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DR. CHAS. F. AKED, NEW PASTOR 5th AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH (N.Y.)

The announcement that Dr. Aked would occupy the pulpit as pastor for the first time drew a crowd that filled every pew on the floor and in the gallery, with many standing along the front and sides of the auditorium and many others unable to gain admission. A tasteful display of palms, marguerites, and other flowers adorned the platform. Dr. Aked's theme was "A Ministry of Reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:19). The sermon was, in a manner, the introductory chapter to his ministry in New York. The ministry of reconciliation was, he said, to be his ministry, and the ministry also, he hoped, of the church to which he had come. He took up this new service in a new land with "a shrinking of spirit and a realization of incompetence and of personal unworthiness," but also with a feeling that the greatest work of his ministry was to be accomplished here in New York, and hence he bowed to the will of the Spirit expressed in the call of the church. A ministry of reconciliation, he said, must be a searching one. It must ask questions, and must so force them upon the soul that it will be impossible to evade them.

As examples of these questions, he suggested these: "Can you reconcile your business with God? Was yesterday's deal in harmony with His mind? Will your books stand a heavenly audit? In your office dare you put up the prayer—that is to say, should you dare if you had any realizing belief in the efficacy of prayer—'Abide with me; come not to sojourn, but abide with me?' Will you reconcile your business methods with God? A ministry which does not force these questions home is sawdust and chaff."

The ministry of reconciliation, he further said, "must embrace the reconciliation of Christians with one another. The Lord's prayer stands 'That they all may be one,' but it stands as a mockery. That prayer does not demand for its fulfillment uniformity of worship, identity of creed, nor a single organization. But it does demand one spirit, and that the spirit of brotherhood. The prayer will not be realized until we are one in faith, if not in doctrine; one in hope, if not in methods of working, and always

THE GREAT ENGLISH PREACHER IN SOME OF HIS CHARACTERISTIC POSES.



and everywhere one in love of God and man.

"What are the possibilities in this country of approximation toward the Saviour's ideal, I have yet to learn. This I know—that while religions are many, good religion is one. I can not join a narrow church; I can not cram my brain with dogma and stifle my soul.

In speaking of the ever-pressing question of foreign immigration, Dr. Aked said:

"It is not for me to lecture you about American conditions. It is for me to learn from you what they are. But the most thoughtless onlooker from the Old World who has ever read a page of history knows that in the rush to your shores of millions upon millions of the European peoples you are confronted by a problem such as no nation has ever yet had to solve since history began. I read the figures which set this problem visibly before the eyes of men, and I am lost in amazement. Then as the facts behind the figures begin to take shape and substance my brain reels before their immensity.

"You know what races of the Old World are pouring themselves into your land. You know what colo-

ries of people, separated from yourselves by thought, by feeling, by tradition, by religion, by language, are established within your city boundaries and in all the great cities of the land. This is an ethnic question, a race question. It is a question as to the kind of people the American people is to become. It is a question whether the primal American stock is to be vitiated by the interpermeation of an inferior race. It is something still nearer; it is a national question, a question of political equilibrium, of the stability of social order and the sovereignty of law. For you know from what strata of society in the European countries the mass of these immigrants are now being drawn.

"And as the more restless and enterprising among them spread over the country you know how, delivered from despotisms of the old lands, they are ready to abuse the liberty of this, or, on the other hand, fall a ready prey to shameless spirits who would make their traffic out of their country's loss; And with this you will agree, that the man who for selfish

ends would set flame to the ingratitude, discontent and envy, to the slumbering anarchic passions of these undeveloped souls, would be a traitor to the republic and an enemy of the human race.

"And if you feel that, as you must, then to the degree in which your patriotism is real will the call of Christianity wake every generous impulse of your heart. For while the possibilities of legislative action must never be lost sight of, the deepest truth of all is this, that the best Christian is the best citizen, and that the surest way, the quickest way, the most economical way of making these people good Americans and good patriots is to make them good Christians.

"To you—to you and me, now—and to men and women like us, is entrusted this solemn responsibility and splendid privilege. We have to change the mob into a commonwealth, the proletariat into a democracy. And these untrained, undisciplined, politically dangerous millions we have to win for Christ."

Large numbers of members and visitors remained at the close of both services to welcome the new pastor.—Examiner.

BRO. CRUMPTON'S MAIL BAG WITH COMMENTS

H. E. Rice:

"Enclosed you will find my last report as missionary of the board. I am sorry, for I do appreciate being in touch with you. I am so glad that Dallas Avenue has decided to be self-sustaining, and do hope we will succeed. We are going to take our collections as usual. We have some noble members.

"Don't fail to write me as you have done. Your letters are so helpful. They are calculated to stir us up when we get careless. Call on me when you think I can be of any help. I am ready and willing to do anything I can. May the Lord bless and prosper your work is my prayer."

We have been helping Dallas Avenue a long time. Now they begin self-support. God bless them and their pastor.

A Pastor:

"We have adopted the plan of paying into the church treasury and drawing from the treasury funds for all purposes. I have learned that to erect a fine edifice without a foundation is a difficult task, and that foundation work is often necessarily slowly done. During the last few months I have abandoned almost everything else but foundation work. We ordained more deacons, placed the finances entirely in their hands, have regular deacons' meetings, and out of chaos ordering is being gradually evolved. Our young people are becoming enthusiastic in their work, the Sunday school is doing good work, and the Ladies' Aid Society is the liveliest organization we have. I am laboring to create, if possible, a better spiritual atmosphere and to quicken the individual missionary consciences. If I fail there, I fail everywhere."

You will not fail. Your plan is excellent; only let it be a little more flexible.

J. J. Clayton, Crossville:

"As I read your letters and know how your big heart goes out for lost souls and for the prosperity of the Master's cause, it would cause me to do my best, even if the love in my own heart did not prompt me to duty. My soul is in the work and God seems to be blessing my labors. Oh, how I wish I could comply with your request, but I can't. It seems so hard to get the brotherhood moved to do great things in the Master's cause, but I will work and pray and pay.

"How I wish my hands were loosed, so I could go and visit my members and make an appeal to them in their homes, and have a heart to heart talk with them. Surely I could reach them. But as long as I have to make a living farming and look after five motherless children, I can't do what my soul wants to do. I am supplying four churches, doing what I can to lead them to greater things.

"One hundred and twenty-three baptisms in my churches last year. In the church that J. W. Dunaway helped in a rally in July, I baptized 72. Oh, the glorious work and how it inspires me to undertake great things for the Lord. I am with you heart and soul in the work. Brother Crumpton, after you have prayed for the great work that lies so close to your heart and thought of your loved ones, I do not ask for a lengthy petition, but I trust you will find it in your heart to pray for me and my motherless children."

This is a sample of the letters I get. I want our people who have the services of pastors all the time to know how some poor fellows have to struggle to keep up the cause in the country districts.

One of the Missionaries:

"In many respects, this is the hardest field that I have ever known. Many of the people are foreigners and indifferent to the work of the church, while others are given over to a life of drunkenness and general dissipation. Most any Sunday night you can see a crowd collected around the hop-jack stand and the gambling table. I have been able to get many of the worst to attend church and Sunday

school, but you can easily see how hard it is to accomplish this. Ultimately things will change. Real estate is advancing and the place is being improved generally. While the field is hard in many ways, I have resolved to hold on until the Lord brings something to pass. Some time this will be a strong church and then I shall feel amply repaid for the sacrifices made for it when it was weak and helpless."

Noble spirit! Brave heart!

A Brother Writes:

"When I tell you that my merchants demand cash and my churches demand credit, you can readily see the awful situation I am in."

Why will the churches allow their pastors to suffer? The plan of monthly payments is growing among churches.

L. C. DeWitt:

Sending \$5.00 contribution for home missions, says: "I just want to tell you a word or two concerning this church. It had been in a deplorable condition for three or four years, and going from bad to worse spiritually. It was not represented at Drewry last year, the brethren being ashamed to go to the association and represent a church that was in such a condition. The congregations had dwindled to almost none. But in January, among the few present, there were evident signs of a revival and we arranged to hold a meeting in February. It was a glorious meeting and the people stirred up religiously. We have received sixteen members so far and the revival in the church is just fairly on. The contributions there will be more than quadrupled by the time the Association meets in October. I place in that section more than a dozen of these good books every trip.

"Look for marvelous things to take place in our Pleasant Hill church as the result of the glorious revival in that church."

A meeting in February! Winter is the best time to hold meetings. How I wish the country churches would fall into the habit.

Robert H. Bledsoe:

"I send today order for twenty-one dollars, \$11.00 for State Missions, \$10.00 for Home Missions. This money was contributed by a band of children, led by a good Christian Baptist woman, and they call themselves "Cheerful Helpers." I am organizing all the forces for the greatest year of mission work in the history of this church. We have about paid our pledge to the Association now and I want to more than double it before October."

This is from a layman. What a force is a strong, determined, consecrated, layman!

D. F. Green, New Decatur:

"Enclosed please find check for two hundred dollars for state missions, to be credited to the Central Baptist church of this place. We hope you will not be ashamed of us any longer. Come to see us and we will try to make you feel good. This is the banner year, so far, for this church, and we hope it will mean much for this part of the state."

Another layman. This church is now the banner church in the Tennessee Valley.

"We have a good B. Y. P. U., a tolerably good prayer meeting, and a growing Sunday school. The Ladies' Aid Society is doing good work. The ladies are going to send my wife and me to the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I am anxiously waiting for school to close so I can devote more time to the work of sermon preparation."

This is a church saved by Evangelist W. J. Ray. Does evangelism pay?

"Your letter of the 20th received. I have not been indifferent to the mission interests. The first of March our Sunday school took a collection for foreign missions and raised \$60. On next Sunday our Cradle Roll and Home Department make their first quarterly report and they, with the Sunday school, will take a collection for home missions and hope to have a good collection. And so we will continue through the year, each quarter, to remember the mission interests.

"Whenever you think us falling behind, remind us of our duty. We will thank you for it and make an effort to respond to your call. Don't hesitate to call us."

This is in answer to a circular letter. It is refreshing to read it. Out of all the replies only one has shown the least impatience.

S. R. Dance, Mountainboro:

"I have received all your letters and tracts and read and appreciated them very highly, and I also read them to the church on our conference day. We will try to do all we can for the mission work. I am very glad to know that the work in Alabama is most hopeful, and no disturbing divisions are among us, and our members are rapidly increasing and growing in liberality, and prejudice is giving way. Am glad to know that every department is in good shape, and of the glorious reports that come to us from the foreign field, and that the prospects are so cheering. Brother, I do not get tired of your continued coming. I thank you for writing about the good work and hope to see the day when every Association in Alabama will be actively engaged in the effort to make known the glad news of a Savior's love to the lost world. Alabama for Christ, should be the watchword. Brother, I will talk to our pastor and members about this work. Our beloved pastor is Brother S. F. Reid. We are glad to say that our church is getting on higher grounds under his labors. We look for better things in the future. I thank you, brother, for saying that your heart beats in warmest sympathy for our pastor and membership."

Another brother who appreciates my letters.

W. A. Parker:

"My heart bleeds at the prospect of Alabama falling behind in amount promised, and I am praying God to avert such conclusion to our efforts. Don't expect I'll get to attend the convention. My horse died last week and it will take one hundred and fifty to replace him, and I haven't the money to do it, so will have to forego the pleasure and benefit of the convention."

What a loss is that to a preacher! What he will miss on account of it.

A. E. Page, Elyton:

"I want you to know how we are doing. We have received 19 into the church already and have four more for baptism. It is almost like a protracted meeting all the time; somebody joins the church every Sunday. We have got into the church a lot of new material—good material—who are helping us wonderfully. Last week we finished up the repairing job, just one month from the day we began to try to raise the money. Next thing is to build the pastor a home. We already have the lot and the brethren moved in conference last Thursday night to build during the summer.

