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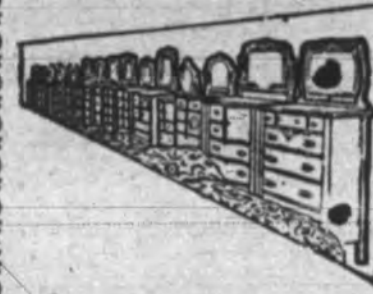
the eight year old son of Mr. Lee Peacock, who had fallen from a fence, breaking his arm about 1 1-2 inches above the elbow, the bone splitting, making a sharp end which pierced through the flesh and skin, leaving the bone exposed. I dressed the wound with Dr. Tichenor's Antiseptic, nothing else being used. The child suffered but little and was well in a remarkably short time. It was a surprise to all who knew of it.

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Begin at the southwest corner of said lot three which is a point on the north line of Fourteenth avenue, south, 54.6 feet eastwardly following the curvature of said north line of said avenue from the east line of Fifteenth street, thence northwardly along the west line of said lot three to the point on the north line of said lot one, which will be reached by extending the west line of said lot three in a straight line through said lot one; thence eastwardly along the north line of said lot one to a point three feet westwardly from the northeast corner of said lot one; thence southwardly and parallel with the east line of said lots one and three to the north line of Fourteenth Avenue, south, and thence westwardly along the north line of Fourteenth Avenue, south, following the curvature of the same to the point of beginning, situated in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Said sale will be made in pursuance of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by A. B. Wilson and wife, Hannah Wilson to the undersigned on the 3d of August, 1901, and filed for record in the office of Probate Judge of Jefferson County, Alabama, on 7th day of March, 1903, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured.

This the 18th day of March, 1903.
Investment Real estate Co., of Alabama.
By Lee C. Bradley, Vice-President.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson county.

W. E. B. Davis, deceased, Estate of.
Letters testamentary upon the last will and testament of said deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, on the 18th day of March, 1903, by the Honorable J. P. Stiles, Judge of the Probate Court of Jefferson county. Notice is hereby given, that all persons, having claims against said estate, will be required to present the same within the time allowed by law, or that the same will be barred.

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Mortgage Sale.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by W. H. Johnson and Amanda Johnson, his wife, to M. M. Simpson, on the 1st day of May, 1902, which mortgage is recorded in volume 310 on page 54 in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, and which mortgage was on August 15th, 1902, duly transferred and assigned to the undersigned, City Loan & Banking Company, the undersigned will sell on the 25th day of April, 1903, to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours of sale, in front of the Court House door of Jefferson County, Alabama, the following described property to-wit: Lot No. twenty-one (21) in Block No. thirteen (13), according to the survey of the property of Vann, Reed and others in the Town of Woodlawn, Alabama, a map of which survey is recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of said county.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage, default having been made in the payment of same.

Dated this 17th day of March, 1903.
City Loan & Banking Co., Transferee.
Kerr & Haley, Attorneys for Transferee.

Notice.

The undersigned will on Monday, April 18th, 1903, in front of the court house door of Jefferson County, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale sell to the highest bidder for cash, lot number nine in block number twenty-seven, Avondale, according to the plan of the Avondale Land Company, which said lot fronts fifty feet on the north side of Fifth Avenue, south, and extends back of uniform width one hundred and forty feet to an alley, and situated in Jefferson County, Alabama.

This sale will be made by the undersigned as assignee of a certain mortgage executed by R. K. Jones to Ben F. Pool, dated February 21st, 1902, and filed for record in Probate Office of Jefferson County, Alabama, on 7th day of March, 1903; default having been made by said R. K. Jones in payment of the indebtedness thereby secured.

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Notes and Comments.

Rev. P. S. Henson, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently filled the pulpit at Tremont Temple. Dr. Henson is one of our strongest preachers and is a lecturer of rare ability.

Recently Dr. A. C. Dixon delivered before the Ministers' Conference of Philadelphia, an address on "Searching the Scriptures." Dr. Dixon is one of our greatest Bible readers and we look forward with hope to the time when he can visit Birmingham.

The Standard says: Dr. W. M. Lawrence, pastor of the Second Church of Chicago, was one of three ministers recently selected to act as arbitrator between the packers and stationary engineers in the stockyards district. The difficulty between the union and the packers was upon the rate of wages and hours of work. Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus and Rev. Edward A. Kelly were the other members of the committee.

Dr. George C. Lorimer, pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church of New York, is preaching a series of six sermons, explaining the fifteenth chapter of I Cor. The topics are: "Christ's Resurrection and the Historic Faith," "Christ's Resurrection and the Second Advent," "Christ's Resurrection and the Conquering Mission," "Christ's Resurrection and the Spiritual Body," "Christ's Resurrection and the Believer's Destiny," "Christ's Resurrection and the Victorious Life."

The Examiner says: Hon. Francis Wayland, LL.D., professor of English constitutional law and for many years dean of the Law School of Yale University, has presented his resignation to take effect in June. Dr. Wayland has been in poor health for two years, and feels the necessity of seeking rest. He has been made professor emeritus.

The above information comes to us with sorrow. Dr. Wayland's splendid figure and fine horsemanship was one of the features of the Yale Field Days during our work at Yale several years ago.

The Bureau of Missions has made an arrangement with the Funk and Wagnall's Company for the publication of a new edition of the Encyclopedia of Missions, edited by Rev. Edward M. Bliss, D.D., in 1891, provided a sufficient number of advance subscriptions are made to justify the large expense of issuing it. The new edition will be practically rewritten, in order to bring it up to date. The work will be done under the editorial supervision of Rev. H. G. Dwight, D.D., assisted by Dr. Bliss and Rev. H. Allen Tupper, Jr., D.D.

The Standard says: Francis Wayland, LL.D., dean of the Yale Law School, at New Haven, Conn., for thirty years, has been compelled, on account of health, to resign. He has been made Professor Emeritus. His resignation will take effect next June. Dr. Wayland has been a prominent figure in the literary world for a generation. In 1869 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut. He has written many valuable articles for publication, and for many years has held the chairmanship of the American Social Science Association of Jurisprudence. He has held, and still holds, important offices of trust and honor in the Baptist denomination and the State where he has lived.

The Watchman says: Professor Francis Wayland, son of the great resident of Brown University, has been professor of jurisprudence in Yale University since 1872, and dean of the Yale Law School since 1873. He is one of the men who have honored his ancestry, and the Baptist denomination, by the services he has rendered in a distinguished and difficult branch of achievement. He has been a tower of strength to the Baptist cause in New Haven and Connecticut. At the age of seventy-six he has retired from active work in the University, and will hold the position of Professor Emeritus. We join with a host of his friends and admirers in wishing that he may long be spared to enjoy his well-earned leisure.

The new swimming pool at Brown University, which Mr. Colgate Hoyt of this city, has built at a cost of \$20,000, was recently opened with appropriate ceremonies. Mr. Hoyt made a brief address and presented the keys of the pool to President Faunce, who accepted them in behalf of the university. The pool is seventy-five by twenty-five feet, and lined with white tile and marble slabs, and is provided with shower baths. It is one of the finest pools in the country.

We congratulate Brown University and all honor to Mr. Hoyt for his splendid gift, but oh, how sad and poor it makes us feel when we know the great struggle Dr. Montague is making to get \$13,000 for a new dormitory for Howard College.

Last Saturday, March 14th, Mrs. Nancy Diefendorf Armitage, widow of Rev. Thomas Armitage, D.D., died at her home in Yonkers, N. Y., at the advanced age of eighty-one years. She was the daughter of the Rev. James Diefendorf, a minister of the Lutheran Church. She became the wife of Dr. Armitage in 1846. When Dr. Armi-

tage retired from the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Church, which he had held for more than forty years, he made his home in Yonkers, in a house presented to him by the church, and there Mrs. Armitage continued to reside until her death. She retained her membership in the Fifth Avenue Church until the end. Mrs. Armitage is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Larremore, of this city, and Mrs. John Low, of Chicago. The funeral was held at her late residence, 251 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, on Tuesday afternoon.—Examiner.

The Standard says: No announcement of Mr. Ira D. Sankey's illness has been made before for the reason that it was his expressed wish that his friends should be kept in ignorance as to his real condition lest they should become unnecessarily alarmed. To avoid any misrepresentation or exaggeration that might result from the facts in the case not being known, at the request of members of the family his oculist has made a statement of the case, in which he says that Mr. Sankey is suffering from an attack of congestive glaucoma, caused by physical exhaustion from overwork. The operation necessary to reduce pressure was performed as soon as the condition of the eyes permitted. He rallied at once, the pain and suffering being relieved, but it is now too soon to express a definite opinion as to the result of the operation. In the right eye the existing conditions are not unfavorable to the recovery of a moderate amount of sight, which will probably be accentuated by improvement in his general health. The left eye has not responded to treatment as the other has done and at this time any anticipation that sight in this eye will be restored is hardly justifiable.

Needs of Howard College.

Howard College is not merely a denominational institution; it is part and parcel of the educational outfit of this district, an important part of it, and it is making an effort to build and pay for an additional building to cost \$13,000. The additional building is to be a dormitory, and it is very much needed. Dr. Montague, the indefatigable president of the college, hopes this district will put up the building, and leave the institution free from debt, and this should be done, and the Age-Herald has full faith that the far-sighted manufacturers and business men of this district will see that it is done.

When this is accomplished President Montague will turn his attention to the subject of a proper endowment of the college, and his appeal will go to

all parts of the State, and one branch of it may extend to Mr. Rockefeller of New York, who has expressed a willingness to consider the needs of the institution. Once well endowed, Howard would have a great career before it, situated as it is in the heart of the most populous and prosperous mineral district of the South.

But the task in hand relates to the construction of a dormitory, and the Board of Trustees and President Montague hope this district will aid the college in this matter until the building is secured leaving no debts behind.

A Tribute to Howard.

That was a graceful tribute paid Howard College yesterday by the student body in raising over \$600 in fifteen minutes towards the \$13,000 which the Board of Trustees have undertaken to raise to help the school. It showed a healthy spirit of loyalty to the institution and a genuine appreciation of the good work it is doing in the educational work of Alabama. No one, of course, derives more individual benefit from this work than do the students themselves, though the influence of such an institution of learning as Howard cannot fail to make itself felt for good throughout the entire community.

Howard College has turned out many men who have become prominent in the business and professional life of this State and various parts of the South. The college is doing admirable work, and it is a source of gratification to the people of this district to see that it is growing in influence as well as in its scope of instruction and standard of efficiency. It has done much for the Birmingham district and is now making special efforts to get itself in a position to do a great deal more. The undertaking to raise money for the improvement of its buildings and equipment should commend itself to the citizens of Birmingham and the district for every dollar they give to this cause will be a permanent investment for the good of the community.—News.

Howard College Is Coming.

We feel that the Baptists throughout Alabama will feel grateful when they read the kind notices accorded the college by the Birmingham press. Indeed it is a matter to be proud of for it shows that the college is taking on new life and that the Birmingham District is going to do its duty by it. Dr. Montague is making an active canvass, and is meeting with much success.

Howard College is to take a new and long step forward. Dr. Montague is a worker, and with the foundation that has been laid for him will make old Howard what it should be in size and usefulness, as well as in fame.—Ledger.

WOMAN'S WORK

Send all Communications for this Department to Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake, Ala.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

- Mrs. L. F. Stratton 1705 12th Avenue..... South Birmingham
- Mrs. N. A. Barrett..... East Lake
- Mrs. T. A. Hamilton..... 1127 South 12th St., Birmingham
- Mrs. D. M. Malone..... East Lake
- Mrs. G. M. Morrow..... Birmingham

My Dear Mrs. Malone: I received the literature for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and distributed it all in time for the observance of the week, sending it out to nineteen societies. And I do pray that a "rich harvest" from this little corner of the Master's vineyard may be gathered in. I wrote letters to those societies that have never observed this week, explaining and urging them to do so, and have done all in my power to make it a season of rejoicing, as well as "Self-Denial" to the dear sisters of our Association.

