial welcome from our people, and all feel that his labors here will be happily rewarded.—Union Springs Herald.

"The Baptist" of Jackson, Miss., was delayed in publication several days recently, owing to the burning of the pumps in the water department of that city. This item affords opportunity for several paragraphs. Obvious enough is the remark that, if the water works themselves are to be burned, where will ordinary buildings appear? The situation is favorable, also, for the re-introduction of the archaic jest about the dependence of Baptists on water. Some one, who does not like The Baptist as we do, might express surprise that a "wind-mill is run by water," and thus revive an ancient and worm-eaten story. Others might wonder that a paper so intimately related to the water-works should be so dry. But we do not wish to pre-empt the entire territory. After all, our contemporary leaves us in the dark how the burning of the water works hindered its publication; but adds these grateful and practical observations: "We now appreciate the common blessing of water more than ever before. We have made up our mind never to be a day behind in paying our water bill. The water-man is faithful and needs water to run his business. We could not successfully carry on our denominational work in the State without our paper. Suppose altogether we set ourselves to the task of making our paper better than it has ever been. We can easily do so."—Religious Herald.

### Two Deaths.

Pineville church has recently lost two noble and excellent members. Sister Annie McCrary died last Wednesday, June 25th. She had been a great sufferer for some months, but bore all with Christian faith and resignation. She leaves a heart-broken husband, a devoted mother, several brothers and sisters and a host of friends and relatives.

While the people were gathered at the church to attend Sister McCrary's funeral, Bro. Will Potts Address died, Thursday, June 27th. He had been quite unwell for several days. Still his death came very suddenly, and was a great shock to everyone. Bro. Address was a noble young man, and very popular in his church and community. He was a son of deacon S. D. Address, who died more than four years ago. That grand man left three sons, who have been intimately and affectionately associated since his death.

Bro. Will's death is a great grief to the other brothers, as well as a large number of friends and relatives. D. W. RAMSEY.

Account Annual Meeting, Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, Milwaukee, Wis., July 23-25, 1901. Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets to Milwaukee, Wis., and return from all points on its line, at rate of one regular first-class fare for the round trip plus \$2.00. Dates of sale July 20, 21 and 22, final limit July 23, 1901. A fee of fifty (50) cents will be charged by joint agent at Milwaukee for validation of return portion of tickets.

### Tribute of Love.

If there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, surely there must be greater joy when the aged saint, having borne the cross, enters the pearly gates to receive the crown. Such a joyful home going was that of our beloved sister, Jane E. Smith.

How many years of her life was spent in the Master's service we do not know, except that she united with the church when quite young. Her life was active and useful, and her love of the Lord made His house her heart's home. Why she should, in her last years, suffer so much and so long, we know not. God knows, and God loved her.

We rejoice that she has entered into that rest that is given to the children of God. We rejoice that she was permitted to be with us in our Woman's Missionary Society for so many years. Let us resolve to emulate her example of faithfulness, and as she followed Christ, so may we.

We miss her in our work for Christ, but let us look forward to the time when we may again see her in that home prepared for us by the blessed Lord.

Mrs. A. DIX,  
Mrs. J. C. STRATFORD,  
Mrs. E. LITTLEPAGE,  
Committee.

### Committee Asks for Time.

The committee which met Monday afternoon to nominate Dr. Kerfoot's successor as secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention did not come to any definite conclusion as to a candidate.

The session was a short one and all that was done was to decide to ask the board for more time to consider the matter.

The committee consisted of the following: Dr. W. W. Landrum, Dr. J. E. White, Rev. Dr. Bell, A. D. Adair and John M. Green. It is probable that the time for consideration of candidates will be indefinitely extended, and final action in the matter, according to a member of the committee, may not take place until fall.

### Amos B. Goodhue, LL. D.

DEAR BRO. HARRIS:—You will perhaps remember, that on the demise of Prof. Goodhue, I wrote some notice of his character and sincerity; one doubt arising in my mind whether it was the proper or son was passed away, I directed you not to publish until further information. Long illness almost depriving me of strength and sight, I have been unable until now to give the matter proper attention. It is not, however, too late, as I write not to flatter or soothe the pious family, but in the interest of learning, and to magnify the grace of God.

Prof. Goodhue was a profound and accurate scholar, with attainments far beyond the knowledge of any but intimate friends. Singularly modest in conversation, his acquirements rarely appeared unless drawn out of him by questioning. No one of those who occupied chairs in Howard College ever rendered equal services to the College except Dr. Dill. The services of the two were nearly of equal length. Zealously and assiduously did he nurse the young institution in its early struggles, and scores of pupils yet live to testify to his ability and fidelity. Some of the best work he ever did in teaching was bestowed gratuitously on the college in his old age.