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JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME

BY M. E.

Don't you delight in a good foreword? If ever you are betrayed into the writing of a book, put into it an ideal preface. Let it be not a mere setting forth of your aim, plan and indebtedness, even if these are, in order, worthy, good, and numerous. Let it be imbued with such a spirit or have flung into it some such touch as will make it an earnest of the best of the book itself.

I have found restfulness and pleasure, this melancholy rainy evening, in turning aside from some heavier studies to glance lightly through prefatory pages of many books—though these pages had all been read aforetime of old. It is as though one turned from his journeying on longer and more wearisome highways, to wander a bit along pleasant lanes. Here there are flowers; and quiet restfulness withal. Here, too, is the better opportunity for glimpses of the author himself; for these lanes lead up more closely to the great house of his heart life than does that main highway of the book proper. And who doesn't love to read a book in the light of the writer's own personality?

Though you have been before, let me take you again to some delightful nooks in a half dozen of prefatory lanes. Inasmuch as these lanes lead out to books that, in diversity, range from a novel to the New Testament. They furnish a good illustration of the foreword's place in the worth of the book.

A Collection of Poems.

Here is a collection of Robert Louis Stevenson's poems, which he has brought together under the title, "Underwoods." In keeping with the many years that the author spent in a battle with ill health, he has dedicated this volume of poems to a long list of physicians (from whom he had received help) in widely removed parts of the world.

After naming a number who share in that dedication, Stevenson closes after this fashion: "To Dr. Chepmell, whose visits make it a pleasure to be ill; to Dr. Horace Dobell, so wise in counsel; to Sir Andrew Clark, so unwearied in kindness; and to that wise youth, my uncle, Dr. Balfour. I forgot as many as I remember; and I ask both to pardon me, these for my silence, those for my inadequate speech. But one name I have kept on purpose to the last, because it is a household word with me, and because if I had not received favors from so many hands and in so many quarters of the world, it would have stood upon this page alone: that of my friend Thomas Bodley Scott, of Bournemouth. Will he accept this, although shared among so many, for a dedication to himself? and when next my ill-fortune (which has thus its pleasant side) brings him hurrying to me when he would fain sit down to meat or lie down to rest, will he care to remember that he takes this trouble for one who is not fool enough to be ungrateful?"

The glimpse that this dedicatory word (without so intending) gives you of the man's years of ill health, in the midst of which he toiled on in his calling, will send you on into his poems with a new appreciation of their worth.

A Novel.

This is "Black Rock," Ralph Connor's story of the Selkirk. This time the introduction is not the author's word, but is by George Adam Smith. Aside from the simple fact that an introduction from this source would be the making of any book, there is in this foreword that which bestirs an esteem for the book's author that passes easily into esteem for the author's book. Here are a few sentences: "I think I have met 'Ralph Connor.' Indeed, I am sure I have—once in a canoe on Red River, once on the Assinaboine, and twice or thrice on the prairies to the west. That was not the name he gave me, but, if I am right, it covers one of the most honest and genial of the strong characters that are fighting the devil and doing good work for men all over the world. . . . He writes with the freshness and

accuracy of an eye witness; with the style of a real artist; and with the tenderness and hopefulness of a man not only of faith, but of experience, who has seen in fulfillment the ideals for which he lives."

Those words are strong, but not overdrawn; they are rich, but not fulsome. They are just good forewords that speed you gladly to the book. So, if Professor George Adam should wish to furnish a foreword to that intended book of yours, it is very probable that you had best surrender the privilege of writing it yourself.

A Biography.

Here is Professor Robertson's "Life and Letters of John A. Broadus." This book is a really great setting forth of a great life. After a clear presentation of such things as a book of that peculiar plan would require, the author closes his introduction with this paragraph: "It has been a labor of love through these four years to work over the facts and forces in the career of John A. Broadus. How often I have felt him at my side with the old familiar smile and cheery tone as during the ten years that I was permitted to rejoice in his companionship. If the story of this life of 'plain living and high thinking' shall stir to like endeavor some regal spirit, I shall be satisfied."

Though the book be the biography of a great teacher, and have for its author his worthy successor; yet it is true that the keenness with which we come to its pages will be enhanced by the charm of that closing word—introductory.

Sketches of Scottish Life.

One must needs travel far and search diligently if he would find, in the same compass, as much of rare humor as is to be had in the page and a half foreword of S. R. Crockett's "Stickit Minister." This foreword (which the publishers demanded of him) Crockett calls "A Letter Declaratory," and addresses it to "Dear Louis Stevenson," to whom "The Stickit Minister" had been dedicated. I was about to quote you a bit from that foreword, but I can not. It is whole, and won't come apart. So turn to the

CLOSER FELLOWSHIP IN ALABAMA.

L. O. Dawson.

I wish our people to keep steadily in mind that at our Encampment the afternoon of each day will be given over to social life and general recreation. One great thing we need in the State is a more intimate knowledge of each other and of each other's plans, purposes, difficulties and encouragements. The mere fact of personal knowledge will enable us henceforth to work together more intelligently and with greater sympathy one for the other. If we could get every pastor in the State present, and, with him, all his Sunday school workers and the young people of his church, the recreation of each afternoon would of itself be a great stimulous to future endeavor and would be a source of constant delight after we have returned to our homes. There will be ample opportunity given for all manner of excursions over the great Birmingham district. At East Lake there are many appliances for the amusement of a jolly crowd. The music of the Encampment will be made a special feature, and this, together with all sorts of social meetings and lyceum entertainments, will make the Encampment a continual holiday, notwithstanding its serious and heart enlarging purpose. We will hear more about this as the days go by. Get ready for instruction, inspiration and stimulation, but at the same time go to the Encampment prepared to have a jolly, nappy time.

little book and let's strike into you afresh the delicate humor of that "Letter Declaratory."

But here is the same book's dedicatory word, and it is just as full of pathos as is the other of humor. In their purest types, humor and pathos are not so far apart, any way.

To

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON,
of Scotland and Samoa,

I Dedicate These Stories of That Gray Galloway Land, Where, About the Graves of the Martyrs, the Whaups are Crying—His Heart Remembers How.

Stevenson, yonder in Samoa, had fought a hopeless fight for life, and was within a few months of his death when Crockett penned those dedicatory words. With all that was in his thoughts of that "Gray Galloway Land," there is a world of pathos in that—his heart remembers how.

A Study of Jesus.

This is S. D. Gordon's "Quiet Talks About Jesus." It is just like Gordon, that the first thing in his table of contents should be called "A Bit Ahead." Here are the closing words of that Bit Ahead: "A great musician strikes the keynote of a great piece of music, and can skilfully keep it ever sounding its melody through all the changes clear to the end. It has been in my heart to wish that I could do something like that here. If what has come to me has gotten out of me into these pages, there will be found a dominant note of sweetest music—the winsomeness of God in Jesus."

The winsomeness of those words lend an added charm to our study of the "winsomeness of God" as set forth in this little volume.

The New Testament.

Here is perhaps the tenderest foreword of all. It is a foreword to the New Testament in "Braid Scots" by William Wye Smith, of Canada. It is a full page preface, but here is a bit of its quaint tenderness: "For a' thae reasons, and ither I could bring forrit, I hae putten the New Testament intil Braid Scots. Lat nae man think it is a vulgar tongue—a mere gibberish to be dunc wi' as sune as ane is bye the schule-time. It is an ancient and honorable tongue; wi' rules deep i' the yirth; aulder than muckle o' the English. It cam doon till us throw oor Gothic and Pictish forbears; it was heard on the battle field wi' Bruce; it waitit the triumphant prayers and sangs o' the martyrs intil heeven; it dirt on the tongue o' John Knox, denouncin wrang; it sweeten't a' the heevenlie letters o' Samu'l Rutherford; and aneath the theek o' many 'a muirland cottage it e'en noo carries thanks till heeven, and brings the blessins doon."

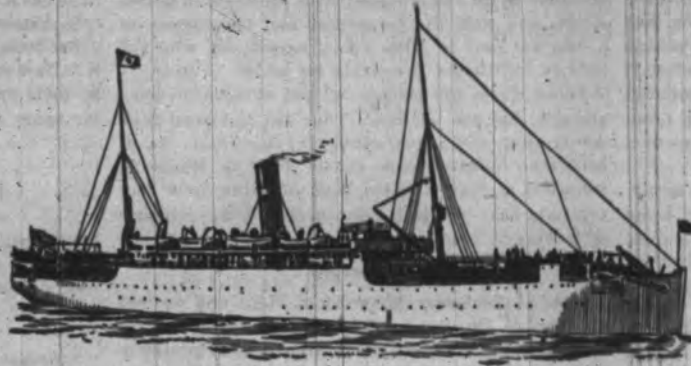
It was His own Gude Book afore, but it is a still bonnier book from having turned from that quaint foreword to its pages of rare gems, that sparkle into dazzling beauty in the light of the Scottish tongue.

Aside from the prohibition interest there is little new in Baptist circles in this section. It is true, however, that the First Baptist church, Dr. R. S. Gavia, pastor, and Dallas Avenue church, Rev. H. E. Ride, pastor, are accomplishing a wonderful work just now. The first named church enjoys new frescoed walls and fine Brussels carpets and besides this there is a season of refreshing prayer going on among the members. Beginning this week Dr. Gavia expects to have a week of prayer. Our Young People's Union is in fine shape. We sorely regret that we could not be with you at Montgomery, but let's all pull together, God willing, to make the Troy convention next year the greatest of all successes. My heart is enthusiastically in the work and I am at your service. J. E. Pierce, Huntsville, Ala.

MAGNIFICENT NAVAL AND MILITARY PAGEANT MARKS THE OPENING OF THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT



ADMIRAL EVANS

The Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition, accompanied by a land and water display such as never was attempted in this country or on foreign shores, was opened last week with that pomp and ceremony which always attends an event where the president of the United States is a central figure, and diplomatic representatives of foreign nations, governors of states and like dignitaries are honored guests and participants.

Military Feature Splendid.

While the military feature was not large, it was of a splendid character. It was commanded by Major General Fred D. Grant, as grand marshal, who was attended by his entire staff. In addition he had about a score of honorary aides, chosen largely from union and confederate societies and historical associations.

Memorable Review.

The deep-throated guns of five great nations voiced a salute in unison to the American flag and to the president of the United States. The reverberating cannon boomed thundering and echoing over the waters of far-famed Hampton Roads, where nearly half a century ago the Monitor and Merrimac

made memorable conflict which brought into being the armored craft of war.

From the "yankee cheese box set upon a raft" and the rectangular mass of iron which carried the confederate flag in 1862 to the modern fighting machines typified by the flower of the American navy, gathered in holiday assemblage, is a far cry. Yet many of those who stood on the shore and witnessed the naval pageant in the roadstead vividly recalled the historic time when the wind-rippled waters which formed the setting of this great international rendezvous of war vessels of recent years were splashing with the shot and shell of the first great battle of steel-clad ships.

Admiral Evans in Command.

The entire fleet of the United States navy, under command of Rear Admiral Evans, is conceded to be the finest organization of fighting machines afloat.

President Roosevelt, from the bridge of the trim little yacht cruiser Mayflower, whose decks were the meeting place of the peace plenipotentiaries of Russia and Japan less than two years ago, reviewed the great assemblage of flag-draped fighters gathered from the corners of the world to make a notable

opening day of the Jamestown Ter-Centennial Exposition, commemorating the 300th anniversary of the first English settlement in America.

A Boom of Cannon.

