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THE LIVING BREAD.

'Twas August, and the fierce sun overhead
Smote on the squalid streets of Bethnal Green,
And the pale weaver, through his window seen
In Spitalfields, looked thrice dispirited.

I met a preacher there I knew, and said:
"Ill and o'erworked, how farest thou in this scene?"
"Bravely!" said he; "for I of late have been
Much cheered with thoughts of Christ, the Living
Bread!"

O human soul, as long as thou canst so
Set up a mark of everlasting light,
Above the the howling senses' ebb and flow,

To cheer thee and to right thee if thou roam—
Not with lost toil thou laborest through the night!
Thou makest the heaven thou hopest indeed thy
home.

—Matthew Arnold.



THE JACKSON BAPTIST CHURCH.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Dr. T. T. Eaton is spending his vacation in Colorado.

Rev. F. M. McCord writes that they are having a fine meeting at Sycamore.

Mrs. Nelson A. Miles died at West Point, N. Y., August 2nd of heart disease.

Rev. J. R. Jester has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Bainbridge.

The 80th birthday of Rev. John G. Paton, the veteran missionary, was recently celebrated in Australia.

Ballington Booth, after 17 years of strenuous labor in America, is on a vacation in Europe.

The negro Baptists of the United States number 2,000,000. They own \$12,000,000 worth of property.

Rev. J. D. Ray, of Selma, writes: "Just closed a good meeting with Bro. T. M. Thomas at Mt. Hebron church near Akron."

Dr. Lansing Burrows says that a minister is justified in changing his field "when he has a strong pull and a gentle push."

The British force under Colonel Younghusband has reached Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, and is trying to bring the Tibetans to terms.

Rev. Zachary Taylor Leavell, D. D., of Jackson, Miss., who died on August 12th, will be greatly missed by Mississippi Baptists, as he was one of her strongest men.

The English Baptists have already secured the City Temple in London, Joseph Parker's great church building, in which to hold the Baptist World Congress, which is scheduled to meet next July.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., preached Tuesday evening at the First Methodist church.

Rev. Louis Warren, of Florida, is supplying the pulpit of the First Baptist church of Richmond.

The Argus says: "We are rejoiced that it is now definitely settled that the Baptist World Congress will be held."

The Baptists of Nashville will honor the memory of the late Rev. John O. Rust by erecting a handsome monument over his grave.

The Argus says: "It reads like a fairy story that our negro brethren began the publishing house business seven years ago 'without capital enough to buy a postage stamp,' and now have a \$100,000 plant and put out editions of books by the hundred thousand."

We read that President W. R. Harper and Dean Harry Pratt Johnson have been decorated by Emperor William with the order of the Red Eagle and the order of the Crown, but confess we do not know just what the decorations mean or why they were bestowed.

An Armenian by the name of Arslan Sahagian died recently in Yonkers, N. Y., and left his entire estate, valued at about \$80,000, to the American Board. He was a graduate of Bebek school, which was the origin of Robert College, Constantinople, and was a pupil of the illustrious Cyrus Hamlin.

Rev. Alex W. Bealer, pastor of the Thomasville Baptist church, who is supplying at the Second Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., during August, recently delivered an address at the Y. M. C. A. on "A Backslider and His Hobbies, or a Study of the Life of Lot."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Southern Baptist Witness is now issued from Orlando, Fla.

Those wishing to attend the Shelby Association can have conveyances from Wilsonville.

Rev. W. M. Murray and family, of Huntsville, are spending their vacation at Chicago.

Rev. W. H. Connell, of the Merrimack Baptist church, is holding a meeting with the New Zion church.

Dr. John E. White of Atlanta, Ga., will preach at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Raleigh Sunday.

Rev. N. S. Jones has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at New Bern, N. C.

Rev. George Cooper, D. D., formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., is supplying at Newark, N. Y.

The First Church, Philadelphia, will have Rev. A. C. Dixon, D. D., of Boston, as supply during the vacation of K. Boyce Tupper, D. D.

Dr. Broughton, who was recently in New York and visited the "Tavern," the so-called "Model Saloon," had something to say about it.

Ryv. H. W. Provence has closed his work at Ensley and goes on a two-week's visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Provence at Tuskegee. From there he goes by Richmond, Va., his starting point for the foreign field.

W. C. Carden writes: Rev. T. M. Nelson preached the dedication sermon at New Prospects, Rev. C. R. Miller offered the dedicatory prayer and delivered the charge to the church. A missionary collection amounting to \$5.35 was then taken.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Dr. Len G. Broughton was selected by Rev. G. Campbell Morgan to fill the pulpit of Westminster Chapel, London, during September and October.

Bro. B. W. J. Graham, the junior editor of the Christian Index, who has been visiting relatives at East Lake filled the pulpit at the Ruhama Baptist Church last Sunday during the absence of the pastor in Kentucky.

Rev. W. A. Hobson, D. D., of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., who is visiting friends and relatives here has many warm friends in the Birmingham District, having been pastor of the Ruhama Baptist Church at East Lake.

Last week we had the pleasure of showing brethren Hobson and Graham some of the homes on the Highlands, the choice residence section of Birmingham and they expressed great surprise at the beauty of the residences and the picturesqueness of their location.

Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher says: "It is worth a life time to be a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in these latter days just for the wondrous delight of meeting the exceedingly noble young men and women who are applying for appointment to the foreign field."

Gov. Benton McMillin has announced his withdrawal from the race to succeed Senator William B. Bate as United States Senator from Tennessee, which insures the election of Senator Bate. Senator Bate, who has been in the Senate for eighteen years, is a Baptist who has the confidence and esteem of Tennesseans.

CORRESPONDENCE



REV. C. W. MATHISON, DECATUR, ALA.

CLOSE COMMUNION.

C. W. Mathison.

In the issue of the Alabama Baptist of August 10th, Dr. Crumpton says: "When the Lord's Supper is observed to show our love and fellowship the motive is wrong. It was intended solely as a memorial of our Lord." In the same issue Rev. S. W. Andrews says: "Communion means common union or oneness in faith, and since there is no unity of faith between Baptists and other sects, there can be no fellowship and no communion."

It seems to me that there is sufficient unity of faith between Baptists and other sects to permit fellowship, but certainly the Lord's Supper should not be used to express Christian fellowship. It is not an expression of fellowship nor of common union between those Baptists who participate together in the memorial. It is an act of remembrance of our Lord and is in no way an expression of confidence on the part of one member or Christian in another. In as far as the idea of common union enters into the memorial at all it is one of common union with Christ.

We love and fellowship with Methodists and Presbyterians and we express that fellowship by singing, and praying and worshipping together but not by wresting the Lord's Supper from the purpose for which Jesus instituted it. If it were an expression of fellowship among Christians it should be open to all Christians. If it is solely a memorial of our Lord let each church decide for itself how it shall keep this remembrance.

The Bible does not say that this memorial should be exercised with restrictions, nor without restrictions as to Christians. In other words, it may be open or close as the churches may choose.

Close communion was certainly the practice in the first Supper. Of all the Christians in Jerusalem only the immediate family of disciples were invited to participate. Lazarus was not invited; Nicodemus was not invited; Joseph, in whose tomb the Lord was soon to lie, was not invited; Mary, who had just anointed her Lord for His burial was not invited. Jesus did not mean by their exclusion that they were unworthy to share in the Supper. Neither do Baptists mean that Metho-

dists, Presbyterians, and others are unworthy to remember the Lord in this rite. Jesus confined it to his immediate circle of disciples. We do the same with such catholicity of spirit as not even to demand that others shall do as we do:

The Corinthians made the Supper a sensual social feast. The Jerusalem convention made it a social rite expressive of universal Christian fellowship. They should have had a love-feast instead. What they did was to wrest the memorial rite from the purpose to which Christ confined it. If this is a distinctive church rite why should any but church members share in it? Why should any but church members wish to share in it?

A Presbyterian minister is excluded from participation in a Methodist baptismal services: not because he is unworthy to sprinkle water on the head of the applicant for baptism; not because he does not believe in sprinkling as a mode of baptism; and not because his Methodist fellow-Christian is disinclined to fellowship him, but because baptism is a distinctive church rite and every church is accorded the privilege of exercising it as it pleases. Why cannot the same spirit of catholicity permit Baptists to confine the Lord's Supper to Baptists?

Are Presbyterians selfish because they do not permit Methodists to baptize their candidates? If Presbyterians wished to do so they could permit Methodists to administer baptism to candidates for Presbyterian membership, but would that be any reason why the Methodist churches should adopt the same open baptism policy? Or if both denominations should adopt open baptism should other denominations be classed as close and narrow and selfish because they might choose to confine the baptism of applicants each to its own ministry?

What reason is there for close baptism which does not apply to close communion? If baptism is a distinct church rite why should not communion be also? Why not use baptism to express interdenominational Christian fellowship rather than use the Lord's Supper to do so?

"The Supper was intended solely as a memorial of our Lord." The rite is preserved in the churches as such; therefore each church has the right to prescribe the qualifications of those who participate, and the forms through which the observance is administered. The church as an organization preserves this memorial. The Christian as an individual prays and in prayer manifests his fellowship with all others who pray. But prayer and song and preaching and reading the Bible hold a very different relation to Christianity to that held by baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are distinctive church rites, subject in the exercise to the forms prescribed by the churches organically considered. Presbyterians hold to close baptism and open communion. It is their right above criticism.

Baptists hold to close baptism and

close communion—more consistently. They should have the right free from criticism.

DENVER.

Frank Willis Barnett.

Denver has been called "a city without a history, and without a grandmother," being too modern for either, and yet a city of 160,000 inhabitants.

Looking about this thriving, prosperous, growing city, one reverts with some amusement to the attitude taken in 1838 by the great Daniel Webster on the floor of the United States Senate against an appropriation for a post route west of the Missouri river.

If Daniel Webster could visit Denver by way of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition he would blush for the speech he made on the floor of the U. S. Senate in 1838 against an appropriation for a post route west of the Missouri river.

"What do we want," said he, "of this vast worthless area? this region of savages and wild beasts, of deserts, shifting sands and whirlwinds of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put these great deserts, or these endless mountain ranges, impregnable, and covered to their base with eternal snow?