But those who knew him well still more admired his conscientious and unswerving piety and purity of character. This was so unobtrusive and free from cant and gush as not to be marked by the many. No consideration could induce him to diverge a hair's breadth from his convictions. He held no conference with consequences. The speculations of scientists never staggered his faith in the divinity and integrity of the Scriptures. He knew full well that if Scripture was untrue all nature was a lie. That the historical character of Christ could not be ignored. That holiness and happiness, sin and misery, are inseparably linked together, in nature as well as revelation. And so with ingenious and childlike faith he reposed upon the blood and righteousness of Christ, and looked serenely and expectantly into the great beyond. A sweetness of temper and deportment diffused itself around him wherever he went. In a word

he was, in all respects to me, an ideal character, having done what he could in every sphere.

A wave of sadness passes over my heart very often, as the landmarks of the early history of our people, vanish out of sight. But their works do follow them. E. B. T.

### The First Baptist Church, Anniston.

Since many of the brethren over the State are asking many questions in regard to the First Baptist church, this city, I wish to give them the necessary information through the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

#### FIRST. THE LOCATION.

Our church is not located in either west, east, north or south Anniston, but is exactly on the geographical centre of the city. The people come from the north, the south, the east and the west to this church, the membership extending over a territory of three miles north and south and two miles east and west. It is the best located church for reaching the masses there is in the city.

#### SECOND. THE MEMBERSHIP.

We now have a membership of 845 that can be accounted for, in fact we count none except those we keep up with. The church roll is revised once a year—hence we report none that we know nothing of. Among this membership we have quite a variety of people of many different occupations for a livelihood, making from 25 cents up to \$10.00 per day. The work of the church is divided among the people of these various occupations. The same interest and attention are paid all the members. In other words, we are striving to make this a great people's church, knowing nothing of classes in church work—the only class we know is the regenerated class.

#### THIRD. THE DISCIPLINE.

We train our members by giving every one something to do, and letting them know they have an interest in the church. When we have done this we expect every one to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith they are called. No one can curse, swear, frequent saloons, theatres, play cards, entertain card parties, or engage in other kindred sins and be retained in this church. We believe it is as great a sin to have card parties and play for a prize of any kind as it is to shoot craps for a few pennies or dimes.

#### FOURTH. THE FINANCES.

A great many give the tenth, others give a smaller per cent, and still others give a certain amount, but all give weekly and monthly. By this plan the expenses of the church are met weekly. The pastor is paid every Monday morning. This plan has been worked successfully for nearly two years. We collected and paid out for all purposes during the month of May \$427.19, making four months out of nine that our treasurer's report has run over \$300.00 per month. This does not include the present of \$604.00 which the members recently made their pastor. It is delightful indeed to serve such an appreciative people.

We are undecided yet as to whether we will build a brick or stone house of worship. Some of the brethren think we can build a stone house as cheaply as we can a brick one, the stone being so convenient. If so, that is the kind we will build. We need a building that will seat 1,500 or more people.

#### A REQUEST.

I realize very sensibly that the many rich and abundant blessings recently bestowed upon me and my people, bring with them their corresponding responsibility. We need to pray more than ever and to live closer to the Lord than ever. Oh the responsibility of training these 380 babes in Christ! Dear brethren over the State, let me humbly beg an interest in your prayers. I need so much divine wisdom to do the work before me. We have much splendid talent in the new material that recently came into our church. Some who had been active and useful members in other denominations, from the Roman Catholics to the Campbellites. No Catholic was ever more devoted to their church than are some to this church whom I have baptized from the Catholics since I have been here. JOHN E. BARNARD.

Who bravely dares must sometimes risk a fall.—Smollett.

### From Eufaula.

I preached the past week in Dawson, Ga., aiding Rev. H. L. Crumbley. It was a fine meeting. The whole church seemed greatly revived, and notwithstanding the hot weather the congregations were large. There were about twenty-five conversions and fifteen additions to the church up to Saturday, when I had to leave to fill my pulpit here yesterday.

Bro. Crumbley is a most consecrated and attractive brother; he is an ideal pastor, loved and honored by all.

I go to Brewton tomorrow to aid Rev. J. W. Kramer in a meeting at that place. God grant that we may have a gracious outpouring of his Spirit.

