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Rev. J. A. French has been pastor of the First church of Austin, Texas, for twelve years, and during that time 906 new members have been received. This is the longest pastorate of this church.

The friends in South Carolina of Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Staunton, Va., will be glad to know that he is well and happy in his work. He will spend two weeks of his vacation in visiting associations in the interest of home missions. He says: "The Lord continues to bless us at Staunton and baptisms are frequent."

The next session of the Bethel association will convene with Hoboken church, Marengo county, sixteen miles northwest of Thomasville, at 10 a. m., Wednesday, September 9, 1908. The Alabama Baptist, representatives of our schools and of the various interests fostered by Baptists are cordially invited to be with us. Thomasville is the nearest railroad station. Those who come by rail will please write Rev. William Kerridge, Thomasville; Rev. J. M. Green, Nicholasville, or myself, and conveyance will be ready.—J. G. Lowrey, chairman executive committee.

The Cahaba Baptist Association will meet with Mt. Olive church, sixteen miles northeast of Marion, on September 9, 1908. We cordially invite the representatives of our denominational work to be present or to send some one. Write the undersigned if you can come and we will try to provide you a way to get out to the meeting. Your servant, J. E. Baines, Marion, Ala.

Evangelist W. I. Hubbard gave us a helpful set of sermons at my Hope-well church last week. Two joined.—J. E. B.

We have just closed one of the best protracted meetings down here in the north end of Washington county at Friendship church that we have any note of for several years. We commenced on Saturday, the 8th, and closed Wednesday night and the results were ten for baptism and one by letter; three under watch. Total, 14. Our pastor, Rev. H. M. Mason, of Isney, Choctaw county, Ala., did the preaching. The church has become very much attached to him and he has won many friends since he came to serve us. We expect to call him at our next meeting and if fortunate enough to get him will look forward to a prosperous year for us. Our church is not a year old until October 27th next, and made its start from a small Sunday school. Here in the pine woods, four miles south of Bladon Springs, on Bladon and St. Stephens road, and is blessed with a pretty location. Yours truly, Harry Bass, Clerk.

Evangelist Who is Dead and Hymn that Gave Him Fame

The Ninety and Nine.

"Rejoice with me, for I have found a sheep that was lost."—Luke 15: 6

ELIZABETH C. CLEPHANE, 1868.

IRA D. SANKEY, by per.

To be sung only as a Solo.

1. There were ninety that safe - ly lay in the shel-ter as the
2. "Lord, Thou that are Thy nine-ty and nine: Are they not enough for
fold, Thee?)" from the gates of Jericho led a-way from
gold - A - way from the ten-der
me. And go to the desert to
Shep-herd's care, A - way from the ten-der Shep-herd's care,
find my "sheep," I go to the desert to find my sheep."

Ira D. Sankey, as the companion of the late Dwight L. Moody, electrified millions of persons in Europe and America by his wonderful singing at revival meetings. After the death of Moody his sight failed and his activity in the field so well filled by the noted pair was ended. Besides singing, he wrote many stirring hymns, of which "The Ninety and Nine" was considered the greatest.

We have just closed a series of meetings at Loachapoka. During the service five were received into the fellowship of the church. Rev. R. C. Granberry, of Tuskegee, did the preaching. He is a young preacher of great promise. He has accepted a call from Rose Hill church, of Columbus. We regret to lose him from the Tuskegee association and from our state.—J. P. Hunter.

I have just closed meetings with my churches in Zion association. Have held three meetings and received into my three churches 122 members, as follows: Bethany, 60; Adellum, 42; Salem, 20; about 100 baptisms. I have had able assistance a part of the time, rendered by Rev. J. J. Haygood, Andalusia, Ala.; Rev. S. D. McCormick, Hartford, Ala., and Rev. David Bryan. The Lord has greatly blessed my work in this county. At Bethany church during my four years' service we have added 151 to the church and lost about 25. We now have a membership of 200 and will build a \$2,000 house this fall. At our last Sunday service

Rev. W. S. Jones, a Congregationalist, preached and his wife united with our church and was baptized Sunday afternoon, and at the evening service we licensed Brother Jones to preach. I think he will make us a strong man. Fraternally, B. P. Floyd.

The St. Clair county association is to meet with Bethel church, embracing Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 12, 13, 14. This church is situated between Brompton, on Southern railway, and Odenville, on Seaboard railroad. If it is most convenient for you to come to Brompton write to Rev. J. E. Griffin, Odenville, R. 1, or if its Odenville, write J. F. Courson, Odenville, R. 2, and give the day and train and we will be there to convey you over safely. Remember that dropping us a card is very important, as these stations are each four miles from church and it's not necessary to meet every train unless we know there is some one coming. Come, we will make you feel like you are among your brethren. This

Christian Index: The First church, Montgomery, Ala., of which Dr. C. A. Stakely is pastor, hopes to complete its new house of worship sometime during the year. When finished it will be one of the handsomest and best equipped buildings in the South. Part of it is now in use.

The Butler county association will meet with Sardis church, thirteen miles south of Greenville, on Wednesday, August 26th. You come and represent your paper and we want representatives of all our interests present. We hope to have a large attendance present and a good association.—H. R. Schramm, moderator.

