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Paragraphs About Men, Women and Things

The total number of all known varieties of postage stamps used by all the governments of the world, up to date, is 19,242. Salvador, the smallest of the Central American republics, has issued 450 different kinds; more than any other country.

We have received from a contributor who desires his name withheld an appreciation of Brother Woods, the new pastor at Cowarts. He says that they have a gospel preacher, an excellent pastor and an active spiritual leader. He seems to be the right man in the right place.

The speakers for the Seminary commencement will be, it is announced, as follows: Rev. R. H. Pitt, D. D., editor of the Religious Herald, delivers the baccalaureate address; Rev. J. W. McCollum, of Japan, makes the missionary address, and Rev. F. W. Eberhardt, of Liberty, Mo., is the alumni speaker.—The Argus.

We lose much valuable time in condensing field notes. Brethren, we are anxious to get items about your work. Send in bright, crisp, news notes. Don't wait until the news is stale and then forward, asking us to be sure and get them in the next issue. Sometimes we get accounts of meetings held months previous. Use postal cards, and you will be more apt to be brief. Help us make the paper a mirror of current religious events in Alabama.

On March 24 Miss Fannie J. Crosby, the noted hymn writer, will be 85 years old. It is proposed that Sunday, March 26, be set apart everywhere by pastors and people among all Christian churches as Fannie Crosby day. It is also proposed that Miss Crosby's friends make her a gift of honor as a fitting tribute to her long and helpful life. The secretary of the committee in charge of the matter is Mr. H. Adelbert White. All letters to Miss Crosby, or the committee in charge of the Crosby day, may be addressed to 756 State street, Bridgeport, Conn. She would be very grateful for all incidents connected with any of her songs.

President A. H. Strong, D. D., of the Rochester Theological Seminary, has been selected to preach the sermon before the Baptist World Congress in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, London.

"Brethren and sisters, I had demonstrated dat de Lord hates a thief—dat he is not to be propigated by no offering, therfo' I beg de pusson or pussons who stole yo' pastor's hog to make no contribution at de circulation of de offertory platter." The collection beat all previous records.—Scissors.

An ill-paid preacher went to his deacon to solicit an increase of salary. "Salary!" cried the deacon. "Salary! Why, I thought you worked for souls!" "And so I do," meekly replied the impecunious minister, "but I cannot eat souls; and if I could it would take a good many souls the size of yours to make a meal!"—Exchange.



REV. M. W. GORDON

We welcome Brother Gordon to Alabama and feel sure that the Saints at Brewton will be wisely led by their new Shepherd

A MEMORY.

Pitiless, pitiless clods of the earthland,
Eagerly, quickly you hid her away—
Folded her closely in coldness and darkness,
In dampness and gloom from the light of the day!

Then how you rumbled—so hollow and empty!
Falling down there on her strange little bed,
Had you but known how my sad heart was aching
In silence, perhaps, you'd have fallen instead.

When they had lowered her deep in your bosom,
Earth, with your eager arms open and wide,
Why did they not toss in fragrant, white blossoms
Until her little white bed they did hide?

Then you'd have not fallen hollow and empty,
Pitiless, pitiless clods, in your glee,
Gladly and eagerly folding her to you,
Stealing and hiding her ever from me!

Earth, you are glad; bids me cease to remember,
For up from your bosom spring fresh grasses green;
But deep in my heart comes the sad, hollow echo
Of clods falling low on my little lost Jean!

—LEILA MAY WILSON.

A. C. Dixon, J. W. McCollum, F. B. Meyer and W. R. Moody will be among the speakers at Len G. Broughton's Bible Conference and School of Methods in Atlanta, March 21 to April 2.

Rev. E. E. George has been called to the pastorate of this church, and has already entered upon his work. He preached to large congregations Sunday morning and evening. He is taking a strong hold on our people, and I think he will accomplish a great work here.—Will Anderson.

The Baptist Review and Expositor has left on hand a limited supply of the July, October and January number. In order to extend the circulation of the quarterly we offer for a limited time to new subscribers, who will send us \$2.50 in advance, to send these three numbers and the Review and Expositor for a whole year besides. This is a very exceptional offer, and ought to be greedily taken hold of by hundreds of the Baptist ministers of North America. You had better act promptly in the matter, because the offer will be necessarily withdrawn as soon as the supply is exhausted. Those who are the first to write will be the ones who will secure this exceptional offer. We have a great many promises of splendid articles for the coming year. We expect to increase the value of the magazine with each issue. Write the Baptist Review and Expositor, Norton Hall, Louisville, Ky.

Extensive plans for the improvement of the Suez Canal are now well under way. The great international waterway is to be widened so that the largest ships can pass each other at almost any point between Port Said and Suez and by constant dredging the depth of the canal is kept at about twenty-eight feet.

First Deacon—I wonder why it is that we have so many pennies in the collection?

Second Deacon—The only reason I know of is because we have no smaller coins.—St. Paul Dispatch.

Married, in the presence of a large audience, on the evening of February 15, 1905, at the First Baptist Church of Cullman, Ala., the writer officiating, Mr. Grover C. Halbrooks and Miss Winnie E. Travis, both of Cullman. These happy young people carry with them the good wishes of a host of friends.—L. T. Reeves.

A preacher at the conclusion of one of his sermons said: "Let all in the house who are paying their debts stand up." Instantly every man, woman and child, with one exception, rose to their feet. The preacher seated them and said: "Now every man not paying his debts stand up." The exception noted, a care-worn, hungry looking individual, clothed in his last summer's suit, slowly assumed a perpendicular position. "How is it, my friend," asked the minister, "that you are the only man not to meet his obligations?" "I run a newspaper," he meekly answered, "and the brethren here who stood up are my subscribers, and—"

"Let us pray," exclaimed the preacher.

Faith Refined and Found

By REV. ALEXANDER MACLAREN, D. D.



"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory."—1 Peter 1:7

There were none of the twelve apostles who expressed such repugnance at the idea of our Lord's sufferings as St. Peter. There were none of them that had so much dross about them that needed to be refined and purged away. Life and experience and his own temptations taught Peter a deeper wisdom, and in his mellow old age he wrote this letter, which is distinguished amongst the New Testament documents for the richness and variety of its references to the meaning of sorrow and the way to bear it. He gathered all up in these words of my text, the general significance and force of which are clear enough, although there are certain minute difficulties in the construction and understanding of them with which I do not purpose to trouble you now. The first thought that lies here is:

I. The Preciousness of Faith.

Now, that word "precious" is a very favorite word of this apostle's in both of his letters. We find him using it freely in reference to a considerable variety of subjects. For instance, he speaks about the "precious blood of Christ as of a lamb without blemish." Then he says, "To you, therefore, which believe He is precious," where the word is not the same, but a cognate word. And then we have him speaking, as in the context here, of a "precious faith." And in the second letter which goes by his name we read of a "like precious faith with us," and "exceeding great and precious promises." It was a kind of jewel that he hung around the neck of everything that he thought bright and desirable. He had no great repertoire of laudatory and encomiastic epithets. And if we look at the objects to which the word is applied we get at what in Peter's estimation were the true valuables. My faith is worth nothing in itself; it is not by reason of its own inherent and substantial value that it is precious, but it is precious because it lays hold of these other precious things and makes them mine. It is precious because we are brought by it to value the preciousness of the blood. By means of it we realize the substance and the consoling strength, the victorious and elevating power of the "exceeding great and precious promises." Nothing in itself, everything in that on which it lays hold. The only worth that there is attaching to the exercise of my faith is that it brings me into contact with the truly valuable things. The hand is of little value in itself, but if it is the means by which we grasp uncounted riches, then it is precious. In like manner, high above all other exercises of mind and heart, and higher still above all external and material values and worths, is this simple, modest attitude of simple dependence upon God and absolute trust in Him.

The apostle draws a contrast between this inward wealth, which is only wealth because it is the condition of my possessing wealth, the gold that perishes; and what he emphasizes as the damning inadequacy of the other. The one is "gold that perishes," the

other is faith that endures. "Now abideth these three, Faith, Hope, Charity. And not in this world only, but in that other world, where all earth's gold will have melted, and all external possessions, which we only have nominally, will have slipped through our relaxed fingers, we shall live by faith. For trust is always the bond that will knit us to God; and heaven, though it be the region of faith, too, and there we shall not see the Father, but know Him in Christ. The antithesis that is sometimes drawn between faith and sight only covers a small portion of the meaning of faith. When we see Him we shall trust Him. It is because we then trust Him that we shall see Him. Therefore, the preciousness of faith lies first in the precious things that it brings to us; and, second, in the perpetuity of its duration through all the ages of eternity, as well as through the fleeting years of time.

Now, dear brethren, it is thought to be the proper thing for a preacher to elevate faith above external possessions, and the religious life and Christian communion above all worldly and fleeting good. Do you believe that you are a richer man when you have faith and what faith brings, than if you were a Croesus? There is a great deal of cant talk about that matter, both in pulpits and amongst Christian men. If we believed, if we really believed, that the thing most worth working for, most worth getting, most worth keeping, was that simple trust in Jesus Christ, would our lives be like what they are? Is there one of us that can stand up and say, "Yes?" And what sort of Christians are we if we durst not? Let us try to believe what we profess and to lay it upon our hearts till we feel—what is most certainly true—that the man who is rich in faith, though he may be poor in this world, is rich indeed, because he thereby is possessed of God, and that everybody besides is a pauper; and let us try to shape our lives a little more as if we did think that there was some grain of truth in that venerable and threadbare commonplace.

II. Now, secondly, notice the Trial of this Precious Faith.

The metaphor, of course, is a very familiar one and common to all lands, which regards the discipline through which men's spirits are being passed under the symbol of the refiner's fire. But there is one point that I desire to notice. "The gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire"—the apostle seems to be suggesting it as strange that a man should take the most precious of his possessions and fling it into the furnace. The more precious the possession, the sharper will be the test to which it is exposed and the methods by which it is perfected. You would not deal with lead and base amalgams of little value as you do with gold. It is precisely because of its worth that it is consigned to the hot furnace; and it is flung in there, though its worth is diminished by the fact that after all it is destined to perish. But you as Christians have something worth more than gold, and which is destined to be, or at least is capable of being, eternal. Apply to that the principle that the more precious the treasure the sharper the test, and do not wonder if your faith is put through a good many sharp ones. There are proofs of the preciousness of the thing that it is worth while thus to prove and refine.