What use have we for such a country? Mr. President, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific coast one inch nearer Boston than it is today."

And yet Denver with its nearly 200,000 inhabitants is one of the most beautiful of modern cities with its parks, boulevards, paved streets, and elegant public buildings and private residences showing signs of wealth, cultivation and luxury which are to be found in Colorado's capital. Among the principal places of interest may be mentioned the United States Mint, United States Custom House and Postoffice, the County Court House, the magnificent State Capitol, (occupying three entire blocks and having cost nearly \$3,000,000; constructed of native granite, and all floors and wainscoting of Colorado marble), the City Hall, University of Denver, Wolfe Hall, Baptist Female College, and several very fine hospitals and sanitariums; the Argo, Globe and Grant Smelting Works, the cotton, woolen and paper mills, and a large number of churches, hotels and business blocks, any of which would do credit to the metropolitan cities of the East. The city has an extensive system of electric street railways and is lighted by electricity, has excellent waterworks, a fine system of storm and sanitary sewers, a well-disciplined and effective fire department, good police force, and telephone communication in the city and with all the principal towns of the State. Denver is the objective point for a large tourist travel, and it estimated that the arrivals during the year will average 700 daily. The climate is healthful and invigorating, and invalids find this an excellent place to regain their health. There is always some pleasing attraction to divert the mind. The churches are presided over by clergymen of talent and culture. The newspapers are metropolitan in size and management. In a

word, Denver is one of the best business and most pleasant residence cities in the world. Rapid has been the growth of this wonderful city, it is evident that it is but on the threshold of its prosperity, and that the future holds for it much more and greater success than has been vouchsafed it in the past.

But to this very hour the Rocky Mountain region has not been entirely understood, nor quite appreciated by its Eastern neighbors, as witness the opposition, in quarters much nearer the Missouri river than is Massachusetts, to the national irrigation projects which are of such vital importance to the States dependent upon the winter snows for water.

But one does not journey thousands of miles to Denver to see well paved streets, fine residences, and great buildings, but because there was truth in the saying of Oliver Wendell Holmes: "There is nothing gives glory and grandeur and romance and mystery to a place like the impending presence of a high mountain." The good doctor was writing about Northampton, Mass., and his "high mountain" was probably almost one thousand feet above the level of the sea. Which reminds us of the answer we got from our landlord at Ogden when we asked him the height of a mountain which loomed above us. He gave us the pitying glance of the true mountaineer for the lowlander, by saying with a drawl "That hill is something over 2,000 feet."

Even in Denver, forty miles away from any considerable elevation, the person who has never before been west of the Mississippi begins, in the exceptionally clear Colorado atmosphere, to have some faint conception of the fact that so far as mountain scenery is concerned, he must reconstruct all former ideas of which he was possessed, not so much as to height at this point, as to apparently endless extent and no less infinite variety of contour. For two hundred miles certainly, and of course much further than the unassisted eye can reach, this great territory of mountain peaks, overlapping, overtopping, and melting indefinitely one into the other, suggesting by their very vagueness, and yet certainty of existence, the idea of infinity to a degree not excelled by the ocean, or even by Niagara.

Watching their cloud-capped and at times snow-crowned summits under the over-varying conditions of light and shade and atmospheric change, one experiences a sense of strange allurements, not to say fascination, and it is easy to understand why in all ages, from the days of Moses to the construction of Pike's Peak railroad, a desire for mountain climbing has ever been common to humanity.

For the first distant, comprehensive, contemplative view of the mountains there is no better place than Denver. The city itself is a marvel—a city of clubs, churches, libraries, art galleries—apparently a city of the plains, and yet one full mile above the level of the sea. To one who has just covered the interminably long stretch of apparently flat country lying west of the Mississippi river, this seems incredible; but a steady average rise of only ten feet

to the mile, multiplied by five hundred miles, tells the story.

Lord Macaulay and Victor Hugo have said that high altitudes and the pure air which is always a characteristic of them, are conducive to corresponding loftiness of thought and broadness of vision.

It is claimed that this altitude, this lifting of atmospheric pressure from the human body, and the consequent quickening of the action of the heart, lungs and brain, partly accounts for the enterprise for which the inhabitants of Denver are noted. Denver is certainly proud of herself, with reason, and trolley car trips of twenty-five miles for twenty-five cents are made daily, with a lecturer to point out and explain all points of interest.

But after all, there is nothing to the tourist, just arrived in Denver from the East, quite so alluring as the mountains! One who has felt their beauty felt powerless to describe them saying adjectives do not illustrate anything worth while. Thus the Colorado mountains ever remain the despair of poet and painter while ever luring on to new endeavor.

The Alleghenies, Adirondacks and White Mountains seem ultra-refined and civilized, compared with the savage majesty of the peaks that rise sheer and awful from Colorado's plateaux. They have no everlasting snow, no untimbered slopes, no peaks that rest on the sky. The most noted of them are scarcely a mile high. They would feel lonesome if plumped down in the Rockies.

In New England the predominating color is a bright green or a hazy purple, splashed with a scarlet when autumn comes; the ascents are less abrupt; the contours are more rounded and graceful; grasses and thick-foliaged undergrowths, clinging mosses and lichens, soften and hide the rocky walls—the scene is almost pastoral in simplicity and beauty.

Here in Colorado the prevailing tint is a brownish red, lavishly laid on with dark greens and heavy purples where the shadows lie, and a desolate whiteness among the summit snowdrifts. There is little green in the aggregate mass of color effects—though on close acquaintance it will be found that the most forbidding chasms below timberline art not lacking verdure, and in the lower hills each canyon has its stream fringed with willows and aspens and larches, its side wall where pinons find root, and its dottings of yellow, blue, purple and scarlet flowers. The giant rock strata, uptilted thousands of feet in air—treeless, shrubless, lifeless—are the master note of the whole effect, and it is as something awfully sublime and infinitely powerful that the Rocky Mountains are longest remembered.

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Sunbeams.



My Dear Sunbeams: I have not a great many letters for the Alabama Baptist this month, but they are very sweet ones, don't you think so? I suspect many of our Sunbeams are off for a holiday, and I am glad of that, just so they are shining where they may be staying, and will come home ready for good work in the fall.

I am very proud of the report of your work sent up to the State Convention, and for fear all of you may not know the figures, and also to let the grown folks know how well you have worked, I am going to put the report in your column. I wonder if we could not come up to \$1,500 this year? Let us try with all our might. I hope to receive some other reports from you as to "Children's Day." I am a little ashamed for you to see the amount reported this year for the Sunday school Board. I know it is more than the amount paid here, but as it has not been reported we cannot credit you with it. Please send me right away the report of the amounts you raised in June on Children's Day. Let the money go to Dr. Frost, only tell me how much it was. Who will be the first to do me this favor? Will it be you, and you, and you, dear little Sunbeam secretary? Lovingly,
Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Report Sunbeam Bands 1903-4.

Foreign Missions	\$ 656 70
Home Missions	182 67
State Missions	100 88
Sunday School Board	17 63
Howard College	10 00
Church Aid	428 67
Total	\$1,396 55

Dear Mrs. Hamilton: We wish to write and tell you how much we enjoyed your visit to us in May. We were so much interested in the things you showed us, especially that ugly Chinese idol. We hope you will come to see us again soon, and tell us more about those heathen and about Miss Willie Kelley. Miss Cooper says tell you she is so sorry she got the date of the Woman's Missionary Union confused with something else, and was not present at Fountain Heights, but that she will be sure to be present at the Associational meeting in September and will make her talk then if you wish it.

Miss Cooper has been teaching us some new Sunbeam songs, and we have

been having outside of our regular program some Bible lessons on "Be Beautiful." Miss Emma told us in the different lessons how we could be very beautiful—in character, and our class motto is "Let the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be acceptable unto the Lord." With lots of love from your little Sunbeams of Packer's Memorial Church.

Avondale, Ala., July, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

After so long I am doing what I have long wanted to do. I well know you will pardon me when you know the facts I have just regained my health. It was bad to be sick but so bad for my dear little Sunbeams. First whooping cough, measles and so on had to disperse our meetings and thereby you see we are so far behind. Seeing so many nice letters in our paper it makes my heart glad. Bless the children.

The Lord willing when I get back home I hope to be able to get my children reorganized. Pray for us. When I get home I want you to visit us again. We have no Ladies' Society, but as for myself and daughter we are life-time members. Oh, how we do love our faithful and devoted pastor, and how good the Lord is to us in giving us so good a pastor. I do not know at this time when I will go home, but I suppose toward the last of August. Hoping to hear from you soon, I am, your loving Sister in His name,

J. A. Kilgore.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., July 12.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Enclosed you will find \$2.73 which the Sunbeams of Greensboro send for Foreign Missions. Our contribution is small for this quarter, but we hope to do better in the future.

Very truly,

Emma Lockhart, Treasurer.

Greensboro, Ala., July 2, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

I have been thinking for some time that I would write and tell you about our little Junior society. It was organized in May. We now have fifty-six members enrolled, and they come very regularly now. We have one of the sweetest and most interesting young ladies in Bessemer for president. It is Miss Morgan the returned missionary from India. We are going to buy some maps with what money we have on hand, and after we get the maps we are going to work and put in a small window in the new church. With love from the Juniors I will close hoping to hear from you soon. Your friend,

Hattie Allen.

Bessemer, Ala., Aug. 12, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Guess you have heard from our new secretary, as we had an election of officers the tenth of this month. Our first quarter closed the seventeenth. We had a programme every Sunday during the quarter except two. The ones that were on the programme failed to meet with us at those times.

We have enjoyed our meetings very much, and I am in hopes all of us have profited by them, feel sure we have. Sister was leader for us as long

as she was here. She has been away sometime, and Miss Jessie McGee takes that place. Several of the older people joined as honorary members and some of them have met with us at each meeting.

As the ladies did not organize their society, guess we will have to call them sundowns and get them to join the Sunbeams. I am sorry we have not had Children's Day, but we intend trying to get up a birthday party in August.