Steaming down the long column of dark-hulled foreigners, the president was greeted by each vessel in turn with a salute of twenty-one guns. The Mayflower then turned down the lane of American battleships and cruisers and again the roar of saluting cannons swept across the waters.

The foreign vessels were given the position of honor in a line stretching nearest and parallel to the shores of the exposition grounds. Frowning and formidable in the dark-drab coloring, with funnels as black as the smoke which poured from their tops, the squadrons sent by Great Britain, by Austria, by Germany and the Argentine republic, loomed in deep shaded relief against the dazzling background of American vessels, whose glistening white sides sparkled in the light rays reflected from the water, whose light buff superstructure and stacks lent a harmonious setting to the many-hued flags floating from the mastheads and peaks, from fighting tops and flying trucks.

HOWARD WINNER IN ORATORICAL CONTEST

Jesse A. Cook, of Howard college, won the medal in the state oratorical contest at the high school auditorium last night. The other contestants were Messrs. Lazenby, of Greensboro, and McLeod, of Auburn. The judges were Dr. John W. Stagg, Judge B. M. Allen and Solicitor H. B. Heflin.

The middle aisle of the auditorium was occupied by the Howard rooters, and they started the evening off rather lively with a number of snappy college yells and much waving of pennants and banners.

The Howard boys had just celebrated the coming of the event by an extended trolley ride over the city, having two specially decorated cars in service for the entire afternoon.



NORMAN B. McLEOD.

JESSE A. COOK.

MARION E. LAZENBY.

The decision of the judges was delivered by Dr. Stagg in his usual happy way, after which Mr. Cook was carried from the stage on the shoulders of an admiring, yelling throng of his fellow students.

Mr. Lazenby, of Greensboro, had an easy and graceful manner, but his delivery was rather weak. His subject was "Immigration." Mr. McLeod, of Auburn, had a well written speech on the subject of "Imperialism," but his delivery was rather too dramatic.

Mr. Cook spoke on the subject of "Protestantism," and while in manner was not quite so easy as that of Mr. Lazenby, his delivery was very strong and forceful.—Age-Herald.

HOW TO GET YOUNG PEOPLE INTO THE CHURCH

President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, writing of the influence of adults upon the children of a household, says:

"If you wish your children to be Christians, you must really take the trouble to be Christians yourselves. Those are the only terms upon which the home will work the gracious miracle.

"And you can not shift this thing by sending your children to Sunday school. You may remedy many things, but you can not shift this responsibility. If the children do not get this into their blood atmospherically, they are not going to get it into their blood at all until, it may be, they come to a period of life where the influences of Christian lives outside of the home may profoundly affect them and govern their consciences. We must realize that the first and most intimate and most important organization for the indoctrinating of the next generation is the home, is the family. This is the key to the whole situation. That is the reason that you must get hold of the whole family when you get hold of the children in your Sunday school work; that your work will not be half done when you merely get the children there, and it may be, their mothers. You must include the fathers, and get your grip upon the home organization in such wise that the children will have the atmospheric pressure of Christianity the week through."

President Wilson next proceeds to formulate what he thinks should be the "inevitable philosophy" of the Christian church in its relation to young people:

"There are only a certain number of things that impress young persons, only a certain number that impress old ones, or, for that matter, that impress anybody. The things that impress the young person and the old are convictions and earnestness in action that look like business, and a certain dignity and simplicity that go along with being in earnest. You will notice that when a man is going about his business he does not study his gestures, he does not consider his poses, he does not think how he looks when he is sitting at his desk in his chair. There is a directness and simplicity of approach in the thing which shows an utter lack of self-conscious-

ness. He is not thinking about the machinery by which he is acting; he is after the thing.

"When we say, therefore, that the way to get young people to the church is to make the church interesting, I am afraid we too often mean that the way to do is to make it entertaining. Did you ever know the theater to be a successful means of governing conduct? Did you ever know the most excellent concert, or series of concerts, to be the means of revolutionizing a life? Did you ever know any amount of entertainment to go farther than hold for the hour that it lasted? If you mean to draw young people by entertainment, you have only one excuse for it, and that is to follow up the entertainment with something that is not entertaining, but which grips the heart like the touch of a hand. I dare say that there is some excuse for alluring persons to a place where good will be done them, but I think it would be a good deal franker not to allure them. I think it would be a great deal better simply to let them understand that that is the place where life is dispensed, and that if they want life they must come to that place.

"If they believe that you believe what you say, they will come. If they have the least suspicion that you do not believe it, if they have the least suspicion that you are simply playing a game of social organization, if they have the notion that you are simply organizing a very useful instrumentality of society for moralizing the community, but that you don't after all believe that life itself lies in the doctrine and preaching of that place and nowhere else, you can not keep hold of them very long. The only thing that governs any of us is authority. And the reason that it is harder to govern when we are grown up than when we are young is that we question the authority, and you have to convince our minds of the reasonableness of the authority. But the young mind yields to the authority that believes in itself. That is the reason that consistency of conduct is indispensable to the maintenance of authority. You can not make the young person do what you do not do yourself. You can not make him believe what you do not believe yourself."

"Can you name me any motive in the world that ever led a man to love another, life more than his own except the motive of love? And yet what we are working for in the young people, as in the old, is to show them the perfect image of a Man who will draw all the best powers of their nature to himself, and make them love him so that they will love him more than they love themselves, and loving him so, will love their fellow men more than they love themselves. Everything heroic, everything that looks toward salvation is due to this power of elevation. It is a noteworthy thing that we reserve the beautiful adjective 'noble' for the men who think less of themselves than of some cause or of some person whom they serve. We elevate to the only nobility we have, the nobility of moral greatness, only those men who are governed by love.

"You can not create love by entertainment, but you can make love by the perfect exhibition of Christ-like qualities, and, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, by the withdrawal of the veil which for most men hangs before the face of our Lord and Savior. Our whole object, it seems to me, in church work is simply this: to enable all to see him, to realize him, and if we devote ourselves to that purpose with singleness of heart and without thought of ourselves, we shall suddenly find the seats filling, because where there is fire thither men will carry their lamps to be lighted. Where there is power, men will go to partake of it. Every human soul instinctively feels that the only power he desires, the only power that can relieve him from the tedium of the day's work, the only thing which can put a glow upon the routine of the day's task, the only thing that can take him back to the golden age when everything had a touch of magic about it, when everything was greater than the fact, when everything had lurking behind it some mysterious power, when there was in everything a vision and a perfect image—is this thing which he sees enthroned upon the shining countenances of those who really believe in the life and saving grace of their Lord and Master."

AS TO CONSTITUTION OF A GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION

By Shailer Mathews.

The Baptist denomination is profoundly interested in the proposal to hold a general denominational meeting at Washington. This much the present widespread discussion makes plain. It is the most vital question before the denomination at the present time.

The enterprise is exposed to two dangers from its friends: On the one side there are a few persons who seem to be ambitious to establish a body that shall possess powers amounting to governmental. On the other side are those, likewise not very numerous, who wish to make it little more than a general meeting of our existing missionary and publication societies.

If a voluminous correspondence indicates anything, Baptists as a body do not want an organization of either sort. It would be folly to propose a constitution at Washington favoring either proposal. The Baptists are too loyal to the independence of the local church to favor the establishment of a general assembly like that of the Presbyterians. On the other hand, the demand is not for a general meeting of the societies. If such a union meeting were to consider matters which properly belong to the field of its constituent societies, there would be many topics which in the nature of the case would be excluded from the discussion. If, on the other hand, it were to discuss matters with which the societies are not directly concerned, it would be discussing matters outside of its province. What is wanted is a body that shall represent not the societies—they

have meetings of their own—but the Baptist denominations of the northern states.

As it is open to any Baptist to express his judgment as to the purposes and powers of such a body, I venture to make the following suggestions:

First, the constitution of such a proposed body should explicitly state its loyalty to the Baptist principle of the independence of the local church and to the work of the existing missionary and publication societies. Such a statement would clear the movement from any suspicion of a drift toward "papacy" or "monarchy."

Second, the constitution should expressly state that the proposed body is for the purpose of treating matters which concern the denomination as a whole. In so doing it would complete a splendid series of Baptist bodies, the church, the local associations, the state convention, the conventions of the Baptists of the South and North, the general convention of the Baptists of North America. But it would do something more than bring symmetry to denominational life. Without trenching on the prerogatives of the societies, it would bring denominational efficiency. For in it the denomination as such could thresh out its big problems with responsibility to no one except itself.

Third, the constitution should recognize expressly that membership in the proposed body is independent of membership in the societies. The body should be composed of messengers or delegates from various Baptist bodies, such as the separate churches, the local conventions and the state conventions.

Fourth, the constitution should provide for the expense of the convention, which in the nature of the case would be slight, without laying any new burden on the denomination.

Fifth and most important, the constitution, while guarding against any infringement of the Baptist polity, should be sufficiently broad to permit of that development in function of the new body which time may show to be desirable. It should carefully guard its right to represent the community of interest of the denomination in the North in the same way that the state associations represent the community of interest in given states. Its influence would be moral and its powers would be non-governmental, but any decision it might make or any step it might recommend the various societies to take would carry with it the weight of the denomination as represented by its delegates in a meeting of national significance.

In a word, therefore, the great thing to be accomplished at Washington is not a constitutional revolution, but the formation of a general body which will represent the great common denominator of the desire for an organization to express the growing sense of denominational solidarity and the judgment of the denomination as a whole on matters of general concern. Any proposed constitution should avoid every suggestion of radicalism, and at the same time give us a body that shall be more than a joint meeting of the societies. We want the societies to know that we are wholeheartedly loyal to their work, but we want to meet at least once a year as Baptists, not as members of societies.

PUPILS OF OTHER DAYS

BY A. P. MONTAGUE

VI.

Among the pupils in time gone by in the Columbian university—I beg pardon, the George Washington University—were three young men who have risen to distinction in the profession of teaching and in the culture that makes not only for secular fame, but for character-building as well. In their classes they stood among the first. Strength of mind and well nigh constant application bore the fruitage of first honors in college, as these same characteristics of force and real manhood have since graduation carried those young men to the top in their professional life.

First among them in age was a quiet, manly youth, by name Howard Lincoln Hodgkins, by birth, I think, an Illinoisian. Helping in the support of a widowed mother, he pursued with avidity and diligence his college studies.

Showing upon graduation the qualities that single men out for work and success, that tell for victory, he was made an instructor in the Columbian. Stepping higher year by year, by quiet power and the purpose to put his stamp upon his time and his environment, he finally became dean of the university, when President Whitman left to become a pastor in Philadelphia. With skilful management, with tact and justice, he administered the duties of his high office, practically that of head of the Columbian, as the eloquent and noble Greene, acting president, had upon his shoulders the pastorate of the great Calvary Baptist church.

Today Dr. Hodgkins is easily one of the greatest forces in education in the national capital, sharing with other strong and admirable men, Gore, Munroe, and Sterrett, the distinction of being the power which has kept the Columbian true to the sanity and traditions of its past. These men, none of them yet old, all in the fullness of their mental and physical force, have borne the burden of carrying their institution through grievous trials and of

standing for all that is best in the activities of real education. They are, in truth, the Columbian of other days; they are today the real leaders in the new institution at Washington.

The second of the three in age, of whom I spoke in an earlier series, was Edward Roome, than whom no knightlier soul ever dwelt in mortal body. The possessor of splendid power of mind, in him the vital force of lofty Christian character rivaled his intellectual endowment. Scholarly and accurate in scholarship beyond the lot of younger men, he was immediately after graduation elected a teacher in the Columbian. His favorite study was Greek, and there was perhaps no abler Greek scholar of his age on the continent. He had the distinction of being the American correspondent of a paper published at Athens, Greece, of course printed in modern Greek, while Dr. Roome used the language of the dead centuries. Alive to every nicety of scholarship, he was also in sympathy with the broadest culture. At home in Greek, well versed in Latin, he was proficient in the sciences and a doctor of medicine. While practicing his profession, he was called to a case of fractured skull. He treated it, I doubt not, with conscientious attention and rare skill; but he could not work miracles, and the case was such that he did not succeed with it.