The North River Baptist Association will meet with Pleasant Springs church, six miles south of Parish, Walker county, Alabama, on Tuesday, 8th of September, 1908, at 10 a. m. We invite Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Rev. J. W. Stewart, Rev. Frank Willis Barnett, Dr. A. P. Montague and all or any of our brethren who will come are cordially invited.

Brother A. Wickersham has a lively stable at Parish and will be pleased to carry any or all who may come at as reasonable rates as possible.—J. S. Watts, Clerk.

Our meeting began at Lower Peachtree Monday night, July 27th, and closed Sunday night, August 2d. The church was greatly strengthened spiritually and encouraged to attempt greater things for our Lord and expect great blessings from Him. One by letter and one for baptism. We began at Pine Hill Monday night, August 3d, and closed Sunday night August 9th. We received four by letter and four by baptism. Rev. W. J. E. Cox, D. D., was with me in each meeting and his sweet gospel messages were greatly enjoyed by our people. I have never heard the gospel more clearly and simply stated. Truly he spread for us a great gospel feast. We thank God and take courage.—J. G. Lowrey.

Please mention that Rev. S. M. Adams, who has been quite sick for past five weeks at St. Vincent hospital, is very much improved and has been removed to his home, Calera.

Protracted services begun at the Coosa Valley Baptist church first Sunday in August. Pastor Rev. I. W. Inzer was assisted in the work by Rev. A. C. Swindall, of East Lake, who preached the word with power and earnestness. Rev. Ogletree, a young student from Howard college, came Saturday night and preached a very helpful sermon. Five were added to the church, four by baptism, one by letter. The church was greatly revived and we trust much and lasting good was done for the honor and glory of our Master.—Mary M. Clayton.

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CENTENNIAL SPEECH

Delivered by J. M. McCord at Stanton, Ala., July 25, 1908.

The figures and dates that I am going to give you today are taken from Holcombe's History, written about 1840, and Riley's History, written about 1894, and from other reliable sources.

The first Baptist church in Alabama, of which we have any account was organized in the home of James Deaton, a few miles northeast of Huntsville, October 2, 1808, with twelve members. It was called Flint River church, being located near the river of the same name.

Rev. John Nicholson was their first pastor. Nicholson, Baker and Canterbury were the first preachers to labor in that part of the state. About the same date people began to settle in Clarke and Washington counties. There were some Baptists among them. Rev. William Cochran, a licensed preacher from Georgia, was the first in Clarke county and a Rev. Mr. Gorham was the first preacher in Washington county. Settlements were formed in other parts of the territory now known as Alabama, and when a sufficient number of Baptists could be found in a community they were organized into a church. Many of them had to go a long distance to church; some of them walked, some went in ox-carts; but they went.

In 1820 there were 50 Baptist churches in Alabama. In 1821, 70 churches and 2500 members. In 1825, 128 churches, 70 preachers, 5000 members and six associations. In 1833 there were 250 churches, 145 preachers and 11,408 members. In 1836, 333 churches, 188 preachers and 15,630 members. In 1839, 500 churches, 300 preachers, 25,000 members and thirty associations.

This was the stormy period in our history because of the split between the missionary and anti-missionary Baptists which was taking place at this time. Note the wonderful growth during this period, which was due largely to Baptist camp meetings. There were 500 members added to three or four churches in one section as a result of these meetings. In 1849 there were 50,000 members in Baptist churches. In 1854, 60,000 members. In 1858, 65,000 members. In 1875, 76,000 members. Before the civil war white people and negroes held membership in the same churches. After the war the negroes withdrew and organized churches of their own, which was the right thing. The white people have helped them in various ways. There are now more than 161,000 white Baptists in our churches, and when we count the negro Baptists with the white Baptists there are about 375,000 in the state.

One person in every six of the population of Alabama is a member of a Missionary Baptist church. The growth made by the twelve in one hundred years is wonderful. We number almost as many in the state as all other denominations combined. We have more than 1200 preachers. The first association in the state was Flint River, organized in 1814. It was in the extreme northern part of the state and some of the churches were in Tennessee. Now there are seventy-seven associations in the state.

The Baptist state convention was organized in 1823 at Salem church near Greensboro.

The Baptists had three things in view in organizing to aid in foreign missions, domestic missions and the education of pious and intelligent young men called to the ministry.

In the early history of the convention it met frequently with country churches. Sometimes the attendance was small. Some of the delegates had to travel half across the state on horseback to reach the place where the convention was held.

The money collected at the first session of the convention for all purposes was \$325. Last year Alabama Baptists gave about \$70,000.00 besides their contribution to Howard college endowment fund.

The religious newspaper is an important factor in the developments along denominational lines. The denominational paper in Alabama dates from 1836. It was called The Alabama Baptist. For a long time it was not self sustaining. In 1848 it passed into the

hands of Rev. A. W. Chambliss and he changed the name to The Alabama Baptist Advocate. In 1850 the organ of the Mississippi Baptists suspended publication and also the Western Recorder, published in New Orleans. The books of both papers were turned over to the editor of the Alabama Baptist Advocate and its name was changed to Southwestern Baptist. It was the only paper published between the Chattahoochee and Rio Grande rivers. A stock company took charge of the paper in 1852 and transferred it from Marion to Montgomery. Dr. Sam Henderson and Rev. A. Williams took charge of the editorial work. Dr. Henderson was pastor of the Baptist church in Tuskegee at that time. In 1854 the paper was moved to Tuskegee. The convention bought it in 1855, and in 1865 it was merged into the Christian Index of Georgia. The Baptists of Alabama were without a paper for eight years. During those years I believe they were allowed a certain amount of space in the Christian Index.