I send you our dues which amount to three dollars. Our collections have not been as good as they should have been, some failing to bring their dues. I hope we can do better next time. I feel sure we will as we will have the youth's friend, Rev. Jones, with us, and he takes so much interest in children.

Your little friend,

Bertha Macon,

Former Secretary.

Stantou, Ala., July 28, 1904.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

The following officers were elected on the second Sunday of this month: Velma Parnell, President; Oliver Perry, Secretary; Walter Dyer, Treasurer.

The President appointed the following program committee: Amelia Perry, Willie Mae Parnell, Eunice Milam.

We would be glad to have you visit us soon.

Lovingly,

Oliver Perry.

HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT.

The Convention at Anniston appointed a committee consisting of W. J. E. Cox, J. B. Ellis, J. M. Falkner, J. H. Foster and J. W. Minor, to devise and execute a plan for raising an endowment for Howard College. The whole matter has been left to them to do as their best judgment may suggest. Of course the committee will be glad to receive any suggestions from the brethren.

I desire to say to the brethren who have kindly offered to co-operate with the committee that as soon as we can get our plans in shape we will communicate with them again. A committee appointed by the trustees of Howard College communicated with many of the brethren before the meeting at Anniston asking for co-operation and the responses received were most gratifying. Some pastors are mistaken in supposing that the co-operation we asked for meant public collections. The work to be done, when the time comes, is personal work, private solicitation, and this it seems to me can embarrass no one.

Howard College most be endowed and in the near future. Let the brethren who think the college is not what it ought to be give, as they are able, of their money and their time to make it what it ought to be. What the college most needs now is not half hearted or critical friends but earnest, faithful, persevering friends, friends who believe in the present and the future of the college. Let us all forget the things of the past and press forward with all earnestness to the things of the future concerning Howard College.

W. J. E. Cox.

"THE ROYAL ROAD TO HAPPINESS."

Augusta Farrell.

Happiness is something for which we all strive. I believe I can safely say there is today a universal desire for happiness. The whole human family is in pursuit of it, but some are traveling the wrong road. Moses, who was the greatest lawyer the world has even known, and who was also a man of God desired happiness, and in his prayers to the Father; which will be found in the ninetyeth Psalm says, "O, satisfy us early, with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." We all wish to rejoice and be glad all our days, and there are indeed many reasons why we should rejoice.

One is for the beautiful land in which it has been our happy privilege to live, where the birds sing so sweetly, the sun shines so brightly, the sky so deep and blue, the meadows so green, the beautiful sparkling streams and all nature seems so bright cheerful. We should indeed feel grateful to the Father of the universe for all these blessings, which nature hath so lavishly bestowed upon us, and not only for these but for the Christian influence which predominates throughout the length and breadth of our country. There are still other reasons why some rejoice. "Some rejoice and are glad when their corn and wine increases." "Some rejoice when their fame and honor is on the increase." The miser rejoices over his hoarded gold, the philosopher over his wisdom, the young man over his strength or athleticness, the young lady over her beauty or charming personalities. These if they keep their gold, their wisdom, their strength and their beauty can only rejoice and be glad for the present life.

It is very nice to have wisdom and the wonderful power to expatiate upon the great problems of the day, as the great philosophers have, but this alone cannot satisfy their souls. The miser can only enjoy his gold for the time being, he cannot carry it with him to eternity.

It is said of a certain miser; who trusted in his gold for happiness that he was taken ill very suddenly and sent for a minister to come and pray for him before his spirit should pass into eternity. The good man, of course, came and kneeling down by the bedside of the dying man, he reached out his hand; to clasp the hand of the dying; thinking the prayer would be more effectual with hands clasped, but the poor man with hands closed drew them from the minister, and ere the prayer was ended his life was also ended. On examination it was found he died with the key in hand to the chest which contained the gold, which he prized more highly than he did his own immortal soul. Where will this man spend all his days? Those who trust in earthly things to make them happy are going to be miserably disappointed when only a few years comparatively shall have passed away. Their souls are going to be required of them, and then in whom can they trust? We shall after making the statement that there is a

universal desire for happiness, try in part to find out how to obtain this happiness. The Psalmist says: "O, satisfy us early with Thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." We shall put great emphasis on the word early. Early, according to Mr. Webster, means in good time or season. Then if we begin early in life to obtain the mercy of God we begin in good time.

Is it not agreeable to the Word of God that we begin early in life for children really belong to the Lord? "Lo children are a heritage of God." This being the case it is reasonable to suppose his mercy is equally free for them.

Again, early piety is important, your real comfort in this life and in the life to come depends largely upon your childhood days. "For if we live Godly lives we have the promise of the life we now live, and the one to come." There is a secret to this happiness which is known only by those who fear the Lord.

Solomon has wisely said, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The young all have a desire for happiness and should have a desire for wisdom. The promise is to them for the Bible says: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." Again it says: "Those who seek me early shall find me." This early piety will afford not only happiness in youth, but contentment in old age. In old age memory will be a blessing.

"Life is a blessing if 'tis lived aright."

Early piety not only means happiness in youth and contentment in old age, but it means "future blessings for God and the church." It prepares the soul for the duties of life and sustains them in many dark shadows. It enables them to "rejoice and be glad" even when the hand of God seems to rest most heavily upon them. Parents are you teaching your children the importance of this early religious life? Bring them up in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. Teach them to love God and keep His commandments, and after they have left your tender care and have gone out in the world alone they will not so often cause the briny tears to trickle down your cheeks, ploughing their deep furrows and leaving the marks of sorrow and disappointment as they should had you not taught them to "love God and keep His commandments." Mercy in early life has the same effect upon the person as the rising of the sun does upon the horizon; it drives away the dark shadows and causes us to scatter sunshine and gladness all along life's pathway. Some of the noblest men we have ever had began early in life to do that which was right in the sight of the Lord.

Young Josiah was only eight years old when he began to reign as king; and he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and walked in all the ways of David, his father, and turned not aside to the right hand nor to the left.

Are you a young Josiah? Do you love to listen to the word of God as he

did? Do you love to study the word of God and do you invite boys and girls to come with you on Sunday morning to the "House of the Lord" where you can spend an hour in studying His word? Do you love to sing His praise and are you learning to love Jesus? The Bible says, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them." If you had a friend whom you loved and wanted to give to him a bouquet of flowers, would you pluck them while they were fresh and sweet or would you wait until they were all faded and withered and then give them to him? We think you would gather them while they were fresh if you really cared very much for him. Jesus is the best friend you have, then are you going to be so selfish as to withhold from Him your heart and service while you have the bloom of youth, vitality of body, activity of mind and after old age begins to creep on you turn and give Him the withered leaves of a mis-spent life? The prime of Jesus' life was spent in our service. He having completed His work at the age of thirty-four. It is much easier to give your heart to Christ while you are young. You may bend the twig, but it requires a great effort to bend the trunk, and again, "as the twig is bent so will the tree be inclined." Every parent and teacher should bear this in mind, and try to lead the children to the Saviour while they are young and let them also remember that the object of the Sunday school is to instruct children in the ways of righteousness and lead them gently to their Saviour.

Parents if you want your children to get on this "royal road to happiness" bring them to the "House of God," get their little hearts filled with love for God and the Sunday school, and their little lips will sing their Redeemer's praise and doubtless angels praising in their songs shall shout back from heaven to "Suffer the little Children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

PROGRAM

for Montgomery Baptist Association
Wetumpka Church, September 7-8,
1904.

WEDNESDAY.

10:00 a. m., Devotional Exercises, Geo. G. Miles; 10:30 a. m., Call to Order by Moderator; Reading of Letters and Enrollment of Messengers; Election of Officers; Call for Petitionary Letters. Receive Correspondence and Visitors; Appoint Special Committees; 11:30 a. m., Introductory Sermon, Rev. A. Y. Napier; 3:00 p. m., Devotional Exercises, Rev. Archibald Scruggs; 3:30 p. m., Miscellaneous Business; 4:00 p. m., Report on State Missions, W. B. Davidson; Home Missions, Rev. C. A. Stakely; Foreign Missions, Rev. O. F. Gregory; discussed by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, and others; Miscellaneous Business; 8 p. m., Sermon, Rev. J. W. O'Hara; Denominational Literature, Rev. S. J. Catts; Discussed by Rev. A. F. Dix, Editor Alabama Baptist and others.

THURSDAY.

8:30 a. m., Devotional Exercises, Rev. J. S. Yarborough; 9:00 a. m., Miscellaneous Business; 9:30 a. m., Denominational Education, Rev. H. R. Schramm; discussed by H. J. Willingham, the representatives of Howard College and Judson Institute; 10:15 a. m., Ministerial Education, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer; discussed by Rev. A. Y. Napier and others; 11:00 a. m. Missionary Sermon, Rev. S. J. Catts; 3:00 p. m., Devotional Exercises, Rev. A. J. Preston; 3:30 p. m., Miscellaneous Business; 4:00 p. m., Orphanage, Rev. A. F. Dix; discussed by Rev. C. A. Stakely and others; 4:30 p. m., Sunday Schools, W. L. Chandler; discussed by Rev. J. W. O'Hara; 5:00 p. m., Woman's Work, Rev. N. B. Williams; discussed by Rev. O. F. Gregory; 5:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U., Rev. W. J. Elliott; discussed by Paul F. Dix, E. L. Davant and others; 8:00 p. m., Sermon, Rev. C. A. Stakely; Temperance, S. J. Smith; discussed by Rev. H. R. Schramm; Report of Treasurer; Report of Special Committees; Miscellaneous Business.

N. B.—The Womans' Missionary Union will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, and all Missionary Unions are urged to send representatives.

A. J. Preston, Clerk.

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION WITH THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

By order of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, a call is hereby made for a meeting of the Commission appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention to confer with the Home Mission Board concerning its work among the negroes. Time of meeting 3:00 p. m., September 14, 1904; place, Home Mission Board office, 723 Austell Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Members of the Commission: L. O. Dawson, Ala.; J. F. Love, Ark.; L. B. Warren, Fla.; J. K. Pace, Ga.; J. C. Stalcup, Ind. Ter.; J. S. Dill, Ky.; C. L. Laws, Md.; W. F. Yarborough, Miss.; G. W. Hyde, Mo.; E. O. Ware, La.; C. J. Thompson, N. C.; C. W. Brewer, Okla.; Z. T. Cody, S. C.; A. U. Boone, Tenn.; G. W. Truett, Tex.; R. B. Garrett, Va.; C. C. Coleman, D. C.