Certain people unacquainted with the facts of the case and incapable of appreciating such a mind and such a character as Dr. Roome's, circulated the rumor that he had mismanaged the case. Years of intense application had weakened the health of my beloved friend; his sensitive heart could not bear such gross injustice; and galling sick under the strain of constant work and the cruel tension of slander, he died, while still in the days of young manhood, a man who, had he lived, would have attained to fame, would have made the world his debtor for large service, and would have cheered, as he had cheered hundreds, thousands more by the graces of a nature at once pure, lofty, and true to

every high ideal. I am reminded, when I recall this gallant man, of a line that I read long ago: "His steps but trod the ways of earth to show the road to Heaven."

The third of these rare men, and the youngest, showed in boyhood the talent which has placed him in the front rank among educators. Graduating with marked distinction from the Columbian, he at once took his place among its teachers. Rising rapidly, he became assistant professor of Latin and finally professor of French. Ability that was wonderful, the power to assimilate, and a rare adaptability to conditions, together with a genial manner and kindly disposition, contributed to place him among the first men of his age not only in Washington, but also wherever he went. Much time spent in European travel, devotion to study and the power to hold what his mind gathered gave large prominence to forces and qualities that had already made him a man of mark. All things considered, I regarded this gentleman, as I regard him now, the finest all-around scholar that I have ever known. A gifted speaker, he adds to his power of learning and to his wide culture the graces of the orator.

From Washington Dr. L. D. Lodge, for he is the third of whom I have written, went to the presidency of Limestone College in South Carolina.

He is there today, leading in the education of women, a rare scholar, a speaker of wonderful force, a man who taking the world of letters as his home, gives welcome to all who would seek of his grace and kindness admission to the charms of his personality and the gifts of his broad mind.

Certain state universities boast of their products and would claim sole authority to lay down the laws and bounds of higher learning. How small and contemptible these vaunts appear, when I recall the three men of whom I have written, sons, all of them, of a denominational college, peers of any whom the state schools have ever sent forth.

A. P. MONTAGUE.

THE UNPARDONABLE SIN

BY W. J. E. COX

In a former communication I mentioned the fact that during the "mission" conducted at the cathedral of the Roman Catholic church, of this city, during the late Lenten season, a question box was conducted by one of the Paulist priests. The following is a fair sample of the artful and sagacious answers given by the distinguished Paulist priest, Rev. Mr. O'Hern:

Q.—"What is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and why is it unpardonable?"

A.—"The sin against the Holy Ghost is generally thought to be the continued and wilful resisting until death of the grace of God, whether to embrace God's truth or to obey God's commandments. It is not unpardonable, absolutely speaking, for God is always ready to forgive the repentant sinner; as a matter of fact, it is not pardoned, because the sinner deliberately refuses to co-operate with God's grace, or to do what he knows is absolutely necessary for salvation.

"The case mentioned by our Savior (Matthew 12:31, 32; Mark 3:28-30; Luke 12:10) was the wilful rejection of the miracles Jesus Christ had wrought in proof of his divine mission, and the malicious ascribing of them to the power of Beelzebub, the prince of devils. (Matt. 12:24.)

"In our own day, those are guilty of the same sin who, knowing the Catholic church to be the one, true Church of Jesus Christ, persistently refuse to enter it because of worldly interests, loss of property, friends, social or political position."

I think the readers of the Alabama Baptist will admit that this is a very remarkable answer to the question asked. Evidently the reverend gentleman thought that his answer would be read only by igno-

ramuses. It is quite evident that the answer was intended only for that class.

Observe that the distinguished priest plainly contradicts Christ. He says that the sin mentioned "is not unpardonable, absolutely speaking." Christ says that "whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." Whom shall we believe, O'Hern or Christ?

The purpose of the answer may be clearly seen in the last paragraph. It was evidently designed to reach those whom the priest thought were wavering between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism. He sought to convince such persons that they were in danger of committing a great sin, though there was still hope for them if they would only enter "the one, true Church of Christ," which, in his opinion, is the Roman Catholic church.

The unpardonable sin or the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, has troubled many people, but it need not do so. I think Christ Himself very clearly tells us what it is. He had been accused of casting out demons by Beelzebub, the prince of the demons. After answering the question which he himself asked, "How can satan cast out satan," he said: "Verily I say unto you, All their sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and their blas-

phemies whosoever they shall blaspheme; but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin: because they said, he hath an unclean spirit." (Mark 3:28-30.) Observe that the reason given for his statement about this sin is "because they said he hath an unclean spirit." Clearly then the sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is attributing to the power of Satan what was manifestly done by the power of God.

I very heartily agree with Dr. John A. Broadus in the following statement which he makes in his commentary on Matthew: "The conditions, then, under which this unpardonable sin of blasphemy against the Spirit of God is committed, are (1) that there shall be a work manifestly supernatural, unmistakably the work of God and not of man, and (2) that one shall, in determined and malignant opposition, insulting ascribe to Satan this which he knows to be the work of God. Now, are these conditions ever fulfilled, except in an age of miracles? Can any other divine work, as, for instance, the conversion of a friend, or a general revival of spirituality, be so unquestionably and unmistakably the work of God, that a person ascribing it to Satan is guilty, not merely of sin, but of that flagrant and deeply malignant blasphemy against God which is unpardonable? This is the question to be decided; and it can hardly be decided in the affirmative. As miracles continued throughout the apostolic age, this blasphemy against the Spirit may very naturally be understood to be meant by that 'sin unto death' which John implies (1 John 5:16) can not be forgiven."

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SOME INTERESTING ITEMS

From MRS TAYLOR'S LETTERS

Dear Bro. Barnett: In reply to your request for news from my "missionary daughter," Mrs. Adrian S. Taylor, I send the following extracts from letters which may be of some interest to many of the readers of the Alabama Baptist. The first extract is from a letter written in Japan, before the young missionaries had reached China.

"We spent yesterday at Kobe and all of us went ashore together as we have done at each place. We took Jinrikashas and went first out to one of the largest temples. The little fourteen-year-old boy who took us through was one of the most interesting things we have seen in Japan. He knew English and had his speech all made out like a lecture and talked very slowly, with his eyes closed most of the time, in order to use the exact words. If he thought he had not used the word that would sound best he would go back and repeat the sentence again very slowly. The words he used were good, but of course he pronounced them in a funny manner and always said 'ze' for 'the.' He was so interesting we looked at him more than the temple. He is saving all his money in order to go to the States. The desire of his heart is to go to the United States.

"After leaving the temple we spent the rest of the day in the shops. How I wished for you while looking at the drawn work linen. We went to a place where a number of girls were making it. We saw a table cover on beautiful linen and full of drawn work, large enough for your dining table for \$7.50. One like it at _____ in Mobile last Christmas was fifty dollars. There were several covers larger than the top of your marble table in the parlor, done on extra fine linen with much of the very finest drawn work, for four dollars, and one can always get them much cheaper than the price first set. One of our party bought a sideboard cover, the prettiest I ever saw, for 75 cents. At first they asked more than twice that for it. The embroideries were equally as cheap and the most beautiful I ever saw.

"We also went out to the place where they make the Satsuma and Cholsonue pottery. It is the most beautiful ware of the kind that I ever saw. The Satsuma is very fine pottery, hand-painted in the finest dainty patterns, usually with much of gold in it. We saw the men painting it. The Cholsonue

is enameled over copper. A bowl the size of a finger bowl, in the Satsuma, is eight or ten dollars; in New York it is at least forty dollars.

"We also visited the silk and china stores. Oh, they have such beautiful china ware in Japan! They say that no country but Japan can make it so thin. We could have bought a dinner set of one hundred and eighty-nine pieces, painted any design and made to order, for one hundred yen, or \$50."

The following is an extract from a letter written at Shanghai:

"I know you will be surprised to find that we have been up in the country on a visit. At Yokohama and here Adrian received a letter from Claude Lee, his university class mate, and I one from Mrs. Lee begging us to come to visit them at Wush, eighty miles from here, before going to Yang Chow. We found a letter here also from Dr. Evans advising us to go up there first as we may not have the opportunity again in a long time. So Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock we left Mr. Provence's and took the train for Wush, arriving there at 6:30, and found Dr. Lee there to meet us. He is in the Episcopal mission. I had my first experience riding in a sedan chair up to his house and I was frightened stiff the whole time. It was very muddy and slippery and they took me along the edge of the canal and it made me nervous, although I knew they were very sure-footed and would not drop me. It was Dr. Lee's own chair, a new one, and I was the first who had ridden in it. We had such a lovely time there, and we are glad we made the visit. It is so nice to feel that even so soon I have made some real congenial friends.

"My! I was home sick when I entered that dirty, crowded walled city of Wush. The train stops some distance outside of the town. You can't conceive of the filth of the Chinese cities. All of the streets are narrower than our front gallery at home. At first I felt that I couldn't stand it, but I soon got used to it, and Mrs. Lee says before long you really get to love it and can see lots of beautiful things about it. Going up on the train we saw the most horrible poverty and filth. We saw one little straw hut after another with very large families living in them. Many live in very, very small boats. There

are hundreds of these boats in the canals, creeks, and rivers, and how they live I can't understand, as they never leave them and do nothing to make a living. They tie bamboo under the arms of the babies and let them crawl all over the boats, and when they fall overboard the bamboo keeps them up and then they fish them out. When the cold weather comes they put so many clothes on the children that they can hardly wiggle, and sew them on and they stay on until warm weather again.

"One of the most horrible sights to me is to see the women with the little deformed feet that makes them walk exactly as if they were walking on wooden legs. They are gradually giving up the custom of foot binding. Going up to Wush there wasn't a minute that we could not see graves all over the fields. They bury their dead all above the ground and every field has numbers of graves. When one observes the way they live he does not wonder at the hundreds and thousands of graves.

"We arrive at Chinkiang Wednesday night and we expect Dr. Evans to meet us there. From there we go up to Yang Chow on the canal in a tug. It is just twenty miles from Chinkiang."

The following is an extract from a letter written at Yang Chow:

"We arrived at Chinkiang about 10 o'clock. The next morning early Mr. McCrea took Adrian to see them feed the Chinese refugees and they came very near being killed. There are thousands of them camping outside of the city gates, but not as many as there are here. There are sixty thousand here at Yang Chow. At that one kitchen Adrian saw that the Chinese government were feeding several thousand. Adrian wanted to take a picture of a group of them, and in order to keep them quiet he started to give them a piece of money. They are starving and haven't a piece of money and when they saw that Adrian had some a mob of them jumped on him and Mr. McCrea and they had to fight for their lives. At last a policeman drove them back. Adrian says he never saw such a sight as those poor starving people. Dead children and sick men were lying all around everywhere."

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor are pleasantly situated in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Evans. W. J. E. COX.

NEED OF RICH MEN.