I regretted so much that I could not meet my appointment at Anniston. I found that there was no train that would take me there in time, after preaching here the previous Sunday. The brethren of the Conference were very kind and said they would give me another day. But the program was full, and distant great, so I concluded to respond to Bro. Crumbley's letter and telegram and preach there.

M. B. WHARTON.

Eufaula, Ala., July 1, 1901.

The man with only one idea is much more dangerous than the man with no ideas.

### From the Orphanage.

#### BREAD FOR THE CHILDREN.

Thank you, friends, for your response to my request. Now, remember, that they will get hungry again if more is not sent. We thank you no less for your prayers, and are grateful to God and to you that the sick ones seem very much better. All have been up for several days, and we hope the disease will not spread to the whole family.

#### GROUND BREAKING.

Last Tuesday we broke ground for the Sick Ward, and next Thursday we are to break for the "Bush Cottage." It will be at 6 p. m. On the birth day of the nation let us prepare for laying the foundation of a home for some of our country's homeless children. Bro. Bush has been invited to use the pick, and we hope he can come.

The order of exercises last Tuesday was the reading of appropriate Scriptures by Bro. B. H. Crumpton, and prayer by Bro. J. S. Wood, and the actual digging with the pick by Bro. G. S. Farnham. A friend remarked that if "Bob Farnham had all the digging to do it would not be done in three thousand years."

The exercises were brief and appropriate and some of us were thrilled with inexpressible joy.

JRO. W. STEWART.

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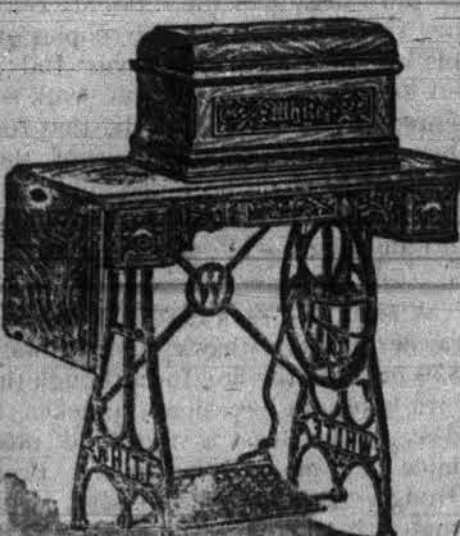
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Weekly prayermeeting, Sunday, July 14th. Topic: "Individual work for Christ." Acts, 8:26-40.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS.

Mon., July 8. Ezra 7. Ezra's free hand (vss. 25-26). Compare Ex. 18:21, 22.

Tue. 9. Ezra 8:1. (2-15), 16-36. Ezra's trust in God (vss. 22-23). Compare I Chron. 15:2.

Wed. 10. Ezra 9. Ezra's grief over Israel's ways (vss. 3-5). Compare Neh. 1:4.

Thu. 11. Ezra 10: 1-17, (18-44). Israel's penitence (vs. 1). Compare II Chron. 6:28-30.

Fri. 12. Nehemiah 1. Nehemiah's grief and prayer. Compare I Kings 8:29.

Sat. 13. Nehemiah 2. Nehemiah's petition and journey. Compare Ezra 8:36.

—Baptist Union.

Editor B. Y. P. U. Department Alabama Baptist.

DEAR BROTHER:—Our Baptist Young People's Union is sad over the death of our brother, Marcie Duncan, whom God has called from us just at the dawn of manhood, being only about 17. Such a bright, Christian young man. One so full of hope for a bright future. Having just graduated in our city schools. It seems hard, and our hearts are made sad for one so young to be taken from us. Yet we feel that God knows best, and if we will trust Him all things will work out for good.

Our Union is moving along very nicely. Since our change of hour for devotional exercises from three until seven Sunday evenings the attendance has been larger. And it seems to prepare us better for the evening services of the church. We feel that this is the best of the hours for the devotional meetings, and we heartily recommend it to other Unions.