But for many absences from home on vacations on the part of members of the Commission a call would have been made for a meeting in August. It is hoped, therefore, that every member of the Commission will be on hand at the appointed time.

B. D. Gray,
Cor. Sec., Home Mission Board.

J. W. Sandlin is assisting Rev. J. I. Kendrick, in a meeting at Jacksonville, Ala., this week. Brother Sandlin has accepted a call to the church at Wylam, and will enter upon his work September 1st. Preached there Sunday at 11 o'clock and evening and baptized a young man at the close of the service.

Field Notes.

Everything is beginning nicely here. Five were received into the church the first Sunday. The people have given me a hearty welcome.—J. W. O'Hara, Montgomery.

Rev. R. J. McElrath assisted Rev. R. A. Kidd in a meeting at Tallasatchie church in Talladega county; six by baptism, three by letter. The church was strengthened and greatly revived.

Rev. H. E. Rice, pastor of the Dallas Avenue Baptist church of Huntsville, has been greatly blessed in meetings in the New Market, Deposit and Plevona neighborhood.

The pastor of Florence Baptist Church, R. H. Tandy, is in his "Old Kentucky Home" on a vacation. His wife preceded him a few weeks ago. They expect to attend the World's Fair and return to Florence September 14th.

Rev. John W. Stewart made an interesting talk Sunday evening, the 14th, at East Church, Florence, which was greatly enjoyed. They gave him \$17.00 for the home.

I have just closed a most gracious meeting at old-Antioch Church. Eighteen were added to the church, twelve by baptism. My brother, J. O. Bledsoe, helped me in the meeting. I begin tomorrow a meeting at Fredonia. Bro. R. A. J. Cumbie, one of the old pastors, will be with me. W. O. Bledsoe.

The West End Baptist church has purchased for \$1,000 a beautiful lot at corner Hawkins street and Tuscaloosa Ave., and expect to begin work on the new church in September. Rev. J. O. Colley, the pastor, is now taking a short vacation in visiting friends and relatives. Rev. G. B. F. Stovall will supply during his absence.

Rev. C. C. Lloyd writes: We closed last Friday an excellent meeting at this church, five miles from Greenville. Pastor T. T. Dobbs was assisted by Brother Judson M. Cook, who did all the preaching. Results, six accessions by baptism and one by restoration.

The Pine Barren Association will convene with Bear Creek church August 24th. Visitors welcome. Any who expect to come by train will please notify R. W. Watts, Caledonia P. O., and they will be met at Pine Apple.—R. E. Lambert, Clerk.

Rev. W. W. Howard, of Scottsboro, writes: Bro. J. A. Hill, a man full of the Spirit who takes hold of God and the people, assisted me in a revival at New Home Church, where he organized a church about one year ago with six members. One joined by letter and thirteen by baptism. The church now numbers fifty-two and is in flourishing condition.

A new Baptist church was organized at Thompsontown Sunday night with twenty-eight members to start, and nine new members have since been taken in, making 37. Meetings will be held in the school house temporarily, until a permanent home can be secured. Rev. T. M. West will preach for them for the present. Rev. R. S. Gavin did much

to bring about the organization of the congregation.—Bessemer Weekly.

Bessemer: On last Sabbath we had nine accessions, part by letter, part by restoration, and part by experience of grace. Today we have had, at the morning service, four accessions, all for baptism. Our congregations are fine all the time, and in the strain incident to the finishing of our new house, we have not forgotten our mission collections. Our baptismal waters are being disturbed, almost constantly.—R. S. Gavin.

Rev. J. L. McKenny: The Lord is blessing his people at Pine Grove church, and has revealed His arm of salvation. About 12 or 15 conversions at Pine Grove church. Baptizing on the third Sunday. At Hebron the Lord added ten, seven by conversion and baptism. We go next to McElwaine to hold a revival.

G. W. Palmer, Leesburg, writes: I have just closed a glorious meeting at Shiloh church, where we had 18 accessions, and others will unite with our church at next meeting. I began a series of meetings at Farill last Saturday. Our church here is weak, though we have a splendid house of worship.

G. W. Shepherd, Richmond, Ky., writes: I assisted Rev. Jas. R. Magill in a meeting at Bethel church. We baptized 24, and several others came by letter and restoration. Brother Magill is doing a great work at Northport and Bethel and Big Sandy. May the blessing of God rest upon Bethel and Northport and upon your helpful paper is my prayer.

Rev. W. M. Garrett writes: I have held two of my protracted meetings this summer and assisted Bro. J. W. Dean in his meeting at Ashland. Bro. Dean is one of our coming young preachers. He with Bro. W. H. Preston and H. C. Knight assisted me in the meeting at Mt. Pleasant. We had a glorious meeting. Two additions, one by letter. Bro. J. G. Lowry held a meeting for me at Rock Springs. Fourteen candidates for baptism.

Rev. Joe W. Vesey writes: Lauderdale Association met with Liberty church August 12-14, and was pronounced the best in the history of our Association. The financial report exceeded by far any previous years. Our Associational Missionary and Colporter, Rev. R. E. Paulk, has done a good work during the past year, and the Executive Board secured his services for the next year. Rev. R. H. Tansley preached the annual sermon. It was spiritual, strong and wholesome. Rev. C. C. Winters was elected moderator, Rev. R. E. Paulk, clerk; Rev. Joe Vesey, treasurer. Dr. W. B. Crumpton and Rev. J. W. Stewart were with us and added greatly to the interest of the meeting, and we interested them in two collections.

Rev. M. M. Wood, of Fayette, writes: Brother L. P. Leavill, field worker for the Sunday school Board, visited our place Aug. 6th, 7th and 8th, lecturing three times daily. A new era has dawned on the town in the matter of Sunday school work. A systematic canvass of the town on the 8th disclos-

ed some interesting facts, as follows: White population, 839, with church membership as follows: Jews, 6; Episcopalians, 4; Disciples, (Campbellites) 15; Free Will Baptists, 9; Hardshell Baptists, 1; Missionary Baptists, 87; Methodists, 167. Thirty-five per cent. of the church members attend Sunday-school, while 45 per cent. of the non-church members attend. Alabama needs all of such a man's time. God speed the day when we can get him.

Rev. J. L. Hand, of Verbena, writes: I would like to say that I heartily concur with Brother Stewart in last week's paper in regard to indigent ministers. It seems to me that these dear old brethren have been overlooked by our Associations, and conventions in regard to their support. While some of them were not given to the work entirely, yet the churches possibly were to blame in part, yet as I look at it, it does not, or should not, keep us from doing our duty. Should we not feel grateful to them for the many churches constituted, and many precious souls baptized by them? Does not their work stand as a living monument, and are we not feasting off of their labors today? We surely are. Then the question of their support should appeal to the heart of true Baptists, and may the Lord direct the minds of his people to this neglected duty.

Rev. G. W. Kerr writes: We closed a good meeting at Mineral Springs last Thursday. Elder H. M. Long, the able pastor at Carrolton, did all the preaching. The people came quite a distance through the rain and mud to hear him, and there was a profound interest from beginning to close. The church was greatly revived. Only one accession to the church, Brother Stacks, formerly of Mississippi. Brother Long has promised to aid me in three more of my meetings. Pastor J. W. Dickinson is doing splendid work in his field of labor. I have promised to help him in meetings at New Hope and Forest churches. Bro. J. L. Ray has recently baptized two in Flat Woods church. Pastor L. O. Baird is faithfully breaking the bread of life to his people, preaching to six churches. Our church building is in "Apple pie" order for the Association, which will begin Tuesday, September 6th. We believe the Union Association has one of the best moderators in the State in the person of Deacon W. G. Robertson. God bless the Baptist.—Reform, Ala.

FIX UP THE CHURCH PROPERLY.

We recently passed a country church. The building had just been repainted, the body in pure white and the window blinds in deep green. The house was situated in a beautiful grove of oaks and pines, otherwise well located, and altogether it presented a neat and handsome appearance. The grounds were well kept, the rough places had been smoothed, the grass and weeds cut out, the trees trimmed and well preserved, hitching posts conveniently arranged, the walks and roads leading up to the house and grounds in perfect condition. The grave yard near the church was arranged in an orderly

manner and everything was neat and attractive. It was all beautiful and it made a most pleasing impression.

Why is it that church buildings and grounds are so neglected? Is it the fault of the pastor, the deacons, or the whole church and community? All are to blame. The deacons are usually held responsible for it, but they are not wholly responsible. The pastor ought to encourage the church and the community to care for their house of worship and the surroundings. The members are interested, for they own the church property, they meet there, they bury their dead there, and for them it ought to be a sacred place, hallowed ground, and they should be glad to make the house and grounds as attractive as possible.

It so easy to do if they only get at it. A day's work by a good force of hands would put the grounds in order. A few hour's work in every week, or month, would keep them in good condition. The members can arrange to meet some Saturday, take their lunch with them, spend the day at the church, work and talk and have a good social time while they are attending to the King's business and looking after his house. Every church and community ought to take some pride in fixing up, making comfortable and beautiful, the church building and grounds. It will reflect credit on any people. It will make them a better people.

This fall will be a good time to fix up the church and the grounds. The people are able to repaint the building. As a general thing these houses need it. The blinds are out of order, the windows are broken, perhaps a new stove and new carpets are needed. This is a good time to raise the money and put the house in comfortable condition. The grounds need clearing off, the old trees need trimming, new trees ought to be set out, a number of improvements might be made—the people are able to do it. Somebody will have to take the lead, the pastor must encourage the move, the deacon must help, the young people can take a part, and it will soon be done.

We would be glad to see a general movement among the people throughout the State to signal this year of manifold mercies by repairing, fixing up, making comfortable and attractive, the houses of worship and the church grounds. How it would help the looks of things, how it would lift up the churches in the esteem of the world, how much it would help the cause of religion none can properly estimate. A general movement of this kind in all our country and town churches would insure good congregations and Sunday schools all the winter, and it would greatly help the cause of missions and benevolence. The collections would largely increase. Let the pastors and others talk it up—a general move to fix up and improve church property.—The Baptist Courier.