About the year 1873 the question of a denominational organ for Alabama Baptists was revived. The result was the Alabama Baptist was established at Marion and it came to stay. After a few years it was moved to Selma. In 1885 Major John G. Harris bought it and carried it over to Montgomery, where it was published until Rev. Frank Willis Barnett bought it and moved it to Birmingham, its present home. Through all those years there were times when the paper struggled for existence, but it never failed to go laden with blessings as it entered the homes where it was sent. So many of our people have not yet learned the worth of the denominational paper in their homes.

In 1834 the convention bought 350 acres of land near Greensboro and established a manual labor school looking to the education of young men entering the ministry. No thought was given to the higher education of young ladies and very little to that of young men not entering the ministry. The property was sold in 1837 to meet a debt of \$7,000.

Professor Miles P. Jewett, an educator from New England, traveled through the South in 1838 in his carriage, looking for a suitable location for a school for the higher education of young women. Gen. King, of Marion, met him in Tuscaloosa and at once persuaded him to believe that Marion was the place. As a result of that interview the Judson opened in 1839 in a little frame building with nine girls. In 1841 it moved to the three-story brick building which stood on the present site of the Judson. That building was destroyed by fire in 1889 and a beautiful building, modern in every sense and with every convenience, was erected on the same spot.

There were about 300 girls at the Judson last year and almost one hundred turned away for lack of room. It is a great pity that any young lady has to be turned away from the Judson for lack of room. They are making preparations to take care of a larger number next year. When the Judson went out of the little frame building in 1841 the Howard went in and opened its first session in January, 1842, with nine boys. After being twice destroyed by fire the buildings which are now used by the Marion Military Institute were erected sometime in the fifties and continued to be the home of Howard college until it was moved to East Lake in 1887. It had to start again from the ground. Now there are seven brick buildings on the campus. The enrollment last session was nearly 200. About fifty of them were young men preparing for the ministry.

With such men as Drs. Montague and Patrick at the head of our two great denominational schools, the future is bright. Let the denomination stand by them and success is assured.

An educational wave struck the Baptists of Alabama about 1849 and Baptist schools were established at Moulton, Evergreen, Cusseta, Greensboro, Tuskegee, Talladega, Lafayette, Central Institute and later Ruhamah academy.

The question of Sunday schools was agitated by Baptists in different parts of the state about 1850. Conventions were held in some places, but no permanent place was set on foot until 1871, when a

Sunday school board was created and located at Talladega with Rev. T. C. Boykin as secretary. He resigned in 1874 and Dr. T. M. Bailey was elected in his place. The name of the board was changed to "State Mission and Sunday School Board." Dr. Bailey resigned in 1885, and Rev. W. B. Crumpton was elected to fill the position of secretary. In 1876 the denomination gave \$1,818.33 to home missions and \$1,371.13 to foreign missions. We had no state mission work then. Last year we gave about \$65,000.00 for state, home and foreign missions, and it is the purpose of our people this centennial year to raise \$100,000 as a thank offering for missions. When October, the month for home missions, comes we ought to bring the offering up to \$100,000.

Brothers C. E. Crossland, who was appointed Sunday school secretary last year, is succeeding well in his work. His purpose is to bring the Sunday school roll up to 100,000 this year. He has succeeded already in bringing it from 67,000 last year to 95,000 now.

When the convention met in Selma in 1889 the central committee was appointed, with headquarters in Birmingham. The great work that these good women are doing can never be estimated this side of eternity. The B. Y. P. U. is comparatively new in the state, but already it is taking hold with a vim which means much for the future. The orphans' home at Evergreen is also a new institution. It is a great blessing to orphan children that they can find a home where they can receive every attention that Christian hearts and hands can give.

I won't have time to speak of the men who have taken a prominent part in these developments during the past one hundred years. As we look at the past with grateful hearts, let us turn our eyes to the future with hope. The Lord has done much for us, and he expects us to do our duty. The responsibility is on us. Let each one stand in his place. If the denomination fails to raise the \$100,000 by the close of the centennial year don't let it be due to any neglect on your part.

SELF-DELUSION.

Many People Deceived By Coffee.

We like to defend our indulgences and habits even though we may be convinced of their actual harmfulness.

A man can convince himself that whisky is good for him on a cold morning, or beer on a hot summer day—when he wants the whisky or beer?

It's the same with coffee. Thousands of people suffer headache and nervousness year after year, but try to persuade themselves the cause is not coffee—because they like coffee.

"While yet a child I commenced using coffee and continued it," writes a Wis. man, "until I was a regular coffee fiend. I drank it every morning and in consequence had a blinding headache nearly every afternoon.

"My folks thought it was coffee that ailed me, but I liked it and would not admit it was the cause of my trouble, so I stuck to coffee and the headaches stuck to me.