W. T. MITCHELL,  
 Huntsville, Ala.

We heard recently a sad little story. It was the story of the death, rather the murder of a B. Y. P. U., and it seemed to us a real, a sad tragedy. It runs about in this wise:

Once upon a time, in one of the best Unions in Alabama, (for this is a home story) there was a young lady very deeply interested in the young people's work. She was an earnest worker, and the practical, consecrated common sense which she applied to every thing she did, made her a real treasure to the local organization. Very loath indeed were they to part with her, and very much they missed her earnest work and wise counsel. She went to one of the smaller towns in our own State, carrying with her a deep interest in young people and their organized

work, and a desire to advance the cause of the Master in this direction. In the little church in which she connected herself, she found quite a number of intelligent, earnest young Christians doing nothing. They were church members, but had been given nothing to do, had not been allowed to form an organization of their own, and were accomplishing very little indeed in the Master's service. They welcomed with delight our young lady's proposition to organize a B. Y. P. U. She went to the pastor for his advice, encouragement and cooperation, but he told her no, he "did not approve of the young people's movement," and would have nothing to do with it; but finally telling her that if she wished, she might organize a Union, and he would just "shut his eyes to it." Undaunted, she told him she would, and she did. In a short while she had nearly all the young people in the community enlisted in the work. They were being trained in the service of the Master. Young men who had never thought of such things before were learning to take part in the public worship, and girls were devoting much of the energy and effort before used for other things, to God's service. In a word, it was a good young people's organization; not perfect, of course, but doubtless more so than that which was presided over by the pastor who objected to his young people doing Christian work. Things went on well for a time, the Union work being largely under the direction of the young lady referred to; she being the only one in the community who had had any experience in organized B. Y. P. U. work, until, herschool work completed, she went away. No sooner had the protector of the young B. Y. P. U. gone than in steps, the pastor, the one of all persons who should encourage and help the young people, and proceeds to break up the organization. This he did very speedily and effectually. The young people of his membership who for the first time in their lives were doing anything, or learning to do anything in a practical organized way for the Master, were thus deprived of a privilege which they of right should enjoy, and no one may know what the cause of the Master may have lost. We are sure that the young people all over the State will sympathize with these young people in their loss. We are all praying that the time may soon come when such action on the part of an Alabama pastor will be unthinkable. We do not know who this particular pastor is; we don't even know his name—we don't care to, and we are not criticizing him personally; we simply tell the little story as we heard it. There may be other stories like it that might be told. Each one is a sad commentary on the progressiveness of Alabama pastors.

## Motive at Fault.

Two characteristics distinguish the Italian Reformation movement from that of Germany and elsewhere in Europe. In these latter countries it was a popular movement, originating in the convictions and feelings of the people; in Italy the propaganda was largely confined to the educated and cultured classes, including the nobility. In the second place, a philosophic humanism, and not the conflicts of a conscience seeking peace with its God, was the impelling motive in the Italian Reformation, although the latter element was not altogether absent, as is testified by the experiences of such men as Ochino, Aonio Paleario, Francisco Spiera and others. In general it was rather an intellectual than a spiritual and religious movement. It was all the easier for the church authorities to suppress it. Paul IV, and Pius V, were the popes who saw to it that the hopeful beginnings of Protestantism were effectively crushed in Italy. The movement itself experienced the same fate that overtook the splendid

volume that it produced, namely, the "Beneficio del Jesu Christo." In the third decade of the sixteenth century fully forty thousand copies of this book were scattered over Italy, but the Inquisition did its work so thoroughly in extirpating it, that for three hundred years no copy of the first edition could be found, until accidentally in 1855 one was discovered in Cambridge. —Literary Digest.

A naturalist says that every time a farmer shoots a hawk he throws a \$50 bill into the fire, for although the bird takes an occasional chicken, it destroys at least a thousand rats, mice and moles every year. Prof. Hodge, of Clark University, estimates that toads are worth \$19.88 each for their work as destroyers of cut worms.

Some girls who are not in reality brilliant conversationalists have a way of making men think they are.

You can't tell the amount of brains in a woman's head by the size of hat she wears.

## The Stairway that Led to Success.

There are few things in life more appalling than the facility with which young men and young women of splendid capabilities resign themselves to inferior positions, when a little self-sacrifice and determination to succeed would lead them on to the heights.

Recently the writer's attention was called to a life chapter that was full of interest and inspiration, telling, as it did, of honest effort to rise, due appreciation, and subsequent success.

Alexander Martin was what is commonly known as a rough carpenter—that is, he was employed on the rough work in building; his wages were somewhat less than two dollars a day, and considering the fact that there were frequent intervals when there was no work to be done, it is not strange that he found difficulty in making both ends meet. One morning the thought occurred to him that his average earnings were less than a dollar and a half a day, while men who were working on the same building were receiving three and four dollars for a day's work and having constant employment. Many of them were no brighter than he, he flattered himself; the difference was that they had learned the art of doing fine work.

That night and for many nights following, Martin carried home with him a bundle of hardwood, small blocks which had been thrown into the waste. The men wondered what he was doing with the pieces of hardwood which he carried home from time to time, and they were puzzled when they learned that he had purchased a chest of tools such as only the best carpenters have use for. They noticed that his work was more accurate, but somehow the truth did not dawn upon them.