Remember each day that Christ will surely come; suddenly come and it may be this day will determine how his coming will find us, as it must thousands.—Selected.

SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE ASSOCIATION.

Last fall Brother Crumpton made some notes, as he attended the Association, which we publish by request just at the beginning of the associational season.

MODERATORS.

Why don't they study Parliamentary Practice? I don't mean that they should become experts and rule strictly by the book. I believe in the Moderator knowing how, even though he be not severely strict. Some, who have been at the business for years, seem not to know some of the simplest rules. I have heard petitionary letters read, the churches voted in and the messengers enrolled before the body was organized. The reason given was—to give the new members a chance to vote. Anybody ought to know that no business can be transacted until after the organization. Of course motions can be entertained and discussed which have reference to organization, but none others. If there was not so much politics in these elections, nobody would think about letting these outsiders in until after organization. At some Associations, when a report is read, the motion is made that it be received. That motion is immediately put to vote, then the discussion begins and after the discussions are through a motion is made to adopt. The reading of the report receives it, without a motion. The first motion should be to adopt; then follows the discussion, after which the vote is taken.

ELECTIONEERING.

"Calls for the question" are out of order. I heard a Moderator beg pitifully: "Brethren, your Moderator can do nothing unless some of you call for the question." Another brother called for the question, and some one wanted to speak. The first brother said: "Brother Moderator, I think we have had enough on this subject and I cannot yield my call for the question." The speaker and the Moderator both believed a call for the question cut off debate. The Moderator is not required to notice the call for the question at all. That is the way the audience manifests its impatience and of course the Moderator will have to yield to the mob spirit as manifested in their cries for the question if they are persistent, but there is no law compelling him. Numbers of other simple things, intelligent Moderators are shamefully ignorant about. I speak of these two samples to show how far some of the brethren are off. It is a great honor to be made a Moderator; it is a very responsible position and the brother who is thus honored, owes it to those who put him in the chair to put his mind upon his work and prepare himself to perform the duties in the most efficient manner.

A GAVEL

is a small thing; but it is very important in a deliberative body. Every Association should have one. Sometimes a Moderator is almost helpless without it. A Moderator, flopped down in his easy chair, with his legs crossed, gazing out of sleepy eyes, drawing out his words and now and then feebly

rapping for order with his pocket knife, is the most helpless, pitiable sight I ever saw. What a contrast to him is a wide-awake man, with gavel in hand, standing or sitting erect, putting questions with a clear, ringing voice.

The body under the first man partakes of the spirit of the presiding officer, grows sleepy and tired and gradually melts away until only a corporal's guard is left. Under the second, they are interested listeners from start to finish and are refreshed by their attendance on the Association.

Sometimes Moderators are squeamishly careful lest some one should misunderstand the question, so they go over the question painfully slow, and many times when they are through explaining, it is as clear as mud. They simply befuddled the people by their great anxiety to make it plain.

TIME

is so important in an Association. For only about one day and a half in the year are the representatives of the churches assembled together in one place. It is important to use this time to the best possible advantage. The Moderator and secretary has it in hand. Most of the Associations are advertised to meet at 10 o'clock. Let the Moderator and clerk be on hand at that hour.

After a short devotional service the Association should be organized. How would this plan do?—Let the clerk say: "Brethren, I have here some little slips to distribute. You will find a blank place for your name, one for the name of your church and one for your post-office. Let every brother who knows himself to be an elected messenger fill out these blanks and they will be called for in a few minutes."

In fifteen minutes the blanks are filled and the clerk has all the names on file and the body is ready to vote for its officers. What about the belated brother? According to this plan, he is not in the organization, but more than likely he will be on hand at the next meeting. As soon as it is understood that the Association will be organized promptly at 10 o'clock, the messengers will adjust themselves to the new order of things. But this gives no time for electioneering. No, and there ought to be none. The conduct of some men at some Associations is simply shameful. This waiting until the afternoon for organization gives unscrupulous wire-pullers a chance. The whole of the dinner hour is taken up with electioneering. Many times outsiders, God-defying sinners, are henchmen for certain candidates. Shame on such conduct! But what about reading the letters? The letters are only valuable for the information they contain. You have gotten out one important item—the names of the messengers, and that is all you need at this time. Let the body appoint a committee on order of business to report first thing after adjournment, then hear the introductory sermon and adjourn for dinner. It is strange that so many Associations try to get along without an order of business. Just as well try to run a railroad without a schedule,

A KENTUCKY MODERATOR.

I knew an old Moderator in Kentucky, who would say after the committees "for this session" had been appointed: "The chair will now proceed to 'sound the docket,' as the judges say. Brother clerk, call over the names of the chairmen of the different standing committees." "If the chairman was on hand, the question was: "Brother, have you your report ready?" If the chairman was not there, the next on the committee was told that a report was expected of him. After the "standing committees" were gone over in this way our Kentucky Moderator would say: "The chair will now proceed to mark the bar of the house. These seats on either side of the pulpit and all back to the third window are reserved for you messengers of the churches. You must not allow yourselves crowded out for you were sent here to attend to business. The chair hopes that he will not have to call the attention of the audience to this arrangement. If necessary, however, should he discover the space allotted to the messengers encroached upon, he will not hesitate to stop the business of the Association until the audience vacates the bar of the house." Who can say this Moderator was wrong? I have often seen in Alabama the necessity of such a rule.

Recurring to the letters again. The morning of the second day after the minutes have been approved, under the head of "Miscellaneous Business," let the statistics and the financial statement be read to the messengers from the letters, leaving off the names of the officers and their postoffices, and "done in conference, etc." All this belongs to the clerk. In this way, the great promiscuous audience, which is always present at the opening, is spared the dull and tedious process of "reading the letters," and much valuable time is saved.

A GOOD MESSENGER

will feel the dignity of his calling. If he has the proper idea of the work before him, he has two subjects in mind; one is to impart good by giving his best thoughts to the meeting; the other is to get good by what he hears and sees. He is supposed to take back to his church much of the information and enthusiasm he gathers at the Association. That must have been a very poor meeting, where the messengers returned home with nothing good to tell, unless they happened to be of the cross-grained, critical variety who can never be pleased. The like of them should never be sent.

THE CLERK

of an Association is too often carelessly selected. Many times he is a part of a ticket gotten up by the "outs" to beat the "ins." A good clerk is a treasure. "Rotation in office" is a rule which ought not apply to him. Often just as he begins to learn the duties and take a pride in his work, he becomes a victim of wicked Associational politics and the office goes to a new man. The minutes are often a disgrace to the body, so poorly are they prepared and printed.

The contents of the minutes are worthy of consideration. I am anxious to see an exchange of minutes between the clerks. If this were done a great

improvement would follow; this would be done if the old clerks who know and take a pride in their business were retained in office through a series of years.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

ought to be carefully selected. They ought to be men who can write well. No man ought to be elected to an office or appointed to any duty as a compliment. "Is he capable?" is the only question to be considered, unless it be this other "will he perform the duty?" Many a capable man is mastered by laziness or carelessness, so that it is folly to expect anything of him. The chairmen are entrusted with the most important work of the Association. I have some very old minutes of Associations in this office. I see the names of the officers, the preachers and speakers; but the words of none are preserved except those of the chairmen of committees. They express the sentiment of the body considering them and make history for the coming generations. The chairman ought to esteem himself honored by his appointment and carefully and prayerfully prepare his report.

THE SERMON

ought to be introductory. It ought not to be put off until night. If it is prepared with reference to the great work of the Association, it ought to prove the keynote to the whole meeting. Many a time I have seen an Association, which had met together under most adverse circumstances, gathered up by the preacher and transported almost to the third heavens. He was not a great preacher either—just a plain, good man, who had thought much and prayed much and God was with him in the delivery of the message. Poor human nature is so easily discouraged! Clouds often obscure the Christian's sun! Many a doubting Thomas goes to the Association! What an opportunity for the man of God who was appointed last year to this seat of honor! If his words are brave and hopeful; if his heart overflows with the milk of human kindness for the whole lost world; and if the Holy Spirit smites his heart and touches his tongue God's children will be uplifted by the sermon and will enter upon the work of the Association with hearts all aglow.

Rev. C. C. Heard:—I have just gotten home from Eclectic, where we had a good meeting. I was disappointed in not having the help I expected. I had to do my own preaching. We received eleven into the church, nine of whom were by experience. Eclectic is a very fine place. It is composed of enterprising men and splendid Christian women. This is my third year with them, and I have learned to love them very much. Our church is not only commodious, but is a thing of beauty.

Rev. J. J. Bishop:—A revival meeting is in progress at Cave Springs. Bro. J. E. Weaver, the pastor, is being assisted by Bro. J. Eaves, who is a gospel preacher. Meetings will begin at Shoal Creek on the fourth Sunday, at New Township and at Crawton on the third Sunday. We wish you would pay us a visit. We are proud of you and the Alabama Baptist. We like your paper and I know I would love you.

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TO THE CLERKS OF BAPTIST CHURCHES.

My Dear Brethren: I do hope that you will not think me meddling with your affairs in this letter. I have had many years of experience with church matters and ought to be pretty well posted.

It is an honor for a man to be elected to an office by a church of Jesus Christ. One of the most honorable is that of clerk. The records of a church ought to be carefully kept and the books sacredly preserved. The men who write down the work of the conferences are putting history in shape for the historian a hundred years from now. How careful he should be. How faithful he ought to be in taking care of his minutes and keeping a correct record. In making their reports to the associations this fall I am especially anxious that they shall be very accurate. See that the statistical table in the letter is correct. I am certain that there are hundreds of Sunday schools and thousands of dollars never reported. From these letters the tables are filled out in the Minutes of the Association; from these the statistics by States are taken. So that in one sense, the eyes of the religious world are turned on the clerks of the churches.

The form of the letter I send is a good one. If you do not have a better form, I would suggest that you use this.

If I can help you at any time I will be glad for you to call upon me. Next year we hope the record of every missionary church in Alabama will appear in the Minutes of our State Convention.