Our Society, the "Woman's Missionary," with the "Young Woman's Missionary Society," and the women of our church, have held a prayer-meeting each afternoon, from house to house, and it has been truly a "refreshing season" to our souls, and we feel great blessings have been ours in the observance of the week. These weeks of prayer which bring us so very near our dear Master, and so close to each other, stand out as the green oases in the desert of each year! We are asked for "Thank offerings" this year as well as "Self-Denial," which is a beautiful thought. Indeed every offering should be a "thank offering"—expressive of our thanks for the privilege of being permitted to help save the world for Jesus.

Have sent blank reports to all Societies, urging them to be sent me first week in April. Hope to go to the Southern Baptist Convention. Have been hungering and thirsting to go, all these years.

I send a letter from our frontier missionary, which the Society asks you to publish some time, hoping it may stimulate others to engage in this good work. Please send some of the new booklets of the Home Department Literature. I enclose a list of the Societies of the Association. If I attend the Convention, trust I may have the pleasure of taking this delightful trip with you and the other dear women of the Central Committee.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. O. M. Reynolds,
Vice-Prest. Conecuh Assn. Anniston.

Dear Mrs. Reynolds: The box to hand in good order. Words would fail to express the joy of the family. Father, mother, children, and all rejoiced together. There were so many things and so nice. Something to suit every member of the family. Cary and Clay send their best wishes to your boys—the overcoats fit nicely. May says, "Miss Nannah is a good girl." Ruth and she were glad of the dolls. The good Lord will surely bless the work of you sisters in making so many hearts happy. Mrs. Taylor has been a sufferer for ten years with rheumatism. Through all these years she has faithfully stayed by me in the work of the Master. She is now in bed unable to write. The Lord reward you and every donor for making the poor, sick heart glad. The Lord is blessing His people in Texas as never before. The work is great, the

laborers are few, only two preachers in my county. We have asked God's blessing upon your church and pastor and Society. All the children join wife and me in thanks and good wishes. We are missionaries world-wide. Z. C. Taylor, Missionary to Brazil, is my brother. Six Catholics have been converted and baptized on my field, one of them now a preacher, an educated German. I forgot to say the Prince Albert suit for myself was a perfect fit. God bless all the workers. Pray for us.

Yours in the great work of the Master,
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Taylor,
Archer City, Texas, Dec. 12, 1902.

My Dear Cousin: Am happy to report a delightful Week of Prayer, had prayer-meetings in the homes, attendance good, spirit of meetings fine, the offering \$12.95, we appropriated \$3 of this amount to the Church Building Loan Fund. Yesterday our Society packed two nice boxes for the Orphanage, one box for the little girl we clothe, and the other box was filled with good second-hand clothing. Last Sunday a committee was appointed from the Sunday school to secure funds for food for the Orphans and about \$21 so far has been given. This was largely due to our good pastor's wife, Mrs. B. L. Mitchell, who visited the Orphanage about a week ago, and told us of its many needs. We have a perfect treasure in Mrs. Mitchell. She is a deeply spiritual woman, and so full of the work. I think she knows every missionary, Home or Foreign, living or dead. She and her husband worked under the Northern Board in Calcutta. We are delighted with our new pastor. I don't know what to do about our churches in the Bigbee, which are not near any railroad. It seems impossible to arouse them; some of them have had very little preaching for the past two years. How I wish Mrs. Hamilton could visit them—all! I send a list of the Societies of the Association. The last on the list was organized by Mrs. Carden last fall. How I should love to go to the Convention at Savannah.

Lovingly,
Mrs. H. L. Mellen,
Vice-Prest. Bigbee Assn., Livingston.

My Dear Sister: I feel that, in simple justice to the Societies in my three churches, viz: Ft. Payne, Boaz and Walnut Grove, I should explain to you the reason why they are not observing this Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. These churches had set apart the month of March as a month of Self-Denial and prayer for Home and Foreign Missions before the program was sent out by the Central Committee. And these women have done everything that I could afford to ask of them, in this matter. I will report the result of our month's work in the Alabama Baptist.

I am rejoicing in the splendid development of my churches. Hope to see you at the B. Y. P. U. Convention.

Yours in His love,
J. W. Sandlin.

FRONTIER LETTERS.

Have you reported your Frontier Box? All who have received a Frontier Letter from Mrs. Stratton should notify her or Mrs. Morrow of the value of the box that has been shipped. Do this immediately, so valuation of boxes may be included in our quarterly report and in the yearly report sent to Baltimore. If by any misfortune, you have failed to get up a box, return the letter to Mrs. Stratton at once. But I hope there are few who have done this, as it means that you have deprived a good man and his family from receiving a box this winter. Remember always, to return letter if you do not send box.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

Societies should send reports to their Associational Vice-President first week in April. Vice-Presidents should send reports to Mrs. Geo. M. Morrow, Birmingham, Ala., April 10th. If you have no vice-president in your Association, send direct to Mrs. Morrow, whose address is simply Birmingham, Ala. Send all money to Mrs. Morrow. Money for Howard College, send to Mrs. Edwards, but report in quarterly reports as usual. Societies report first week in April, vice-presidents April 10th.

ITALY.

Persecutions of Early Christians.

The early church was often under a hot fire persecution, the first and last under Nero and Diocletian, respectively, being the most severe. Nero, who had angered the Roman people beyond reconciliation by setting fire to the city, to escape the fury of the populace charged the Roman Christians with the crime. The historian, Tacitus, wrote: "First those were seized who confessed they were Christians; next, a vast multitude was convicted, not so much on the charge of burning the city as of hating the human race. In their deaths they were made the object of sport, for they were covered with the hides of wild beasts, and worried to death by dogs, or nailed to crosses, or set fire to and burned to serve for nocturnal lights."

In the catacombs of St. Sebastian in Rome rest the bodies of 174,000 martyrs, and these are by no means all who loved their Master even unto death. The method for making Christians recant was not unlike that used in China by the Boxers in 1900. Victims were asked to give copies of the Scriptures and offer sacrifices to heathen gods.—Via Christe.

SUPERSTITIONS IN ITALY.

Although Naples is the seat of a great university attended by 10,000 students from all Southern Italy, and of the chief biological institute in the world, yet it is of all the cities in Italy, the one most steeped in ignorance and superstition. For every occasion of life, every scene of joy, sorrow, ambition, disappointment, there is a given religious action to perform. Not in any pagan land is the ignorance much denser, the superstition grosser, or the devotion to images more intense than in this city. There is a saint for every purpose, for every conceivable need or emergency—a saint to help girls to get husbands, a saint for wives, a saint for headache, ever so many saints besides the patron saint of the city. Every Neapolitan wears on his person, or keeps under his pillow, a little sack of relics and printed prayers, and such a sack is attached to an infant as soon as born. The Virgin Mary is of course

the chief and universal friend.—Dr. Geo. B. Taylor.

ITALY AS A MISSION FIELD.

Italy was open to the preaching of the gospel in 1870, when Victor Emmanuel entered Rome as conqueror. In 1871 Southern Baptists began mission work in Italy. It is one of the most difficult fields, but public opinion regarding Protestantism is gradually undergoing a change for the better. Not a few men who have been in the United States have brought back with them a love of the gospel, and are helping the work of evangelization.

THE VATICAN AND THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A great wonder has recently happened. The Pope has actually authorized the issue of a cheap copy of a part of the New Testament. It is a popular version of the four gospels and the Acts of the Apostles and very beautifully printed, all for 20 centesimi (4 cents.) Of course it has footnotes, but they are less papistic than was to be expected, and the preface, while it contains statements which no Protestant could approve—especially the one that modern relations of the church to the Virgin Mary are justified by what took place at the marriage feast of Cana—is nevertheless moderate, the Protestants are alluded to as "our separate brethren." What is the explanation of this new departure? One would like to believe that pure love of the truth and zeal of the gospel has been the only motive, but it is very difficult for one who lives in Italy to believe that. There are those who say that it has become a necessity because of the large distribution of the Scriptures by Protestants. Others think that the Vatican has at last been stung by the too true accusation that the "church" did everything it could to keep the Scriptures out of the hands of the people, and not being able any longer to treat such an accusation with indifference, has determined on an act which may be pointed to as a refutation of the charge. Anyhow, it is a sign of the times for which we are thankful and will do good to Catholics who remain such, but it will make Protestants in proportion as it is distributed and read.—"Standard."

CHANGES IN ROME.

Great improvements are going on in Rome. It is indeed becoming a modern city so far as the comforts and conveniences of life are concerned, and the sunlight, which is equal to a physician, has come into many dark courts and narrow streets. Some deplore these changes, and the artists especially sign for the darkness and dirt and cobwebs and dingy byways of former days, which were so picturesque. But there are others who think human life and health more important than picturesque dirt and misery, especially as the authorities carefully conserve the monuments of the past, and there still remains more that is artistic and ancient than the most energetic tourist can really command. Nay, the very little that is sacrificed in necessary improvements is not to be compared to the treasures of ancient Rome, the statutes and temples which are continually being unearthed.—Selected.

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About Men, Women and Things.



Rev. A. J. Preston of Prattville, writes: The Lord is graciously blessing our meeting. Brother Upshaw is doing some good preaching for us. Pray for us.

Rev. C. C. Winters writes that he has changed his residence from Carrollton to Waterloo, as he will take charge of the church at the latter place. Correspondents will please take note.

Rev. J. L. Thompson of Bessemer writes: My people enjoyed hearing you preach while I was away. Had a good meeting at Southside, Montgomery. Continued eleven days and resulted in twenty additions to the church. The rain interfered seriously with the meeting.

Bro. A. C. L. Stone of Hollins, writes: Please send me some sample copies of the Alabama Baptist to use among the members of my church. I am superintendent of our Sunday school and church clerk and the best plan I know of is to get our people to read the Alabama Baptist to get them to take an active part in church work and Sunday school.

Rev. A. J. Preston of Prattville writes: Our meeting closed last night. Brother Upshaw did some excellent preaching, to large and attentive congregations. He won the hearts of our people, and will be long remembered for his earnest and faithful presentation of the truth. The Lord graciously blessed his labors, and our church was much revived. There were a large number of conversions and sixteen new members were added to the church.

Dr. S. M. Provence writes: "Bro. John A. Richardson has been a reader of the Alabama Baptist ever since it was started, and is probably the only survivor of those who organized the Tuskegee Association. He is over ninety years old, and is a remarkably bright and interesting talker. I spent an hour with him yesterday, and he took from his pocket, during our conversation, the two dollars, requesting me to send them to you. He reads the papers and keeps up with denominational affairs.

Bro. J. W. Sandlin writes: I am anxious that the readers of the Alabama Baptist shall know that the caption of my article in this week's issue was not the one I gave it when it was written. I tried to write plainly, "How to go Forward." God knows I do not think that I have ever done anything about which I want to "Blow." I suppose that the mistake was made in your absence.

We know Brother Sandlin is not given to "blowing." Read his article this week and you can see what he is doing.

Rev. John Roach Straton writes: I have accepted the chair or Oratory at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and will begin my work there next fall. This

does not mean that I am going to give up my preaching plans at all, as I shall take church work near Waco in connection with my teaching, and the opportunity for Christian service among the 600 students at Baylor, as you can readily see, will be great. I am going to the Convention, and will tell you all about it when I see you. Sorry I could not go to the press meeting, but it was impossible to get off at this time, as I am getting my work in shape to leave here.