One morning the contractor asked his men if any of them knew where he could find a first-class man capable of building the spiral staircase leading from the front hall to the second floor. The house was to be completed on a certain date, and, as the man who was to have built the staircase was sick, he needed an expert at once.

"I think I can do the work satisfactorily," said Alexander Martin, stepping forward.

The contractor looked amused. "I fear I shall need an experienced hand," said he, striving to repress a smile.

"I am confident that I can satisfy you, sir," said Martin.

"Well, get your tools and go to work, then," said the boss; "but it will not take me a day, nor an hour, to see what you can do in that line, young man."

That afternoon Martin began on the staircase, and, though the contractor frequently passed that way to view the work, contrary to the expectations of the other men he was not interrupted. As the work progressed the other carpenters stopped to admire; the inland work was a marvel of cunning and art, and the sight filled them with amazement.

"You are building the stairs to success, Al," said one of the men, the latter part of the week; "the boss is mightily pleased with your work."

Saturday afternoon the staircase was completed, and as Martin was sweeping away the chips and sawdust the contractor handed him his pay envelope. There were twenty-two dollars in it, more money than he had ever before received in a fortnight.

"I shall want you on a similar job next Monday," said the contractor; "in fact, there will be work of this nature for you right along."

It was then that Alexander Martin began to realize that he had been building the stairs that were to lead him upward to success; that those days and evenings which he had spent at home, working out geometric designs with the blocks of hardwood, had not been wasted. —Forward.

Paul said, "I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man." This may not be palatable to some modern thinkers, but it is the teaching of God's Word, and for one I believe that God knows more than even modern thinkers. —A. C. Dixon.

Mr. Peck said that no death affected him so much as the death of his wife's first husband.

Some men think they are at the top of the ladder before they have ascended to the first round.

## Time and Place of Meetings of the Associations.

## JULY.

Mobile Association, Union church, six miles of St. Elmo; 8 p. m., Thursday before 2nd Sunday in July.

## AUGUST.

Florence—East Florence church, Friday before 2nd Sunday.  
 Selma—Mt. Gilead church, Benton, Wednesday before 3d Sunday.  
 North Alabama—Little River church, 4 miles east of Valley Head; Friday before 4th Sunday.

## SEPTEMBER.

Shelby—Free Springs ch, 5½ miles east of British; Tuesday before 1st Sunday.  
 Montgomery—Ft. Deposit ch, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.  
 Birmingham—Ensley ch, Tuesday before 2nd Sunday.

Union—Cross Roads ch, Pickens Co., Tuesday before 2nd Sunday.  
 Bigbee—Epes ch, Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

Calhoun Co.—Duke ch, Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.  
 Tuscaloosa—Windham Springs ch, 22 miles north of Tuscaloosa, Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

St. Clair County—Mt. Pleasant ch, six miles south of Eden, Saturday before 2nd Sunday.

Coosa River—Fayetteville ch, Wednesday before 3rd Sunday.

Pine Barren—Concord ch, Buena Vista, Wednesday before 3rd Sunday.

Colbert—Bethel ch, Thursday before 3rd Sunday.

Mineral Springs—Mineral Springs ch, near Brookside, Friday before 3rd Sunday.

North River—Providence ch, 3½ miles east of Oakman, Tuesday before 4th Sunday.

Bethel—Thomaston ch, Marengo Co., Friday before 4th Sunday.

Bethlehem—Salem ch, Monroe County, Friday before 4th Sunday.

Cedar bluff—Farrill ch, Friday before 4th Sunday.

Cleburne—Concord ch, Friday before 4th Sunday.

Macedonia—Mt. Nebo ch, Washington county, Friday before 4th Sunday.

Tennessee River—Trenton ch, Jackson county, Friday before 5th Sunday.

## OCTOBER.

South Bethel—Deep Creek ch, Nicholasville, Tuesday before 1st Sunday.

Central—Friendship ch, 5 miles west of Tallapoosa; Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

Geneva—Elbethel ch, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

Salem—Bentzer ch, 3 miles east of Linwood, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

Sispey—Corinth ch, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

Judson—Center ch, Thursday before 1st Sunday.

Muscul Shoals—Lebanon ch, Thursday before 1st Sunday.

Antioch—Healing Springs ch, Friday before 1st Sunday.

Clear Creek—Oak Grove ch No. 1, 5 miles South of Double Springs, Friday before 1st Sunday.