M. M. Wood, Statistical Sec'y.

ABOUT STATISTICAL BLANKS.

I have begun to send blanks to clerks of Associations. I will mail them here two to three weeks before the Association meets. They will be sent the former clerk when his name and postoffice is known to me. Where changes occur the brethren will of course see that the new clerk gets the package. Where special request is made, an extra set will be sent for the finance committee.

There are several reasons why the clerks should send copies of these minutes to the Alabama Baptist, which I hope they will not forget to do this year.

M. M. Wood, Statistical Sec'y.
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BROAD, BUT ALSO DEEP.

A narrow, warped intellect is to be deplored. Surely none can be too broad in thought and feeling. But what of him who in the effort to attain breadth becomes so shallow that here and there the dry land appears under, or rather through, the surface of his convictions? For Heaven's sake let us believe something without apologizing for that belief. If anybody wants to believe that two and two are five, let them do so, but why should a man who cannot be so convinced stand out before the world as a narrow bigot when he insists that two and two are four? If the first should say to the fourthist "you should at least admit that I may be right," why should the world lift its hands in horror when the fourthist says "No?" Moreover the fact that the first conscientiously believes he is right by no means establishes the saying "that one thing is just as good as another provided one is honest in believing it." Nothing is as good as the Truth. Nay more, the Truth only is good. There is need for modesty in laying claim to the Truth. There is greater need for humility without which we will never learn the Truth. There should be the utmost respect for all honest difference of opinion. There should be the broadest charity for all men, but for all that two plus two do not equal five.

SENDING THE CHILD TO SCHOOL!

It is dangerous to send a child to college. It is more perilous not to do so. Children are sometimes ruined at school. They are oftener destroyed by being kept out of school. The boy who goes to the bad at College would in all probability have gone to the worse at home. What are we to do about it? Well, we must do a great deal of praying first of all, and then take heart in the thought that a good school is a character builder, and that scores of children are blessed and maybe saved at college, where one is harmed.

In the selection of a school we should first inquire "what will be its probable effect on the moral and religious life of my child." It is a foolish parent that will make this first consideration a secondary matter. To settle this question we should know or ascertain the character of the teachers under whom children are to be placed. A teacher that does not stand four square to every wind that blows is no fit person to train a child. He may be ever so brilliant, with ever so fine an equipment at his hand, but these things so far from remedying his defects make him all the more powerful to hurt. The moral stature of the teach-

er and not the financial size of the college is evermore the important thing for the child.

SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS.

Can you sail between Scylla and Charybdis? Can you escape the rocks without falling into the whirlpool? Can you show how a college needs improvement without being understood to say that it is therefore failing to do first-class work at present?

It is passing strange, the construction put by some good brethren upon the remarks made at Anniston by this editor on Howard College. We feel very profoundly the vast importance of some things we there tried to say, and deep is our grief that we were so little able to make the convention feel it. But there was nothing in that speech to justify the misconception of those brethren who imagine we lacked in hearty and sincere approval of the great school and its great work.

The speaker said: "I was educated at Howard College. I have never regretted my choice of schools. If I had it all to go over again I would still go to the Howard."

Now we have seen many schools and been in close touch with not a few. We wonder what stronger endorsement could have been given than in those words, every one of which came from the heart.

But in building up a school we cannot appeal primarily to denominational loyalty for support. It would be a crime to send a child to any other than the best place for his education. No parent ought ever to be asked to send to any school for the sake of loyalty to church or friend, or locality. His loyalty is due first to the child. His interests must be the first and all determining consideration. It was to stress this point that the speaker said: "I will give my money, my time, myself to the school, but I will not give it my boy." The remark should have been hedged, but considering what had already been said, hedging seemed utterly superfluous. The appeal of the speaker was to the sense of the brotherhood to keep Howard College abreast of the times, to do which they must not only be willing, but glad to give freely of their all. They must not be irritated at the constant appeals for money. They must rather ask what is the matter when the college authorities fail to ask for money in large sums. The Howard is as good as the best. It is better, far better than many with ten times its income. It puts first things first, which will ever be the chief merit of any man or institution. But we must be willing to spend money with a free and open hand to keep it up to date. Until the endowment is provided for, we must pay that six thousand dollars annually. No one must grow tired of the appeal. The note of irritation must be heard in the voice of no Bishop or church.

Here is and must ever be the plea of every conscientious schoolman in seeking patronage: "This school is for your child the best school on earth." Then after that, and never before it,

the appeal to denominational loyalty is right and proper.

Let this be added. Equipment is a good thing, but it is by no means the main thing in a school. We know some colleges with magnificent equipment and royal endowments that are failures as schools. Some of them do not educate, which is bad—some of them mis-educate, which is infinitely worse.

This editorial is not written to straighten the kinks out of our Anniston speech, which no doubt was kinky enough, but to stress again, as we will in the future stress again and again, the policy which must control the Baptists of Alabama in their dealing with all their schools.

So far as that speech is concerned, these two things comfort. The distinguished President of Howard did not misunderstand it and then it did not keep the Brethren from making the largest subscription on record for the current expenses of the college.

So hands all 'round and shoulders to the wheel!

SLANDERING DEATH.

Who ever first pictured Death as a dark, hideous skeleton, and who ever keeps that conception alive in the world has certainly gone wide from the truth. We are thankful for a great artist whose brush is informed by the word of God. Falero has a picture of a soul being borne to Heaven by Death. The light and glory of the blessed home is pouring down upon the departing whose eye can behold the brilliance without hurt, whose upturned face is aglow with happiness and whose right hand eagerly reaches out for the long delayed, but at last realized joy.

In the corner of the picture, shrouded in grief and gloom and dark, lies the bereaved friend, prone upon the earth, face downward, convulsed with woe. How could it be otherwise? He cannot see what is going on about him. He cannot know, as she now knows, into what bliss she has gone. He only sees, knows and feels the emptiness, the loss. Did you ever exhort your bereaved friend not to grieve? Vain advice. The tie of friendship has been strengthened, not weakened, by the purifying love of God. The Strong One wept at the tomb of His friend. Falero is true to life. Those left are left in the shadow if they loved as they ought to have loved.

But the most striking thing in the picture is the Angel of Death. Every line about him is a line of beauty, while the whole figure suggests a strength against which it is vain for mortals to contend. He is looking, not at the soul held firmly in his arms, but at the poor man in the dark. There is no triumph painted in his face, but a look of tender pity and compassion for the bereaved. He seems to be thinking: "Poor sufferer! How gladly would I explain it all to you, if you were only able to bear it. Some day I will come back for you, and then you will be glad. Until then wait as best you can, and meanwhile, hope—and work!"

Falero's picture is true to life and to the Word of God. Let the artists cease slandering Death.

TOLSTOY AND THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

Tolstoy has published a terrific denunciation of the Czar and the ruling classes of Russia. He refers to his Emperor as "this unfortunate, entangled young man . . . continually deceived and compelled to contradict himself . . . confidently thanking troops he calls his own for murder, etc." He declares that "all the unnatural, feverish, hot-headed, insane excitement which has now seized the idle upper ranks of Russian society is merely the symptom of their recognition of the criminality of the work which is being done." "All this dreadful, desperate mendacity, stupefaction and brutalization which has now taken hold of Russian Society and which is being transmitted by degrees to the masses is a sign of the guilty consciousness of the dreadful act which is being accomplished." He goes on to tell of the misery of the peasants who know nothing of what is going on, or if they do know, bitterly resent the uses to which they are being put by their rulers. It seems that they are only so many "bullet stoppers," being forced in turn to take the lives of the Japanese of whom they know nothing and against whom they bear no malice. The picture drawn is fierce enough and contains the declaration that the deceived people should rise up and say to the autocrats: "Well, go you yourselves, you heartless Czars, Mikados, ministers, priests, bishops, generals, editors, speculators or however you may be called—go you yourselves under these shells and bullets, but we do not wish to go and we will not go. Leave us in peace, to plow, and sow, and build and also feed you, you sluggards."

The whole protest is a philippic against war in general, eloquent but futile. It cannot be heard by the peasants, and will not be heeded by their rulers. Experience, dreadful and blistering, only experience can teach the blind rulers of Russia the lessons of liberty they need to learn. Meantime great events are afoot in the far east. We are grateful that the fate of armies, empires and peoples are in the hands of One who is above all kings and cabinets. The Lord of lords reigneth. *

BUSY PREACHERS AND EDITORS

Many pastors know how hard it is at times to get two sermons a week when their days and nights have been filled with many other duties that kept them out of the study. Many editors know how sometimes the writing of editorials becomes a "grind" because their minds and energies were absorbed in the business end of the paper trying to make one dollar do the work of two. Preaching might be easier if the pastor spent his time undisturbed in the study, but would it be as rich and helpful without having been warmed by contact with his members in their stress and toil of living. Editorials might be more brilliant and scholarly if the editor sat undisturbed in his easy chair, but would they have the human interest unless he touched elbows with men in their business and social relations?

AN EASY WAY TO CLEAR THE CHURCH.

Shortly after the awful burning of the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago when the authorities talked of closing a number of churches one of the secular papers gave the following instance of clerical presence of mind:

Observing a thin wisp of smoke curling up in a far corner of the gallery of his church, the Rev. Dr. Goodman closed the manuscript before him.

"With these brief remarks, brethren," he said, "I leave the subject with you. I wish now to present for your consideration the needs of the missionary cause in Bulgaria, after which we will take up a collection for the purpose of forwarding the good work there. Those of you who feel that you must retire will please do so now."

In less than two minutes the entire congregation was safely out of the building.

BETTER THAN MONEY.

The Advance, "a magazine of inspiration for young people," national in scope and circulation, is published in Birmingham. Its editors, Messrs. Babb and Hornady, are newspaper men of experience and ability. They emphasize the fact that it will be a clean magazine and say: "No liquor or tobacco advertisement will be received, nor can questionable advertisement buy a place in these columns. Whatever the fate of this magazine may be, the editors are determined that name and record will be unswayed. There are some things in life better than money, and character is one of them."