And so, dear brethren, do not let us stand amazed if God reckon our faith as something more valuable than we sometimes reckon it, and casts so precious a thing into a very hot fire. Ah! if we more steadfastly realized the underlying principle of these thoughts of Peter that all life derives its meaning, as it derives its shaping, from the Divine purpose of purifying and perfecting the little feeble good that is in Christian men, we should less frequently wonder when the strokes fall on us and less frequently wonder when

they fall upon ourselves or upon others. It is because we are prone to estimate good or evil in the events of our lives by their fitness to minister to our passing satisfaction and pleasure, or the contrary; and because we will not look at them as they minister to the far-off and only worthy end of all our lives—viz., our becoming partakers of the Divine nature and character, that we so often stand bewildered before what we please to call, in our short-sighted impatience, the mysteries of Providence. Mysteries! While there is written sun-clear over every one of them, "He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness." If we only see the little arc of the circle which is before our eyes, we shall talk very foolishly about the circumference—aye, and about its center; but if we understand that all life is the refiners' furnace and that everything is good that makes the gold pure, then "mysteries" will wonderfully clear themselves, the ravelled thread will be straightened out, and we shall see plainly so much as we need to see; and for the rest may be sure that what we know not now we shall know hereafter. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than that of gold that perisheth, might be found unto praise and honor and glory," is the deepest meaning of all our lives.

Suppose that you are worried, perplexed, troubled, overweighted with work, burdened with anxieties about yourselves or others, or with small business cares. Be it so; all these things are coals in the refining fire; and they may all of them do some work in making us more fervent and simpler in our devotion, firmer and more real in our faith, more entire and peaceful in our submission, and so loftier and purer in our conversation. For when earthly joys go, heavenly blessedness may come, which is less flaunting but more deep, less exuberant but eternal. If my trials and sorrows drive me to God; if by the rude awakening of loss my eyes are opened to see how false and vain the things are that I have been trusting to; if affliction annihilates the competitors for my affections, as it often does; if it reveals to me more of the depth and helps me to realize that I am not leaning upon a broken reed, but upon an iron pillar, when I lean on Him, then—the sorrow will strengthen and perfect the faith which it tests. Faith which is tried and stands the trial may come out of it as a climber may come back from Switzerland after his autumn holiday, with his alpenstock branded with the names of the steep places it has helped him up. He will trust it all the more next year when he has to lean upon it.

Ah! brethren, if we would only keep our eyes open to learn the lessons of life, we should learn the same one that Peter did when he found out that the sorrows that he had kicked at in his hot, ignorant early days were the gifts of God to make him better and like his Master.

"That it might be found," says Peter. "Found!" Where? When? By whom. The apostle thinks of the great blast furnace, which has been at white heat for so long, as now cooled, and of the bar of gold as lying there among the ashes. When the heat is gone down, there the piece of pure metal lies, sparkling amongst the dead cinders of the extinct sorrows. It is taken out of the heap and the Lord of the furnace praises it, and His "praise" brings "honor" from others and evokes the acclamation of all the assessors of His judgment seat, whosoever they may be, and leads on to the "glory," which is something better than lustre in the eyes of others, even the investing with some rays reflected and imparted from God's own glory.

The faith that is tried will be "found" at last, found by the great Seeker, found by the Judge, who

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A Page Primarily for Preachers

Compiled By THE PASTOR

An Old Preacher's Advice.

(G. W. Fuller in Standard.)

Don't do it. Don't tie yourself up and make yourself a slave to your manuscript or to your notes. Write? Yes, and on some subjects you need to write and rewrite all the thoughts you can gather. But do not be a slave to your notes. Swing yourself loose from them and let the powers of mind and heart have full sway when you deliver God's message to men. The old man may be so used to his crutch that he thinks he cannot do without it. But the young man should not take the crutch at all unless he is lame and needs it, or if he has taken it and is leaning on it let him straighten up and burn it. It will take more time and more work of head and heart to get so into your message and the message so into you that you can deliver it with unction and power. But it pays.

And another thing don't do: Don't deliver a doubtful or doubt-producing message. Have convictions. Much was said in the early part of Spurgeon's ministry about the secret of his power. President Garfield heard him, and said there was no secret about it. "He simply believed God's word with all his heart and preached it with all his might." Unbelief or even-doubting takes all power and fire out of the preacher.

In 1848 I began preaching in Northern Ohio. I had never examined the evidences of Christianity for myself. I had simply taken it for granted that my father was right in reading, reverencing and obeying the Bible as the word of God. I found it would not answer, and I must know for myself. The devil could ask questions I could not answer. Even in the pulpit when trying to preach the questions would come: How do you know this to be true? How do you know the Bible is what it claims to be? For two years this subject was constantly before me. I read everything on the question that I could find, especially Horne's "Introduction to the Study and Knowledge of the Bible." I was satisfied. Every objection was answered, every difficulty removed, and I said: "Now, Mr. Devil, understand that this question is settled and never mention the matter to me again." And he never has.

As firmly as I believe my own existence, I believe that God is the author of the Bible, and that from Moses in the first verse in Genesis to John in the last in Revelation it was written by men whom he inspired to write just as he would have it written.

And objections and guesses of the infidel and the destructive critic are no more to me than the hooting of owls in the darkness of the forest.

Pulpit Sensationalism.

A writer in the New York Independent makes some significant statements concerning "yellow pulpitis." He describes several phases. In one phase all the emphasis is laid on music, and matters, he says continue much as they were at the dedication of Nebuchadnezzar's image: the people are bidden to "fall down and worship what time they hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer and all kinds of music." The attraction may be a new organ, a celebrated soloist, or perhaps Professor X. will direct. No mention of preacher or sermon is made.

Another phase is advertising the subjects of the sermon, and the writer submits the following list: "Seeking Grass for Mules and Feeding Elijah; A Great Gulf Fixed, one of a series of Trumpet Blast Addresses; Nathan Said Unto David, 'Thou Art the Man,' or, The Crack Detective; Out of the Frying-pan into the Fire: A Study of a Recent Suicide." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper is made a function, he says, and efforts to pay debts are made into "jub-

lees," while performances with the magic lantern are described as "intensely dramatic and interesting." The writer concludes thus: "A crowd cannot be collected by a mountebank's tricks and then appealed to with the solemn truth of God."

Academic Degrees in Scripture.

The commission appointed by the late Pope for advancing the study of sacred Scripture has published a scheme of examinations of candidates for degrees in biblical study. For the lower degree, which corresponds to A. B., they require a carefully written paper on some passage in the Gospels or Acts, also a passage in Kings or Chronicles, only the Greek or Hebrew text, with concordance, being allowed. There is to be also an oral examination on the same books in the original languages, and on a dozen topics, such as Geography and Palestine. Topography of Jerusalem, Travels of St. Paul, and Biblical Weights and Measures. For the higher degree, which corresponds to Ph.D., a thesis must be written on a subject acceptable to the Commission, and with it an oral Biblical exegesis of any selected portion of the Bible; also examination as to leading Greek fathers and St. Jerome; a discussion of the Masoretic text; of the Greek and Latin Versions; and, if possible, of some other language than Hebrew and Chaldee, useful in Biblical studies. We observe that provision may be made for examinations at other places than at Rome. This is good so far as it goes; but the giving of degrees was not the chief purpose for which the Commission was appointed. It was intended to give light as to how far, in the Catholic Church, such men as Loisy, and some good friends and pupils of his even in this country, may be allowed to go in their acceptance of critical conclusions which have much vogue nowadays, and which have quite captured the Protestant theological schools.

Deliverance From the Pit.

BY JOHN T. CHRISTIAN.

Psalm 40: 2-3: "He brought me also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet on a rock, and established my going. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: Many shall see it and fear and trust in the Lord."

- I. Sin is a horrible pit.
 1. In its corruptions.
 2. In its limitations.
 3. In its Memories.
 4. In its apprehensions.
- II. Salvation is a rock.
 1. It is a place of liberty.
 2. It is a place of purity.
 3. It is a place of safety.
 4. It is a place of vision.
- III. Salvation is a song.
 1. It is a song of gratitude.
 2. It is a song of praise.
 3. It is a song of victory.

Say It.

When you've got a thing to say,
Say it! Don't take half a day.
When your tale's got little in it,
Crowd the whole thing in a minute!
Life is short—a fleeting vapor—
Don't you fill an eight-page paper
With a tale which at a pinch
Could be cornered in an inch!
Boil it down until it simmers;
Polish it until it glimmers.
When you've got a thing to say,
Say it! Don't take half a day.

The Secret of Good Audiences.

(Charles C. Earle in Baptist Commonwealth.)

First, do not think of them at all. Pay absolutely no attention to their size, that they may neither discourage or elate.

Second, maintain a strong pulpit at all times regardless of weather or attendance. Always do your best. Better not do at all than do poorly, no matter how plausible an apology you may have to offer. Excuses are inexcusable in the pulpit. Make good preparation for all occasions. If you must modify, modify occasions, not preparation. Make the pulpit standard high and inexorable. Be thoughtful, clear, intense and sympathetic.

Third, think constantly of the individual. Come into personal touch with the largest number of people, through pastoral visitation, autographic letter inexpensive Christmas and Easter remembrances and little courtesies and kindnesses and ever show a cheerful spirit to all classes. Be especially attentive to little children, always and everywhere possible, and you and your church will become household words, and the sweet gladness of childhood will influence your soul as sunshine beautifies flowers, making your heart warm, and your life radiant, and adding a charm to your words and demeanor as attractive as the hue and the fragrance of the rose, and as inexplicable.

A Dialogue.

The following dialogue between a little girl and her mother, as given in the Youth's Companion, is quite amusing:

It occurred in church at the morning service. The rector had just read: "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

"Mother, mother," said little Effy, in a loud whisper, "how many?"

"Sh!" said her mother.

"But, mother, just one question, only one."

"Well, softly," answered the mother, seeing that the question must come.

"How many prophets were there?"

"I don't know."

"Can't you guess?"

"No. Now keep quiet."

"Were there three?"

"Oh, yes. Sh!"

"Ten?"

"Yes. Don't ask another question!"

"Twenty?" continued Effy, her eyes distending.

The mother was in despair, and answered, "Yes."

"Then, mother, tell me this"—

"Hush!"

"Just this," and by this time the little girl's voice was quite audible, "how could twenty prophets all hang on two commandments?"

A Better Job.