Central Liberty—Spring Hill ch, Saturday before 1st Sunday.

Yellow Creek—Elowship ch, Saturday before 1st Sunday.

Centennial—Indian Creek ch, Tuesday before 2nd Sunday.

East Liberty—Jackson's Gap ch, Tuesday before 2nd Sunday.

Troy—Hepzibah ch, 4 miles south of Troy, Tuesday before 2nd Sunday.

Unity—Alpine ch, 4 miles northeast of Plantersville, Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

Weogukia—Cane Creek ch, Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

Missionary Harmony—3d Blocton ch, Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

Pes River—Jamasus ch, 10 miles south east of Elba, Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

Mt. Carmel—New Prospect ch, Thursday before 2nd Sunday.

Alabama—Union ch, Honoraville, Friday before 2nd Sunday.

Big Bear Creek—Bethlehem ch, Saturday before 2nd Sunday.

New River—Concord ch, Saturday before 2nd Sunday.

Newton—Pleasant Ridge ch, near Shipperville ch, Saturday before 2nd Sunday.

Southeastern—Bethel ch, 8 miles west of Citronelle, Saturday before 2nd Sunday.

Harris—Girard 1st ch, Tuesday before 3rd Sunday.

Tuskegee—Elam ch, Tuesday before 3rd Sunday.

Gilliam Springs—Mt. Tabor ch, 4 miles northwest of Oleander, Friday before 3rd Sunday.

Arbacoochee—Macedonia ch, Saturday before 3rd Sunday.

Sardis—Pleasant Hill ch, 8 miles northwest of Florala, Saturday before 3rd Sunday.

Bessemer—Oak Grove ch, Ezra, Ala., Tuesday before 4th Sunday.

Clay County—Pleasant Grove ch, Tuesday before 4th Sunday.

Cullman—Pilgrim's Rest ch, Tuesday before 4th Sunday.

Eufaula—Clio ch, Tuesday before 4th Sunday.

Mt. Moriah—Shoal Creek ch, 3½ miles southwest of Birmingham, Thursday before 4th Sunday.

Cedar Creek—Chulafinnee ch, Friday before 4th Sunday.

Marshall—Boaz ch, 20 miles north of Attalla, Friday before 4th Sunday.

New Providence—Goshen ch, Friday before 4th Sunday.

Shady Grove—Liberty Hill ch, Friday before 4th Sunday.

## NOVEMBER.

Conecuh—Greenville ch, Tuesday before 3rd Sunday.

Randolph County—Wedowee ch, Tuesday before 1st Sunday.

Columbia—Mt. Pleasant ch, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

UNKNOWN: Mud Creek.

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Ar. Memphis	7:40 am	Ar. Hot Springs	5:30 pm
Ar. Hot Springs	5:30 pm	Ar. Jackson, Tenn.	9:30 pm
Ar. Jackson, Tenn.	9:30 pm	Ar. Cairo	1:30 am
Ar. Cairo	1:30 am	Ar. St. Louis	8:08 am
Ar. St. Louis	8:08 am	Ar. Chicago	4:30 pm
Ar. Chicago	4:30 pm	Ar. Waukegan	8:25 pm
Ar. Waukegan	8:25 pm	Ar. Kansas City	5:30 pm
Ar. Kansas City	5:30 pm	Ar. Omaha	6:15 am
Ar. Omaha	6:15 am	Ar. St. Paul	7:45 am
Ar. St. Paul	7:45 am	Ar. Denver	5:30 pm
Ar. Denver	5:30 pm	Ar. San Francisco	11:45 pm