Bro. R. E. Conger writes: I am very well pleased with our paper; it is very much newsier than it was back in the past. I have been a reader of the Baptist almost from its infancy, back in the days of Winkler and others, and latterly of Brother Harris, it is a sweet visitor each week at my house and a consolation to me and my aged wife, who is seventy-five years old, each of us. I hope the Lord will help you in your labors, and all the writers to our paper. I am acquainted with many of them. Crumpton, Shaffer, Whatley, Fargison, Cumbee, and many such men as Bentley and Herd, they all with a few exceptions, have been guests in my home.

Miss Kate McMullan writes: Is it a good thing for a church to be out of debt? Well, such is our lot (with a balance on hand) for the first time in our history, perhaps; therefore, we ask the question wonderingly, being fearful lest we shall meekly sit down and rest upon our laurels. Now, it will naturally be supposed that credit is due our pastor, but we must not say so, because some aspiring sister church would be tempted thereby and we might find our own selves pastorless; however, as a simple token of appreciation to Brother Taliaferro, the church will serve "papers" (greenbacks) on him to join the other "tourist" preachers at the Southern Baptist Convention, with the sincere wish that neither Tybee's beauty nor old Georgia's fame will ever tempt him away from Alabama.

Bro. R. M. Anderson of Prattville, writes: Our meeting closed Friday night. Seventeen additions to the church, twelve by baptism. Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw of Goodwater assisted the pastor. Brother Upshaw told the gospel story in such a way as to bring joy to the heart of Christian, and cause sinners to fear and tremble. Brother Preston, our pastor, has been doing a great work for us during the past few years. He has not shunned to declare the whole council of God, and under his faithful leadership the church is progressing nicely. We have one of the neatest pastors' homes in the State and one of the best pastors to occupy it. Our Sunday school enrollment is about 250. We have twenty teachers and officers. A great work is being done by these faithful teachers. We are especially proud of our primary department, under the leadership of Sister S. A. Smith.

Birmingham Notes.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett spoke at Girard Fifth Sunday meeting.

Next Monday the Interdenominational Pastors' Union meets in the First Methodist Church.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara spoke at both services to his people at Wylam. The meetings were good, though small.

At South Side Sunday Dr. A. C. Davidson preached on "Eliphaz as Job's Comforter," and "A Leader's Mighty Challenge." Brother Stovall spoke of the service and sermon being good and helpful.

Rev. J. G. Lowery was at Adamsville Sunday, helping Pastor A. F. Loftin ordain a deacon. The rain and mud interfered with attendance, but not with the spirit of the meeting, which was above the average.

Rev. E. G. Fenn supplied at Fountain Heights Church and at East Thomas Mission Station Sunday. Brother Fenn is very much appreciated especially by the young people. It was a good service.

Bro. Walter S. Brown of the Church Extension Society is making an effort to get a gospel tent for use in this district. All who may expect to want the use of it, please correspond with him, 927 N. 13th St., Birmingham, Ala.

Pastor L. M. Bradley spoke at both services at Avondale and took a collection for Home Missions. He is preparing for a protracted meeting to begin on the third Sunday in April, assisted by Rev. J. L. Thompson of Bessemer.

Ruhama Church and her young people are expecting a big delegation to the B. Y. P. U. State Convention and are prepared to take care of them in regular Southern style, and furnish a fine program. It will all be fully up-to-date.

That was a good sermon Pastor Dr. Dickinson gave his people Sunday morning on "Christian Catholicity." On account of rain the attendance was small, but those who were away missed a good thing. The singing also was very fine.

Rev. J. M. Shelburne was at New Prospect Saturday and Sunday helping Pastor McCord in a fifth Sunday meeting. They had a great time and enjoyed fine sermons from him. The also entertained with dinner on the ground the crowd that came. Great good was done.

It rained at Bessemer, as it did all around here Sunday, so the congregation was small, but the services were good. The B. Y. P. U. and the Woman's Aid Society are flourishing. At an entertainment last week they raised \$125 for their new building, which will be started in April. Pastor Thompson preached on "The Re-compense of Sacrifice."

Superintendent Walter S. Brown presented the work of Church Extension at East Lake Sunday. While commendable progress has been made along the line of building chapels and churches in this district in the past three years, there is a pressing need for a few more. At least three should be built this year, at Brookside, East Thomas and East Birmingham.

Pastor H. W. Provence is preparing for a protracted meeting at Ensley and expects the help of Rev. H. C. Risner, to begin next Sunday. They are holding cottage prayer-meetings this week. On Sunday morning he preached on "Prayer in Relation to Revival," and at night on "Laying up Treasures in Heaven." When the electric lights failed, by the light of an open stove they received two members, one by letter and the other for baptism.

Montgomery Notes.

The meetings at Southside Church, conducted by Rev. J. L. Thompson, were productive of good.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of the Baptist Churches of Montgomery observed Self-Denial Week, by a series of union services held in the various houses of worship of our denomination. The programs suggested by the W. M. U. were carried out. Monday, at West End Church, the leader was Mrs. J. C. Stratford; Tuesday, at Clayton Street, Mrs. D. P. Lee; Wednesday, at Southside, Mrs. J. C. Cheney; Thursday, at Adams Street, Mrs. R. F. Tredway, and Friday, at the First, Mrs. O. F. Gregory. The meetings were well attended, and were much enjoyed.

The evangelical churches of all denominations in Montgomery, have for the past two weeks united in a Twentieth Century Gospel Campaign. Services have been held daily at 10 a. m. in the Central Presbyterian Church, with growing attendance and interest. At 8 p. m. during the first week, the services were held in Court Street M. E. Church, South, a different pastor preaching each night. During the second week the city churches were divided into five sections, and simultaneous services held in five churches each evening. No pastor preached in his own pulpit, although he was present to direct and conduct the services.

Next week the same plan will be followed, simply changing place of meeting.

Services have also been held in the Montgomery Theatre every Sunday at 3:30 p. m.

It is impossible at this writing to say anything as to results, except that church members have been awakened, a zeal for souls enkindled, Christians brought close together and close to God, and a number have confessed Jesus Christ as their Savior. Quite a number of Baptists from this city will attend the Southern Baptist Convention. Send me your name if you wish to go on our special train.

O. F. G.

The Baptist Commonwealth says: We welcome to our staff of correspondents, Dr. Madison C. Peters, who has kindly consented to dish up the news of the Monumental City for the benefit of our readers. As Dr. Peters is one of the most original and virile writers in the denomination, we have no fear that the Baltimore field will suffer at his hands.

Dr. Peters talks, lectures, preaches and writes well. We hope to have him visit Alabama before long.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Repentance.

IV.

For thirty years I have preferred the Latin derivation of this word, and have so used it in preaching. Re-again, and—penitence—a turning—a turning again, with sorrow added. The first turning was done by Eve and Adam in the Garden of Eden. Their turning was with all the powers of the soul, mind, heart, and will. The objects they turned from were God, Righteousness and Life. The objects they turned to, were Satan, Sin, and Death. This they did intelligently, gladly,—willingly,—with perfect freedom of volition; because God had set before them good and evil, life and death; and gave them the right of choice. When their turning was completed, they found themselves "without hope and without God in the world." "Dead in trespasses and sin." Lost and utterly helpless. This first turning presents an awfully sad, black picture; but it is a true one.

Our first parents after their fall, be-gat sons and daughters in their own spiritual likeness and condition. So, the whole world of mankind (in a state of nature) is dead in trespasses and sin. For God says in Romans v, 12, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." The fall was complete. The depravity was, and is, total. God foreknew all this, and suffered it to come to pass. What for? I don't know; unless it was to make a revelation of His Grace, to fallen men. At any rate, He has manifested that grace in His revealed plan of salvation in the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting (eternal) life. For God sent not His son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him, might be saved." John iii, 16, 17.

Now if God had seen fit to leave this poor sin cursed world in its lost and dead condition, fallen men could no more have redeemed themselves from under the curse than the fallen angels could have redeemed themselves; but God says of them: "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness, unto the judgment of the great day." Jude 6. To fallen men God has manifested His grace in the Gospel of His son: "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins." Acts v, 31. "God now commands all men everywhere to repent." That is, to turn again, or to turn the second time; hence, repentance is a "turning again with sorrow added."

From what, and to what, does God command the sinner to turn again? We answer, from Satan, to God; from sin to obedience; from darkness to light; and from death unto life. How must the sinner turn? Answer, with all the powers of the mind, heart and will; with sorrow for sin, Godly sorrow for sin. "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." 2 Cor. vii, 10. Why must the sinner's sorrowful turning again (repent-

ance,) be toward God? Answer, because God alone has in His possession the pardoning power; he alone has the pardon to bestow; he alone can forgive sin; and he alone can forgive sin through Jesus Christ, the sinner's only mediator; the only mediator between the offended God and the offending sinner. How may the sinner know that he has repented toward God? Answer, when he has received (felt) God's pardoning love—God's forgiving grace.

James F. Edens.

Girard, Ala.

Kind Words from Ft. Payne.

Though not a Baptist, denominationally, I cannot refrain from expressing my appreciation of your paper.

I have been connected with journalism—religious and secular—most of my life and I think I know a good sheet when I see it.

Anent the reference in this week's issue to Dr. Roby's "comp" copy, I am reminded that some time since I sent such a copy of a paper I was editing to a certain postmaster, addressed, "P. M., Comp." By return mail he sent me a card stating that P. M. Comp did not get his mail at that office, and in fact he did not know of any such person. It takes a preacher or an editor to understand what "Comp." stands for. They do so much work for the church and community—"complimentary" that when some one returns the compliment it is not hard for them to catch on.

I rejoice to see that the Alabama Baptists are working so well and raising so much money for benevolent and missionary purposes! I almost feel like saying, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Baptist."

Information means inspiration. Facts make faith. The Southern and Alabama Baptist is full of these. The more people know the more they will do, and if some see what others are doing they will go and do likewise. The more action in a church the less "faction." Please pardon so much; I started out with a word of sincere praise and intended to stop there, but I fear I am drifting into a sermon.

I hope and pray that your efforts to give your people a sound and up-to-date organ may be abundantly blessed financially and every other way.

Yours fraternally.

Claris Yeuell.

A Plea for the Orphans.

Whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word; neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 John iii, 17, 18.

Bro. Jno. W. Stewart has under his charge in the Louise Short Orphanage over eighty orphans, whom the Baptist Denomination in the State of Alabama are supposed to feed. How is the Denomination discharging the self-imposed trust?

The question is answered by Brother Stewart's assertion, that if the merchants had not extended credit these poor fatherless and motherless children would have felt the pangs of hunger.

Even, now they are in need, because

such money contributions as are received must be used in paying for provisions already consumed, and in the meantime the orphans have biscuit twice a week.

Oh, Father! help us to read Thy Word as recorded in Jas ii, 15-16; and to remember that Christ himself spoke the Word as found in Matt. xxv, 32-46. Let us remember that Christ kept a bag for the poor.

If the Baptists of Alabama are too poor, too stingy, or too selfish to support the orphans and supply their physical needs then let us "close up shop and go out of business," and not be responsible any longer for the woeful condition now prevailing at the orphanage.

While we are on the subject let us cite another need at the Orphanage. These eighty children not only look to us for their daily bread and clothing during their helpless dependency, but it is our bounden duty to qualify them for the struggle in which they must engage when they go out to earn their own livings. Brother Stewart asserts that it is easy to get somebody or some L. A. S. to clothe an orphan when compared with the task of raising \$3.00 for schooling that same child. Last year we had a "Howard College Day." Why not have a "Louise Short Orphanage Day" and devote the collection to the preparing the minds of these children for their life work? If we send them out ignorant, or at the best, but poorly educated from a common school standpoint, then we are responsible if he or she becomes a criminal or if they fail in their efforts to be self-supporting.