A certain distinguished minister, who is unusually plain in physical appearance, tells this story on himself: He was visiting at a country house, and was being shown round the place by his host's little daughter, a pretty and precious child of six. She was somewhat shy at first, but gradually grew accustomed to her distinguished visitor, finally asking him with serious face:

"Did God make all things?"

"Yes, my dear."

"Did He make you?"

"Yes, He made me, my child."

"And did He make me, too?"

"Yes."

"Well, He must have got a good deal better at it since He made you."—Harper's Weekly.

The Story of the Congo Free State

By FRANK WILLIS BARNETT

There is no more fascinating subject for the student of modern history than the rise and progress of the Congo Free State. Conceived, and admitted to brotherhood with independent nations, in circumstances to which the history of the world affords no parallel, its rapid evolution has from the first been watched with ceaseless vigilance. Young as it is, a vast literature already exists descriptive of the infant State.

Leopold and Not Belgium on Trial.

King Leopold is on trial before the civilized world today for the above named crimes. How has he become responsible for the administration of affairs in the Congo State? To answer this question it is necessary to recall a bit of history. In 1885 an assembly, representing all the nations of the Western World, was held at Berlin. King Leopold was the leading character in that movement to organize such

million miles in extent, and with a native population of between 20,000,000 and 30,000,000 people. It is by the assent of the other great national powers that King Leopold has exercised authority over the Congo State. If he violates that trust, as he has done by abusing his privileges there, it is believed that these same national powers ought to call him to account. An effort is being made, both in England and in this country, to induce the national powers to take such a step. But it is King Leopold and not Belgium that is on trial.

The Recent Peace Congress.

Strenuous efforts are being made to induce the powers to take some step that will relieve the distressing situation in the Congo.

Societies organized for that purpose, both in England and in this country, have taken up the work of education and agitation. Books with other literature are being scattered broadcast. At the recent Peace Congress in Boston Mr. E. D. Morel, of England, representing the Congo Reform Association, said in part: "The errand which brought me to the United States is a very simple one. It is to appeal to you in behalf of the oppressed and persecuted people of the Congo for whose present unhappy condition you and we have a great moral responsibility, from which we cannot escape, and from which in honor we should not attempt to escape. It is my privilege to ask you, who are met here in the cause of peace, whether you will not lend a hand in staying the cruel and destructive wars—if the murder of helpless men and women can be dignified by such a name—which for ten long years has been decimating the Congo peoples.

"With such fervor did Leopold protest the purity of his motives and the sincerity of his philanthropic aims that he succeeded in convincing the whole world, and the association blossomed forth into the Independent State of the Congo. Thus, briefly, were the destinies of 20,000,000 human beings assigned to King Leopold in trust for civilization.

"For nearly twenty years this policy of 'peace and liberty,' of 'moral and material regeneration,' has been in full swing. But behind this tinsel of so-called civilization the light shines upon another picture, a picture of miserably oppressed and hopeless people. It discloses an enslaved and stricken race groaning beneath a yoke heavier than the ten plagues of Egypt, and, unlike them, undeserved.

"The population is rapidly disappearing under the



A STREET IN COQUILHATVILLE, 1896 (EQUATOR)

A Terrible Indictment.

For months we have been flooded with newsletters and pamphlets printed by the Congressional Committee, Massachusetts Commission for International Justice, and our heart has been stirred by the things set forth therein, and we have shuddered at many of the pictures which show how even native children have been mutilated. We have merely to give a summary of the Congo situation as set forth by the above committee, and briefly call attention to the books of three men who have studied the situation.

King Leopold and the Congo Situation.

On last April a lengthy memorial, supplemented with copious proof of charges, was presented to the Congress of the United States charging King Leopold and his administration in the Independent State of the Congo with shameful cruelties, atrocities and crimes. The memorial was signed by the secretaries of the various missionary and philanthropic societies of this country, and among that number appears the names of Thomas S. Barbour, D. D., of the American Baptist Missionary Union, and Henry C. Mable, D. D., of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The Charge.

The cruelties and atrocities heaped upon the Congo natives are barbarous. An innocent, ignorant helpless people is outraged. As the memorial expresses it, "The story of personal sufferings is a heartrending one." The people are forced to labor, forced to contribute food stuffs and other supplies for the support of the regular and irregular militia, forced to render military service, "unjust, alike to the soldiers and the people," and in the rubber producing districts heavy toll of that product is demanded of them.

a government as now exists in the Congo. The conference resulted in the organization of the International African Association. A few years later another society was organized for the purpose of "studying what might be made of the Congo river and its basin." This last society was almost exclusively under Belgian control, and soon superseded the International Association. Thus by a series of manipulations Leopold and his government gained control of a large territory in the Congo basin—more than a



WORKING SEWING-MACHINES AT NEW ANTWERP, BANGALA



CHILDREN OF THE MISSION, NEW ANTWERP

strain. Large and flourishing native towns ten years ago are today entirely void, or else tenanted by a few miserable remnants of a once numerous population. That is the true picture proved beyond the possibility of a doubt which the uprolling of the Congo curtain discloses."

"Leopold's Rule in Africa"

Is the title of E. D. Morel's book, in which he points out that railways and telegraphs are not in themselves deeds of kindness nor evidences of a noble philanthropy. In the Congo they are merely the manacles which rivet the slavery of the Congo people. The new slavery is more subtle, but also more ruthless than that of the Arab slave traders it displaced. The progress of "Civilization" in the Congo is the progress of the rubber industry.

"Rubber is death," says the Congo proverb (Botofi bo le iwa.) It has cost the sweat and the blood of thousands of dumb driven black men in Africa to enable the royal rubber merchant of Belgium to support in America his lobby to the public by whose aid he is seeking to stifle the appeal of a wronged and helpless people, asking merely for the truth—asking for an impartial investigation of their wrongs.

Why does the King of Belgium oppose investigation? Why does he prefer, in regard to his deeds in the Congo, the apologies of his hired defenders to the impartial judgment of an international court?

If the King seeks merely the good opinion of the American people, why has he never replied to the awful calumnies so freely and so persistently circulated about his private character? Why is he sensitive to attacks upon his reputation as a philanthropist and to nothing else?

A great wrong is now being perpetrated in the name of civilization and of philanthropy upon a helpless people.

"In Darkest Africa."

Henry M. Stanley, in his preface to the above book, said:

"The natives of Africa cannot be taught that there are blessings in civilization if they are permitted to be oppressed and to be treated as unworthy of the treatment due to human beings, to be despoiled and enslaved at will by a licentious soldiery. The habit of regarding the aborigines as nothing better than pagan abid or slaves dates from Ibrahim Pasha and must be utterly suppressed before any semblance of civilization can be seen outside the military settlements. When every grain of corn and every fowl, sheep, goat and cow which is necessary for the troops is paid for in sterling money or its equivalent in necessary goods, then civilization will become irre-

sistible in its influence, and the Gospel even may be introduced; but without impartial justice both are impossible, certainly never when preceded and accompanied by spoliation, which I fear was too general a custom in the Soudan."

Not a Belgian Colony.

The Congo State is frequently referred to as a "Belgian colony" and it is assumed that it is conducted under the authority of the Belgian State. This again is a mistake. The Congo State is wholly independent of Belgium. The King has more than once asserted his right to deal with the Congo as with his own. The right to discuss its affairs has been denied members of the Belgian parliament. The King has mortgaged, willed away and parceled out to the control of monopolistic companies not only its 800,000 acres of land, but also its 20,000,000 of people, as if they were his personal property.

In 1891 the Congo State was bankrupt, and the King needed funds to complete his railway. He thereupon mortgaged it to Belgium, promising to turn over the whole property in ten years to the Belgian people. This promise he did not keep.

Leopold's Interest Philanthropic.

The King's interest in the Free State has been described as "philanthropic" and "sentimental." This legend was started long ago innocently enough by Henry M. Stanley and by other early promoters of the Congo State, and has since been kept alive by the King and his supporters. Legends die hard.

Boy's Hands Cut Off.

The British government sent its official representative, Roger Casement, Consul at Boma, on an expedition into the interior to learn to what extent the complaints constantly reaching it could be established by testimony. His report is undoubtedly one of the most remarkable official documents ever issued, and seems to have startled for a moment even the immovable sovereign of the Congo. We will only cite a few instances.

Leaving Bongandanga, the limit of his journey, on September 3, Mr. Casement returned down the Lopori and Lulongo rivers. On the ninth, at night, the natives of a village brought him a lad 16 years old "whose right hand was missing." His hand "had been cut off by a sentry of the La Lulanga Company." The next morning many of the neighboring people came to see Mr. Casement.

They brought with them three individuals who had been shockingly wounded by gun fire, two men and a very small boy, not more than six years of age, and a fourth—a boy child of six or seven—whose right hand was cut off at the wrist.

These people were immediately followed by a

number of natives, who came before me, bringing a small boy of not more than seven years of age, whose right hand was gone at the wrist. This child, whose name was F F, they had brought from the village of N—.

For a thorough knowledge of the Congo evil one should read H. R. Fox Bourne's "Civilization in Congo-land," London, 1902, and E. D. Morel's "Leopold's Rule in Africa."

Mr. Wack's Defense.

"The Story of the Congo Free State: Social, Political and Economic Aspects of the Belgian System of Government in Central Africa," as told by Mr. Henry Wellington Wack, who is an American citizen, an independent man, deeply read and widely traveled, relates what he has seen. Holding no brief for any of the numerous enemies of the Congo State, nor for the State itself, Mr. Wack tells its story in lucid language. His knowledge of international law has enabled the author to effectively marshal the various enactments upon which the independence of the Congo State is based, and to appraise their respective validity and force.

The book, which is a handsome one, profusely illustrated, is literally packed with matter of interest to the geographer, ethnologist, trader, politician, and humanitarian. The strange habits and customs of the various native races—their cannibalism, fetishism, polygamy, etc.—the course of tributaries of the magnificent Congo River; the illimitable Central African forest, with its treasures of rubber and timber; the possibilities of the country as a field for the cultivation of coffee, tea, sugar and cot-



ton; its gold and diamond deposits; the State laws; the scope for American energy and capital; the overthrow and repression of slavery and cannibalism, are all set forth.