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Ar. Sprague Junction	4 15pm	7 00am	
Ar. Troy	4 15pm	8 06am	9 25pm
Ar. Brundidge	4 15pm	8 25am	9 40pm
Ar. Ozark	4 15pm	8 40am	10 55pm
Ar. Dimmick	4 15pm	9 50am	
Ar. Abbeville Junction	4 15pm	10 25pm	11 50pm
Ar. Dothan	4 15pm	10 55am	12 11am
Ar. Bainbridge	4 15pm	12 30pm	2 06am
Ar. Clifton	4 15pm	12 45pm	2 22am
Ar. Thomasville	4 15pm	1 10pm	2 57am
Ar. Valdosta	4 15pm	1 25pm	3 27am
Ar. Waycross	4 15pm	2 25pm	6 15am
Ar. Jacksonville	4 15pm	7 40pm	8 30am
Ar. Tampa	4 15pm	7 20am	10 00pm
Ar. Port Tampa	4 15pm	8 20am	10 30pm
Lv. Waycross	4 55pm	6 25am	
Ar. Savannah	5 15pm	9 00am	
Ar. Charleston	5 25pm	6 25am	4 30pm
Lv. Sprague Junction	4 30pm		
Ar. Luverne	7 05pm		
Lv. Dimmick	10 00am	5 30am	
Ar. Enterprise	11 00am	6 40am	
Ar. Elba	12 15pm	8 00am	
Lv. Abbeville Junction	10 25am		
Ar. Abbeville	12 10pm		
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4:15 pm	6:20 am	lv. Selma	ar. Montgomery	11:30 pm	11:10 am	
6:20 pm	8:20 am	lv. Montgomery	ar. Selma	9:35 pm	9:00 am	
6:40 pm	1:30 pm	lv. Montgomery	ar. Montgomery	9:50 pm	10:55 am	6:30 pm
8:25 pm	3:45 pm	lv. Montgomery	ar. Opelika	7:40 pm	8:50 am	4:23 pm
8:25 pm	3:45 pm	lv. Opelika	ar. Atlanta	7:37 pm	8:50 am	4:23 pm
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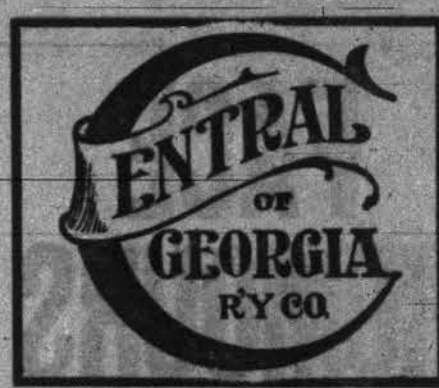
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We know a man who is said to be bright who will get up early in the morning and walk a mile, or sling Indian clubs an hour for exercise, and pay a negro to chop his wood. —Dothan Siftings.

A man in Missouri refused to subscribe to a fund for the purpose of putting a fence around the cemetery because he said there was no need for a fence, as those who were in could not get out, and those who were out did not want to get in.

North Carolina Baptists are greatly rejoiced to have the Southern Baptist Convention within their borders next May. Asheville is one of the most desirable cities in which to meet. Hundreds will want to see the "Land of the Sky."

We mentioned last week the election of Dr. W. H. Whitsett to the Chair of Philosophy in Richmond College. In addition to him, Prof. Wm. A. Harris of Baylor University was elected to the Chair of Greek, and Prof. J. A. Chandler of the Woman's College, Richmond, Va., to the Chair of English.

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### Deacon George W. Edwards.

Bro. Edwards died June 2, 1901, at his home, Knoxville, Ala., in the 84th year of his age. He was born June 19, 1817. Was converted and united with the Baptist church when a mere boy, and during his long life was a faithful, consistent and useful member. At the time of his death he was a member of Beulah church, Green county, Ala., of which he had been an efficient deacon for nearly half a century. He was a devout Christian and greatly beloved by his church and Christians generally. He delighted in the services of God's house, and was always ready to take an active part in some religious work. His ears, heart and purse were all open to the cry of the needy. He was married twice: first to Miss Phoebe Ellis, August 31, 1838, of which marriage there were eight children, three of whom preceded him to the spirit world. His second marriage was to Miss Jimima R. Cockrell, July 18, 1877, who still lives to mourn his departure. He was an affectionate husband, a kind and indulgent father, a good neighbor, an honored and highly esteemed citizen. Indeed, he was faithful and true in all the relations of life. He was a highly respected and greatly beloved member of the Masonic fraternity. He was patient and submissive in all his sufferings. During his last illness, which lasted a little more than a month, he often spoke of his death with Christian composure and hopefulness. He was ready and willing to go.

It can be truly said of him: He fought a good fight, he kept the faith and finished his course with joy. His finished life was as a sheaf of ripened grain, and his passing away was crowned with all the spiritual graces that adorn and comfort the Christian. He was a faithful and true helper to his pastor, and his home was always open to God's servants. He took a lively interest in all church work.

He leaves a devoted and bereaved wife, five children, many grandchildren and friends to mourn his death, but we all rejoice in the rich and glorious heritage he left to us of his being sustained by the hope of a better life than this, of his worthy and beautiful Christian example, strengthening our hope of a blessed immortality. He is now at rest from his labors, and while we are sad, we sorrow not as those who have no hope. May the God of all grace strengthen and comfort the bereaved.