Let us Baptists, as we thank God for our daily bread, remember that God calls upon us to be the instruments in His hands for supplying the daily bread to these hungry, helpless children.

Let's each of us be a committee of one to solicit money or provisions for their immediate relief, and let's remember that we are not only to send what is given (no reflection) but to give what is sent, and let us begin to give and send now.

Motherless.

From Bro. J. E. White.

The Baptist Church of Christ at Cowarts, Houston County, Ala., was constituted about sixteen years ago. It is in fairly good condition. Pastoral relation has been changed only once. Between pastor and people there is full harmony. The church has good order and fine discipline. It seems to be moving onward and upward. We have good Deacons who stand by their pastor. In it is a co-operative ladies aid society working in their own good way. By the indomitable energy of Bro. B. A. Forester and his brother John, we have an orderly, well conducted Sabbath school. In the way that suits them best they are missionary to the core. The cause of benevolence and Christian beneficence is duly considered in their usual way and time.

They have recently built a beautiful house for God. They asked no help from others, not even a single individual. Only one man voluntarily paid to the erection of this handsome edifice. The money was raised by the Church, which to us is a costly building.

In the language of an ancient prophet, when the walls of Jerusalem were being built, "the people had a mind to work," and they did it well. The house is well located, convenient, capacious, and well supplied with good seats, doors, windows, pulpit, etc., etc. Being

nicely painted and finished, this attractive structure stands forth like a towering temple overlooking the town, seeming to say: "Come for all things are now ready; let us have a feast of love and a flow of soul." Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Come unto me all ye that, etc.

This outlay of work and money has come, too, after a fierce, furious fire or fires in Cowarts, consuming many thousands of dollars worth of property here, without any insurance at all. Where is the church in this part of the State having done better, or as well?

The writer has had many pastorates and scores of Deacons, but none better and happier; for which he thanks God and takes courage.

A Plea for Missions.

Only a few weeks more and the Conventional year closes. Are Alabama Baptists going to fall behind in their offerings to Home and Foreign Missions, or are they going to make a decided advance?

We need for Home Missions \$8,337, and for Foreign Missions \$5,019, before the Secretary's books close. Let every Baptist in the State who loves our Lord in sincerity do his best for missions, and "do it now." It will not do to put it off. Present opportunity calls for present duty and present privilege.

In the olden time the message of the Lord came to Israel as they were encamped about Mt. Seir, on the borders of the Red Sea. "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn you northward." So let us not be satisfied with present achievements, but "ever rise to loftier things."

True service calls for sacrifice.

David said: "I will not offer unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing."

Alabama, I believe, stands fourth among the States in her contributions to missions. Shall we rise or fall in the scale?

Let each one lay hold of the blessed work of missions, and keep everlastingly at it.

T. M. Callaway.

Dr. Shaffer at Roanoke.

During the absence of our pastor, H. C. Risner, at Huntsville, Rev. J. P. Shaffer, D.D., preached to us on the third Sunday. He preached a strong sermon. This grand old Father in Israel is much loved and revered by the people of this section. It was here that he gave the prime of his life in the ministry, and the harvest of his faithful sowing is now being reaped. He has always fought bravely to sustain the dignity of the Christian religion. They who know him best, know that anything short of a dignified religion is little and contemptible in his sight. His theme Sunday was "Training in the Home," and after Scripture reading of some length along this line, together with some helpful comments, he said that would be the bulk of his sermon, as the reading was worth far more than anything he could say, if we would but heed it.

He said man is a wonderful creature, made in the image of God and after his likeness; therefore he cannot afford to be little and mean and do mean and dirty things. Then he proceeded to show what grand and noble attainments were reached by obeying the Divine instructions and how humble and sad the results when disobeyed and neglected, etc. He then went on to show that

woman is robbing Christian civilization of her highest service and duty, and herself of that throne and queenly crown that God intended for her to possess in the home, and is disobedient to God's will when she is reaching out in this dry crusty world, beyond the home circle, to mingle with or manage the things that God intended for man to do; this being at the expense of her higher duties and detracting from her queenly position, that no other can fill in her home and is compromising the higher qualities with which God has endowed her. No, no, said he, the Lord did not intend for woman to measure arms with man—as run steamboats, or bear arms to the battle-field—but to train up heroes in the home to do these things; and teach children the way of the Lord, and make home pleasant.

I have given a sketch or outline of the sermon which we believe is productive of much good. Will you give it space in your paper, which is a welcome visitor in our homes weekly. May God bless Brother Shaffer and enable him to preach long yet.

W. H. Stewart.

Plenty of Time but None to Lose.

The Foreign Board needs about \$85,000 to go to Savannah with all accounts paid. The little streams make the rivers. May there come from country and city churches thousands of streams into the treasury of the Lord.

It requires prayer, thought and preparation to get good collections. But how certain it is that where God's people are informed and given proper opportunities, they will give for the Master's work. During several months past churches have been prevented from having good congregations by inclement weather. While there is a plenty of time still to collect the offerings for Foreign Missions yet there is no time to lose.

Our work has been greatly increased, many new missionaries have been sent out and must be provided for. The reports which come from the foreign fields are glorious. When we meet in Savannah, the heart of the brotherhood will be made glad on seeing the reports from those at the front. Many of our best young people are begging to be sent to the work. Shall we not pay all we owe and make the way clear for a decided advance in our work?

Last summer we asked Alabama for \$16,500, this Convention year. Up to March 1st, 1903, we had received \$9,981.85. By a united effort of pastors and churches the remainder will be forthcoming. Many churches in country and town are making decided advance.

Can we depend on you and your church? Remember that all contributions must be in Richmond by April 30th, or they cannot be included in this Convention Year.

Yours for world-wide evangelization.

R. J. Willingham.

N. B.—Tracts, sample Journals and Mission envelopes sent free to any who will write for them.

Likes the Corresponding Editor.

As I am pretty well confined to the house I thought I would drop you a line or two on the situation at this time. I can scarcely see to write or read it after it is written, but thank God my general health is tolerable good, wishing you all the good fortune, and such this world can afford. I wanted to say particularly how I am pleased with your plan of a traveling

missionary to collect and get subscribers for your noble paper, which comes to me weekly, and other families. I believe you have the right man in the right place to do that work. Brother Hamner, he will no doubt win souls to Christ, and get many to take the paper. He has a winning way of making friends as shake hands to one, and nods to all as he goes along and another good missionary, Brother Crumpton, with his trip notes and Brother Hamner's visits to the churches. We learn more what churches and pastors are doing. I can't see for my life how any Baptist who has the cause of Christ in his heart, refuses to subscribe for the Alabama Baptist. May the good Lord impress His people to do their whole duty in the matter, and take the paper for their children, if they will not read. As old as I am I learn something in every paper. May the good Lord bless you in your labors to advance His kingdom together with your helpers in the cause of our blessed Christ. E. W. Solomons.

Ninety-two Dollars for Home and Foreign Missions.

This amount has been given by my three churches during this month.

About two months ago, after reading some tracts sent out by Brother Willingham, and after earnest prayer, I determined to make an earnest effort to get Ft. Payne, Walnut Grove and Boaz Churches to give, in their March contribution, \$75 to support a native preacher in China. So I asked each church to give \$25.

Many of the brethren have said, since the contributions were made, that they did not see where the money was to come from. But I urged that no one should utter one word of discouragement, consequently each one who doubted, thought possibly that he stood alone.

Well we talked, and prayed, and preached, and scattered mission tracts, and Foreign Mission Journals, until the very day for the collection. Ft. Payne was the first one to respond, and she did so nobly with \$32. Then Walnut Grove came with \$30.17, and then Boaz with \$30.10.

I can never forget the final service, which was held with Boaz Church. The congregation waited to hear announced the amount of the contribution, and when the announcement was made, the brethren and sisters crowded around the pastor, shaking hands, and speaking words of thanksgiving, while tears of joy rolled down their cheeks. It was one of the happiest moments of my life.

These three churches have been giving less than \$40 annually for missions. We hope to give \$200 this year. This is some of the results from having a definite aim coupled with a system. May the Lord help us to plan wisely for His glory. J. W. Sandlin.

Union Springs--Her Churches.

Upon the request of a few Baptists, then living at Union Springs, a presbytery composed of Revs. John C. McWhorter, Alfred N. Worthy and W. B. Lacy on the 8th day of September, 1840, constituted the following members into a church of Christ, known as Providence Baptist Church, namely, William H. Martin, Virgil H. Tillery, Chas. Neeland, Zachariah C. Pugh, Duncan Graham, B. M. Green, Kesiah Underwood, Susan Tillery and Eveline J. Gibson.

The Rev. John C. McWhorter served as Moderator and M. N. Eley as church clerk, pro tem. On the following day the church met in conference and called its first pastor, Rev. Alfred N. Worthy to serve one Sabbath and Saturday before, in each month, and elected W. H. Martin church clerk.

This was the first church constituted within the limits of the town of Union Springs, and for nearly ten years remained the only one, until the latter years of the fifties when the present Presbyterian and Methodist Churches were organized.

From this Nucleus this church began its growth in both material and spiritual strength and progress, receiving into its membership some of the most prominent citizens of the town and community.

At the close of its first year its membership had increased to forty-seven.

In February, 1850, having received from Rev. M. N. Eley as a donation, the lot upon which the present house of worship now stands, the church appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a suitable house of worship. During the year a commodious house was erected near the northwest corner of the present one, which was also frequently used in late years by other denominations. Up to this time religious service had been held in an old building near the southwest corner of the present house of worship, used as a school house, and in which this church was constituted. The church was now renamed—the Union Springs Baptist Church. For nine years these Baptists worshipped in their recently built tabernacle and prospered. In June, 1856, another attempt was made to solicit subscriptions to build a still larger house of worship, but not until the spring of 1859, were sufficient means raised to build the one now in use. The church was in a prosperous condition when the war came on and deprived this land of many of its efficient members. Still they struggled on through all its hardships with Rev. M. B. Hardin as their undershepherd and at the close of the war in 1865, there were 124 members.

So pressed was the South for material that an appeal was made for assistance, and in April, 1862, the church bell was tendered the Confederate States to cast cannon for the Confederacy. The deacons were appointed as a committee to deliver the bell when called for. It not being needed, that same bell hangs today in the church tower and calls the children and grandchildren of these noble organizers to the house of God.

After the war, the church continued to prosper, and for thirty-four years worshiped in the house that these worthy men and women had struggled so hard to build. This building, beginning to decay and being in need of repair, is, at the present time, undergoing the process of remodeling with brick veneer, at a cost of about \$10,000 and when completed, will present a magnificent appearance. A large window in the front will be dedicated by the Sunday school to the memory of Rev. M. N. Eley, one of the oldest and most faithful members. All the others in the auditorium will be memorial windows, placed there by loving hands in memory of some of our much beloved and honored dead.

The following is a list of the pastors of the Union Springs Baptist Church in the order of their pastorate: Alfred

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Mrs. Ione Eley Gholston.

(We take pleasure in reproducing the above interesting article which appeared in the Souvenir Edition of the Union Springs Herald.)

Death By Neglect.

Dr. D. M. Bye, the eminent specialist, says thousands of persons die from cancer every year from no cause save neglect. If taken in time not one case in a thousand need be fatal. The fear of the knife, or the dread of the burning, torturing plaster causes a few to neglect themselves till they pass the fatal point where a cure is impossible, but by far the greater portion die because their friends or relatives, on whom they are dependent, are insensible to their sufferings and impending danger till it is too late. Book sent free, giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address Dr. D. M. Bye Co., Box 462, Dallas, Texas.

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THE EDITORIAL PAGE.

The Sunday School Board's New Home.