It was the opinion of Stanley that this twentieth century is destined to witness an amount of human activity and enterprise in Africa compared with which the achievements of man in America in the nineteenth century will appear crude and experimental. No one who reads "The Story of the Congo Free State" will be likely to impugn the wisdom of that opinion. To Americans—who perceive the possibility and advantage of a vast negro emigration in the near future from our shores to Africa, whereby our most difficult home problem would be solved to the mutual advantage of white and black, and American trade with Africa receive a great impetus—it offers suggestions worthy of their most careful consideration.

All interested in the controversy, whether the rule of King Leopold uplifts and protects, or debases and oppresses, the natives of the Congo State, as is variously asserted, should read Mr. Wack's book.

It is published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. The three illustrations are taken from the 125 which the book contains. It will be sent by mail for \$3.75.



A Page Full of Interesting Matter

From Our Beloved Secretary

A BRIGHT OFFICE THIS.—All the week the mails have been bringing me letters by the handful. Most of them contain Mission money! This is the work of the second pretty Sunday. God bless the pastors and churches who have a mind to help in this time of great need.

THE WRONG MAN.—Not long since I quoted a brother writing about a pastorless church: "We are avoiding those who write us applying for the place." Another brother seems to have written, sometime before, the same thing. He writes me, explaining his meaning. See notes from correspondents.

THE LIGHT IS DAWNING.—One of the brethren writes about the awful opposition to missions which seems to be increasing in his section. I heard a brother say a few years ago in a speech at an Association: "There is more missionary zeal among our people and more downright opposition than I have ever known." That is always the case. There is no occasion to oppose a sleeping, dead church. But as soon as a revival begins to be felt, all the powers of the underworld assert themselves.

Our Baptist people, many of them, are unformed. Many of our preachers are in the same fix. They oppose missions because they know nothing about it. For years the Baptist convention, boards, colleges and papers have been doing all they could to give information about missions. Preachers, one after another, have been brought over from the ranks of the opposers. They have turned whole churches and Associations from indifference and opposition to be zealous advocates and contributors to the cause. The preachers are being better paid; they are giving more of their time to their churches; the churches, many of them, are regularly giving to missions and education. Evil-minded men, who have axes to grind, Demetrius like, seeing their craft in danger (see Acts), cry down the light that is creeping in. Brother, possess your soul in patience. Ignorance is not going to control in this any more than it does in government. This great disputation going on "in the hill country of Judea," is going to put people to thinking and reading. The people are the jury in every case. You need have no fears about the verdict. Patient, loving, faithful instruction will do the work. "When they revile, revile not again" is as good rule today as when it was spoken. W. B. C.

FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON'S CORRESPONDENCE.

A. A. HUTTO:—"We had but one good Sunday during the month, but we missed only one service entirely. I believe very soon this church will give liberally every month to the various enterprises. I find a willing and united people. I have sent in fifteen subscriptions to the Alabama Baptist. Come this way when you can. I shall make a strong pull for Home and Foreign Missions during March and April."

S. H. CAMPBELL:—"I know you will rejoice with me. Dothan church will give \$600 to Foreign Missions this year. God is guiding in this work. We are planning to hold a meeting in April. Come and see our handsome church, new carpet, fresh calamine and varnish and long, hungry preacher!"

A BROTHER:—"The good Book saith truly: 'That which is spoken in the ear shall be proclaimed upon the house tops.' That is a fine mental photo of ——— deacon at the head of the first column on the fourth page of the Alabama Baptist. I desire to qualify. I just meant that the class of preachers who were so eager to get a job with us, were as a rule, not such as would or could command the

respect, love and confidence of our people. * * * But that is all right."

A. S. SMITH:—"We began Home Mission collection yesterday. Had a good day. Think the ladies at Alexander City will want your lecture."

A BROTHER:—"You say in a recent letter you will do what you can to secure a field for me in Alabama, when I get to the point where I can turn loose. I think I am ready now. Nothing would bring more pleasure to me than to be in a field where I could give my entire time to study and trying to preach."

A BROTHER:—"It is surprising how the Anti-Mission spirit is growing. The uninformed take to it readily and are soon filled with prejudice against the work and workers. A church, the other Sunday, by vote refused to hear Brother ———."

B. DAVIE:—"Brother Underwood stayed with us five years. Brother Hagood seven. I have actually forgotten how we used to get preachers when we needed them."

J. W. JACKSON:—"May God bless you for your efforts in behalf of his cause at this place (East Tallassee). We have done but little on account of the weather, except to gather material."

W. W. HOWARD:—"My field is Nicholasville, Myrtlewood, Rembert Hills and Linden. I never saw so many pastorless churches in my life. I am the only Baptist pastor for many miles along the L. and N. I preached at Rembert last Sunday and just as we dismissed we discovered the house on fire. In spite of all that could be done, it burned down. It was a real sad day for that community. Send me some mission envelopes; now the bad weather is over, we will begin to do something."

J. W. DUNAWAY:—"Our church (Alabama City) is paying off her debts. We will do that and pay liberally besides to the enterprises of the denomination."

J. C. Kelly:—"Brother Jones takes work in North Carolina and cannot come to us (Demopolis)."

MRS. W. T. CALLEN:—"We sisters send you a contribution for State Missions. The weather has kept Brother Swindall from taking his regular collections for a long time."

A. E. Burns:—"I am the happiest man in the district. We have had a week of pretty weather and we have gotten a move on us at Brighton. Delightful services Sunday. Received six members, made a contribution to the Virginia mine sufferers, arranged to pay pledge to Howard College, raised money to pay off debt on our house, and bought a lot on which to erect a parsonage in the near future. We will build this summer. How is that for a start?"

Cheng-chow, Honan, via Hankow, China,
September 24, 1904.

Dear Dr. Crumpton:

* * * I should be very glad to see our leading Baptist papers, but of course there are too many of them for me to think of taking, and I shall be thankful for any favor that you may be able to secure for me along this line.

You may be interested to know that the first station of our new interior China mission is located at Cheng-chow, Honan Province, on the Pehan railway, about fifteen miles south of the Yellow river. We have a territory about a hundred and fifty miles wide and two hundred miles from north to south in which there are no other missionaries. A railway running east and west is to cross the Pehan railway here, and that will make this a splendid center from which to work the surrounding country. We hope to open another center in Kai-feng, the capital of the province, and fifty miles to the east, next fall. Can't you find two or three strong men in Alabama

to go with me to Kai-feng next fall? From this place we believe we will be able to connect, by a line of stations, with our North and Central China missions of the coast. Kai-feng will be a step in that direction. Please give my affectionate greetings to your family, and may the Master bless you and them. Pray for us and ask the people to pray for us.

Yours in love,
W. EUGENE SALLEE.

WHO IS GOING TO KANSAS CITY?

The Board of Directors of the convention have the appointment of messengers from Alabama to the convention. Those appointed by the Association, of course, have nothing to do with this notice. The Board of Directors is located in Montgomery now not in Selma, as heretofore. If brethren will write the undersigned he will see that their names are put before the Board of Directors. Churches have a right to name messengers to represent the money contributed to home or foreign missions or to the Sunday school board at the rate of one to each \$2.50.

These must go on the list first, hence the importance of having these church appointees first.

W. B. C.

Montgomery, Ala.

A WORD FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

I am now at Citronelle. Indications are that we are to have another bad Sunday. We have had only two bright Sundays this year, if I am rightly informed. Only six Sundays remain before the books of the Home and Foreign Boards close. These are the days His people make their offerings unto the Lord. I have been out of the office for a week so cannot report the state of the treasury, but we were sadly behind for the two Boards when I left. The receipts for Home Missions were especially discouraging.

I APPEAL TO THE PASTORS:

Brethren, please see to it that the bad weather doesn't interfere with the collections. This will call for personal work and lots of it. These Boards, by instruction of the Convention, have advanced their appropriation twenty-five per cent. If the Churches fail them, disaster must come to the work. The Churches will not fail if the pastors will bestir themselves. Alabama Baptists are on trial now. The verdict will be read out at Kansas City. What do the brethren say?

W. B. C.

NO SEPARATE EVANGELISTIC CONVENTION AT ST. LOUIS.

The purpose of the call to hold an Evangelistic Convention in St. Louis was not to effect a new organization, for we did not think that another general organization was necessary; but, since representative brethren have met in New York city and decided otherwise, we defer to their judgment and confess that we feel a growing enthusiasm for the movement.

We take it for granted that this general convention, which is to represent all departments of Baptist thought and activity in America, will give special attention to evangelism, which we believe to be the foundation of all work at home and abroad.

A. C. DIXON, For the Committee.



CHILDREN'S PAGE

FRECKLES AND TAN.

By R. C. Bowman.

Say, what are the wee little freckles,
And what in the world is tan,
That color and sprinkle all over
The face of our dear little man?

The tan is heavenly mixture
Of happiness, sunshine, and joy,
That darkens the shade of the roses
That bloom in the cheeks of our boy.

The freckles are scars from the kisses
That angels, in loving embrace,
Have pressed, in careless confusion,
All over our little boy's face.

So, here's to the boy with the freckles,
The boy with the freckles and tan!
These glorious imprints of heaven
Have labeled him, "God's Little Man."

—Ex.

"IF I WERE YOU."

If I were you and had a friend
Who called a pleasant hour to spend,
I'd be polite enough to say,
"Ned, you may choose what games we'll play,"
That's what I'd do.

If I were you and went to school,
I'd never break the smallest rule;
And it should be my teacher's joy
To say he had no better boy.
And 'twould be true,
If I were you.

If I were you, I'd always tell
The truth, no matter what befell,
For two things only I despise—
A coward heart and telling lies;
And you would, too,
If I were you.

If I were you, I'd try my best
To do the things I here suggest;
Though since I am no one but me,
I cannot very well, you see,
Know what I'd do
If I were you.

A group of girls were laughing and chatting together over some pictures. One of them had been to a photographer, and was showing some "proofs" of herself in various poses. "Look at this one," she said. "Did you ever see a more scowling and woe begone creature? And he actually said it was a good likeness, and wanted to finish it up. I suppose I did wear that expression just then, but what a picture to give one's friends to remember one by!"

But to how many friends has she given it, we wonder, printed on their memories, a picture of that discontented, uncomfortable self which will rise before them many a time! We are careful of the miniatures and photographs we bestow upon our friends—they must represent us at our best—but, O, the views of ourselves we leave all unconsciously on the walls of memory! The fretful look when trifles irritated, the cold indifference when some longing eye sought an expression of sympathy, the smile which held a touch of ridicule where there should have been reverence, the angry scowl when some unpleasant duty was suggested—they make pictures that last.—Selected.