J. H. CUNY, Pastor.  
Fosters, Ala., June 26, 1901.

Died, in Selma, Ala., in his 86th year, Mr. J. J. Desker, a native of South

Carolina. He moved with his wife to Alabama about 1836, settling in Marengo county, where they united with a Baptist church. Later he became a resident of Dallas county, and subsequently came to Selma, where he united with the First Baptist church, which, in his death loses its oldest and one of its most faithful members. He married in early manhood Miss Ann Harriet Emfinger, who, five years ago preceded him to her reward, after a half century of happy wedded life. Three children out of nine remain to mourn their loss. Mrs. J. J. Babcock, Mrs. G. B. Burns and Miss Rebecca Desker.

Mr. Desker was a man of strict honesty and manifest integrity, being true and faithful in every relation of life. He lived a long and useful career, and sleeps well after his labors.

"And I heard a voice saying unto me, write: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; yea, saith the Spirit, they do rest from their labors and their works follow with them."

A. J. DICKINSON.

Selma, Ala.

"Gone, but Not Forever."  
Mrs. Constance Salome Lambert, wife of B. B. Lambert, who fell asleep in Jesus on the morning of the 16th of June, 1901, at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. E. Cole, in the 18th year of her age, leaving a bereaved companion and infant babe, with many friends, to mourn her loss. Her consistent life and devotion to her Bible and daily prayers filled the heart of her husband with joy. She fell asleep in Jesus.

"Asleep in Jesus! O how sweet,  
To be for such a slumber meet!  
With holy confidence to sing,  
That death hath lost its venom sting."  
A. J. L.

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Sometimes a man does not know what he is talking about until long after he has said it.

The idea of rational democracy is not that the people themselves govern, but that they have security for good government.—John Stuart Mill.

## The Baptist Appreciated.

ALA. BAPTIST: Inclosed find \$1.50. Please move my subscription up to 1902; pardon negligence; I am hard run for money, but I can't get along well without the ALABAMA BAPTIST in my home. My wife and children love the paper; we all make a rush for it when it comes. Success to you and your paper.

Yours in love,  
W. H. GRANBERRY.  
Bakem, Ala., June 24.

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Mozley's Lemon Elixir.  
I fully endorse it for nervous prostration, headache, indigestion and constipation, having used it with most satisfactory results after all other remedies had failed.  
J. W. ROLLO.  
West End, Atlanta, Ga.

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MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Jasper Dillard to John R. Kelly, on the 29th day of October, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery county, Alabama, in mortgage Book 162, at page 465, and duly assigned to the undersigned, one of the conditions of which has been broken, the undersigned assignee of said mortgage, will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court Square Fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Thursday, the 1st day of August, 1901, the following described property contained in and conveyed by said mortgage, situated in the city and county of Montgomery and State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot No. twenty-eight (28), in Well's addition to Highland Park, as per map of record in the office of the Probate Judge of Montgomery county, Alabama, in the Plat Book, page 79.

B. K. MASSIE,  
Assignee of Mortgage.  
P. C. MASSIE, Att'y for Mortgagee.  
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Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Steven R. Hunt to Thomas Massie, on the 6th day of April, 1900, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery county, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 163, at pg. 111, one of the conditions of which has been broken, the undersigned mortgagee will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court Square Fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., within the legal hours of sale, on Thursday the 1st day of August, 1901, the following described property contained in and conveyed by said mortgage, situated in the county of Montgomery and State of Alabama, to-wit:

Lot No. 12, in Block L, of West End, according to the plat made by Pickett & Alexander, recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county.

Also Lots Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in Block 1, and Lots Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block 2, according to Van Dorn's subdivision of lots 1 and 2 of Anderson & Dingley's subdivision of part of Block 12 of the Peacock Tract.

THOMAS MASSIE, Mortgagee.  
P. C. MASSIE, Att'y for Mortgagee.  
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## MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Jasper Dillard to Mary E. Jurey on the 2nd day of November, 1900, and recorded in the office of the Judge of Probate of Montgomery county, Alabama, in Mortgage Book 162, at page 421, one of the conditions of which has been broken, the undersigned Mary E. Jurey, will sell at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, at the Court Square Fountain, in the city of Montgomery, Ala., within the legal hours of sale, on Friday, the 5th day of July, 1901, the following described property contained in and conveyed by said mortgage, situated in the county of Montgomery, and State of Alabama, to-wit: Lot No. 28 of the Plat of the Well Addition to Highland Park, as the same appears of record in the office of the Judge of Probate of said county.

MARY E. JUREY, Mortgagee.  
P. C. MASSIE, Att'y for Mortgagee.  
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