"Finally the folks stopped buying coffee and brought home some Postum. They made it right (directions on pkg.) and told me to see what difference it would make with my head, and during that first week on Postum my old affliction did not bother me once. From that day to this we have used nothing but Postum in place of coffee—headaches are a thing of the past and the whole family is in fine health."

"Postum looks good, smells good, tastes good, is good and does good to the whole body." "There's a Reason."

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THE BRAZILIAN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

There has just closed in the beautiful city of Rio de Janeiro a most profitable and harmonious session of the Brazilian Baptist convention. I might first speak a word about the city itself. There is not a city in the world which has such a combination of natural beauty as Rio. Her background is one of a semi-circle of mountain ranges, whose feet are washed by the waters of one of the most beautiful bays in the world, and whose peaks ascend heavenward to receive the caresses of the clouds.

Travelers visit Europe and return telling us of the beautiful snow-covered peaks, but instead we will show them, not the cold, lifeless, snow-covered peaks, but instead we will show them the peaks covered with life—eternal life—and beauty. Covered with the foliage whose leaves never wither and whose color never fade. Who could desire more beauty? Rio is a city of more than 900,000 souls, most of whom are lost. But our missionary force is making mighty attacks on the great beast and will one day be victorious. We have in this capital city as noble and consecrated band of missionaries as will be found anywhere on the globe.

The convention met with the First Baptist church, where Rev. F. F. Soren is the noble pastor. Brother Soren is a native of Brazil, was converted in the city where he is now pastor, took a full course in William Jewell college, Liberty, Mo., and after finishing his education he returned to Brazil and became pastor of this church. He is loved by all his people and by the entire convention. For the second time he was unanimously chosen president of the convention. The first meeting of the convention was taken up in the organization of the convention, appointment of committees and hearing the welcome address delivered by Brother Soren and responded to by Brother Nelson. All the officers of the convention except one vice president were chosen from the natives.

The first night of the convention was given over to the discussion of the different Brazilian missions. Nearly all these addresses were made by the native workers. There were some splendid discussions given. One after another told of the blessings of the Lord on his field during the year, of persecutions endured for Christ's cause and of the needs of the fields. The missionaries are seeking by every possible method to encourage and adopt the native tongue.

Sunday morning the house was filled to its utmost capacity to hear the convention sermon preached by Dr. W. B. Bagby. It was a truly great sermon. Our hearts were melted with compassion and our eyes saw visions as he told of the needs of Brazil, the work accomplished already and the opportunities yet ahead of us in this land of the Southern Cross. Many of the missionaries said it reminded them of the Southern Baptist convention. Brother Bagby is much loved by the church in Rio, for it was he who began the work in this city and toiled for sixteen long years in the struggle. It was quite appropriate that he should be chosen to preach the sermon.

The afternoon was given up to the discussion of distinctive Baptist principles. The addresses were all well prepared and will result in great good to our cause. The Brazilians are by nature a liberty loving people and find in our form of church government the very thing they like.

Long before the preaching hour Sunday night the house was filled to hear Brother Ginsburge, who had been appointed to preach. The crowd continued to come. Every corner of the building was filled. The people, many of them standing in breathless silence, to hear the message of life. Brother Ginsburg is an attractive preacher and handled the language like a native. He preached a plain, evangelistic sermon and God used the message to the salvation of many.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were given up to the hearing and discussion of reports, pretty much as in the convention at home. Monday night we had the report of the foreign mission board, and Dr. Bagby thrilled every heart by telling of the great work that he was permitted to do in Chile. At the close

of his address a voluntary offering was made for the support of the Chilean work, and about \$50 was received. I would like to give you a detailed account of the convention and an account of all the missionaries, but time and space forbid.

There were present twenty-eight missionaries, coming from all parts of the field. Some of these missionaries were on the road three weeks or more, spending much time and money to be here and help plan for the work. They were all well and happy. Not a discouraging note was sounded by anybody, but all cherished the highest hopes for the coming of the kingdom in Brazil.

The hospitality of the Rio people was fine. The entertainment was all free. The daily papers published daily reports of the work. The believers voted the gratitude of their hearts to the missionaries for coming to us with the word of life. To Dr. Williamson and the churches at home for making it possible for us to come.

To a man who had only been here six months these things all made him feel good. The next ten years will see wonderful things for the Baptists of Brazil. The Lord is ready to give us the land as fast as we advance. During the past year there were 1189 baptisms, an increase of more than 200 over the previous year. There were opened about seventy new preaching places and the contributions advanced about \$3,000.00. The average contributions per member for missions, education, etc., was \$4.00. This is a fine showing for a mission field. It may not be known to all of your readers that one-half the baptisms on all foreign fields where the Southern Baptists are doing work the past year were in Brazil. But this is a fact, and there are only forty missionaries, counting men and women, in Brazil.

Our next convention meets in Pernambuco. We hope to have a delegation from home to visit this convention. The arrangements are being made now. Reduced rates will be obtained on the steamer. This will give the workers at home a great opportunity to visit the field here and see a truly great country.

With love to all God's people, I am, yours and His,
F. M. EDWARDS.

San Paulo Mission, San Paulo, Brazil, June 28, 1908.