TAKING OFFENSE.

"I saw your friend Miss White at a reception yesterday," one well-dressed girl said to another; "but she did not seem to remember me, so I did not speak."

"Indeed?" replied the other; "that is just what she said of you."

So two persons with mutual likings and interests were guilty of marked rudeness to each other and to their common friend.

"Did you notice how Mary Case put her parasol before her face as she passed, so she could not see me on the porch?" complained a girl to her brother, oblivious of the fact that the afternoon sun was pouring directly into her friend's near-sighted eyes.

"The minister has not called here this summer. Of course he need not if he does not choose to. I can go to some other church."

Thus innocent remarks are built into contrary meanings; absent-minded friends are harshly judged; hurt feelings and aching secrets and disguised jealousies are fondled and fostered until the poor, self-tortured soul thinks it is mightily abused, and prides itself on its own tragic susceptibility.

All for want of a little common sense—a little of that high quality of imagination which enables a person to put herself in the place of another.—Lucy Elliott Keeler, in "If I Were a Girl Again."

WHY WE LIKE DOGS.

Why do people keep such lots of dogs themselves and go in such numbers to see other people's dogs? Because the dog is at once the sincerest flatterer and the most successful cheerer that the human race ever had. A good dog always gives us the feeling that we men and women are a sort of gods. No other animal does anything of the kind. The cat treats us as inferior, and the horse will treat us as a dear friend, not a divinity. The dog, moreover, imparts something of his peculiar gayety to us in a way that is irresistible. He mingles his suggestion of gayety with his flattery; for he not only leaves his dinner untasted to walk with us, but the mere fact that we are apparently giving ourselves the pleasure of a walk raises him into such a delirium of delight that the sight of it puts all our dumps and blues to such reproach that we shake them off in very shame. And when we don't walk, but sit moodily at home, looks up now and then into our eyes and "glides into our darker musings with a mild and healing sympathy." Yes, there is solid reason for the fondness of men for dogs; and it will never come to an end until either men or dogs become very different beings from what they are now.—Boston Transcript.

MISSOURI'S GREETING TO THE BAPTISTS OF AMERICA.

America's two greatest Baptist organizations will meet in Missouri in May, the Southern Baptist convention in Kansas City on May 12th and the Anniversaries in St. Louis on May 17th. It has been arranged to hold a fraternal meeting of the members of the two bodies in St. Louis on May 16th.

To all these meetings the Baptists of Missouri extend to their brethren of North America a cordial and heartfelt welcome. Recognizing that the aggregate attendance will comprise the largest number of representative Baptists who have ever gathered together from so wide a field, and that the interests represented and the work which will be accomplished will be of vital importance to the cause of Christ, it is our earnest desire that the conditions surrounding them shall be as auspicious and favorable as they can be made. To this end the lachstring of Missouri's hospitality will be hung upon the outside; and the homes and hearts of all her people, especially of all her Baptists, will be open to receive these, our brethren.

For the first time these two great bodies of Baptists will have met within the confines of one state, and for the first time a fraternal meeting has been called to Baptists living within the territory of both these great meetings. The occasion will, therefore, be historic, and will signalize an interchange of brotherly affection. While we rejoice that Missouri has been thus honored, we submit that there is appropriateness in the selection of this state in which to hold these meetings. It is centrally located, is accessible to all the sections, and the marked unity and brotherly love which exist among its 150,000 Baptists render it a fit place in which our brethren from all sections may meet and clasp hands in the bonds of Christian fellowship.

May is the most beautiful month in Missouri, and nature will add its charms to the cordial welcome which will be extended to our guests.

Ample provision will be made in both cities for the entertainment of all who may attend. Reduced rates have been obtained at hotels and upon railroads, of which due notice will be given by proper committees.

Come, then, all who can. Come, and attend both conventions. Delegates to the Anniversaries will be given a warm welcome to Kansas City if they desire to attend the Southern Baptist convention, and delegates to the Southern Baptist convention who may attend the Anniversaries will be cordially welcomed to St. Louis. To attend both conventions will not require an absence of over two weeks from home.

While the two organizations are distinct and separate, they may learn from each other and by an interchange of counsel and sympathy may gather mutual inspiration for the extension of the Kingdom of God. E. W. Stephens, F. C. McConnell, W. J. Williamson, J. T. M. Johnston, M. J. Breaker, T. L. West, J. P. Stuart, S. M. Brown, J. C. Armstrong, J. C. Maple, S. G. Northrop, Committee Appointed by Baptist General Association of Missouri.



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THE SIZE AND COST OF PAPER.

Our publishers told us that it would have taken twenty pages for last week's paper if the reading matter had been set up in the old size type, and yet it was noticeable how easily one could read even the small type used, due to the ink and the fine press work. In these days when the price of white paper is so high it means a great deal of saving to be able to economize in space.

We could not afford to add four pages, and yet by paying more for composition we have been able to practically give our readers a twenty-page paper. Newspapers go to the wall frequently because the men behind them are not practical newspaper men and lose sight of details. Any one of experience knows that in these days little points must be watched if a business venture is successful. To the uninitiated it might seem just as cheap and it would be far easier to make a twenty-page paper at once than to try and put twenty pages of reading matter into sixteen pages without making it hard to read, but the four extra pages become a fixed expense in the cost not only of the paper but add one-fifth more to the cost of mailing. For example, instead of paying \$10.00 a week to mail 1,000 pounds, the cost would be \$2.00 a week for the extra 200 pounds. Two dollars a week seems mighty little to most Baptists, as we have reason to know, but \$2.00 a week fastened weekly on the paper's annual expense means more than \$100 a year, or the interest on \$1,250 a year at 8 per cent. But you say I never thought about that. We give the above as one out of many instances to show how easy it is for the man who thinks he knows how to run a newspaper to leave out of his calculations sundry items which usually means the loss of what he puts into it. Ever since we have owned the paper some of our best friends have asked, "Why don't you use a better grade of paper?" The answer was easy but generally did not satisfy, for we always said, "We couldn't afford it."

We reckoned the cost of the old paper at \$35.00 per week, while our present publisher figured the new grade at \$55.00 per week. Twenty dollars is not apt to break either a publisher or the owner of a paper, but it means over \$1,000 a year added to somebody's fixed expense, and that means the interest on \$12,500 at 8 per cent. The above sets forth why we were in no hurry to give a better grade of paper.

But now, to use a Kipling phrase, "We have found ourselves," and we believe we know our constituency and are ready to put more money in the paper and make it the equal of any of our denominational state papers. We have taken for example in the increased cost merely the question of a better grade of paper. Of course there are many other items which we could set forth showing almost to a cent what the improvements are costing, for we pride ourselves on the fact that we keep abreast of our business and know what we pay for. The great question with us is: "Will the Baptists of Alabama make it possible for us to not only to maintain our present high standard but furnish us with the means to make further improvements which we hope to make?"

The program of the State B. Y. P. U. convention to be held at Bessemer on April 4, 5 and 6, is a strong one. The Bessemer Baptists know how to entertain, and B. Y. P. U. workers who fail to attend this year will lose a lot of pleasure. Let the Unions appoint delegates at once. It ought to be a great convention. Send in your names at once to G. Herbert, Bessemer.

WE ARE JUST A TRIFLE VAIN.

We confess that our head is just the least bit turned, but how could we help it, since brethren whose opinions we value most highly have troubled themselves to call, telephone or write us about the last issue. We really feel set up over the many kind things that are being said and we feel repaid for all the time and money we have put into the paper to improve it. If something unforeseen does not happen the Alabama Baptist is going to continue to grow in the love and affection of the Baptists of Alabama, and be the means of uniting all of our forces in an enthusiastic campaign for more aggressive work along all lines of Christian endeavor. It has been our prayer that we might have the loyal support and confidence of the brethren, and we are now getting both in a genuine and hearty way which makes us want to be more worthy in every way. We believe that the awakening is of the Lord, and while humanly speaking we are overjoyed, yet we trust that our friends will realize that it is the supreme ambition of our lives to be of service in the hastening and broadening of our Master's kingdom.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

The extreme position of "Faith Healers" on the one hand, and the cool assumption of some so-called scientists as to the impossibility of interference with established natural laws on the other hand, has destroyed the faith of some in the power of prayer to heal the sick. But God told us we might pray for the sufferers and that He would hear the petition. That many thousands have been saved by prayer is a matter of history. If all were known we doubt not the number would be much larger than we now think.

But the prayer always presupposes the utmost endeavor on the part of the petitioner to answer his own prayer. It was so with Jacob when he met Esau, and is so in all genuine prayer. God does for us only that which we cannot do for ourselves. Pray for the sick, but if you fail to use the best means in your power to bring about the end desired you have not prayed aright. The man who prays and refuses to send for the physician does not understand the nature of real prayer. On the contrary the one who sends for physician and neglects or refuses to pray forgets how helpless men are to prolong life, and many doubtless die because they make no appeal to the Divine Physician. Prayer without effort is presumption. Effort without the prayer is folly.

Then when you have prayed with all your heart, and done all in your power, submit the whole case to the wisdom of God. Let not thy prayer become dictation. Some have demanded of God that he should do just as they said and the granting the request afterwards showed they had brought an awful curse on their own heads, and sometimes on the ones in whose behalf they made the demand. Let God's will be done. He knows the future and we do not. If it is best for your loved one, health will return. Pray for the sick. Then let God's will be done.*

DANGER AHEAD.

The unprecedented weather of January and February played havoc with mission collections all over the country, and nowhere were its ill effects more keenly felt than in the Southern churches. If unusual and strenuous efforts are not made during the remaining weeks of March and all of April our mission work will go to the convention heavily burdened with debt. The situation is alarming but not hopeless. Everything depends upon the faithful and persistent efforts of those who are sufficiently concerned about these matters to have an intelligent idea of the work.*

WANTED—A PRESIDENT.

Our brother beloved, Bishop Millard, of Atlanta has made a suggestion that has aroused no little interest among the editors and others of the Southern Baptist Convention. His idea is that the president of the convention deliver an address at the opening of each session that shall accomplish sundry good purposes.