We are not among those people who indiscriminately condemn rich men. There is a wave of fury passing over our land against rich people. All manner of evil charges are being made against them. There is a general exultation over the millionaire who meets with great reverses. A large number of poor people would be glad if all very wealthy men and women were banished from the land. There is great folly in this frenzy. It is true that many of the rich ones are unscrupulous. Such was always the case. In Bible times there were rich ones who oppressed poor people. But, while freely admitting all that may be truly said against rich men, yet we also protest against the unreasoning attacks that are being made upon a rich man simply because he is very wealthy. Rich men are needed. Christianity needs them. Much of the progress of God's kingdom in our land is due to what rich men have given in behalf of it. Many a Christian institution, broad in its scope of high usefulness, would not have been founded and fostered except for the contributions of rich people. Colleges, universities and theological seminaries owe a vast deal to the large gifts of men of great wealth. It is not for us to inquire into the main motives which have induced some rich men to give to such institutions. Their motives may have been utterly selfish, but we are not to sit in judgment upon them for that reason. It may be that not all of the wealth of some large givers has been honorably obtained by them, but none the less useful is the money which helped to make pos-

sible those institutions that are now immeasurable blessings to thousands of poor people. Then, too, great establishments which are employing a multitude of laboring people came into existence by the means of rich men. Let us take a sober view of the whole situation. Imagine the condition which our country would be in if all rich people were to be taken out of it. Is any sane person willing to have such a thing occur? What are you doing with your own money?

C. H. WEATHERBEE.

AN EPOCH IN BAPTIST HISTORY.

By Rev. C. S. Blackwell, D. D.

All of the general boards and societies of the Baptists, north and south, have arranged to meet and sit together representatively in the Roger Williams Memorial Baptist Exhibit building during the seven months of the Jamestown exposition. Such fellowship has not been experienced among us since 1845. The most impressive historic event at the exposition will be this exhibition of our Baptist millions working and dwelling together in unity. It will be indeed an epoch in Baptist history. Our pastors owe it to the memory of the fathers who fought the successful fight for soul liberty on this hemisphere to tell people the story of their deeds and ask them to help commemorate that heroic struggle which won for us such priceless privileges.

In performing this sacred service there will be a holy rivalry between our great organization, represented by Dr. Mable, Dr. Morehouse and Dr. Row-

land of the north, and Dr. Willingham, Dr. Gray and Dr. Frost of the south, in showing the trials and the triumphs of Baptist heroes and truths. They will do this by exhibits of documents, parchments, books, busts, pictures, maps, relics, bolts, bars and prison locks behind which Baptists have suffered for the faith once delivered to the saints. The portrait gallery of Baptist leaders from Bunyan to Broadus will be a silent but thrilling roll call of the mighties. Hundreds will want to have some memento of this epoch marking event. A souvenir certificate of stock will be returned to every reader of the Alabama Baptist who will send one dollar to Rev. E. E. Dudley, financial manager, Norfolk, Va., or to Geo. A. Schmelz, treasurer, care Schmelz Brothers, bankers, Newport News, Va.

REV. R. B. GARRETT, Chairman.

April 30th is not far away. I may have something more cheering to report before you go to press; but the present outlook is not encouraging. God bless those sending little contributions. I am getting hundreds of them. I do not hear from many of the strong churches with their large gifts. Maybe they are sending direct. I certainly hope so. It would help matters much if they would write me a postal card when they send direct. Two brethren tried to do that. One said: "We sent our home mission collection to Brother Willingham;" the other said, "We sent our foreign mission collection to Brother Willingham at Atlanta."—W. B. C.

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NOT A MERE SOCIAL REFORMER.

The coming to America of Rev. C. F. Aked, D. D., has been welcomed by the Baptists in New York city, and several Sundays ago he was given a royal welcome at the Fifth Avenue Baptist church. Mr. Aked comes from one of the leading churches in Liverpool, the Pembroke Baptist chapel, where he has been making his mark, not only on the spiritual life of the church, but also on the civic life of the people for sixteen years. He is in the prime of life, being not quite forty-three years old. Elsewhere we print a portion of his first sermon as pastor, and also a comment on his utterance concerning immigration by Brother Crumpton, but to us one of the most significant of his public statements was made in an interview in the British Weekly shortly before his sailing. In the course of the interview he said:

"In going to America I shall devote myself, first and foremost, to preaching. I am sick of being considered a social reformer only. Dr. Clifford once told me that people were surprised to find he could pray, so entirely had he been identified in certain minds with radical and social work. If I had not been a preacher of the gospel, I could never have ministered for seventeen years to the largest Protestant congregation in Liverpool. My campaigns for housing and temperance reform, and against the Congo atrocities, have been thrust upon me as a duty. I have never regarded them as my main business. When Mr. Law asked me what part I should wish to take in the program of the Leeds Free Church Council, I asked that I might deliver a communion address. I feel that I can preach better sermons than any I have yet preached. I am taking no store of written sermons with me, for the truth is, I never wrote a sermon, except when preparing one for the press."

For some while we have been hearing overmuch about the social reform mission of the church and there have been those who have almost converted it into a mere place of amusement with gymnasiums, swimming tanks and other athletic and secular educational features overshadowing its more spiritual mission. While some of the institutional features may abide we believe that much that has been done will be left out in the future. With Dr. Aked we believe in the reconciling of man's whole life, personal, political and social, through the gospel of Christ. But the emphasis must be laid on the preaching of the gospel.

FIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIALISTS.

At the First Baptist church, Montgomery, Ala., on May 7-11, there will be held an institute for Sunday school workers at which the following topics will be discussed:

Mr. Spilman: 1. The Teacher's Week-day Work with the Lesson. 2. Sunday School Management. 3. The Sunday School of Yesterday.

Mr. Leavell: 1. Teacher's Week-day with the Scholar. 2. Sunday School Teaching. 3. The Sunday School of Tomorrow.

Mr. Beauchamp: 1. The Teacher on Sunday. 2. Sunday School Work. 3. The Strategic Value of the Sunday School.

Mr. Brittain: 1. Class Organization. 2. Sunday School Organization. 3. The Sunday School a Field and a Force.

Mr. Inlow: 1. Some Things We Need in Sunday School Work. 2. The Sunday School Teacher and His Work. 3. The Sunday School and the Kingdom.

This institute is open to all and it is hoped that Sunday school workers from all parts of the state will be present. Do not miss this opportunity to hear our Field Secretaries, who, through the Sunday School Board at Nashville, are doing so much to strengthen our Sunday school work.

GOD BLESS OUR FAITHFUL WOMEN.

Did you read the Woman's Page in last issue? Did you catch the inspiration of the head line running across the top of the page, saying "ALABAMA WOMEN HAVE MET THEIR APPORTIONMENT FOR HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS?" We put it there in big type to stir the brethren throughout the state, hoping that the past Sunday would be a great day for missions in Alabama. We are so used to the Central Committee, which is made up of our "elect ladies," doing their share in raising mission funds that the surprise would come if they had failed rather than from their having succeeded. They work so quietly, so modestly, so far from the public gaze, but so systematically that the thing is done before we men get aroused. When we wake up we try for a whirlwind finish and make a lot of noise calling them to our help instead of letting them rest from their protracted labors, and, God bless them, they forget the long pull they have made and get in line again to help us pull.

MEMORIAL DAY.

All over the south the day was fittingly observed, but the manner of its observance in Richmond was an object lesson for all the world that the southern people hold in reverence and affection the memory of its great leaders. The Birmingham Ledger, in an editorial comment on the occasion, says:

"Three thousand school children of Richmond, drawing the statue of Jefferson Davis through the streets of the historic city to the place where the statue will be unveiled on Saturday last, is enough to show to the world that the capital of the confederacy honors the great man, and it teaches her children that there was no stain on the life of the much maligned hero, statesman, patriot, historian and humble citizen. For six blocks the throng of little ones stretched, the children robed in white and carrying flags holding the ropes attached to the car on which the statue was placed. Truly it was a spectacle long to be remembered, even by those who hate the name of Davis."

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT OF HOME BOARD.

The Home Mission Board is getting together an exhibit for the Jamestown exposition which is intended to show pictorially, by chart, and otherwise, the history of the remarkable work for the Southern Baptists which has been accomplished by this agency. Letters are being addressed to various brethren for the aid and information which is needed to make the exhibit a success, and upon this assistance the success of the exhibit will necessarily largely depend. If any of our readers know of rare historical material or very old associational records bearing on the work of the board, or connected intimately with the early history of the denomination of the south, they will confer a favor and render a service by letting the brethren of the Home Board know of it. Communications should be addressed to the Rev. V. I. Masters, 723 Austell building, Atlanta, Ga. Brother Masters is in charge of the special work for getting up the exhibit.

Many pastors have generously aided us in our \$1.00 offer, but we think Rev. H. M. Long, of Phenix, has outdone them all in sending in five cash clubs from his field. His work convinces us more and more that the increase in the circulation of the Baptist must come at the hands of willing pastors.

LET'S EVERYBODY HELP THE ENCAMPMENT.

A convention frequently appoints a committee to report at the next session and the committee sleeps during the year, and when some one happens to remember that such and such a thing was to be reported upon and calls for the report, one of the committee wakes up sufficiently to ask for further time or a motion is made to have it discharged. Old convention goers are familiar with the way in which many important measures die out because of the failure of committees to do their duties.

We are happy to state that when the convention two years ago appointed Brethren Shelburne and Dawson to report on the feasibility of holding a "summer school" that they never slept, but went to work, and, having canvassed the situation, brought in the following report at Talladega:

"Your committee, after duly considering the question from several points of view, believe that the encampment idea seems to be the most feasible and helpful thing possible, and therefore recommend that a committee be appointed to arrange for an encampment. J. M. Shelburne, L. O. Dawson."

It will be remembered that the report was spoken to by L. O. Dawson, J. M. Shelburne and W. J. E. Cox, and the following resolution was adopted, after which the report was adopted, viz: "Amended. This committee shall not make or incur any liability against the convention. L. O. Dawson, H. G. Moseley, J. M. Shelburne."

Now for months these three brethren have been planning to carry out the wishes of the convention and have arranged for an encampment to be held at East Lake for ten days beginning June 5th, and if you read Brother Moseley's article in last week's issue you will have seen that the Baptists of Alabama have a treat in store.

The point we would make is that it is now our plain duty to get behind these brethren and make the encampment a go. Let's get the key word engraved on our memory, "Enlargement," and then strive to realize the motto, "Bigger Things and Better Things in Alabama."

PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON'S PAPERS.

Elsewhere we give a synopsis of two papers which appeared some while back in the Sunday School Times on "The Young People and the Church," in which he wisely shows the value of upbringing children in homes where Christian life is exemplified, and sets forth the folly of thinking that any substitute, however worthy, can relieve parents of the prime necessity of giving to their children through their home life the background for further religious activity in the Sunday school and elsewhere. He believes that "religion is communicable, aside from the sacred operations of the Holy Spirit, only by example." Hence "no amount of didactic teaching in a home whose life is not Christian will ever get into the consciousness and life of the children."

He also urges the prime importance of sincerity on the part of those who would give religious instruction to the young. And he draws a distinction between making the church "interesting" and making it "entertaining" that we fear is seldom made, for too often our services for the young people are made entertaining and not interesting in the best sense for their spiritual growth. We are glad to state that in a private talk with President Wingfield about the work of the B. Y. P. U. in Alabama we found him to be keenly alive to the fact that if the organization lived up to its mission that the various unions would stress the Christian culture courses and do all in their power, while not obscuring the social feature, still to keep it subservient to the more important task of making each member realize that they were saved to serve.

NEWS
PARAGRAPHS

I hope the subscription list is swelling as it deserves to. Sunday was a good day with us at Willsonville. We raised \$180 for foreign missions.—C. C. Heard.

We call attention to Brother Crumpton's letter to the executive committees of the association. We suggest that where there are executive committees the moderator and clerk take the matter in hand and try to have collections taken in every church for the work in the association. This is an important matter and should receive prompt attention.

One of the most gracious acts a church can perform is to send its pastor to the Southern Baptist Convention and pay his expenses. We hope some one will take up the matter in each church and not let it be said that their servant had to pay his own way to the convention to attend to the business of the church.