THE LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

It is my purpose as general secretary of the laymen's movement of the Southern Baptist Convention to attend, if possible, all of our State Conventions and General Associations. It is hoped that the Committee on Program may be able to give this cause at least a brief hearing. It is desired that each State meeting appoint a central committee of from three to seven live laymen to take supervision of this work in their state. These brethren should reside in the same or contiguous towns, that they may get together conveniently.

It is suggested that this committee arrange to have the movement intelligently discussed at each district Association, and that the Association elect one of its most zealous laymen to direct the work within its territory. This superintendent should keep in touch with the Central State Committee and provide for a Laymen's Day in each church during the year. The church should elect a superintendent of the movement who will co-operate with the district superintendent in pressing the claims of the movement in the local congregation. Instead of the superintendent for the church some prefer a local league which shall have monthly meetings for the discussion of matters pertaining to the advancement of the cause. On Laymen's Day, the obligation of stewardship and other kindred topics, should be given prime emphasis by the most efficient laymen available. In Mississippi where this work has been presented to scores of churches with most gratifying results, the committee has availed itself of capable school men, especially the principals and professors in our denominational schools. Many business and professional men can be found who will give their services as speakers on Sunday, and will not only stimulate hundreds of laymen

to larger ideas and more generous service, but will realize untold blessings in their own lives. For literature address Laymen's Missionary Movement, 415 Continental Trust Building, Baltimore, Md.

J. T. Henderson, Gen. Sec., Bristol, Va.

SKIN CLEARED

By Simple Change in Food.

It has been said by a physician that most diseases are the result of indigestion.

There's undoubtedly much truth in the statement, even to the cause of many unsightly eruptions which many suppose can be removed by applying some remedy on the outside.

By changing her food a Kan. girl was relieved of an eczema which was a great annoyance to her. She writes:

"For five months I was suffering with an eruption on my face and hands which our doctor called eczema and which caused me a great deal of inconvenience. The suffering was almost unbearable.

"The medicine I took only gave me temporary relief. One day I happened to read somewhere that eczema was caused by indigestion. Then I read that many persons had been relieved of indigestion by eating Grape-Nuts.

"I decided to try it. I liked the taste of the food and was particularly pleased to notice that my digestion was improving and that the eruption was disappearing as if by magic. I had at last found, in this great food, something that reached my trouble.

"When I find a victim of this affliction I remember my own former suffering and advise a trial of Grape-Nuts food instead of medicines." "There's a Reason."

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WHAT DOES THE RELIGIOUS HERALD'S EDITOR MEAN?

Editor of Alabama Baptist.

In the 'The Religious Herald's copy of July 16, the editor in pleading for a vacation for preachers says: "As desirable as its regularity in public worship of the churches, there is no reason to make a fetch out of it." What does he mean?

With the editor's words a striking coincident arose: Turning from the Herald to your paper was Dr. Aked's startling lament of the decay of Christianity in New York; beside it, news from a young teacher who sailed from Mobile pier for New York to spend her "vacation" saying: "I can't get used to all of the churches and Sunday Schools being closed." Our Sunday School has the Loyal Army system of marking and one cannot get one's diploma for "faithfulness" unless one brings back a certificate of attendance upon Sunday School, by the absentee. And with these facts the mail carrier brought a letter from a live young business lumberman who is stirring up better Bible-Study and Bible Teaching in his whole county, begging, "Come and help us" on August 25th.

I live in a city of Sunday sea-shore excursions, park amusements of base ball, theatres, all the full category of Sabbath desecrations; miles of oyster shelled roads extending into the country, and autos galore whizz by all the churches to speed over them. Do these summer people need for everything else to be open in hot weather, except God's house—and that closed?

God knows human nature better than editors or human insight, and his immutable law unto all is "Remember the Sabbath day," and in naught is the "forgetting" more vividly exemplified than in the summer resorts of "vacation." A great mass of people think all worship is a "fetch" and that people who believe in spiritual things a set of visionary cranks. Our Guide Book says: "Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together." The Creator himself set aside every seventh

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A CHALLENGE TO BAPTIST POLITY.

day for worship, and further hallowed every seventh year as His. The Children of Israel failed to regard this seventh year commanded and Jehovah punished them with seventy years of captivity in Babylon. They sowed the wind of neglect and reaped the whirlwind of bondage. And if we sow the wind of closing our churches for "a vacation" will we not reap the bondage of sin spiritually? A tired editor shut into his sanctum sanctorum, pining for a vacation, should be careful and not be like the queen of France who was told that her subjects were starving, asked: "Why don't they eat bread and cheese?" When men are starving spiritually the editor's well meant plea for his brethren in the ministry is asking: "Why don't they close up the churches?"

LIDA B. ROBERTSON.

Mobile, July 30th.

A SINGER AND HIS SONG.

Dr. W. B. Wharton, Preacher, Poet, Author and Diplomat, is Dead.

From a narrow bed in Dr. Broughton's Tabernacle infirmary in Atlanta last week to the wide fields of God's Beautiful Somewhere one of the rarest spirits of the earth grew tired and went away to rest. Dr. M. B. Wharton who, at the time of his death, was the beloved pastor of the First Baptist church, Eufaula, Ala., was a man of wide scholarship, brilliant mind and golden heart. He had held some of the largest pastorates in the South, and had declined some of the wealthiest and most famous churches in America. He at one time represented the United States government as ambassador to Germany. His "European Notes," written during his stay abroad, was regarded at the time of its publication, and is remembered yet, as one of the most delightful and enriching books of travel ever published in America.