We are pleased with the notion. It is done with effect in other bodies and we should like to see it tried in the Southern Baptist Convention, but for one reason. The thing the convention needs is not a spokesman, but a presiding officer. One of the most painful, and at crucial times, most harmful things in a great convention is a scene where a presiding officer loses control of the assembly, and is himself lost and helpless. Or it may happen that he knows what to do and how to do it, but is slow and tedious about it. The difference in men in turning off the business of a deliberative body is marvelous. We have in mind one of the best and truest of men whose decisions as moderator were always wise, and whose rulings were legal and just, but it was sometimes painful to set in the body over which he presided. He was so slow. His successor usually did in a half day that which it took him until late in the evening to accomplish.

A presiding officer of the right sort is hard to find, and when found should be prized and clung to as a gift from heaven. His tribe is much less numerous than that of brilliant speakers.

Of course, it is possible to find a president who could also deliver a great address, but there would be continual danger of subordinating the real and most important matter to the idea of getting a man with the ability to speak.

While on this topic we wish here to record our dissent from those ideas that would select some good brother as a presiding officer to compliment him, or his section, or state. Or that would select him because of any past service, or because of his age, be that young or old, or because of his position, etc., etc. Presidents and moderators selected on that basis often bring grief to those selecting them. The thing we want in the Southern Baptist Convention is a presiding officer who can preside. He may know how to speak, but he must know how to control. The inaugural address might be good, the prompt dispatch of business is better. A philosopher's grasp of Zion's conditions is desirable, but a mastery of assemblies essential.*

THE CONGO SITUATION.

There must be something "rotten" in Congo, or there would not be so many apologies for King Leopold. Somehow we can't take much stock in anything fostered by him, for his reputation for several scores of years has been most unsavory even for a monarch, and for some unknown cause kings are allowed a great deal of latitude. A king who will treat his own daughter as Leopold has Stephanie, can hardly be trusted to give the inhabitants of the Congo a "square deal" when his income is affected. We lean to the opinion that the people who are after him are in the main right, and we hope the public conscience in England and America will be sufficiently aroused to demand immediate reforms. We publish elsewhere some facts which shed light upon the situation. The illustrations speak louder than the text. School children and sewing classes are very good in their way as an evidence of civilization, but the armless hand of the poor boy is an awful indictment of the civilizers.

We welcome Governor William Dorsey Jelks back to Alabama and pray God's blessings on him both in his private and public life.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST Men and Matters

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The fiftieth session, sixtieth year, of the Southern Baptist Convention will, at the invitation of the Baptist churches at Kansas City, be held in the meeting house of the Calvary Baptist church, Kansas City, Mo., beginning Friday, May 12, 1905, at 11 a. m.

The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. W. H. Felix, D. D., of Kentucky, or his alternate, Rev. J. L. White, D. D., of Georgia.

The office of the secretaries will be in room 122 Coates house. Delegates and associated representatives are earnestly requested to register there as soon as possible after arrival. Do not wait for the opening of the convention; come on Thursday, or between 8:30 and 9:30 a. m. Friday. This will greatly assist us, and the state secretaries, in presenting at the opening of the session a correct roll of those actually present.

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MRS. J. A. BARKER, President.

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG, Cor. Sec.

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Southeastern Passenger Association—One first-class fare plus 50 cents for the round trip going and returning same route, from all points in territory south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi rivers (Washington, D. C., excepted.)

Dates of Sale—May 7 to 11 inclusive, and should be so regulated as to require presentation at Mississippi river gateways not earlier than May 8, nor later than May 12, 1905. Tickets will be limited to continuous passage in each direction, with final limit May 23, 1905. Tickets to be of iron-clad signature form requiring execution by joint agent at Kansas City, upon payment of fee of 25 cents. Interline tickets will be on sale at coupon ticket offices only.

A stop-over at St. Louis, Mo., will be permitted on return trip within final limit by deposit of ticket with joint agent at St. Louis immediately upon arrival and payment of fee of 50 cents.

Other announcements will be published as received. Any further information regarding railroad matters will be cheerfully given to those who send a stamped envelope for reply.

O. F. GREGORY,

Sec'y in Charge of Transportation, 218 S. Decatur St., Montgomery, Ala.

Faith Refined and Found

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comes to try every man's work, found by Him who never lost it from His approving eye and guarding hand, found by the poor man that exercised it, and found by an admiring universe when Christ shall come to be glorified in His saints. When God's praise falls upon the poor, sinful soul that trusted Him, it will be like the sunshine upon gold, which makes it flash up into new beauty, and so "glory" will crown the "praise" and the "honor." If we will only see to it to exercise that faith in Him who is precious, our faith will derive preciousness from Him whom it grasps, and God will take care that it is purified and refined if we will rightly accept His discipline of our life. Then the gold tried by fire, if I may so say, will be moulded at last into the crown which we shall wear in the heavens, and cast at His feet, saying, "Not unto us, but unto Thee be glory, for our faith was nought and all the preciousness is Thine."

—The Freeman.

Rev. T. M. Nelson now gets his mail at Sycamore.

Rev. R. S. Johnston now gets his mail at McFall.

Rev. A. Y. Napier's address is Chingchow Honan, Via Hankow, China.

Geo. W. Truett, of Dallas, begins a meeting with Dr. Lansing Burrows in Nashville, Tenn., on March 21.

Dr. Wm. E. Hatcher, of Richmond, Va., will assist Rev. W. J. E. Cox in special meetings beginning March 19th.

Dr. W. H. Geistweit, of the Tabernacle church, Chicago, is to marry Miss Sadie Greer, of Minneapolis, on March 29.

Rash, Ala., March 16.—Dear Brother Barnett: This morning at 2 o'clock my house and all its contents were destroyed by fire. My house was built less than a year ago. My books were a great loss to me.—W. W. Lee. We sympathize with Brother Lee

John Jeter Hurt has worked wonders with the Advance since he became its editor. There has been a marked improvement in every department. We congratulate the Baptists of Arkansas on having such an up-to-date denominational paper.

Senator William B. Bate, the senior senator from Tennessee, who died in Washington, D. C., on March 9th, was a Baptist, having joined the Hopewell church, near his home in Sumner county, in 1899, and was baptized by Rev. Wm. Wilkes. Dr. E. E. Folk says: "In his death the Baptists of this state and this country lose one of their most prominent and honored members."

Rev. L. B. Warren, a native of Georgia and son of the late Dr. E. W. Warren, who has been pastor for some years at Ocala, Fla., has accepted a call to the First church, Beaumont, Tex., and will enter upon his duties there in the near future. Perhaps no man in Florida did a larger and more substantial work than Brother Warren, and we congratulate Texas on having secured him as an addition to her ministry.—Index.

The Alabama Baptist presents a cut and brief history of Brother Ernest Watkins Provenance, son of Dr. S. M. Provenance, who has accepted a position with the China Publication Society. He is a bright young man of about twenty-five years of age, a practical printer and a devout Christian. We congratulate Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Provenance on the special favors God has shown them in placing two of their sons on the foreign field.—Christian Index.

The shooting of Prof. Claud Hardy, of Pineapple by two negroes was a most unfortunate occurrence. Prof. Hardy is now in a Selma hospital in a most critical condition. We trust his life will be spared.

An experienced printer who for more than a score of years was the foreman in one of our daily papers, and who is now at the head of a large printing establishment here, stopped us on the street last week and gave us much pleasure by saying that he had looked through our last issue carefully and believed it was the best made up religious paper that he had ever seen in the South. This was indeed high praise coming from such a competent critic. Our aim is to keep improving from issue to issue until every Baptist in Alabama will take pride in his denominational organ.

Young People Take Notice:—The program for the B. Y. P. U. convention appeared in the last issue of the Alabama Baptist. The program is subject to a few changes, which will be made, and published again. Remember the time, April 4, 5 and 6, and the place, Bessemer, Ala. Rev. R. S. Gavin is pastor and Mr. Gwynn Herbert, one of the foremost workers among young people of the South, is leader of the local B. Y. P. U. Let every church have a representative, whether it has its young people organized or not. Especially let every Union send its delegate.—J. M. Shelburne, chairman Executive Committee.

"EFFICIENCY" IS THE KEY WORD

B. Y. P. U.:—"Efficiency" is the key word. How do you like the program? Did you see last week's Alabama Baptist? It was a beauty. Three cheers for Editor Barnett. Let every B. Y. P. U. take the paper and stand by the editor. Let every Union in the State be represented at the convention; April 5-6, Bessemer Young People's Union is making preparations for you. The address of Dr. J. W. McCollum alone will be worth the trip to Bessemer. Welcome Bethesda Church B. Y. P. U., and hope you will send delegates to the convention. It will be worth your while to attend the B. Y. P. U. convention at Bessemer to see Greater Birmingham in connection with the great convention. Arrange your plans to go to Bessemer April 5-6, and go.—J. W. Vesey.

A Remarkable Achievement:—The most recent development in the State, one which characterizes the thrift and industry of Frank Willis Barnett, is the enterprising and progressive change just inaugurated in the publication of the Alabama Baptist. It is hardly necessary for eulogistic remarks in behalf of this great Baptist paper, but the writer happens to be one of those products of human nature that is an ardent believer in bestowing credit upon those to whom credit is due, and hence these remarks. Alabama Baptists should rally to the support of the Alabama Baptist, and when this is done Baptists all over the South will lend a helping hand. Help those who try to help themselves is a good motto. When you aid Brother Barnett you not only encourage him, but, better still, you help make a great paper that will do good at times and places where you and the preacher cannot. Reflect for a moment back to the time when Brother Barnett assumed charge of the old Alabama Baptist. Note the remarkable achievements wrought from time to time, and see what the paper is today. It is our paper, and it is up to the Baptists of Alabama to make it go forward as the stalwart defender of right, a teacher to all classes and a blessing to every home it enters. Read the Alabama Baptist, and it will make you better. In appreciation of Brother Barnett's efforts and as a sweet privilege we all enjoy let's congratulate him by swelling the ranks of our splendid paper to 15,000 at the earliest date possible. The Baptists can do it.—J. E. Pierce, Huntsville.