Our meeting at Riverside was a success. They have that kind everywhere Bro. W. J. Ray goes now. If you want your church to wake up and do something get Bro. Ray to help you in a meeting. He builds up the church and helps the pastor. May God give us more Rays in Alabama to preach the gospel. Let us hold him up in our prayers.—J. W. Coffman, Pastor.

Rev. John Roach Straton, one of our gifted southern preachers, has resigned the pastorate of the Second Baptist church, Chicago, to accept the care of the Seventh Baptist church of Baltimore, which is one of the largest congregations in Baltimore, and is an amalgamation of the old Seventh Baptist church, of which Dr. A. C. Dixon, of the Moody church, Chicago, was formerly pastor, and the Emanuel Baptist church, made famous by the pastorate of Dr. Richard Fuller.

I went on my field as missionary for the association last Monday. We have just closed a week's meeting at Millry, near Healing Springs. This is a little railroad town, and they have no church. There are many people who say the meeting has been a blessing to them, and I feel that this week's meeting will not only result in the salvation of souls, but in the organization of a church. Over \$70 has already been promised toward the erection of a house of worship. These people are certainly hospitable and seem to be anxious about a church. I hope to reach many souls with the gospel. I go from here to Bladon Springs to begin a meeting. God bless your paper. Send me some sample copies and I will do what I can for you.—D. C. Parker.

After this week please send my Alabama Baptist to Lafayette, Ala. It has been pleasant and profitable to me here. I have enjoyed the fellowship and co-operation of these brethren and sisters, whom I esteem as being among God's noblest and most faithful children. Together, at His word, we have claimed some of God's promises, and He has richly blessed us. In sincerity and Christian love, I commend them to my successor. Among the great privileges of this pastorate I have had the help and encouragement of our greatly and justly honored and beloved brother, Rev. A. F. Dix. His membership is indeed one of the richest blessings upon South Side church and her pastor. It will also always be a source of pleasure to think upon the hours spent here with the other pastors. Of a truth, the Lord has been good to me in granting this experience. Just as truly, however, do I believe He is guiding me to the new field of which I have heard much that is encouraging. With kindest wishes, Eldred M. Stewart.

PERSONAL & OTHER NOTES

The Union Springs Herald says: "The resignation of Rev. F. H. Watkins will take effect next Sunday week, when he will leave for San Antonio, Tex., to take charge of a church there. Every one regrets to see him leave Union Springs, where he is so popular with his church members and members of other denominations as well. We shall miss him; for he is as earnest and consecrated a minister as we have ever known. Our loss will be the Lone Star State's great gain. May he and his be the recipients of the love and tenderest solicitude of those with whom they cast their lots." Texas is a big state and Bro. Watkins is a big man. It must have been love at first sight, for hardly had the news come that Bro. Watkins was helping Bro. Neal in a meeting at San Antonio before it was announced that he had made up his mind to cast in his lot with the Texans. We will greatly miss him in Alabama, but we will pray God's blessing upon his new work.

A meeting of the board of directors of the Baptist State Convention in the office of the State Board of Missions in Montgomery on Friday, May 3, at 12 o'clock for the purpose of naming the delegates to the Southern Baptist convention, American Baptist Education Society, General Convention of Baptists of North America and Baptist World Congress. Those who may be appointed by the churches contributing \$250 and over to home and foreign missions will confer a favor by sending in their names. Those who wish to go from the state at large will please send in their names also. Associations' delegates should send their names to Rev. Lansing Burrows, D. D., Nashville, Tenn. Direct all communications to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary, Montgomery, Ala.—N. D. Denson, President.

Dr. D. W. Gwin, of Atlanta, Ga., has been visiting his son, Dr. Gwin, in Nashville for several months. Recently he had quite a severe spell of pneumonia, and has been seriously ill. We are glad to state, however, that he is much better at this writing, and is slowly recovering. Dr. Gwin is one of the ablest ministers in our denomination. He was pastor in Norfolk, Va., and Atlanta, Ga., for many years. For some years he has not been in the active ministry. He still retains, however, his brightness of intellect, his sweetness of spirit and his noble Christian bearing. We join with his thousands of friends all over the south in praying that he may soon be fully restored to health and strength.—Baptist and Reflector.

It is with genuine personal regret that we chronicle the fact that Rev. F. H. Watkins gives up his pastorate at Union Springs to take charge of the South Side church, San Antonio, Tex., but are pleased to state that Rev. W. W. Lee, who resigned the care of the above church, returns to Alabama to become pastor of the Baptist church at Montevallo. We lose one of our strong young men, but we get back restored to health one of our beloved pastors. Bro. Lee did a fine work at San Antonio. When he began work he found 78 members seriously considering disbanding, worshipping in a small frame house. In seventeen months the church has grown to 200 members and now has a new brick veneer building seating 400.

We acknowledge with pleasure the following invitation, which recently came to hand, and regret that we were unable to attend: "The Eclectic Baptist church will dedicate their house of worship Sunday, April 28th, 1907, at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Crumpton, D. D., of Montgomery, will preach the sermon. An historical sketch of the organization will be presented by Dr. M. L. Fielder, of Wetumpka, Ala. Special music will be rendered by the choir. You are cordially invited to be present.—Arnold S. Smith, Pastor.

NEWS
PARAGRAPHS

With just a little help from each of a large company of friends we can make this the greatest year in the history of the paper.

Evangelist Frank M. Wells, Jackson, Tenn., has conducted good meetings at Waynesboro and MeHenry, Miss. He has other dates in that state. His mass meetings "for men only" on each Sunday at 3 p. m. are very largely attended.

Rev. T. V. Neal's many friends will learn with pleasure that while in San Antonio for his health he has accepted the pastorate of the Prospect Hill church and that the first month of his pastorate 75 members joined, Rev. I. H. Watkins having helped him in a meeting.

Rev. G. B. F. Stovall is now available for meetings. Any one wishing to use him in protracted meetings can get in touch with him by addressing him at Woodlawn, Ala. Brother Stovall has had considerable experience in holding meetings and has just finished the pastor's course at the seminary.

Dr. O. F. Gregory, who has for so many years provided for the comfort and pleasure of the brethren and sisters on their way to and from the convention, and to whom many of us are indebted for delightful side trips, has made an arrangement whereby delegates and visitors to the Southern Baptist convention and the northern anniversaries can be entertained at the Inside Inn, Jamestown, May 21-24, at reduced rates. Write to him for particulars, Box 595, Staunton, Va.

To the Members of the A. B. M. B. S.:

Dear Brethren: I have paid Sister I. L. Collins \$351 on assessment No. 2. Twenty-nine members have failed to respond so far. Our constitution provides that neglect to pay assessments for thirty days forfeits membership in the Alabama Baptist Ministerial Benefit Society. If you have not paid your \$2, please forward the amount as soon as possible and you can be reinstated and your membership continued. Fraternally, W. J. Elliott, Secretary-Treasurer, Montgomery.

We came to Pineapple a little more than two weeks ago. The good people of this section know how to make one welcome. They did everything possible to make us feel at home. We found the pantry well filled. Wife said, "Why, we won't have to buy a thing in a month or more, and here is enough of this to last us a year." I am serving Pineapple first and third Sundays and Monroeville second Sunday. At present I have no work for the fourth Sunday. I am one who believes that every Baptist family should take their state paper, and if I can help you in placing the Baptist in the homes of my people I shall do so. Sincerely yours, J. M. Gilmore, Box 35, Pineapple, Ala.


Our fifth Sunday meeting was a success. We failed to carry out the entire program, owing to a series of meetings in town by the Presbyterians. But we had some splendid sermons by Revs. Griffith and Reece, also some splendid talks by the brethren on various subjects. I am glad that some of the brethren are trying the house work for missions. It has been my plan for years. It will work. Now is the time to try it. Bad weather through April has caused small congregations and unless we canvass our people we will fall far behind with our Lord's work. I am carrying out the schedule. Would not serve a church that would not allow me to take collections once a month. God bless our mission boards.—W. J. D. Upshaw.

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In the death of Walter L. Stanley, Tusculumbia has lost a leading business man, the Baptists a consecrated and wise counselor and Christianity a staunch friend. But the Lord hath called him and to this divine decree we meekly bow, for we know it is well.

MRS. LUCY W. CRADDOCK.

When I preached my first sermon in Tuscaloosa on entering my pastorate there, I noticed directly in front of me near the pulpit an intent listener with a strong motherly face. I was but a boy then, and that fact helped me no doubt in finding the way to her heart. I shall not forget her cordial greeting when the service was over, nor the long years of kindly love that followed. She was past three score then, but her pastor soon learned that when she was not in that pew on the Lord's day it meant that she was either sick or away from home. Her last months were spent at the home of her son, Mr. B. L. Owen, at Columbus, Miss., but her heart clung to the Tuscaloosa church as long as life lasted.

Indeed, most of her life was spent as a member of this church. She was born in Franklin county, Alabama, and early in life married Mr. F. C. Owen, the father of Mr. B. L. Owen. They lived in Molton, Ala., for seven years, when her husband was taken away by death. In 1860 she married Mr. John N. Craddock, of Tuscaloosa, and there she spent practically all of the forty-seven years that remained of her life.

The Master took her to Himself on the 24th of March. Had she lived till September 3d she would have been 78 years old.

She was one of the south's old time gentlewomen. Womanly to the core of her being, yet strong and forceful in character, she was a typical example of that generation now passing away, than which this world has produced no greater. Loyal to every good thing that rightfully claimed her allegiance, she will be and is sorely missed by many who loved her, and by none more than by this writer, whom she somehow admitted in a peculiar way to the inner sanctuary of her heart.

L. O. DAWSON.

MRS. M. W. METCALF.

Mrs. M. W. Metcalf was born Feb. 2, 1874, and died April 5, 1907, at Hartford, Ala. She was converted and joined Providence Baptist church in the summer of 1887, was baptized



by Rev. B. T. Jones, was united in marriage to Bro. M. W. Metcalf Nov. 27, 1892. As a result of this union there was born to them six children, all of whom, except little Elma, were awaiting her at the "Beautiful Gate." Her's was a life of devotion to God and loved ones. Full of faith and good works. Her death, a sweet victory through Christ. Bidding adieu to her dear little girl, devoted husband, loved ones, she fell asleep in Jesus. Her former pastor, Bro. Mosley, conducted the funeral services, assisted by the Methodist pastor and the writer. We extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy. May God bind up all broken hearts. Her pastor,

W. J. D. UPSHAW.

IN MEMORIAM.

Sister Nancy M. Sloan, nee Taylor, daughter of George and Elsie A. Taylor, was born Nov. 1, 1848, in Pickens county, Alabama, and united with the Good Hope Missionary Baptist church in the fall of 1881, and was baptized by Rev. John C. Foster. She married George A. Sloan December 10, 1885, and after an illness of five months departed this life April 4, 1907, at the age of 57 years, 5 months and 4 days. She was the mother of four children, one son and three daughters, two of whom survive her, the youngest being in her 15th year. She also helped to rear five step-children, who have married and left the parental home. She also leaves a husband to mourn her. Sister Sloan was a good wife and mother, making a pleasant home for her loved ones with kindness to all. We mourn not as those who have no hope. For hers was a bright Christian life that gives us abundant assurance of her entrance into that rest that remains for God's faithful ones.

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JAMES F. SULZBY, Mortgagee.
W. T. HILL, Attorney for Mortgagee.

GOOD MEETING AT UNIONTOWN.

Uniontown has just experienced the greatest revival in her history, so some of the oldest citizens say. Some twenty years ago a larger ingathering was had, about 200 joining the different churches then, while only some 55 will unite with the churches as a result of this meeting.