His published poems and his book, "Famous Women of the Old and New Testaments," reveal the graceful fluency of his pen and the high order of his genius. He had such culture, such mental vigor and such tireless energy that he was never "laid on the shelf," as many preachers and teachers are.

Nearing his three score and ten when God called him from his labors, he was busy about turning the ashes of his old church house into a new and beautiful edifice. The visions of youth seemed yet turning his evening sky into the amber and gold of the fairest morning.

The writer of these lines loved him almost as a son loves a father, for M. B. Wharton had taken an inexperienced youth to his heart and taught him how to talk—just enough to appeal to heart and head. Out in Texas the startling news of his death has come to me and over the thousand miles of hill and plain between my stricken heart and his lifeless form, I waft the words of tender love I fain would speak above his flower laden bier.

God bless his precious memory! God bless his beloved brother, Dr. H. M. Wharton, so widely known, and let him catch a double portion of his elder brother's spirit! God bless the stricken wife, children and grandchildren, who mourn as they call him blessed!

And beautiful Eufaula, where I learned so well to love him—God send you another pastor whose life and whose words, like M. B. Wharton's, will be a rhythm of beauty, a sermon and a song. W. D. U.

I notice in the list of time and place of meeting of associations in the Alabama Baptist Shelby county association reads at Sluria, Ala. Please change to read Dogwood, Ala. The place has been changed. Hope you can be with us. Yours fraternally, C. W. O'Hara, Clerk.

The Alabama Baptist says that the Carey association will meet with the Rock Springs church October 13th. Wrong. It meets with the Lineville church, and you are most respectfully invited to be with us. Your brother, John P. Shaffer.

The Situation.

By May 1st, 1908 two hundred and fifty-one (251) white Missionary Baptist Churches in Alabama had sent to the Sunday School Secretary the definite report that they had no Sunday school!

From four hundred and six (406) other churches no Sunday school report could be secured at all. It is to be inferred that certainly many and probably the majority of these churches have no school.

Thus, it is known for a certainty that in our state we have 657 white Missionary Baptist churches which do not report any Sunday schools. This is the result of the diligent efforts of the secretary in securing accurate statistics. We have 1,921 churches in the state.

What Would Others Do?

Suppose a wealthy, closely organized denomination, a church governed by prelates, were facing such a condition as this and were desirous of changing it. Doubtless a few orders would be issued by those in authority, money would be forthcoming forthwith, activity would seize the lieutenants over the field, the machinery of the church would be put in motion, and by steps similar to the maneuvers of the chess-board or of the battle-field, the improvement would be brought to pass in a few years.

How Must We Do It?

The Baptist denomination is a democratic body with its authority scattered over nineteen hundred local New Testament churches in seventy-six associations. For us to face and correct the situation briefly described above, we must depend not upon ecclesiastical authority but mainly upon four things. They are:

1. Discernment of the need.
2. The spirit of individual service.
3. The spirit of general co-operation, and
4. Prayerful, practical plans and their execution.

We have faith enough to believe that the spirit of God will grant us all things, even the victory of our faith. We have hope ultimately to organize strong, healthy, blessingful Sunday schools in these 657 sister churches.

SOME PRACTICAL PLANS SUGGESTED.

A Warning.

Do not imagine for a moment that the Sunday school secretary alone can organize and mature schools in 657 churches. It would require six or seven years continuous work to get around with one visit to that many churches. Neither can the evangelists of the State Board do the task alone. It is manifest that no one worker or set of general workers can do it.

The Best Plan.

The best and only plan for correcting this situation is for each, EACH Association to look after the "No Sunday school churches" within its bounds.

At the meeting of each and every association this fall, let the body give ample time for the discussion of the situation in its territory and especial consideration to those churches which report "No Sunday school" or make no report at all. Get hold of the church letters and read out the Sunday school report from each church.

Then let the moderator call for five men who will volunteer to act as a "Sunday school committee," pledging themselves to visit the weak churches and schools, organizing and encouraging them. (If the situation is clearly set forth, there should be no trouble about getting consecrated men to volunteer.) Have a special prayer for the guidance of these men and dedicate them, set them apart for this specific ministry for the coming year. Before the association adjourns let this committee meet and plan out a definite and vigorous campaign for the year. Then let them begin THE NEXT SUNDAY by having literature on hand and organizing a new school at some weak point in the Association.

Duties and Privileges.

This committee will have to be away from home many Sundays in the year. They will have to study the situation in each church and the methods of

Sunday school management. They will have to meet many problems and make many sacrifices, for the work sometimes will be a hard and thankless task.

On the other hand they will have the sweet reward of service. They will incur the gratitude of the people, especially the young Christians, with whom they work. Future generations will arise and call them blessed. They will realize that they are laying the foundations for universal Bible study and that they are ushering in the day when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth. And in addition to the joys of Christian service there is the eternal crown awarded every faithful servant at the Last Day.