West End:—We have now been on our new field of work about three months, and must say no better people can be found than in West End Baptist Church and community. The day we moved our parsonage was well supplied with the necessities of life, and many other tokens of love have been received, especially during my wife's illness, which we cannot forget. The city pastors' conference appointed Drs. Davidson and Brown to give us a welcome service here, which they did in an instructive and helpful way. Dr. Barnett also gave some timely suggestions which were greatly appreciated. These good brethren always know just how to make one feel at home, and we humbly ask God's richest benedictions to rest upon them, our church and all who have contributed so much to our happiness in our new home, and upon the ex-pastor, Bro. Colley, who so nobly did the work God has assigned him to do while here. It is our desire and plan to erect a new house of worship at once, and we beg the prayers and hearty co-operation of every one at large to aid in this work; as a larger house is badly needed. Our Ladies' Aid and Mission Societies have pledged to raise \$1,000 for the new church, and am sure they will succeed, as they never fail in their undertakings for Christ. Their vice-president, Sister Eastman, has asked the various societies in the State for assistance, and some happy returns have been made, which is duly turned over to the treasurer of our Building Committee, Bro. L. Q. C. Kelley.—E. Lee Smith, 1116 Tuscaloosa avenue, Birmingham, West End.

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Obituaries

SOLOMON.—Brother E. W. Solomon, the oldest member of Salem Church, died in his ninety-fifth year on February 5, 1905. Brother Solomon was one of the faithful deacons, and for many years was treasurer of Salem Church. We feel that a great and good man has been taken from us. We thank God for the exemplary life he lived and pray God's rich blessing upon his surviving wife.

J. P. HUNTER, Opelika.

MCCORD.—The death angel came to earth in search of a gem especially fitted for Heaven's adornment, and among all of earth's jewels none was found more precious than James, the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. McCord, and whose immortal spirit winged its flight to its eternal home December 5, 1904. James was born at Orrville, Ala., December 12, 1850, and at his death lacked only five days being fourteen years of age. Only a few brief years was he loaned to his loved ones, but they were years of sunshine and comfort to them. His father said to the writer: "James never gave us any trouble, and we do miss him so much." James gave his heart to the Savior and his young life to His service about two years before his death. And all during the last ten days of his life, while experiencing intense suffering, he displayed almost unparalleled Christian faith and fortitude. And when he realized that he must die, he told his father and mother that he was not afraid to die. So, quietly and without a struggle, he fell asleep and thus the closing chapter of a sweet young Christian life was finished.

J. W. SANDLIN.

LUCKIE.—It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved young brother, Herbert E. Luckie, who departed this life January 27, 1905, aged 18 years 1 month 3 days. Brother Luckie professed faith in Christ at fourteen years of age and was a devoted Christian. His devotion to the church and the strong influence that he wielded over the community has made a lasting impression for God. In his untimely death we are impressed that the fairest flowers bloom to die, but we would not question the providence of God, but bow in submission to Him and say "Thy will be done."

G. W. LOVELL.

WILLIAMSON.—Miss Ella C. Williamson was born January 5, 1887, and passed away January 17, 1905. She was baptized into the Dwight Baptist Church by Rev. E. E. George. She was a strong, active young woman until one year ago. Then her health failed. She bore her afflictions with great fortitude until the last. She leaves a mother and a younger sister, Miss Lillie. The mother has been greatly bereaved. Just one year ago she was called upon to give up her noble son. Like Naomi, the strong ties and support have been taken, but up in Heaven there is a great heart that pulsates in perfect sympathy with our bereavements, and has provided the best things for His children. He promised that we should not be left orphans. He left a Father to the fatherless and the Husband to the widow.

J. W. DUNAWAY.

KENNEDY.—Resolutions of the Lower Peach Tree Baptist Church: Death claimed our dearly beloved brother, Thomas James Kennedy, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1905. Brother Kennedy was born on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1851, being nearly forty-two years of age. He joined the Missionary Baptist Church when young, but for the last years of his life he belonged to the Lower Peach Tree Baptist Church, remaining a good and faithful member of same until death severed the ties. A good man has fallen, another soul has gone home to reap the reward of a well-spent life. Therefore be it resolved, in conference assembled, that in the death of Brother Kennedy this church has lost one of its best members, and that the community in which he lived lost a good man and neighbor, ever charitable, ever ready to help the needy, and advance morals and uphold God's Word. And that his wife and dear children have lost a companion and father whose place cannot be filled in this world. We, therefore, point them to the Savior, who promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the orphan, and who will bring them again to see their loved one after they have taken on that immortality beyond the grave. And that the church extend to them their heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement, but feeling that their loss is his gain and that this dispensation of God's providence may bring them all into His kingdom. That these resolutions be spread upon the church record and a copy be sent to the family.

WOOD.—Brother Fletcher Wood, of Blossburg, was born January 13, 1845, and died January 13, 1905, and buried at Union Grove, January 15. He was married December 24, 1865, to the wife that now mourns his untimely death at age of sixty. They spent forty years of this happy life, and eight children blessed the union. He joined the church thirty years ago, at Friendship Church, in Cherokee county, and lived a consistent Baptist thirty years, being clerk of his church for numbers of years. He lived in peace with his brethren and with his fellowmen.

D. W. MORGAN.

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs. Sallie C. Carlisle was born in Dublin, Ga., March 20, 1831. She passed away at her home in Waverly, Ala., February 15, 1905, and was buried at Opelika, Ala., February 18, by the side of her husband, who preceded her to the other world about ten years ago. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, assisted by Rev. H. W. Williams, pastor of the Baptist Church at Opelika. The following children are left to mourn their mother's death: Mrs. Mary E. Kyle, Mobile, Ala.; James E. Carlisle, Hot Springs, Ark.; Mrs. Dora M. Reed, Enterprise, Ala.; A. J. Carlisle, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Felix W. Carlisle, Opelika, Ala.; Charles E. Carlisle, Waverly, Ala.; W. J. Carlisle, Camp Hill, Ala.; M. B. Carlisle, New Orleans, La., and a large number of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Carlisle resided in LaFayette, Ala., for seventeen years, at Opelika for twenty years and at Waverly for seven years, and in each community she gathered about her a large number of friends who loved her for the many graces of mind and heart that adorned her character. She was a most devoted wife and mother. She was distinguished for the self-sacrifice that she always cheerfully made for the happiness and comfort of those she loved. She was a member of the Baptist Church for over a half century, having joined at Milltown, Ala., and was baptized by Rev. Jefferson Faulkner. All along the journey of her life she was a devoted and consistent Christian, always ready to give her testimony to the preciousness of her Redeemer's love. The last years of her life were full of physical suffering; yet through all these trials she passed with a cheerful spirit.

"The weak'ning pulse, the short'ning breath,
The last faint, fluttering sigh,
And then we weep and call it death,
But can the Christian die?
The prison bars asunder break,
The captive is set free,
And angel harps, in glory, wake
To sweeter melody." W. C. B.

PERKINS.—On Tuesday, the 7th inst., I was called on to perform the burial service of Brother W. F. Perkins, who lived near McKinley, in this (Marengo) county. Although a stranger to me, I felt honored to be permitted to attend to this sad duty for one of my Lord's faithful servants, for I have been informed of his long and useful life in the Master's vineyard. He professed faith in his Savior in his boyhood days and was for nearly fifty years a member of McKinley Church. Those who have been permitted to visit that church can testify of his faithfulness—being always at his post of duty and doing what he could to render homage and service to his blessed Lord, whom he so dearly loved. All around knew how liberally he gave to the cause he so delighted in, but he has gone. The Master called him up higher into His Heavenly Kingdom. He leaves a widow, a brother, many relatives and friends to mourn his departure, but their loss is his eternal gain.

W. W. HOWARD.

Myrtlewood, Ala.

GRIFFIN.—Laid to rest by the Rev. J. J. Bishop at the Bethel Cemetery, near Hartselle, little Chester Griffin, infant son of Brother J. J. Griffin and Sister Mattie Griffin. The little one only lived 9 months and 14 days to bless the home to visit that church and sister. On February 5, 1905, death removed the precious flower from earth to Heaven, to bloom in the flower garden above. Sleep on, dear darling, and papa and mamma will meet you at the appointed time. We extend our sympathy to the heart-broken parents and relatives. Sleep on, little one, sleep on, and rest from pain.

J. J. BISHOP.

STINSON.—John Reuben Stinson was born December 25, 1846, at Stringtown, Butler County, Alabama, and departed this life near the same place on December 4, 1904. He was married to Susan Alletha Davis on December 29, 1870, and God blessed their union with ten children. His wife and nine children survive him to mourn his death. He was a constitutional member of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, in the year 1882, and lived a consistent member till death. Resolved first, that in the death of Brother Stinson the church has lost a faithful member and a leader worthy of emulation; second, that we extend to Sister Stinson and children our sympathies; fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Alabama Baptist for publication, a copy presented to the family, and that they be recorded on our church record. Adopted by church, February 19, 1905.

J. B. BYRD, His Pastor.

DUNAVANT.—Laid to rest in New Friendship Cemetery by the Rev. J. J. Bishop, the darling little May Florence Dunavant, the little daughter of Brother Burt and Sister Bula Dunavant, who died February 5, 1905. The darling little girl only lived a short time to bless the home of the dear brother and sister. Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep from which none ever wake to weep. We extend our sympathy to the dear brother and sister in their hour of sadness and loneliness. May the death of this precious flower draw them closer to God and Heaven. Rest on little one, rest.

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CROSS—Died at his home in Gateville, N. C., on the 2d instant, Mr. C. R. Cross. He was born in Gateville, N. C., February 23, 1831. Age 59 years 11 months 10 days. In 1834 he came to Talladega, Ala. On November 5, 1835, he was happily married to Miss Edna Armbruster, of this county. He was in the first organization of the first Baptist Church of Talladega; was her first clerk and deacon. He had for years been the last surviving member of that church. For a number of years he was chairman of the executive committee of the Copsa River Association and one of the most prominent members of that body. He was a life member of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. He was an uncompromising Baptist, a high-toned, Christian gentleman, an honest man, the noblest work of God. He had the confidence and love of his brethren. He was financial agent for the Baptist college located in Talladega, back in the '40s. In 1879 he lost his wife. The following year he went back to his old home in North Carolina, and in 1881 was married to Miss Elizabeth Redec. From this union one child was born (his only child). He lived to see this child married and was blessed with a grandson some eight months before his death. He quietly passed away with his wife and child at his bedside. The God whom he had served in youth, manhood and in old age was his comfort and support in his dying moments. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."
F. G. M.