Practically all were already members, so the chief work was to get the church folk straight.

For several months some of the pastors had been talking of and praying for a revival, and tried to enlist as many of the members as possible. All felt, it seemed, that a genuine revival was needed. Worldliness and pleasure seeking were the order of the day. Spirituality was at a low ebb. So it was thought best to have a union meeting, and as the Methodist church house was the largest in town with a seating capacity of some 500, the services were held there.

Rev. R. R. Jones and his singer, Bro. Gilreath, were secured to assist. The meeting began on the first Sunday in April and continued for ten days.

From the very beginning the interest was splendid and the audiences large. Practically all the stores in town were closed in the morning from 10 to 11 o'clock. People from the country and neighboring towns came night and day, and the spirit of God was present to bless the earnest messages to the conviction of sin in the lives of all. You need not be surprised when I say that our church folk were greatly helped. Many burned their cards, the dance was given up, the French bowl and kindred sins were abandoned and there was general rejoicing in our midst.

As far as additions are concerned, about 26 joined the Methodist church, six the Presbyterian church, two or three the Episcopal church, one the Jewish synagogue and some 20 the Baptist church.

The ages of those who united with the Baptist church range from 12 to 65. Five heads of families. The majority were men and boys. Our church has been greatly strengthened in many ways. Between 40 and 50 have joined since I took charge some 18 months ago. Three splendid members who, for certain reasons, withdrew from our church a few years ago, came back, much to the joy of pastor and people.

Besides the weekly prayer meetings of the churches, a men's and women's prayer meeting for the entire town has been organized. Some seventy of the women have formed a women's union to provide social entertainments for our young people, free from dancing, card playing, etc. I think each church will be able now to organize a woman's missionary society in connection with the aid societies that already exist. For all these and many other blessings, we devoutly give God the praise and the honor while the blessings are ours.

We are now trying to raise one hundred dollars during this month (April) for missions on my field. During the month of June Bro. T. T. Martin, of Blue Mountain, Miss., may assist us in a meeting in Uniontown. We praise the Lord for what he has done for us, but we are anxious to reach others, and strengthen our church and be better prepared for aggressive church-work.

I have already written too long an article. May God continue to bless our large hearted editor. Yours fraternally,
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By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by J. T. Boon and A. E. Boon to T. Y. Cain the 20th day of May, 1893, to secure the payment of the debt therein described, evidenced by 50 promissory notes, each payable in the sum of \$15 with interest, falling due every 30 days thereafter, which mortgage was filed in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, and recorded in Vol. 181, Record of Mortgages, pages 192 and 193, and default having been made within the term of said mortgage in not having paid the several promissory notes at maturity, and not complying with the terms and conditions of the said mortgage; now therefore I, Nancy J. Cain, as executrix of the last will of said T. Y. Cain, duly admitted to probate in said Jefferson county, in order to collect the debt secured by said mortgage, do hereby give notice that on

SATURDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE, IN THE YEAR, 1907,

at the hour of noon, I will, before the court house door of Jefferson county, state of Alabama, sell to the highest bidder for cash, by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage, that lot of land conveyed by said mortgage, described as follows: 80 1-2 feet off the east side of lot No. 11, in block No. 2, in Laird, Wise and Falls' addition to Avondale, and recorded in map book No. 2, on page 24, in the office of probate judge in Jefferson county, state of Alabama, fronting 40 1-2 feet on First avenue and the East Lake dummy line, running back of uniform width 110 feet to an alley, said lot being situated in section 28, township 17 and range 2, west, in Jefferson county, Alabama. Upon the payment of the purchase money, by virtue of the authority vested in me as such executrix, under said power of sale, I will execute a deed to the purchaser.

NANCY J. CAIN, as Executrix.
T. Y. CAIN, Mortgagee.
Ward & Rudolph, attorneys for said Nancy J. Cain.
This 20th of April, 1907.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of the sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Walter Hoffman and Fannie I. Hoffman, his wife, and M. R. McNeil and Jessie L. McNeil, his wife, on the 20th day of October, 1905, to Virginia E. Clopton to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was filed and duly recorded in volume 400, page 546, of records of mortgages in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 11th day of November, 1905, and which said mortgage and the indebtedness thereby secured with all the rights and powers thereunder was by the said Virginia E. Clopton heretofore sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, for value, to the undersigned R. T. Humphrey; and default in the payment of one of the notes secured by said mortgage having been made, said R. T. Humphrey, the transferee therein, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, will, on Saturday, May 25, 1907, before the court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, offer for sale and proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

An undivided one-seventh of nine-fortieths interest in the west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen (19), in township seventeen (17), south range two (2) west, in

Jefferson county, Alabama, excepting eight (8) acres, more or less, of said tract, bounded by a line beginning at the southwest corner of said west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen (19), and running thence east eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet, thence north four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet, thence west eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet, and thence south four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet to point of beginning; subject to the right of way over a strip or parcel of land one hundred (100) feet wide, extending across said land, now occupied by the Georgia Pacific Railway Co., a corporation, as a right of way; subject also to a right of way not less than ten (10) feet wide, extending in a northwardly direction to Village Creek, by means of which John A. McIntosh, his heirs and assigns, shall forever have access to said creek, and shall have the right to use water therefrom for domestic purposes only upon said eight (8) acres; and also subject to a right of way twenty-six (26) feet wide over and across the north end of said west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen (19), according to deed recorded in volume 142, page 311 of the records of Jefferson county, granting said right of way to the Highland Avenue and Belt Railroad Company, being the property described in and conveyed by above mentioned mortgage.

R. T. HUMPHREY,
Transferee.
WARD & RUDOLPH, Attorneys.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of the sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Walter Hoffman and Fannie I. Hoffman, his wife, and M. R. McNeil and Jessie L. McNeil, his wife, on the 20th day of October, 1905, to Clifford Lanier, Jr., to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was filed and duly recorded in volume 400, page 543, of records of mortgages in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 10th day of November, 1905, and which said mortgage and the indebtedness thereby secured with all the rights and powers thereunder was, by the said Clifford Lanier, Jr., heretofore sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, for value, to the undersigned R. T. Humphrey; and default in the payment of one of the notes secured by said mortgage having been made, the said R. T. Humphrey, the transferee therein, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, did, on account of said default, declare the said entire indebtedness due and unpaid and in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, will, on Saturday, May 25, 1907, before the court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, offer for sale and proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

An undivided one-seventh of nine-fortieths interest in the west half of the north half of the northwest quarter of section 19, in township seventeen (17), south range two (2) west, in Jefferson county, Alabama, excepting eight (8) acres, more or less, of said tract, bounded by a line beginning at the southwest corner of said west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen (19) and running thence east eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet, thence north four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet, thence west eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet and thence south four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet to point of beginning; subject to the right of way over a strip or parcel of land one hundred (100) feet wide extending

across said land, now occupied by the Georgia Pacific Railway Co., a corporation, as a right of way, subject also to a right of way not less than ten (10) feet wide, extending in a northwardly direction to Village Creek, by means of which John A. McIntosh, his heirs and assigns, shall forever have access to said creek, and shall have the right to use water therefrom for domestic purposes only upon said eight acres; and also subject to a right of way twenty-six feet wide and over and across the north end of said west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen, according to deed recorded in volume 142, page 311, of the records of Jefferson county, granting said right of way to the Highland Avenue and Belt Railroad Company, being the property described in and conveyed by above mentioned mortgage.

R. T. HUMPHREY,
Transferee.
WARD & RUDOLPH, Attorneys.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of the sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Walter Hoffman and Fannie I. Hoffman, his wife, and M. R. McNeil and Jessie L. McNeil, his wife, on the 20th day of October, 1905, to Willie C. Lanier, to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was filed and duly recorded in volume 400, page 541, of records of mortgages in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 10th day of November, 1905, and which said mortgage and the indebtedness thereby secured with all the rights and powers thereunder was, by the said Willie C. Lanier, heretofore sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, for value, to the undersigned R. T. Humphrey; and default in the payment of one of the notes secured by said mortgage having been made, said R. T. Humphrey, the transferee therein, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, will, on Saturday, May 25, 1907, before the court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, offer for sale and proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

An undivided one-seventh of nine-fortieths interest in the west half of the north half of the northwest quarter of section 19, in township seventeen (17), south range two (2) west, in Jefferson county, Alabama, excepting eight (8) acres, more or less, of said tract, bounded by a line beginning at the southwest corner of said west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen (19) and running thence east eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet, thence north four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet, thence west eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet and thence south four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet to point of beginning; subject to the right of way over a strip or parcel of land one hundred (100) feet wide extending across said land, now occupied by the Georgia Pacific Railway Co., a corporation, as a right of way; subject also to a right of way not less than ten (10) feet wide, extending in a northwardly direction to Village Creek, by means of which John A. McIntosh, his heirs and assigns, shall forever have access to said creek, and shall have the right to use water therefrom for domestic purposes only upon said eight acres; and also subject to a right of way twenty-six feet wide and over and across the north end of said west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen, according to deed recorded in volume 142, page 311, of the records of Jefferson county, granting said right of way to the Highland Avenue and Belt Railroad Company, being the property described in and

conveyed by above mentioned mortgage.

R. T. HUMPHREY,
Transferee.
WARD & RUDOLPH, Attorneys.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Under and by virtue of the power of the sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Walter Hoffman and Fannie I. Hoffman, his wife, and M. R. McNeil and Jessie L. McNeil, his wife, on the 30th day of September, 1905, to Mrs. Darthula Hendrick, to secure the debt therein named, which said mortgage was filed and duly recorded in volume 407, page 79, of records of mortgages in the office of the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, on the 25th day of November, 1905, and which said mortgage and the indebtedness thereby secured with all the rights and powers thereunder was, by the said Mrs. Darthula Hendrick, heretofore sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, for value, to the undersigned R. T. Humphrey; and default in the payment of one of the notes secured by said mortgage having been made, said R. T. Humphrey, the transferee therein, in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, did, on account of said default, declare the said entire indebtedness, due and unpaid, and in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, will, on Saturday, May 25, 1907, before the court house door in Birmingham, Jefferson county, Alabama, offer for sale and proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real estate, situated in Jefferson county, Alabama, to-wit:

Our undivided nine-fortieths interest in the west half of the northwest quarter of section 19, in township seventeen (17), south range two (2) west, excepting eight (8) acres, more or less, of said tract, bounded by a line beginning at the southwest corner of said west half of the northwest quarter of section nineteen (19) and running thence east eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet, thence north four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet, thence west eight hundred and thirty-four and 8-10 (834 and 8-10) feet and thence south four hundred and seventeen and 1-2 (417 1-2) feet to point of beginning; subject to the right of way over a strip or parcel of land one hundred (100) feet wide extending across said land, now occupied by the Georgia Pacific Railway Co., a corporation, as a right of way; subject also to a right of way not less than ten (10) feet wide, extending from the northeast corner of the said eight (8) acres in a northwardly direction to Village Creek, by means of which John A. McIntosh, his heirs and assigns, shall forever have access to said creek, and shall have the right to use water therefrom for domestic purposes only upon said eight acres; and also subject to 26 feet right of way of the Highland Avenue and Belt Railroad Company across the north end of said west half of section 19, according to deed recorded in volume 142, page 311, of the records of Jefferson county, being the property described in and conveyed by above mentioned mortgage.

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We all appreciate your efforts to give us a good paper. Many, many, kindly wishes for your much deserved success.—W. L. Head.

May God bless you and your work. Pray for us up here and drop in and be with us. Your brother in Christ, F. W. Franklin.

May the Lord continue to bless you in the noble work you are doing for His cause. I am yours in the work, W. R. Gamel.