Help Extended.

If the chairman of this new "Sunday School Committee," will get in touch with the Sunday school secretary at Montgomery, all necessary literature for organizing new schools will be furnished. Quarterlies and lesson helps are given free for the first three months. Tracts and Sunday school statistics of every individual church in each association may also be secured without cost.

An Opportunity.

Many Christians feel that they have a call to the foreign field but are neglecting the duty next door to them. City churches and strong country churches would do well to organize "Volunteer Bands," made up of Christian workers, young and old, who pledge themselves to visit in a body once a month some weak church, organizing and enthusing them for better things. This is a high type of missions. Pastor, Christian laymen, in arguing for home and foreign missions, do not neglect the personal call to door-step missions.

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Associational Church Letters.

This coming fall the associational church letters furnished by the board will have a special place for Sunday school information from your church. Please appoint yourself a committee to see that every possible item is given and every blank filled with a definite statement.

As soon as these letters have been read to the association, it is asked that the clerk tear off this Sunday school sheet from each letter and mail them in a single package to the Sunday school secretary. This will not interfere with the printing of the regular associational minutes.

If all will co-operate in this carefully prepared plan, the 406 churches not heard from this year ought to be greatly reduced.

C. E. CROSSLAND.

Note: The first page of this tract describes for the first time a real situation we are to face. Perhaps you never understood it before.

A WORD FROM BROTHER CROSSLAND.

As will doubtless be announced by Dr. Frost in due time, I have accepted a position with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist convention.

It is the desire of the board to have a field secretary, with headquarters in Nashville, who will operate in the middle tier of the states of the Southern convention. It is also desirable that the teacher training work of the board shall be centered at the home office. In making this change I am not deserting Alabama or our Baptist Sunday school work in the state. The Sunday School Board has agreed that I may remain with headquarters at Montgomery until in September and that at all times I may devote a generous portion of my field work to Alabama. So that the result will be that Alabama will have the services of two men—myself and the man elected to take up the state work in my place. It will be a delight to co-operate with my successor to the best of my ability.

The New Sunday School Man.

The state board of missions will doubtless select a state secretary at an early date in order that he may begin his work by attending the fall associations. It was agreed by all that this was the most opportune time of the year for a new man to begin his

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labors and such is the reason for making my resignation effective so promptly.

The Needs.

In my fourteen months of service I have learned to love greatly our Baptist Sunday school work. It can be made into a mighty factor for good and our labor and time and money will be needed for this end. Let the schools rally to the Sunday-school department. It can help you and you can help it. It is simply a question of co-operation.

Our Tasks.

We must care for 657 churches, which do not report Sunday schools. This matter can best be looked after successfully by each association at its next annual session. We must help our 9,250 officers and teachers to become more efficient in the teaching of the Scriptures and the winning of souls. Our 1,246 superintendents want to know how better to conduct their schools.

We must lead all the pastors of our 1,921 churches to recognize and cultivate and pastor the Sunday school as his greatest field of opportunity.

We must train thousands of our young Christians to take places of responsibility in this army of Sunday school workers. As Leavell says, they will not move until they feel, they can not feel until they know; we must teach and train them for service.

These and many other things present themselves for consideration. Let us do with our might what our hands find to do.

The B. Y. P. U.

It is also a matter of deep regret with me that I shall have to resign the position of field secretary to our state B. Y. P. U. Since the Sunday school board has been given the B. Y. P. U. work for the southern convention it will be my duty and privilege to take a continued interest and activity in the B. Y. P. U.

Final.

I deeply appreciate the kind reception I have invariably received all over our state. I trust the new state secretary will have the same kind treatment. Sincerely,
C. E. CROSSLAND.

TRIP NOTES.

Saturday, July 15th.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the session of the Lauderdale county association, which met with Liberty church, about twelve miles from Florence. I am indebted to Brother C. W. Ashcraft for the trip out from Florence and for many other kindnesses.

The association was declared to be the best ever held by them; it was full of spirit and enthusiasm, but a visitor was impressed that the body had ample time to attend carefully to the Lord's business without undue haste. Every church but one was represented by letter and messenger, and three new churches were received. The total of the Saturday and Sunday cash offerings was about \$70, a gratifying figure. Rev. Spencer Tunnell was elected moderator and his tactful manner of presiding was a great factor of success. Too much credit for the success of the session can not be given to Brother J. T. Ashcraft, the retiring moderator. Previous to the meeting he wrote 250 letters urging each church to come up well prepared. He has done and is doing a great work as a Christian layman.

Sunday School Situation.

In point of Sunday school enrollment as compared with church membership, Lauderdale association is second only to the Birmingham association. They reported 974 church members and 1098 in Sunday school.

Rev. J. W. Stewart was also a visitor to the association. They meet next year in September with the First church, of Florence.

Sunday morning a generous period was given for the discussion of the B. Y. P. U. Both of the Florence churches have flourishing unions, although they were not reported at Troy. Monday night the First church B. Y. P. U. gave a delightful boat ride on the Tennessee river.
C. E. CROSSLAND.

SOME NOTES FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

Dear Brother Barnett.