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Rev. L. T. Reeves has started on his work as pastor at Cullman. He is a noble spirited, well equipped young man and we pray God's blessing on him and on his labors.

Rev. A. E. Burns, one of the best gospel preachers in Alabama, assisted Brother F. M. Woods in a growing meeting in North Birmingham recently. Four were added to the church.

Bellamy Storer, United States Minister to Spain, says that Admiral Cervera is living there in obscurity and comparative poverty. No Spanish minister will give him a post.

As so much depends on taking advantage of the best that is within our reach if we are to win out, why not send your boy to Howard and give him a chance to equip himself for the race in life.

Educational progress means religious good; it inculcates a love of truth that is not to be limited. The hope of the State is not in the cities or the big towns. The hope of the greatest future is dawning in the rural districts.

We had the pleasure of preaching at Mt. Pleasant church last Saturday during the absence of Brother McCord, who is in a meeting at Sycamore. The church is a strong one and the members are beautifying their house of worship.

Dr. Carroll's tables reveal the existence of 194,116 churches in the United States, for the regular maintenance and improvement of which \$260,000,000 is given annually. A nation which is

able to make such a showing as this cannot justly be described as indifferent to spiritual affairs.

The work on the foreign field is progressing well. The missionaries seem cheerful and hopeful. Echoes of the glorious Convention in Savannah are coming back in letters from the foreign shores. Praise goes up to God all along the line from those at the front.

The Southern Baptist Witness is now being published by S. B. Rogers, President of the Florida Baptist Convention. Geo. T. Leitner, President State Board of Missions, and L. D. Geiger, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer Florida Baptist Convention as Trustees. The trustees will serve as publishers without compensation.

We praise God for the good meetings that have been and are now being held throughout the State, and regret that lack of space makes it necessary to condense the reports being sent in. But for this we would gladly print all the good things said about the preachers who have been used of the Lord in these meetings, but knowing them we believe that they are willing that God should have the glory.

The Washington, Georgia, Baptist Church, recently held memorial service in honor of John T. Wingfield and W. M. Sims, beloved deacons. Brother Wingfield was the senior deacon and Brother Sims the Sunday school superintendent for a number of years. Having been pastor at Washington for two years, we know just how these good brethren will be missed. To the bereaved family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Dr. Arthur McDonald, criminologist in the United States department of education, in a report to congress says that within the last thirty years there has been an increase in crime, suicide and insanity. We had the pleasure of knowing Dr. McDonald intimately during several years spent abroad, in which we were much together in making sociological investigations and pursuing our studies in the universities. He is an expert investigator.

The Atlanta Journal says editorially: "Cocaine and Rum are the two hobgoblins which work more mischief among the members of the negro race than all other influences combined. All efforts to better the condition of the black man, or to uplift his moral nature, must prove fruitless unless these demons are restrained. Either of them working alone, would be sufficient to degrade any people to the brute level. Together, they form an influence so baneful that the imagination recoils from its horrors. There was something of pathos in the appeal of the negro leaders, in session at Chattanooga, for the suppression of the cocaine trade among members of their race. These people deserve to live—to live peaceably, honestly—and they deserve protection from the twin demons that are wrecking their happiness, brutalizing and degrading them by the thousand, and aggravating the race problem tenfold." Few people realize how strong a hold cocaine is getting on the negroes.

In this issue we give a cut of the Jackson Baptist church and the Pastor, S. A. Adams. Brother Adams became the pastor some 14 or 15 years ago, when they had 13 members and were worshipping in a little dilapidated schoolhouse. Some two years later they completed a splendid new church building, fully adequate to the demands of the community. The church worshipped in this house until last fall. The town and church had grown to where it became necessary to build the present handsome building, which is one of the prettiest and best equipped houses of worship in the county. On moving into the new house, in the first conference the church called Rev. S. A. Adams for all his time, more than doubling his salary. The church has kept up with the rapid growth of the town, which is now approaching the proportions of a little city. Frequent moves may be best for some preachers and some churches, but in the case of the Jackson pastorate it would seem otherwise, as Brother Adams is in his fifteenth year of pastorate work, and the church seems more prosperous than at any time of her history.

TIME AND PLACES OF MEETINGS OF ASSOCIATIONS, 1904. SEPTEMBER.

- Sept. 2, Etowah, Union church, No. 2.
- Sept. 6, Colbert, Cherokee.
- Sept. 6, Union, Reform church, Pickens county.
- Sept. 7, Montgomery, Wetumpka.
- Sept. 10, St. Clair County, Moody.
- Sept. 13, Bigbee, Concord church.
- Sept. 13, Birmingham, North Birmingham.
- Sept. 14, Coosa River, Coosa Valley church.
- Sept. 15, Blue Creek, Pleasant Grove church, one mile south-east Yolande.
- Sept. 15, North Liberty, Madison.
- Sept. 16, Mineral Springs, Mt. Olive.
- Sept. 20, Cedar Bluff, Mt. Bethel, P. O. Brantown.
- Sept. 21, Bethlehem, Philadelphia, Monroe county.
- Sept. 22, North River, Pleasant Field, Walker county, 9 miles south-east of Oakman.
- Sept. 23, Bethel, Aimwell church, near Sweetwater, Marengo county.
- Sept. 23, Sulphur Springs, Harmony church, five miles south of Arkadelphia, Blount county.
- Sept. 27, Cleburne, Edwardsville.
- Sept. 27, Clark County, Midway church.
- Sept. 28, Calhoun county, Harmony church.
- Sept. 28, Central, Mt. Zion church, six miles southwest of Alexander City.
- Sept. 29, Muscle Shoals, Hartselle.
- Sept. 29, Tennessee River, Mt. Zion church, Jackson county.
- Sept. 30, Clear Creek, Macedonia church, six miles east of Haleysville.

OCTOBER.

- Oct. 1, Sardis, Beulah church.
- Oct. 4, Centennial, Lofin church.
- Oct. 4, Liberty, East, Rock Springs church, Chambers county.
- Oct. 4, Mobile, Bay Minette church.
- Oct. 5, Columbia, Bethel church, 4 miles southeast Dothan.
- Oct. 5, Newton, Pinckard church.
- Oct. 5, Unity, Marbury church.

Oct. 6, Harmony, Mt. Olive church, 3 miles southwest Coaling on A. G. S.

Oct. 7, Alabama, Steep Creek church, Lowndes county.

Oct. 7, Antioch, Chapel Hill church, No. 2, Washington county.

Oct. 7, Mt. Carmel, Cedar Point church.

Oct. 8, Big Bear Creek, New Union church, near Burleson, Franklin county.

Oct. 8, New River, Pilgrim Rest, 7 miles south of Lafayette.

Oct. 11, Carey, Bethel church.

Oct. 11, Cherokee, Liberty Hill church.

Oct. 11, Cherokee County, New Bethel church, Key P. O.

Oct. 11, Tuskegee, Cubahatchie church.

Oct. 12, Bibb County, Centerville church.

Oct. 12, Cahaba, Ocmulgee church, Perry county.

Oct. 12, Chilton County, Providence church.

Oct. 12, Haw Ridge, Salem church, Dale county.

Oct. 12, Mud Creek, Hopewell church.

Oct. 13, Harmony Grove, Harmony Grove church, Winfield, P. O.

Oct. 14, Covington County, Zion church, near Leon, Crenshaw county.

Oct. 14, Elim, Bethsaida church.

Oct. 14, Gilliam Springs, New Salem church Morgan county.

Oct. 14, Warrior River, Brookville church.

Oct. 15, Arbacoochee, Lost Creek church, Cleburne county.

Oct. 18, Clay County, Mt. Prospect church, Randolph county.

Oct. 18, Cullman, Good Hope church, 5 miles southwest of Cullman.

Oct. 18 Harris, Phoenix City church.

Oct. 19, Bessemer, Jonesboro church.

Oct. 19, Eufaula, Ramah church.

Oct. 19, Judson, Fellowship church, Henry county.

Oct. 20, Mt. Moriah, Prude's Creek church.

Oct. 20, Shady Grove, Mt. Vernon church, Franklin county.

Oct. 21, Escambia, Little Escambia church, near Flomston.

Oct. 21, Marshall, Whitesville church, 5 miles west of Boaz.

Oct. 25, Connecuh, Old Town church.

Oct. 25, Randolph County, Roanoke church.

Oct. 26, Butler County, Butler Springs church.

NOVEMBER.

- Nov. 5, Pea River, Calvary church, 3 miles south of Clintonville.
- Nov. 5, Yellow Creek, Bethel church, Marion county.
- Nov. 9, Crenshaw County, Luverne church.
- Nov. 9, Geneva, Union church, 4 miles east of Dundee.
- Nov. 9, Sespey, Pleasant Ridge church.
- Liberty, Central.
- Washington, Weogufka.
- No minutes.

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Our Southern men who made a number of the principal addresses at Detroit made a fine impression on the convention.

The Oklahoma State B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Convention held their annual meeting at Enid, June 7th to 9th, and a glorious time is reported.

Rev. Walter Colley, the General Secretary, was re-elected, which means that the B. Y. P. U. will grow during 1904-5. Dr. Colley is eminently fitted for the work.

The Illinois B. Y. P. U. assembly, held at Galesburg July 29 to August 7 inclusive, presented a programme of unusual merit. The attendance was exceedingly small.

The Young People's Union of the First Church, Huntsville, was led Sunday afternoon by Rev. C. W. Freeman, whose subject was "Obedience When Obedience is Hard."

A Baptist Young People's Union was organized Sunday afternoon at the Dallas Avenue Baptist Church with a large membership. Mr. R. E. Pettus was made president; N. L. Pierce, vice president; J. M. Mash secretary; Herbert Pettus, treasurer.

Nine hundred delegates were enrolled at the Texas Encampment, held at LaPorte, while the Sunday attendance ran up to two thousand. The State Union now owns the grounds, and the Summer Assembly has become a permanent affair.

The Biblical Recorder says: "The Baptist Union (B. Y. P. U. paper) having repeatedly run into debt notwithstanding that its circulation exceeded the circulation of any other Baptist paper in America, will now become a monthly, with the title of "Service."