The Christian Index says: It has been known for some time to the Baptist brotherhood of the South, that the Sunday School Board had in mind the purchase of property in Nashville, upon which it could, in the future, erect a building that would be suitable for its work, and at the same time bring in an income. It has been laying up a building fund for this purpose for several years, meantime using the building purchased a few years ago. We learn from the Nashville papers of week before last, that the Board has secured, and paid cash for the finest piece of property in the city, for the purpose contemplated. From the Nashville American, we quote some statements which bear not only upon the special subject of the purchase, but upon the estimate in which the Board is held in that city, as a business body. Certainly the Baptists of the South have occasion to be highly pleased with the work of the Board, and the results which have been achieved by it. The American says: "The magnificent Church street residence of the late Col. E. W. Cole, has passed from the Cole estate. The Baptist Sunday School Board has acquired the property, the price being \$60,000 cash. The transfer of the property was consummated Friday afternoon by a special committee appointed at a meeting of the Board, which was held Thursday, and the deal formally closed. The building will be occupied by the Sunday School Board within the near future. The deal has been under consideration for some time, Whiteford

Cole representing the estate in the negotiations.

"The work of the Board has grown has been able not only to attempt great with rapid strides, and it is not only one of the leading enterprises of Nashville, but of the South. The acquisition of this property is only the opening of the way for greater success.

"The purchasers displayed great business sagacity in acquiring this valuable property, as there has been for some years a steady movement of the business centers of Nashville in a westerly direction. The Union Station and terminals, located as they are, assure for Church street predominance as one of the chief arteries of trade in Nashville, and the purchasers had this in view, being desirous to secure only one of the most suitable locations in the city. There is no property in the city surpassing this in location. The property fronts 127 feet on Church street, and runs back to a depth of 150 feet with Polk street.

"The residence is one of the most noted in Nashville. The late President Hayes was entertained at this home by Col. Cole on the occasion when he came to Nashville to be present at the laying of the cornerstone of the custom house."

We believe this is one of the biggest things that has taken place in our Southern Baptist Zion for many moons. Few save those who have lived in Nashville realize just what a beautiful home the Board will have and at what a great bargain it was bought. We believe it is the beginning of still greater things. Only a few years ago when

supplying at the First Church in Nashville, we remember how Dr. Frost at a prayer-meeting service quietly stated that it was his wish that the church which he had served and loved should have the honor of fitting up the secretary's office in the new building. It was done, and how proud we pastors were on the first morning when we gathered in the rooms of the Board to hold our Ministers' Conference. We felt then that the dawn of a brighter day was breaking for the Baptists of Nashville, but none of us dreamed that in a few years Baptist headquarters would be in the magnificent Cole mansion. All honor to the man of God who by wisdom, worth and work, made the transfer possible. It will be good news throughout the bounds of the Convention that Dr. Frost was at the Southern Baptist Press Association, taking part in the discussions and enjoying the various excursions with all the strength and vigor of a well man. Long may he live to carry on the work of the Board is the prayer of one who out of a full heart, makes this public acknowledgment of his helpful sympathy in the months we acted as assistant pastor of the First Church during the illness of Dr. Hawthorne.

Dr. E. E. Folk, the President of the Sunday School Board, is a man who grows on acquaintance. He is as gentle and modest as a woman and yet beneath his sweetness of manner and spirit he has the courage of his convictions and can always be found on the firing line when any great moral issue is before his people, and his work for Temperance is transforming Ten-

nessee. As author, preacher, editor, and organizer he has made his impress on his State. With such a president and backed by such a Board of directors we do not wonder that Dr. Frost things for the Sunday School Board, but has brought them to pass.

The Sunday School Board made a wise selection in Dr. Van Ness for Editorial Secretary. His work speaks for itself. Pen in hand he is able to take care of himself and when it becomes necessary to make a statement at the Southern Baptist Convention those who heard him at Asheville will agree that he is able to talk on his feet. We believe a career of great usefulness lies before him.

We speak only of the Field Secretary whom we know, Dr. B. W. Spillman. If he is not the right man in the right place then we don't know either how to size up a man or a place. We heard him in the Institute recently held here and our prayer is that he may soon return to Alabama and visit all parts of the State and inspire our people along the lines of Sunday school work.

No doubt when you read the above paragraphs you will come to the conclusion that we are pleased with the Sunday School Board and the men who compose it. Well we are and we believe if Baptists knew our secretaries, and the men or boards behind them we would hear far less talk about "the organized work" for the constructive workers would be so active that their songs of triumphs would drown the cry of the croakers.

Editorial Paragraphs

We stated last week that Dr. Prestridge was elected Vice President of the Southern Baptist Press Association. It was a mistake. He was put on the Executive Committee. Dr. T. P. Bell was unanimously chosen as vice-president.

The books of Home and Foreign Missions close on April 30th. This ought to be a month of self-denial and prayer. We must come to the help of these Boards or fall behind in our plain duty. We beg all of our readers to make the question of giving one of prayer and self-sacrifice.

We have just received the Souvenir Edition of the Union Springs Herald. It is a 32-page illustrated paper and reflects great credit on the Misses Thompson and McGowen, Associate Editors and Business Managers, who have our sincerest congratulations for their pluck and enterprise.

We have written paragraphs about Drs. Frost, Willingham and McConnell, but what can we say of our own beloved State secretary? For the present only this, we wouldn't swap him for any State secretary we ever saw and we have seen some powerful good ones. He deserves our love and our co-operation. Let's send Brother Crumpton to Savannah with a smile on his face because Alabama stands up near the head of the

list in its contributions to Home and Foreign Missions.

On April 15th, the first issue of "The Southern Baptist" will make its appearance at Gainesville, Fla. It will be a 16-page weekly, magazine form, non-partisan paper, in which will be given the news in every department of our denominational work, and from among the churches. J. B. Holley will be the editor and business manager, and M. Albert Clonts associate and field editor. We look forward with pleasure to the opening number.

We had a delightful pop call from Dr. and Mrs. Prestridge last week. They were on their way to Louisville from the Southern Baptist Press Association. Everybody knows the handsome and genial editor of the Baptist Argus and the great work he is doing in his paper, and it won't be very long before Mrs. Prestridge's work will be a feature of its weekly visits for she has shown decided talent as an illustrator. They brought sunshine into our office and delight into our home. We hope they will come our way again real soon.

The trip to the Southern Baptist Press Association at Biloxi was worth the time and expense had we only met our secretaries, Willingham, McConnell and Frost. The more we see of these

men of God the more are we desirous to put our space at their command. We have even stated to Brother McConnell that we would publish what he is pleased to call at times his "syndicate matter." With this confession our brother editors will put us down either as prodigal or green, or perhaps both, but it will take about four of their best pages to pay him for that after dinner speech.

The vote in Johnson City stood 661 against saloons to 11 for them. Did you ever hear anything like it? "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."—Baptist and Reflector.

We served the Baptist Church there just after leaving the Seminary. The year we spent among the good people of the beautiful mountain city of East Tennessee, was one of the pleasantest in our lives. May God bless the dear old town for the noble stand taken in driving out the saloons. We glory in the Johnson City saints.

We were so sorry that Dr. Willingham was compelled to hurry away and missed the trip to Gulfport. We were once foolish enough to remark that Willingham looked so well kept that it was foolishness for him to talk to us about being burdened on account of Foreign Missions. This speech was made to a friend at the Chattanooga Convention. Since then we have met Brother Willingham numbers of times and had a chance to study him closely and if his heart, mind and body is not in his work

we confess to being a poor judge of men. No man can preach and pray like Willingham does unless his life is lived close to God. God bless our Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Has your pastor said anything about the State Convention? If he has not, it would be a good plan to refresh his memory a little. Call his attention to the excellent program that has been arranged. Then it would be such a nice thing for the young people to make up a purse to pay his railroad expenses. He would appreciate the courtesy, and I am sure you would feel happy over it. Suppose you try it? Don't forget the place of meeting has been changed from South Side, Birmingham, to East Lake.

A few months ago our hearts were made glad by the wonderful gifts of the young preachers at the Seminary to spread the glorious gospel, and now here at home our Howard College boys have come up nobly to the help of the college. Turn to page three and read the editorials taken from the Age-Herald, the News, and the Ledger and see what an impression their unselfishness has made on those who edit these great city papers. Surely after the example they have set us none will fail to come to the help of Dr. Montague, the untiring president, who is striving to raise \$13,000 for the new dormitory. Pastors, when you read the story of these Howard College students, tell your people about it. Thank God for the Howard College spirit among the boys.

The Gospel Then and Now.

Away back, sixty-five and seventy years since, the attendance on the preached word was more general than now. Yet human nature is essentially the same in every age of the world's history; men being ever inclined to mind "earthly things" at the expense of the spiritual. The environment was very different. A man did not have to go down town to have his boots blacked. It was done at home. Now, in our towns, he must go to the professionals on the street corners. Often if he has to wait his turn, or gets to chatting with his neighbors, time, like the tide that waits for no man, glides noiselessly by, and ere he is aware of it, it is too late for church. No drug stores selling soda water, cigars, etc. Physicians furnished medicines for the sick, in town and country. No news-stands selling daily papers. There were none, outside the large cities or along the few railroads that were in operation. A daily paper transported at the rate of six miles an hour by a stage coach, would be a back number when received. So, there was no running down town Sabbath mornings to learn who triumphed in the slugging match, or whether the whites or the reds were victorious in the foot-ball game. No commercial travelers at the hotels, telling facetious stories to entertain a crowd. No Sunday excursions on railroads, for we had none. So, when the Sabbath came, the question to be decided was, Shall I stay at home or go to church? As man is a social being, the decision generally was in favor of the church. Now, this state of things to which I have adverted, has a most deleterious influence upon our people, distracting their minds, and tends directly to keep them from the house of God.

One other fact. There was not so much preaching then as now. Then, but few stations. Now, many. And today a man will reason this way: Don't feel exactly well; can go next Sabbath. Whereas if he had to wait for four weeks he would go. And then again, let me say, that the children were trained to attend church. Did not break for home so soon as Sunday school was over, but staid and heard the sermon, and thought it no hardship. It is a lamentable fact, that in our towns and cities, a great many children from eight to fifteen years old, are not regular attendants on public worship. I have remonstrated with parents as to this matter, when the reply would be, "Oh! the children get tired and we don't think it right to keep them in so long." And yet, these same children are in the public school about six hours continuously, with only an intermission of some thirty minutes, and their parents utter no word of complaint. And what sad lesson is by this procedure, impressed upon the minds of the children—and they are not slow to learn. It is, that mere intellectual culture is more important than spiritual or religious. The Lord said he would bless Abraham because he knew he would command his children and his household after him. Young and inexperienced feet need to be guided in the way of life. Would we dare to leave it optional with our children, whether they should acquire an education or not, their interests for this life being involved in it? To do so would be false to our trust. And how much more if we neglect the means God places in our power to secure their eternal well-being.

If the ministry can impress fathers

and mothers with a sense of their responsibility in this vitally important matter, they will have accomplished a great work indeed. The longer I live the more clearly I realize the fact that the hope of the church is in the children. Let them be brought up in the house of God, as Samuel was, and then will we have a generation of active, consistent, stalwart Christians, that will be pillars indeed in that house, for the preaching of the word is the great instrumentality divinely ordained for the salvation of men. There is hope of a man as long as he comes under the influence of the Gospel. Let him withdraw and he is doomed. So a great deal is gained in the fight for life, when the church-going habit is formed. You ask what of the houses of worship? Very plain framed wooden building, of the most unpretentious character. Some were of hewn-pine logs, lined with clap-boards. But let it not be forgotten, that the homes of the people were of the same simple style. A man could not ask himself the question David did: "Shall I dwell in a house of cedar while the Lord dwells in tents." And yet of these humble places it might be said, "this or that man was born there." No instrumental music in those days, nor any operatic or artistic singing. There was congregational singing. The people took heed to the exhortation of the Psalmist, "Sing praises, yea, sing praises." Perhaps a discordant note now and then, but hardly noticed in the great volume of song. They sang with the spirit, making melody in their hearts. There was inspiration in it. The world felt it. The preacher felt it. There were no solos. Is this a forward or retrograde movement?