Herewith please find \$5 and list of names, to whom I will thank you to place on your mailing list for the Alabama Baptist. Will try and get more.—R. H. Hudson.

Just returned from Broughton's conference, where I remained nearly two weeks. In a day or two I will look after the interest of the Baptist among my people and send you in a list of new names.—W. D. Hubbard.

Inclosed find postoffice money order for one dollar, renewal of Alabama Baptist. I am by the Alabama Baptist like the fellow was by his wife, I love the paper "gooder and gooder." Yours fraternally, J. L. Tucker, Nannafalia, Ala.

I wish I could get my people interested in taking the paper, but they seem to think they are not able. Many of them are very poor, yet some of them could take it, if they would use less tobacco, snuff, etc. With kindest regards, yours in His name, O. E. Comstock, Sr.

Am sorry that I have not been able to do more for you. Have worked hard at it, but have accomplished but little. Hard to get these people to subscribe for a religious paper. The Lord has greatly blessed my labors (along some lines, but not in getting subscribers for our paper) as missionary of Columbia Association. Will continue to do what I can for our paper.—J. H. Riffe.

Will try to get some more. Somehow people don't care to read anything except the daily papers, and the paper is very cheap at the price—worth twice the price. You must not think of a commission with me, as I can not think of any rebate. Received the match box and hooks and eyes. Another thing, the Baptists ought to love to know how we are doing and getting along all over the state, and the one that reads is the one that thinks the most. Excuse long letter. With much love to you and family, fraternally, Elder E. P. H. Judd.

I write you again concerning your paper. It gets better all the time, but it is not good enough for me to want you to keep sending me two copies each week. Rev. J. J. Clayton, Crossville, Ala., and J. J. Clayton, Sand Mountain, Ala., are one and the same.—Rev. J. J. Clayton, Crossville, Ala., R. F. D. No. 2.

I have been trying for some time to get you some subscribers to your most valuable paper. I send you P. O. order for one dollar for a new subscription. I will not become discouraged but will make another effort to get someone else to take your paper, as I consider it among the best literature to be placed in our homes. Wishing you much success in your work for good, I am sincerely yours, J. M. Dickinson.

I have been confined at home all winter on account of falling health, and just as the \$1.00 proposition was announced I was taking a severe cold and was under treatment of the doctor for some time and still unable to visit churches, and for this reason I have been unable to do anything on the \$1.00 proposition. Would gladly do all I could for the worthy paper. Yours with best wishes, G. W. Freeman, Sr.

Dear Dr. Barnett: Your paper did me much good this week. It was brim full of good things refreshing to the soul. You know just how and when to make the heart glad, and I don't see how a Baptist family in Alabama can do without your great paper. Yes, it seemed to me too that there was a "loneliness" about myself in not being able to be at the State B. Y. P. U. in Montgomery. Providence and business interfered, but God being willing we shall try and meet you and our friends at Troy next year. It grieved me not to be there this year, it being the first convention I had missed in seven years, but Dr. Barnett I have a fine fifteen pound boy at my house, who came just a few days before the convention met, and to help make our convention a success Mrs. Pierce, my good wife has taken charge of the B. Y. P. U. training of J. E. Pierce Jr. who will soon be able to attend the conventions with his parents. With prayers and best wishes for your success.—J. E. Pierce. April 16, 07.

I am sorry so few of our people take the Baptist. We will remain behind with our mission work just so long as so few of our members take the paper. They do not nor can not know the needs of our denomination unless they take a paper that keeps up with the needs of our denomination. I regret to see our state so low down the list of the states. We

are going to remain there unless we inform ourselves better and come to the rescue of our secretaries and their work. Brethren, preachers, deacons, lay members and all, let us rally to the Alabama Baptist and insist on our members taking it if possible, and also the Foreign Mission Journal. If we can get our members to take and read those two papers our collections for missions will soon increase, and soon we will be pushing some of the states to the wall that are now ahead of us. Every true Baptist that is loyal to denomination and state wants to see his state stand higher in the list of the states. Let us lift it higher by the time the convention meets in Richmond. Yours in Christ, C. A. Strickland.

BRO. CRUMPTON TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF ASSOCIATIONS.

My Dear Brethren: According to the schedule, May is the month for associational missions. The executive committees can, if they will, secure a good sum on which to operate in this month. A letter to every pastor and every church clerk, reaching them before the first Sunday, would do the work.

If you are doing missionary work, of course the appeal ought to be made. If no missionary work is being done, so much the greater reason to secure a fund on which to operate. Colportage work can be done. One pastor in a country field said if he had the time he could sell a thousand religious books. A good book sold into the home becomes an evangel in that home for many years.

There are weak points which ought to be supplied. If the executive committee had the money in hand, they could employ a brother with evangelistic gifts to hold meetings with weak churches. Many times a good meeting will put such a church on its feet. Often the church would compensate the brother for his services and not a cent would have to be paid out by the executive committee.

I am writing this to every association in the State. There is no reason why a great missionary enthusiasm may not be aroused in every association this summer through the efforts of the executive committees. Baptist rallies, one or two days at a place, are the best things which can be held for arousing the churches.

Some of the associations, where they have no work doing, send the money to me. I use it in the work of the board until such time as I am notified by the committee that it is needed. In this way the money is kept busy and the state board saved some interest money, which otherwise it would have to pay out.

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Dear Brother Barnett:

This lonely Sunday morning I will give you a few of my thoughts.

I take for my subject: "Young girls who think they have a hard time." If they have good mothers, which most of them have, they don't know anything about a hard time until their mothers are gone, then they will know what a hard time is. They will look back upon the past, and see so many places they could have made brighter and happier for her, but gave it no thought. They did not think that mother needed their cheering words and help.

I did not want to do anything mother wished me to do. All I thought of was going and having a good time with my chums, but that was not the Lord's way, so he changed it to suit himself. He took my mother home nearly three years ago. I am oldest of five children and have had to try to fill her place, but that was impossible for no one can ever fill mother's place.

I thought I had a hard time before she went away. That was only play, when compared with what I have to do now. I had no one to look after except myself, now I have the care of smaller children and the home duties. But the home duties are nothing to compare with the care of smaller children, to rear them up the way that mother would have them and the way our dear Savior would have them go.

My father is a Baptist minister and serves four churches. He is gone every Saturday and Sunday and the responsibility rests largely on me. But I'm so glad I can help him while he goes to preach the gospel to lost and dying people, though we spend many lonely hours at home with no father or mother with us. There are four of us girls and one little brother I keep up the corners the best I can, trying to do as near like mother would as possible, but I miss it so far sometimes the burden seems too hard for me to bear, but the Lord knows best. He says he will bear our burdens if we only ask him to. But we so often try to carry the load by ourselves and oh, how heavy it gets when we try to carry it without God's help.

Girls, let me give you a little advice. Make home happier and brighter for mother while she is with you and you will not have such a hard time and so many regrets when she is gone. She spends many anxious hours that you could make easier for her if you only would.

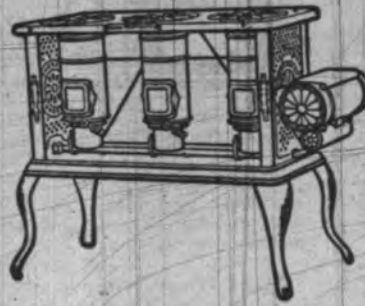
Girls, there is not one of us that can not live better in the future than we have in the past. Let us try to make crooked paths straight for some one else to walk in.

Dear Brother Barnett, I ask you to pray for us that the Lord may take care of us in father's absence and that we may all meet dear mother where there are no more lonely hearts and tired bodies, and all will be sunshine and glory.—Eunice Clayton.

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I wonder if they ever remember that they gave their hearts and pocket books to God when they professed religion in him and were baptized? But I guess they left the pocket books at home on the mantel piece. Oh, what if each member of our church would only give 10 per cent of their incomes from the poorest to the richest member, our churches would not be begging all the time as they are now. I heard a church member say that he had to work every Sunday and that he gave his Sunday wages to the church. How many are there like him? I do not know if he gives any more.

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GOD OUR REFUGE, STRENGTH AND HELP.

Ps. 46: The Psalmist had experienced many troubles, so he spoke out of the depths of his heart.

I. What God is to us, v. 1.

1. He is our refuge in time of trouble. The figure is that of a fortress which stands for two things,

(1) It prevents an attack from the enemy. To take a fortress means serious fighting. God prevents the enemy.

(2) It brings security to us. We have a strong place.

2. He is our strength in trouble.

(1) We are weak in trouble.

(2) We are strong through God in trouble.

3. God is our help in trouble.

(1) He is our self help.

(2) He makes up for our deficiencies.

3. He is our help right early.

II. How this affects the Christian.

1. It gives him courage, vs. 2, 3, "fear not." We are not afraid (1) in an earthquake, v. 2; and (2) in a storm at sea, v. 2.

2. It gives him great joy and peace. In antithesis to the earthquake and the storm are joy and peace. (1.)

There is a river the streams whereof make glad the city of God. A river of peace. (2.) There is a city which has God in the midst of her. She shall not be moved.

JOHN T. CHRISTIAN.

Little Rock, Ark.

The Alabama Baptist is a great paper and is doing great good in the education of our people along the line of practical work. We are looking and praying and working for a great revival in the churches in this part of the state. The Lord bless you in your work.—A. A. Pannell, Hanceville.

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J. B. KEOWN,

Pastor Blue Mountain Baptist Church,
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IN ANTIOCH ASSOCIATION.

Bro. Crumpton was with us in a series of rallies which embraced the 27th to 31st of March. We visited Chapel Hill No. 2, Isney, Spring Bank No. 1 and Hickory Grove. The attendance was very good at each church. I think our meetings will result in great good. Bro. Crumpton was in fine shape and did some as good preaching and talking as I have heard. Surely it is a benediction for any of our churches to have him visit them. His children's service was the best I have seen for the children. There are scores of children in Alabama who will read these lines and remember Brother Crumpton's children's sermon. May his days be multiplied on this earth that his great life may be felt for good.

On Saturday at Hickory Grove we ordained Bro. S. P. Singly to the deacon's office. I secured 20 subscribers for our paper. Our people are going to do better, for they are reading the Alabama Baptist. Every Baptist home in Alabama ought to have the Alabama Baptist in them, and other homes besides. Wishing you much success, I am yours fraternally,
H. M. MASON.

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Dear Bro. Barnett: For some weeks I have not had a copy of the Alabama Baptist. What is the matter? Because I have not paid up? If that is it, I have not a word to say except please pardon me and forward my bill and I will soon pay up. If you don't do this you must send paper on. I can not afford to be without the Baptist for a single week, nor can any other Baptist and do justice to himself, his family nor his denomination. Send all of the back numbers for four weeks if you have them. Hereafter dun me and don't stop my paper. May God richly bless you and put it into all of our hearts to stand by you. Your brother, S. P. Lindsey.
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This day came W. K. Martin and filed his application in writing and under oath, therewith producing and filing in this court an instrument in writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Robert Smith, deceased, and praying for such orders, decrees and proceedings as may be proper and requisite for the due probate and record of said instrument as such will, alleging therein the decedent left no widow and the only next of kin known to affiant is one sister, Miss Eliza Catherine Robb, over the age of twenty-one years and at present resides in Glasgow, Scotland, of the Kingdom of Great Britain.

And whereas the 3rd of May, 1901, has been set as a day for hearing testimony in proof of said instrument as such will,

It is therefore ordered that notice of the filing of said application and of the day set for hearing same be given by publication once a week for three consecutive weeks in the Alabama Baptist, a newspaper published in this county, notifying all persons in interest to appear and contest said application if they think proper so to do.

S. E. GREENE,

Judge of Probate.

Z. T. RUDOLPH, Attorney.