The Nashville Christian Advocate says: "The B. Y. P. U., like the Epworth League and Christian Endeavor Societies, has passed the crisis in its experience, and has settled down to hard work for the welfare of the Church."

The Missouri B. Y. P. U. held its annual meeting June 20-22 with the First Baptist Church, Liberty, Mo. In point of attendance, great addresses and solid work along all lines, this was, beyond doubt, the greatest meeting in the history of Missouri Baptist young people.

That Dr. Francis E. Clark, well known among Christian Endeavorers as "Father Clark, is a great traveller is evidenced by the fact that he has arrived in Boston after his fourth tour around the world in the interest of the Christian Endeavor Society. He has been absent about six months, and has attended conventions in Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa, and European countries.

Still another change was decided upon. Hereafter the conventions will be held biennially, the same as the Christian Endeavor conventions are, with special stress laid upon State meetings in the "off year." The next convention will take place in 1906, and Kansas City has made a strong bid for it, with chances of success.

It was decided, on recommendation of the board of managers, to change the organ of the Union from its present form as a weekly paper to a monthly magazine, and to call it "Service" instead of "Baptist Union." Dr. Geistweit will edit the magazine. He is an excellent editor, peculiarly qualified for this work, and we are hopeful that "Service" will find a large and permanent place in our churches. A wholesome, aggressive, illustrated monthly magazine ought to prove a beautiful and most acceptable addition to current Baptist mediums of literature. We shall observe its course with much interest."

In his address at Detroit, President John H. Chapman, who was reelected as a matter of course, made a good point when he said that youthful enthusiasm was much talked about and was indeed a splendid thing, but that it needed development into the zeal of purpose, a habit of persistence that makes fulfillment of purpose assured fact. This is the object of the educational work of the Union, to secure the intelligent application of enthusiasm to service.

The recording secretary of the B. Y. P. U. A., Rev. H. W. Reed, Ph.D., who has proven his ability by most efficient service in the past, has, really, surpassed himself this year in the printing of the report of the Detroit convention, which closed on July 10. The complete proceedings, including all addresses, conferences and business transacted on the floor of the convention and some seventy-five portrait cuts of speakers, officers and places of interest are given in a volume of nearly 200 pages and brought out within nine days after the convention.

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That biffs the germ
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THE EDITORIAL "WE."

Somebody who wants to explain what the editorial "we" signifies, says its meaning varies to suit circumstances. For instance, when you read that "we expected our wife home today," "we" refers to the editor-in-chief; when it is "we are a little late with our work," it includes the whole office force, even the devil and the towel; if "we are having a boom" the town is meant; "we received over 700,000 immigrants last year," and it embraces the nation, but "we have hog cholera in our midst" only refers to the illness of the man who takes the paper two or three years without paying for it.—Selected.

Dr. Gregory writes from Cottage City, Mass.:—I have not seen a copy of the Alabama Baptist since Anniston, July 21. I sent a postal asking that my paper be sent to me here, but it has not come. I am hungry to see it. Please see after this and send me the back numbers—July 28th and this week's. I want to read your account of the Convention. God bless and prosper you.

The Religious Herald says. "Rev. H. Allen Tupper, D.D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., is greatly interested in his new church building, for which plans are already made. It will hold 2,000 people. Dr. Tupper is co-editor of The Encyclopaedia of Missions, which is soon to issue from the presses of Funk and Wagnalls."

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Notice of Final Settlement.
The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 20th day of August, 1904. Estate of Maude A. Freeland, minor.
This day came J. W. Tagert, guardian of the estate of Maude A. Freeland, minor, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.
It is ordered that the 15th day of September, 1904, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
J. P. Stiles,
Judge of Probate.

Notice of Final Settlement.
The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 20th day of August, 1904. Estate of Horace B. Freeland, minor.
This day came J. W. Tagert, guardian of the estate of Horace B. Freeland, minor, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.
It is ordered that the 15th day of September, 1904, be appointed a day for making such settlement at which time all parties in interest can appear and contest the same if they think proper.
J. P. Stiles,
Judge of Probate.

Notice of Final Settlement.
The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 20th day of August, 1904. Estate of Stephen Whitfield, deceased.
This day came Laura Whitfield, Administratrix of the estate of Stephen Whitfield, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.
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We often find that boys who have educated themselves in the country, almost without schooling or teachers, make the most vigorous thinkers. They may not be quite as polished or cultivated, in some ways, but they have something better than polish, and that is mental vigor, originality or method, and independence. They do not lean upon their schooling, or depend upon their diplomas; necessity has been their teacher, and they have been forced to act for themselves and be practical; they know little of theories, but they know what will work. They have gained power by solving their own problems. Such self-educated, self-made men carry weight in their communities because they are men of power and think vigorously and strongly; they have learned to concentrate the mind.

Self-help is the only help that will make strong, vigorous lives. Self-reliance is a great educator and early poverty a teacher. Necessity has ever been the priceless spur which has called man out of himself and spurred him on to his goal.

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It is he who dares to be himself and to work by his own program, without imitating others, who wins.

A way is open for every man to reach the golden gateway of success if he doesn't stumble over the "ifs" in his pathway and pause too often and too long to ask "Why?" Success doesn't come on the wings of doubt. It comes to the man who pushes IF aside, asks no whys, and puts purpose and push together.—"Success."

Some time we shall learn better than to harbor, even for an instant, any suicidal thought or emotion. We shall no more dream of entertaining thoughts of fear, envy, or jealousy, or worrying, fretful, or anxious thoughts, than we would of entertaining thieves or murderers in our homes. The time will come when intelligent people will no more indulge in fits of anger, will no more indulge in uncharitable thoughts, feelings of hatred or ill-will, or gloomy, depressing, downward-tending thoughts than they would take poison into the system.

Everything which depresses or arouses violent passions is a waster of mental force. Every time a wrong thought is indulged there is a waste of mental energy, of achievement-power. All

wrong thinking is negative, and the mind can only create when it is positive and affirmative.

LOYALTY TO OUR STATE INTERESTS.

A new pastor in the State remarked the other day, "I wish you would emphasize the importance of our pastors being loyal to our denominational interests in Louisiana." He added: "I would be ashamed to act as an agent, or representative for any outside college, paper, or institution, while I am located in Louisiana."

These suggestions have put us to thinking. Is it right for a man to hinder the cause in his State that he may advance the cause in another State? Does he not unconsciously do violence to his brethren, and partially block the progress that otherwise would be made in his State? It is true, every man has a right to send his child to any school in the land which he may choose. We believe in large liberty here. But for one to act as an agent for an outside institution, is he not wronging his brethren in his own State and in his own church? But the argument may be urged that these outside colleges and papers are better than those at home. Granted for the sake of argument that the conclusion is correct. Yet are we not under moral obligations to make our institutions better?

Another State may have a better system of laws than ours, then are we to leave our State and go to the other? Are we to violate and bring our laws into disrepute, and finally do away with them, simply because they are not so good as the laws in a neighboring State? Another State has a more productive soil than our native State. Are we, therefore, to quit tilling and enriching our soil? The part of wisdom would teach us differently.

We have institutions equal to the best. What they need is the loyalty of our people. When a pastor comes from another State to Louisiana, he is under moral obligations to stand by the institutions which our fathers planted, and which have been watered by the tears of our fathers and mothers. We plead for loyalty to our denominational interests. It is the only way to build up our work, and the cause of the Lord in Louisiana. This article is not written with any particular person in view. We have pastors from almost every State in the union. Let these pastors drop their prejudices against Louisiana customs; let them give up their preconceived ideas; and let us all work together in Louisiana, and for the glory of God. Then all our institutions will be the best; all our work will go forward; and the native and the foreigner will be the same in hope and in purpose. Again, we plead for loyalty to Louisiana interests on the part of Louisiana.—Baptist Chronicle.

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"Guid mornin', Donald."

"Guid mornin', Sandy."

"Hoo air ye the morn, Donald?"

"Aw, I'm nae' sae well."

"That's bad."

"Aw, nae sae bad. I got mairrit."

"That's guid."

"Aw, nae sae guid. She's got an awfu' temper."

"That's bad."

"Aw, nae sae bad. She's got siller."

"That's guid."

"Aw, nae sae guid. She willna gie me ony."

"That's bad."

"Aw, nae sae bad. She bought a house wi' it."

"That's guid."

"Aw, nae sae guid. House is burnt."

"That's bad."

"Aw, nae sae bad. She wor in it."

"That's guid."

"Good mornin', Sandy."

"Guid mornin', Donald."—Ex.

A GOOD SAMARITAN.

A Southern writer tells this story of a negro preacher's version of the parable of the Good Samaritan: There was a traveler on a lonely road, said the preacher, who was set upon by thieves, robbed, and left wounded and helpless by the wayside. As he lay there vari-

ous persons passed him, but none offered to assist him. Presently, however, a poor Samaritan came by, and taking pity on the wounded man's plight, helped him on his mule and took him to an inn, where he ordered food and drink and raiment for the man, directing the innkeeper to send the bill to him. "And dis am a true story, breth'ren," concluded the preacher; "for de inn am standin' dere yet, and in le do'way am standin' de skel'ton ob de innkeeper, waitin' fer de Good Samaritan to come back an' pay de bill."—Harper's Weekly.

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Notice to Non-Residents.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County Probate Court, August 9, 1904. Estate of Jesse M. Reynolds, deceased.

This day came Arthur L. Reynolds, Administrator of the estate of Jesse M. Reynolds, deceased, and filed his petition in writing and under oath, praying for an order to sell certain lands described therein for division among the heirs of said estate, alleging that the same cannot be equitably divided without a sale thereof. And it appearing from said petition that the following named heirs are non-residents, to-wit: Henry C. Reynolds, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Beattie G. Chatham, Braxton, Ga., both over the age of twenty-one years, and Clarence F. Reynolds, Ruth Reynolds, Pearl M. Reynolds, Ralph Reynolds, minors residing in Mayfield, Ga.

It is therefore ordered that the 19th day of September, 1904, be appointed a day for hearing said petition, and that notice of the same be given by publication in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in Birmingham, Jefferson County, Alabama, once a week for three successive weeks, notifying all parties in interest to appear before me on that day and contest the same if they think proper.

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