Lastly, what of the preachers and the preaching?

There were few college men. There were more of a second class who were liberally educated, for to a fairly good knowledge of English was added instruction in the sciences and the dead languages. A number were instructed in the three R's alone, reading, riting, and rithmetic, as the people called it. Let me relate two incidents that occurred with this latter class of men, that you may judge of their proficiency, or rather want of it. A brother read one of the Psalms for the morning lesson. Old Brother P. pitched in and, all alone, sang the first verse. When the second verse was read, commenced on that. When informed of his mistake he said, "Ah," and quit. Another was reproved for undue levity among a number of preachers, when he replied, "Oh! you know when we are in Rome we must do as Rome does, as Paul said." And if these brethren made a grammatical slip, it gave no offense to the hearers, who in large part belonged to the same class, but was considered rather as an accomplishment. Like Priest, like people. And yet, these men were useful. They preached a pure Gospel. That man was a poor sinner ruined by the fall; that he must repent, forsake his sins, and receive Christ as his Saviour. They never ventured in the field of mere profitless speculation. Never introduced Darwin or Huxley to an audience. And never knew one of them to be charged with heresy. Their simple ministrations in the pulpit and elsewhere were enforced by upright living, for they lifted up holy hands without wrath and doubting. And how they could exhort. Now this is a lost art. If two preachers were present both were in the pulpit. One

preached and the other exhorted. And what appeals have I heard in this way! The great congregation shaken as trees are shaken by the wind. Saints rejoicing, sinners crying for mercy—heaven and earth literally coming together. Without prestige of any kind and deeply conscious of paucity of gifts, their weakness became their strength, and they went forth to the battle, literally in the name of God, as David with his sling and smooth stones from the brook, went forth to meet Goliath. For though a preacher ought to meddle with all wisdom, and bring illustrations from heaven and earth to enforce religious truth, yet, he must not forget that it is written, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord." Let it not be forgotten, however, that many of these men so woefully defective in early advantages, developed wonderfully. There was Brother —; went to school very little. A shoe maker by trade. Now, can entertain and instruct almost any congregation that can be gathered in town or country. Brother C., a mountain boy. Stationed here at one time, and about 1875 at Birmingham. Wrestled with God for power and wrestled with books for knowledge. When he got up, had something to say. Later went to Texas and was a power in that State, filling the responsible position of Presiding Elder, for a number of years.

Finally let me say, that the long ago was not the day of sermonettes. Bishop Kavanaugh said that in thirty minutes a preacher could not get warm under the collar. Until a comparatively recent period, sermons were on an average about one hour long. Circumstances should control largely in this matter. At present, in many congregations, the introductory service consumes three-fourths of an hour, leaving thirty minutes for the sermon. Singing is good, but preaching is better. Give me three-quarters of an hour for the sermon and a shorter time for the introductory service, even if we have to omit a solo three or four Sabbaths in the month. Don't crowd the Gospel out, but give it first place, for this is where God puts it.

John P. Ralls, M.D.

Gadsden, Ala.

Books Close April 30th.

Brother Crumpton writes: The books of the Home and Foreign Boards close on April 30th. We ought to get in \$8,000 this month for these Boards. Much depends upon the pastors, the Sunday schools, the B. Y. P. U. and the Woman's Missionary Societies. All ought to do their best.

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Field Notes

FROM FLORALA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. E. Banard's meeting closed at our church with good results. Twenty-three accessions, one last Sunday, and Pastor Rev. W. W. Faulkner baptized eight precious souls in our beautiful lake. The scene was indeed impressive. Quite a large congregation attended; the Presbyterians, Methodists and Universalists all were present.

The church is at present in much better condition than it was before the meeting. Any church would be greatly benefited by the service of Brother Banard, and pastors would be strengthened. He says some things seem to be hard, but they come from a converted heart full of love. He certainly is the most consecrated man we know of in the State. He depends entirely on the Holy Spirit for power; has a great deal of praying in his meeting, calls on every one who pray in public and urge upon all to pray for the things they need. He would often say, brethren, don't pray all over "creation," but pray for the salvation of sinners. The Methodists and Presbyterians all came to hear him, notwithstanding his whole theme was salvation by grace. One Methodist minister was heard to say, he did not blame Brother Banard for preaching "Baptist doctrine." How thankful we should be; how strong it should make us, when we can truthfully say, the Baptist doctrine is the Bible doctrine.

Our church will do more for missions than ever before. Our pastor is faithful and we are now increasing his salary, and hope to have our faithful secretary come and see us the coming summer.

W. F. Martin.

UNION ASSOCIATION.

Rev. C. C. Winters has resigned the pastorate of Carrollton, Pickensville, Enon and Forest Churches in the Union Association, and with his family has moved to a field in North Alabama, whither he has been called. During the two years he was with us, he did very acceptable work and our people became attached to him. He was especially zealous in revival meetings and did an immense amount of good along this line among the churches in this Association and his loss will be keenly felt. Brother Winters' resignation and Brother Caldwell's death leaves seven or eight pastorless churches in this Association and two earnest working pastors are sorely needed.

M. B. Curry,
Secy. of Ex. Com. Union Assn.

FROM RANDOLPH.

When the number of the disciples were multiplied, etc., there rose a murmuring, etc.

Murmuring does not give rise to this writing, but the multiplicity of disciples does. Last Saturday and Sunday were held sacred by the people of Macedonia because of an ordination there. Two months prior to this time Brothers M. P. Stewart, G. W. Watson and A. J. Gipson were elected to fill the capacity of deacons at this place. Their ordination of course called for a presbytery which was composed of Rev. W. H. Wright, C. T. Culpepper, H. R. M. Moore and the writer. Brother Wright preaching the ordination sermon from 1 Tim. iii, 13. We are sure made lasting impressions on all that heard it.

With the five noble, generous, self-denying and consecrated deacons that stand shoulder to shoulder and hand in hand, and with Him who has promised to never leave them nor forsake them, to stand by their side, we count on the prosperity of Macedonia.

We are grateful for the efficient help rendered by our visiting brethren. May the seed sown bring thirty, sixty and a hundred-fold to the honor and glory of God.

Yes, we are going to get us one two. We feel like thanking both the old and young for their liberal contribution, and we would be glad to correct a thing that probably has been read by a large number of Baptists—that are connected with the Randolph County Association. Macedonia was reported as having pledged herself for \$4 for missions and it is \$40 instead. Pray for us.

Jesse Holladay.

FROM TITUS, ALA.

I think the paper one of the grandest prizes of every Baptist home. I do not see why more people do not take the Alabama Baptist. Each week my home is made glad when mail day brings the paper. The paper is the means of brethren talking with one another in their several fields of labor. We hear of great things from many of our brethren in old Central. I am working in one field. This is my sixth year's work. God has done great things for us at Wayside Church. I entered on my work with a small membership and we were comparatively out of doors. Now we have a good membership and splendid house to worship in. On first Sunday in February I had Rev. J. D. Hughes with me to assist in services of setting Bro. W. S. McCord apart to the deaconship of the church. I had the pleasure of meeting with Brother Hamner at the Central Association. He was with us in the interest of your paper. I subscribed for paper.

Rev. J. C. Thomas.

FROM BROTHER RISNER.

I was sorry to find the good editor of the Southern and Alabama Baptist out of town when I called yesterday. I was on my way home from the meeting in Huntsville. The Lord was so gracious to us and to poor sinners; restoring the joy of salvation and converting sinners. The First Church of Huntsville seems to me to be on a boom. I assure you that it is not because your humble servant has been there while the Lord did bless his poor efforts, but it is due to the fact that God has some exceptionally fine people there; then they have a pastor who is leading them in such a way as to show what is in them.

Brother Murray, the pastor, is a grand man, a strong preacher; what a pleasure it is to work with such men. He is touching every side of the work, and his church appreciate him; they told me so and they are going to tell him so not many days hence.

The possibilities at Huntsville are great because the people have large hearts; they showed it by coming to church, much through the rain, for it rained every day during the meeting except one; then they showed it by the way in which they compensated this inefficient servant for his labors. They were so generous that it made his heart full. The half has not been told, but

the future will tell. God bless that noble people, their faithful and efficient pastor. The Lord bless the Alabama Baptist.

ADVISES US TO GET A MAP.

Take out your map, look down near the junction of the Alabama and Tom Bigby rivers, where the Southern R. R. crosses the latter, sixty miles above Mobile and you will here locate one of the best towns in Alabama of the size. If you doubt it, ask Bro. W. B. Crumpton, who spent last Sunday and Monday with us.

Notwithstanding the people had to get to church between showers, he preached to two large congregations, at 11 o'clock and at 4 p. m. His afternoon sermon was especially for young men and it has been a long time since a sermon has been preached in this section of country that has made so profound an impression.

Our College Chapel, one of the finest auditoriums in the country, was well filled on Monday night to hear Brother Crumpton's unique and splendid lecture, "The Original Tramp." We realized a nice sum from his lecture to help out our church building fund.

Why should we go to the larger expense of sending out of the State for lecturers when we have as good right at home? Any church or Ladies' Aid or Society desiring to raise an extra amount would do well to have Brother Crumpton deliver his lecture.

We believe Brother Crumpton enjoyed his visit to our town and I am sure we will feel, for a long time, its strengthening influence.

Say, Brother Barnett, come down and get acquainted with us, we will let you preach for us and then stay a week with us, and drink sulphur water, and fish and hunt to your satisfaction.

Truly,
S. A. Adams.

FROM ECLECTIC.

Last first Sunday was a good day with my church at McKinley. Services morning and evening. Collections for Home Missions, \$5.10.

The Ladies' Aid Society is composed of as noble band of women as I ever met with. Mrs. Yancy Perkins is president. Through their efforts, our house of worship will receive a coat of paint in the near future. I feel certain that these Christian ladies will do a great work for the Lord this year.

The second Sunday I preached to my church at Rembert Hills. Collections good. These are indeed a good people. The Ladies' Aid Society and Sunbeams are doing fairly well. Mrs. Ike Thomas is president of the Society and Mrs. C. C. Jackson leader of the Sunbeams. This church stands second on the financial exhibit of the Bethel Association. Bro. A. C. Thomas is educating a Chinese girl in Miss Willie Kelly's school in China. I have two other churches in my work. One at Ware, Ala., and one at Shiloh, Coosa county, about whom I could say many nice things.

You may expect a number of renewals to our paper from my field in the near future.

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Cleburne Baptist Association.

The Executive Board of the Cleburne Baptist Association met pursuant to call and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Board that there shall be held in this Association "Baptist Rallies," these rallies to be held at such churches as may agree to entertain the meeting (these meetings to be on the plan similar to the old general meetings) and may continue for such time as may be agreed upon.

Each church in the Association will be entitled to and is requested to send delegates to these meetings, which will be held in July and August, or sooner if requested. When these meetings are appointed this Board will appoint a minister or ministers to conduct each meeting, arrange program, etc.

This Board will meet with these meetings.

At these meetings the churches are requested to report to this Board any destitution that may exist in their bounds, or if any exists now to report the fact to this Board at once.

The churches that are willing to entertain these meetings are requested to report same to the chairman of this Board as early as practicable. After hearing from the churches, this Board will appoint the time and places for these meetings, and arrange the programs, etc.

Brethren, we ask you to co-operate with us in this great work. The object of these meetings is to get a unity of feeling and system in our bounds in the great work of furthering the cause of our Redeemer's kingdom.

T. J. Burton,
Chairman of Board.

Literary Notes.