PERKINS—An old school gentleman of ante-bellum days has passed away. A man who never turned his back upon a worthy cause, noted for hospitality at his home, generous in all of his dealings with his fellow-men; detested sham and pretense; a man of sterling worth; a lover of the Baptist cause, calmly leaned upon the unseen arm of a blessed Savior, in whom he had long trusted, and passed down through the dark valley of the shadow of death. Such was the life of W. F. Perkins, who departed this life February 6, A. D. 1905. "Peace be to his ashes."
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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 4th day of March, 1905. Estate of W. L. Johnson, deceased. This day came J. H. McCrary and G. T. Roberts, administrators of the estate of W. L. Johnson, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same. It is ordered that the 5th day of April, 1905, 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.
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Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Charles Perdue and Fanny Perdue, his wife, to the undersigned Sidney Hart, on the 25th day of February, 1904, which mortgage is recorded in vol. 372, page 77, in the office of Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, during the legal hours of sale, in front of the court house door of Jefferson County, Alabama, on Monday, April 10, 1905, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot Number 11 in Block Number 9, in Walker Land Company's subdivision, known as "Spaulding," in south half of sw half of section 27, and in se half of section 28, township 17 south, range 3 west, in Jefferson County, Alabama. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage, default having been made in payment thereunder.
SIDNEY HART,
KERR & HALEY, Attorneys.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Robert Jackson and Maggie Jackson, his wife, to the undersigned, Sidney Hart, on the 12th day of April, 1904, which mortgage is recorded in Volume 373, page 232, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Jefferson County, Alabama, the undersigned will sell, at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, during the legal hours of sale, in front of the Court House door of Jefferson County, Alabama, on

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 1905, the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot 3 in block 7, according to the present map and plan of survey of "Spaulding," near Birmingham, Alabama, being in the Walker Land Company's survey, a map of which is recorded in the office of Probate Judge of Jefferson County, Alabama. Said property situated in the south half of S. W. half of section 27, township 17, range 3 west, in said county.

Said lot fronting 50 feet on south side of Annie avenue, and running back south of uniform width 200 feet to an alley, being the same property conveyed to Robert Jackson by deed recorded in Volume 228, page 78, of Records, in the Probate office of said Jefferson County. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage, default having been made in payment thereunder.
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R. S. GAVIN,

West End Church:—The welcome service at the West End Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., to their new pastor, Rev. E. Lee Smith, was carried out in good style Sunday afternoon. Rev. A. C. Davidson, pastor of the Southside Church, told in his own sweet style "what the church might expect of the pastor," and also how they might get what they expected. Rev. Walter S. Brown, of the Fountain Heights Church spoke on "What the pastor had a right to expect of his people." Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, who had known Pastor Smith for a long time, spoke in his happy vein to the help and enjoyment of all. Deacon Kelley told of what the church had done and was proposing to do in the near future. It was very gratifying to know of the progress made and on what their hopes for future building were based. There are good reasons for not being surprised at a new brick or stone church at Hawkins street, on the car line, in a few months.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF IRON CITY MILLS.

On Saturday, April 1, 1905, at 4 p. m., there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Iron City Mills at the Citizens' Saving Bank and Trust Company, in Birmingham, Ala., for the purpose of authorizing an increase of the Capital Stock of the Company from \$7,500 to \$15,000.

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Dear Sir—This testimonial is sent hoping it may be of use to some and to my friends or their neighbors in the different states in which I lived. So many die after long and excruciating suffering and so few recover, that I had a little hope when I was told without doubt I had a Cancer. Friends wished me to try Dr. D. M. Bye, who said he could cure cancer, and without pain. I thought this a bare face fraud. However, should I prove him such, I could report him to the postal authorities and do the world some good, if not myself. After writing to several whose testimonials I had read, I had to admit there was something in it. I had had the Cancer two and half years, and the best specialist in this section said my time was short in which a cure was possible. You referred me to the Dallas, Texas, office, and I got a month's treatment. Before my month was up, my Cancer was gone, not only to my joy, but to that of all who know me. Besides, as one expressed it, "Now we will know what to do."

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, 18th day of March, 1905. Estate of C. B. Harbin, deceased.

This day came Roy McCullough, administrator of the estate of C. B. Harbin, deceased, and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It Is Ordered that the 19th day of April, 1905, 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. S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.

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A trial is said to have been made recently in Austria to decide in how short a time living trees could be converted into newspapers. At Elsenenthal, at 7:35 in the morning, three trees were sawn down; at 9:30 the wood, having been stripped of bark, cut up, and converted into pulp, became paper, and passed from the factory to the press, whence the first printed and folded copy was issued at 10 o'clock. So that in 145 minutes the trees had become newspapers.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

The State of Alabama, Jefferson County, Probate Court, third day of March, 1905. Estate of Elmer Inez Goodwin, minor. This day came Mrs. B. J. Goodwin, guardian of the estate of Elmer Inez Goodwin, minor and filed his account, vouchers, evidences and statement for a final settlement of the same.

It is ordered that the 4th day of April, 1905, 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. S. E. GREENE, Judge of Probate.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE.

Default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by a mortgage executed to Anderson and Tennessee Watley on the 6th day of October, 1901, by James Crawford and his wife, Lilly Crawford, which said mortgage is recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, in volume 381, page 386, record of mortgages therein, the undersigned mortgagees, Anderson and Tennessee Watley, will sell under the power of sale in said mortgage on Saturday, April 29, 1905, in front of the court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, during legal hours of sale, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate, situated in Jefferson county and State of Alabama, to-wit: Begin at the northwest corner of the lot sold by Mary Pary to Tennessee Watley on the 20th day of June, 1899, recorded in record of deeds, volume 248, page 339, in the Probate Judge's office of said county, thence east 58 feet to the northwest corner of the lot hereby conveyed, thence south parallel to the west line of the lot conveyed by Mary Pary to Tennessee Watley, 108, in a southerly direction thence at right angle in an easterly direction 50 feet, thence at right angle with the last named line 158 feet in a northerly direction, thence at right angles with the last named line 50 feet to the point of beginning on the north-west corner of the lot conveyed.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt off secured by said mortgage, together with costs and attorney fees, default having been made at maturity of said debt.

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Respectfully,
Rev. W. M. COLE,
Blountsville, T.

Field Notes

Dothan:—We have kept silent in Southeast Alabama for a long time not because we were indifferent or were lacking in things to report, but because we were busy trying to bring things to pass. We have been trying to secure a man to serve as missionary in Columbia Association for some time, but have failed to find one so far. We hope to secure the right man before long and push the work through the summer months.

I am happy to state that the Dothan saints are aroused as they have never been before. On February 1 the Ladies' Society gave an order for a handsome \$400 carpet to be laid in our church, and the brethren let the contract for the church to be recalcimined and the furniture revarnished. This work will be completed in two weeks and then if you will come this way we will show you the prettiest church to be found in any town of this size. But that isn't all. I thought while we were spending \$700 or \$800 on repair work etc., it was a good time for us to give to foreign missions. Brother Crumpton and others have been praying for the day to dawn when the Dothan church would become missionary. Thank God, their prayers have been answered, as you can see from the enclosed clipping from our daily paper. I asked my people last year for \$200 for this work, which was a decided advance for this church, when the associational minutes show that only \$27.68 had been given in the two years previous to my coming. To this request they responded with \$239. This year I had larger faith and asked for \$600, and I am happy to announce to the Baptist brotherhood that the amount was raised.

Aside from this we have the "livest" Sunday school in the State, a choir that is unsurpassed, and are praying and planning for a meeting in the near future. If I had time and you could afford the space I would tell of my "personal workers' class," but I will reserve this for the future.

I enjoy the paper more each week, and pray God's blessings upon you.
SAM H. CAMPBELL.

Jemison, Ala., Feb. 18, 1905.

Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Birmingham, Ala.:

Dear Editor—Allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words. I am a little boy only 13 years old. I am a reader of the Alabama Baptist. I enjoy reading it so much, and my father and mother like it, too. I am going to school this winter at Collins' Chapel Institute. I am also a Sunday school student, and we have a good school. I will bid you adieu. God's blessings be with you now and forever.
JEROME MERCHANT.

Myrtlewood:—We are comfortably housed in the pastor's home here, which is known as "Solitude." We found the pantry full of good things to eat, and the people so kind and generous that we rejoice in being permitted to locate here. We were comfortably housed at Nicholasville for a month spending the time in the homes of Bro William Nicholas and his son, George whose homes were so pleasant and everybody so kind we were loath to leave there. Last Sunday was a sad day for the saints at Rembert. Just as we were leaving the church we dis-

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covered that the church was on fire, and in spite of all efforts it burned to the ground. It was touching to watch the old church burn and see the brethren and sisters, who with sad hearts, and many with streaming eyes, told how dear it was to them, whose fathers and mothers were baptized into and buried out of, and they themselves were buried with Christ into the fellowship of old Rembert Baptist Church, which was one of the old landmarks, and many were the happy moments spent in her walls by those who are yet living and many whose bodies sleep in their graves near the old church yard. The Presbyterian brethren have kindly offered the use of their church until we can build. I read the Alabama Baptist with a great deal of interest. It improves with every issue.

W. W. HOWARD.

Kansas:—I will give you a few dots from this section. The Executive Committee of the Harmony Grove Association met at Winfield on February 20. Below is a minute of the proceedings:

The Executive Committee of the Harmony Grove Association met at Winfield on February 20, 1905, in answer to a call of the chairman. The following members were present: J. T. Johnson, C. C. Kelly and J. P. McGaha. On motion D. W. Dickinson was appointed to serve instead of T. V. Hill.

The committee located two mission stations—one in the Shaw neighborhood, and elected Brother T. Estell to preach there once a month the part of this associational year; the other in the destitution north of Glen Allen, and elected Brother D. W. Dickinson to supply that station.

The following resolution was adopted by the committee:

Whereas, the State Board of Missions for Alabama has contracted with Brother A. N. Reeves to give one-fourth of his time to the work in our bounds; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Executive Committee, endorse the action of the State Board and co-operate with him, and we feel sure that the board has made a wise choice in employing Brother Reeves, and recommend Eldridge as an objective point for him.

J. T. JOHNSON, Chairman.

J. P. MCGAHA, Secretary.

P. S.—We have a live church here at Kansas. We have regular Sabbath school and prayer service weekly, both winter and summer. W. B. Earnest is our pastor.

BROTHERS:—My precious husband, Rev. B. F. Brothers, passed into rest February 7, 1905, after sixteen days of hard suffering with pneumonia. He never murmured nor complained, but was patient and good. He was always such a devoted Christian and had such a bright, sunny nature. My happy home is now dark and dreary. But for God's promises I could not bear it. He is happy with Jesus and loved ones.

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