MANUAL OF CHURCH HISTORY.
By A. H. Newman, D.D., LL.D., Vol. II. Modern Church History (A. D. 1517-1903.) American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. Price, \$1.75.

This volume completes Dr. Newman's great work on the history of Christianity. Ever since the publication of the first volume many people have looked forward eagerly to the appearance of the second. And they will not be disappointed in it. For twenty-five years the author has made the study of church history his specialty. He has devoted a great deal of time and going to thorough and extensive investigation of the original sources. Possessing in a large degree those essential qualifications of the historian, the historic imagination and freedom from personal bias, he has attained a place of the first rank in his chosen field. We have long been in need of just such a comprehensive and scientific treatment of the history of Christianity from the Baptist point of view. Dr. Newman has won fresh laurels for Baptist scholarship and made us proud that he is one of us. Naturally a Baptist is interested in the author's views on certain questions which have received special attention among us in recent years. Speaking of Roger Williams, he says: "He became convinced soon after his settlement at Providence (if not before), that infant baptism was without Scriptural warrant, and with a company of others introduced baptism anew and organized the first Baptist Church in America (1639.)" Of the English Baptists he says: "At this time (1640) the question of immersion came to be much discussed. Those anti-pedobaptists who believed immersion to be the only valid form of baptism and who considered it important in restoring correct baptism to have a properly baptized administrator, sent one of their number, Richard Blacklock, who knew Dutch, to Holland, where they had been informed immersion obtained by succession was available. * * * * On Blacklock's return large numbers were immersed (1641.) * * * It is very possible that Spilsbury had introduced immersion some time previous to its importation from Holland. The idea of the necessity of apostolic succession in the matter of baptism was soon generally abandoned." (P. 228f.)

Dr. Newman's two volumes will be a valuable addition to any library. The Society has gotten them out in very attractive style, and the price is certainly reasonable enough. H. W. P.

THE STORY OF THE CHURCHES: THE BAPTISTS.

By Henry C. Vedder, D.D. The Baker & Taylor Co., New York. \$1, net.

"The Story of the Churches" is the name chosen for a series of volumes, the aim of which, as the publishers state, "is to furnish a uniform set of church histories, brief but complete, and designed to instruct the average church member in the origin, development and history of the various denominations." These volumes are to be written by leading historians of the respective denominations. The selection of Professor Vedder, who has so long and ably filled the chair of church history at Crozer Theological Seminary, to furnish the volume on the Baptists, was a very happy one. He is an expert

in church history, and especially in Baptist history. His charming literary style makes this volume unusually attractive. It will be enjoyed by many people who have hitherto regarded church history as dry reading.

In the first chapter is a clear and concise answer to the question, Who and What are the Baptists? This gives the volume special fitness for its place in the series. The closing chapter on Baptist Missions is also one of special interest and value.

Professor Vedder writes church history on the inductive plan, rather than the a priori. He first gathers his facts and then draws his conclusions; instead of trying to make the facts fit into a theory previously adopted. The latter method, which is popular in some quarters, may be gratifying to a certain kind of Baptist pride but it is no special credit to Baptist intelligence.

This volume is admirably adapted to popular use and may well be studied by Normal Classes and Young Peoples' Unions. We commend it heartily.

H. W. P.

HOW TO GESTURE.

By Edward A. Ott. Hinds & Noble, New York. Price, \$1.

In his introduction to this volume the author says: "This book does not aim at presenting a philosophy of expression. Its design is, by a method of practice, to teach how to gesture. The method involved has grown out of studies founded on the expression of the emotions of men and animals as illustrated by the most successful scientists and artists. It is thus really a book on bodily expression." The purpose here set forth has been accomplished with ability. The volume is both interesting and instructive. Every student of the art of public speaking recognizes the value of effective gestures. Many an otherwise good speech has been spoiled by an awkward delivery. And not the least element of power in many successful orators has been their mastery of the art of bodily expression. The principles and methods of this book may be studied with great advantage by those who desire to become more effective speakers. The author guards with special care against the tendency to artificiality which often characterizes work of this kind. His practice sentences are well selected, and a feature of special value is the study of expression afforded by the reproduction of a number of famous works of art.

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Action on Pastor's Resignation.

Roanoke Baptist Church, March 2, 1903.
We, our committee appointed at last Conference to consider and report on the resignation of our pastor, beg to report as follows:

After due consideration, we recommend that his resignation, to take effect Sept. 1st, be accepted, in accordance with his request.

M. W. Carlisle, Chm.

On motion the above report was accepted and the committee discharged, and a committee appointed to give public expression relative to the pastor's work at Roanoke.

WORDS OF THE COMMITTEE.

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Risner began his work at Roanoke as pastor of the Baptist Church. An estimate of his work cannot be determined by a newspaper article.

An examination of the church roll will show that God has in large measure honored his labors, the beautiful new church standing in the heart of the city, representing an outlay of between \$15,000 and \$20,000, the pride of our membership and an honor to the town, is an indestructible monument to his efforts and struggles. Since he has been here he has had repeated opportunities to get other and better paying fields, but his devotion to Roanoke and the church's interests held him until he completed a work which he felt was his to do.

Now, that it is definitely known that not later than Sept. 1st, Brother Risner will leave, we can say, not only what we know, but that which is known throughout the State, and in many sections of the country at large, that he deserves to be placed among the strongest preachers of the Baptist denomination. He is sound in doctrine, full of zeal and energy, possessing rare ability in teaching the Scriptures. The training and instructions received by the members of the church during his pastorate will tell out in eternity.

Our prayers are, while he remains and when he goes from us, that the

Lord may continue to honor his labors.
John Fausett,
M. W. Carlisle,
Committee.

The above was inadvertently left out and our absence from the city caused a still further delay.

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W. H. BRUTON,
Pastor Baptist Church, Ripley, Tenn.

OUR SERMON.

By Rev. E. J. C. Dickens.

"Christ is All in All."

Jesus Christ is the central figure in the Christian religion. Yea, He is to all Christianity what he was to Paul—our "all and in all." He is our very life. He alone can supply man's greatest needs. Jesus the Christ was Paul's only message to man. To Paul Jesus was all in all from creation to the endless ages of eternity. Let us think as Paul thought of Christ from eternity to eternity. He was in creation. By Him the worlds were framed. He was in the beginning with God and was God. His mercy in coming to redeem man from sin is the only ray of light in the garden of Eden as Adam and Eve were driven out. That promise of God in Gen. iii, 15 is the only rainbow of hope to the world then made dark by sin. Christ is the only explanation of God's promise to Abraham. Gen. xii, 3. In Him Abraham believed. The most beautiful and inspiring sentence Moses ever spoke was when he told Israel of the "prophet" whom the Lord would raise up unto them. Deut. xviii, 15. It was a Christly statement. Pious David glorified God for his greater son who should come of his loins. The prophets of Israel were inspired in their messages to a down-trodden and sinful world by the Christ they saw. The book of Isaiah is nothing if you take Christ out of it. The coming Immanuel was to Isaiah one whose name shall be called Wonderful. To Jeremiah, Jesus was our "Son of Righteousness." Every one who reads the old testament through is ready to begin the new testament, and soon rejoice with the heavenly choir as they sang "Glory to God in the Highest" when Jesus was born. He is looking for Jesus the Messiah. He knows His name because he has heard Isaiah call him Immanuel—God with us. In the new testament Christ is all. It is a biography of His life and teachings while on earth and of His work through His people since His glorious ascension. It is the only interpretation of the old Bible, just as the old is the only commentary on the new. All is Christ. We have said that Christ is the central figure in Christianity. Surely, for He is the founder of the church and all that it stands for—the redemption of the fallen race. Think of the church. Jesus is the "chief cornerstone." He is the head of the church, which is the body of Christ. In all the work of the church He "is all and in all." What does the church preach? Christ is all. All else is "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal." How empty the ordinances without Christ! In the Lord's supper we see Christ as he suffered, bled and died for us. In baptism we see Him as He was buried and how He triumphed over the grave in his resurrection. To the church he gave these ordinances to keep till he comes again. And then his own spotless life is our "all and in all," for an example for those who have risen with Christ to "walk in newness of life." Then Christ is only hope. If you are a child of God it is "by faith in Jesus Christ." Gal. iii, 26. "In him we move and live and have our being." In him we are secure. Nothing can "separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ." Rom. viii, 39. Jesus is all to every penitent sinner. He is life and light and joy. Many a dark hour in the sick room has been evaded in Christ. To the unsaved all trouble is mere acci-

dent and mystery. To the child of God "all things work together for good to them who love God." Rom. 8:28. A few days ago a noble young wife was very sick. She sent for me at a late hour at night. I wondered what the cultured young woman wanted with me. When I reached her bedside I ask her what she wished. She looked earnestly at me and said: "Oh, the way is so dark before me; can you not help me?" I opened my bible and read her John 3:16, glorious passage, and other passages. The light of his holy spirit came into her soul. She was happy. The "way" was no longer dark. I recently stood by the bedside of a noble deacon of my church and saw him breathe his last. The last words he spoke were to his pastor, when he said to me: "God is here, and it is a beautiful place." What! oh yes, and he was beautiful, as he in Christ conquered death. I told his family as the breath left his body, "Another victory won." Yes, Christ is our all. We live in him here below, and when we march through the pearly gates into the new Jerusalem we will shout with the redeemed, "Unto him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Rev. 1:5-6. Dear sinner, give your heart to Jesus. Make him your "all and in all," and then with the redeemed of God sing that new song. Rev. 14:3. "Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall; We'll join the everlasting song, And crown him Lord of all."

Books Close April 30th.

Brother Crumpton writes: The books of the Home and Foreign Boards close on April 30th. We ought to get in \$8,000 this month for these Boards. Much depends upon the pastors, the Sunday schools, the B. Y. P. U. and the Woman's Missionary Societies. All ought to do their best.

Baptists Pay for Lot.

Montgomery Congregation to Have New Church.

The congregation of the first Baptist Church of Montgomery has completed payment on the lot on Perry between Alabama and Scott and is nearing the time when a handsome edifice will be constructed there. Dr. Charles A. Stakely, pastor of the church has not had much to say publicly concerning the new building enterprise of his congregation, but he has frequently promised The Advertiser to communicate at proper times any items of special interest in connection with the work. His policy has been, as he says, to blow the trumpet not before, but after, and from the first the method of his committee has been the still hunt. It is now developed that through quiet methods marked and encouraging progress has been made in the new enterprise.

"Yes, I have something for The Advertiser," said Dr. Stakely yesterday. "Our people are doing nicely by the new church. We set out to raise not less than \$40,000 over and above our old church property and by this time our subscription is between thirty-one and thirty-two thousand dollars. Out of the subscription already received we have realized between twenty and thirteen thou-

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sand dollars in cash, with which we have wiped out all indebtedness on the lot, so that we have our well-known and beautiful site on South Perry Street absolutely without incumbrance."

"The church will be breaking ground soon, will it not?" Dr. Stakely was asked.

"That is not our next step," he replied. "We propose first of all to complete our canvass. This we shall press as rapidly as possible. Our subscriptions are not by assessment, but voluntary, and it is our design to have the name of every member of the church and congregation on the list. The movement so far is popular and doing well. We will get our money; if we do not, it will be the first time the old organization has failed in any of its enterprises. When our canvass is completed we shall proceed to perfect the plans and specifications of the new building, which we have already adopted provisionally."

"What about the sale of the old church property?" was asked of Dr. Stakely.

"That does not especially concern us just now. We have had offers for it, some of them fairly good, but none that the church is willing to accept. We are concerned at present with what we must raise in the way of subscription, the other will take care of itself."

"You may say this to your readers," added Dr. Stakely, "that the church house which we are going to erect on Perry Street will fairly represent our denomination in the State and be an ornament to the city."

The Weekly Calendar of the First Baptist Church for today contains the following announcement:

"Our new lot on Perry Street is now paid for, \$12,000, with all interest, the Young Ladies' Working Circle to assuming and paying the last \$2,000. This makes the contribution of the Circle to the building fund of the church, \$2,750, a splendid result. The Ladies' Aid Society has subscribed the princely sum of \$6,500 of which about half has already been paid in cash. The total subscription to date is in advance of \$31,000. We must all regard this as a fine showing. Who can doubt now that we will have a new church? It is the purpose of the pastor and his committee to push the canvass vigorously and rapidly to a conclusion. There is no better time than the present for this work. Our

people are subscribing and paying. All of us cannot be in the band wagon, but we all must be, and will be, in the procession. May God continue to direct and encourage us."—Montgomery Advertiser.

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Guardian Sale for Maintenance.

Estate of Walter Scott Brady, minor. By virtue of a decree of Probate Court of Jefferson County made on the 26th day of March, 1903, I, Mattie Litt, as guardian of Walter Scott Brady, minor, will sell by public outcry at noon on the 22d day of April, 1903, in front of the court house door to the highest bidder the following real estate: Situated in N E ¼ of N E ¼ Sec. 4, Tp. 18, R. 2, W, and S E ¼ of S E ¼ of Sec. 33, Tp. 17, R. 2, W. Beginning at a point in center of Montevallo road 487½ feet south of N W corner of N E ¼ of N E ¼ of Sec. 4, Tp. 18, R. 2, W; thence north 990 feet; thence north 45 degrees, east 562½ feet; thence south 990 feet to center of Montevallo road; thence south 45 degrees west, along center of said road 562½ feet to the point of beginning, containing 10 acres with right of way across intervening land to and from the big spring located on dividing line of S E ¼ of S E ¼ and N E ¼, Sec. 33, Tp. 17, R. 2, W. Terms ½ cash, balance 1 and 2 years with interest.

Mattie Litt,
Guardian.

April 12, 1903.

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Estate of Claude D Brady, minor. Under and by virtue of an order and decree of the Probate Court of Jefferson County made and entered on 26th day of March, 1903, I, Mattie Litt as guardian of Claude D. Brady, minor, will at noon on the 22d day of April, 1903, sell in front of court house door in Birmingham, Alabama, by public auction to the highest bidder the following real estate: In S E ¼ of S E ¼ Sec. 33, Tp. 17, R. 2, W. Beginning at N E corner S E ¼ of S E ¼ of Sec. 33, Tp. 17, R. 2, W; thence west 440 feet; thence south 1060 feet to center of Montevallo road. Thence north 40 degrees E, 527 feet along said road to east boundary line of said quarter section; then north 920 feet to the point of beginning containing 10 acres together with a right of way to and from the big spring situated on the dividing line of S E ¼ of S E ¼ of S E ¼ and N E ¼, Sec. 33, Tp. 17, R. 2, W. Terms ½ cash, balance 1 and 2 years with interest.

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B. Y. P. U.

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We are hoping great things from the State Convention this year. It ought to mean a quickening throughout the Unions that will count for God.

When you read this come to the State Convention if you possibly can. Come to stay until it closes, but if you can stay for only a day it will be worth your while as the program is a fine one.

Bro. W. R. Jordan of Roanoke writes "I believe we are going to have the best Union we have ever had. The young people are taking hold, seemingly with more determination than they have ever done, and to me, this is significant."

We wish every pastor in the State could be at the Convention this time, for we believe many who have no Unions in their church would return home to start them, and many who have never taken much interest in the ones now going on from week to week, would catch the idea that these societies, if properly worked, could be made to count in the Master's work.

The Alabama Baptist has one of the newsiest and brightest B. Y. P. U. Departments in the Southern Baptist press. Its editor is another of our Georgia boys, who has migrated, and is proving of great benefit to the work in his adopted State. Georgia is a training ground for B. Y. P. U. workers of the South. Witness, Chapman of South Carolina, Roberts of Texas, Kawthon of Florida, Barnett of Alabama.—Christian Index. We lift our hat to the Index and make our very best bow.

We are grateful to those who have responded to the request to send us the news. We have heard from quite a number of the Unions in the State recently; but many of the most prominent Unions have not been heard from in a long, long time. We often wonder what they are doing. No doubt they are engaged in some noble work. What you are doing will help other workers if you will only let them know about it. Then will you not be kind enough to speak to them about it through the B. Y. P. U. Department? Who will speak first?

John D. Jordan, D.D., has the following to say about the work of the First Church, Savannah: "The First Church seems to be in the very best condition of her history of 102 years. The last Sunday of 1902 found every dollar of current expenses paid, and the expenses of 1903 provided for. What joy and freedom it brought to the pastor. Our Junior B. Y. P. U. work is in a most flourishing condition. The weekly attendance at the Christian Culture Class is between forty and fifty. Miss Leila Cabanise has had charge of this work from its organization. She is doing a splendid work. She is ably assisted by Mrs. George Maynard, who moved here last year from Chicago. Both of these good women took up this work at the request of the pastor." Dr. Jordan was for a year the General Sec-

retary of the Southern Union, and during that time resided in Alabama. His church will entertain the Southern Baptist Convention next May, and also the Southern Union.

The following is from a letter received from Prof. J. L. Moulder of Roanoke: "We organized a Baptist Young People's Union today. We have thirty-five members to begin with. We want to keep in line with the State work and will co-operate with you in every way possible. The following are the officers: J. L. Moulder, president; W. R. Jordan, vice-president; Jesse Cook, corresponding secretary; Miss Verna Faucett, recording secretary; Miss Nelle Brittain, treasurer." We are glad indeed to have this information from Roanoke. We know of no place in Alabama that has better material for a first-class Union than the Roanoke Church. The Union is to be congratulated in having such an efficient president. Prof. Moulder is one of our best and brightest young men. This Union should be well represented at the State Convention.

Pool Rooms Still Barred.

The Birmingham correspondent of the Montgomery Advertiser wired his paper the following news which shows that those who are anxious to open pool rooms are doing everything in their power to do it:

Birmingham, March 25.—(Special.)—Judges Samuel E. and Daniel A. Greene of the two divisions of the Criminal Court, who heard the case of E. E. Williams, charged with receiving money to bet on a horse race outside the State, this morning returned a verdict of guilty. The case involved the right to send money by telegraph to bet on horse races out of the State and aroused considerable interest. Mr. Williams as manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company, had sent for a customer a message asking that \$10 be placed on a race in New Orleans. The amount was also sent by telegram. It was averred that the attention of Mr. Williams was called to the fact that the money was to be placed on a race. An appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court. Mr. Williams is represented by Bradley and Morrow and Walker, Tillman, Campbell and Walker. The final result of the case may determine whether or no pool rooms can be conducted in this State. At present pool rooms are barred entirely, but it is claimed that if the telegraph company can send money from one State to another and that a telegram with it asking for the amount sent to be bet on a horse race, then pool rooms conducted under certain restrictions can be run.

On next third Sunday, we will dedicate the new Baptist Church at Short Creek, Ala. We organized in last December with a membership of thirty odd and have the house of worship almost complete. We are also building a new house at Toad Vine, Ala. I believe in the preachers working for the interest of the church, then they can look for the church to help them. But unless the country preacher wakes up to the fact that there is something for them to do they will never see their church grow and prosper. May the Lord give the country preacher a greater desire to work and work hard for their churches!
J. Walter Franklin.

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Editorial Correspondence.

J. W. Hamner.

Brethren over the State will be glad to know that Dr. J. P. Shaffer is preaching with his old time vigor. Brethren are taking advantage of his rest from the pastorate and have engaged him for all but about one Sunday through March, April and May. Thus far, no evil results to his steady recovery have followed his preaching. Indeed, he seems entirely well. Now, if the coming hot weather induces no return of his malady, we shall feel that he is permanently cured. The Lord grant it to be so.

The Lafayette pastor and church are looking forward to the early coming of Bro. L. O. Dawson of Tuscaloosa, to engage with them in a meeting of some days. The outlook for a great meeting seems most promising.

Good reports are in the air about the new pastor at Ashland, Brother Crumpton. I hear that the saints over there are much pleased with him and the progress made since his coming.

Likewise great things are being heard about Dr. Stodghill, the Bishop of Lineville, and the new "Assistant pastor."

Had planned a visit to Millerville, Ashland, and Liveville this week, but the roads were not in condition for it, so turned my steps to Lafayette, Mill Town, etc., instead.

Mill Town is ten miles from the railroad, but the fine country roads make a trip possible at any season of the year. The "Fifth Sunday Meeting" is now in progress here with a fine attendance of the pastors of the East Liberty Association. The programme of today (Friday) has been a success.

Rev. C. J. Bentley, of Lanett, is the pastor here. Here, too, is the home of Rev. J. R. Jarrell, President of the fine school at this place and pastor of Shiloh, Bacon Level and Eagle Creek churches. Brother Jarrell begins auspiciously in the work of the pastorate. Young Bro. J. C. Shaffer also begins well, having been called to two churches, Lebanon and Pleasant Ridge. East Liberty has furnished a long line of young preachers in the past few years: Blackwelder, Dawson, J. P. Hunter, A. S. Smith, Foster, J. L. Gregory, Davis, Stodghill, C. Smith, Bell, Burden, Wallace, Adams, Holliday, Coffield, J. O. Bledsoe, Jarrell, J. C. Shaffer, and the writer, with a number of others whose names do not occur to me just at this moment.

Our neighbor associations, the Tuskegee, the Harris, and the Carey, are likewise sending out young preachers now and then.

The drouth of last year crippled all this section badly. The people are having everything to buy this year and at a fearfully long price. The Lord only knows what the end of it will be. Thus far we have the finest prospect for small grain in quite a number of years. May our people not forget God; may they humble themselves before Him; may He give a bountiful harvest this year of grace; may we "Honor the Lord with our substance, and with the first fruits of all our increase."

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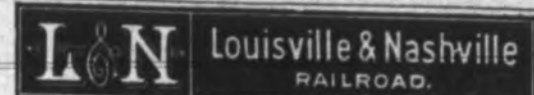
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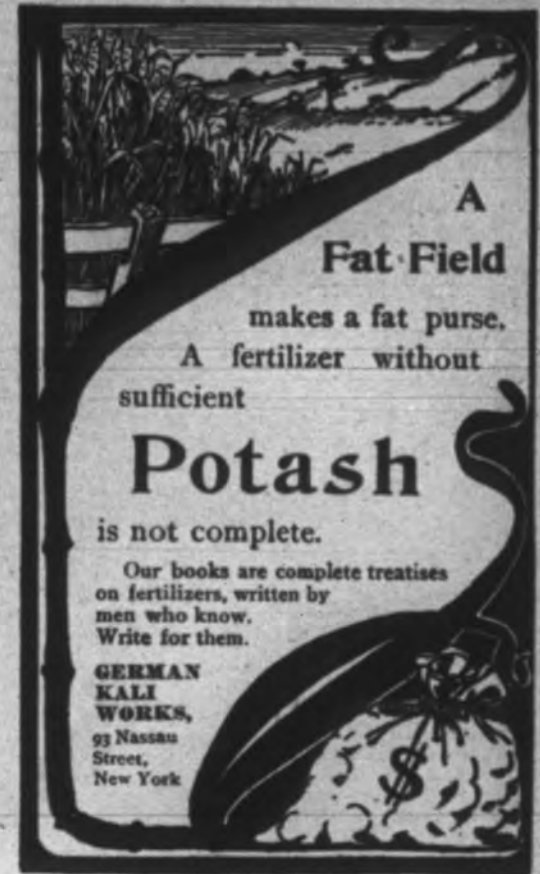
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