All day long this awfully hot day I have been sitting up with that list of associations. I wish the brethren would all study it. Did anybody ever see such a mix up? Traveling expenses are going to pile away up yonder because the meetings are so scattered. Some larger associations whose territory joins will meet on the same day. I am sending letters out by the thousand to help the cause along. One to the chairman of mission committees with material to help them in making good reports. One to the clerk of the association; another to the clerk of the church where the association will be held, sending him a schedule asking him to tack it up in the church and have some one explain it to the delegates. Then a personal letter. Tonight I find in the Texas Baptist Standard "Some Things Personal" from Dr. J. B. Gambrel, corresponding secretary of the mission board.

I am going to ask you to print it right here; it very nearly expresses conditions in Alabama:

"The work of the state board has spread and grown until it is increasingly necessary for me to direct it from the office. Ever since the death of Brother J. M. Gaddy, I have been undertaking to do field work. The work has now spread to every part of the state and is pretty well understood. There are leaders in every association who can carry the work to success, and it seems very much more important that I give myself to the direction of the work from the office than to be so much on the field. I shall, therefore, confine myself very largely to the office during the present campaign.

It will not be amiss to say that almost numberless requests come to the office for the superintendent of missions to interest himself in things, good within themselves, but beyond the sphere of his activity. This is especially true with respect to the location of preachers. I do not consider it any part of the business of the superintendent of missions to arrange the pastorates of the state, and I think it bad policy for any one man to have too much to do with such things. Besides it can be done very much better another way. I am saying these things now, hoping to avoid a large amount of correspondence.

It is cheering to state that things never looked as they do now. The work is growing in every part of the state. Baptists are coming together. Crops are good. The denominational spirit runs high, and the outlook was never so fine for a great round up to be followed by the greatest convention we have ever had."

I expect to be out much of the campaign, but not so constantly as heretofore. Good men will be present everywhere to see that no interest is neglected. I think three things need to be stressed: The schedule and the apportionment is one. Our people need a chance to give; they are pretty well indoctrinated along mission lines. The apportionment by the associations lays off something they are asked to do, mind you—only a simple request for Christ's sake and the cause of suffering humanity. The schedule tacked in every church is a reminder simply.

Two Other Things.

October we want to make the most noted month in our history by raising for home missions \$35,000, the full amount Alabama is asked to give for that board.

This will round out in full the \$1,000 for each year of the century. That will be glorious!

Finally, brethren, the great round up in Montgomery on the 27th, 28th and 29th of November, the close of the centennial celebration.

THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST.

By William J. Bryan.

If I were going to present an argument in favor of the divinity of Christ, I would not begin with miracles or theory of atonement. I would begin as Carnegie Simpson begins in his book entitled "The Fact of Christ." Commencing with the fact that Christ lived he points out that one can not contemplate this undisputed fact without feeling that in some way this fact is related to those now living. As he studies the character of Christ he becomes conscious of certain virtues which stand out in bold relief—purity, humility, a forgiving spirit and unfathomable love. The author is correct. Christ presents an example of purity in thought and life and man, conscious of his own imperfections and grieved over his shortcomings, finds inspiration in One who was tempted in all points like as we are, and yet without sin. I am not sure but that we can find just here a way of determining whether one possesses the true spirit of a Christian. If he finds in the sinfulness of Christ a stimulus to greater effort and higher living he is indeed a follower; if, on the other hand, he resents the reproof which the purity of Christ offers he is likely to question the divinity of Christ in order to excuse himself for not being a follower.

Humility is a rare virtue. If one is rich he is apt to be proud of his riches; if he has distinguished ancestry, he is apt to be proud of his lineage; if he is well educated, he is apt to be proud of his learning. Some one has suggested that if one becomes humble, he soon becomes proud of his humility. Christ was the very personification of humility.

The most difficult of all the virtues to cultivate is the forgiving spirit. Revenge seems to be natural to the human heart; to want to get even with an enemy is a common sin. It has even been popular to boast of vindictiveness; it was once inscribed on a monument to a hero that he had repaid both friends and enemies more than he had received. This was not the spirit of Christ. He taught forgiveness and in that incomparable prayer which he left as a model for our petitions He measured our forgiveness by our willingness to forgive. He not only taught forgiveness, but He exemplified His teachings in His life. When those who persecuted him brought Him to the most disgraceful of all deaths, His spirit of forgiveness rose above his sufferings and He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

But love is the foundation of Christ's creed. The world had known love before. Parents had loved children and children parents; husband had loved wife and wife husband; and friend had loved friend; but Jesus gave a new definition of love. His love was as boundless as the sea; its limits were so far-flung that even an enemy could not travel beyond it. Other teachers sought to regulate the lives of their followers by rule and formula, but Christ's plan was first to purify the heart and then to leave love to direct the footsteps.

What conclusion is to be drawn from the life, the teachings and the death of this historic figure? Reared in a carpenter shop, with no knowledge of literature save Bible literature; with no acquaintance with philosophers living or with the writings of sages dead, this young man gathered disciples about Him, promulgated a higher code of morals than the world had ever known before, and proclaimed Himself the Messiah. He taught and performed miracles for a few brief months and then was crucified; His disciples were scattered and many of them put to death; His claims were disputed, His resurrection denied and His followers persecuted. And yet from this beginning His religion has spread until millions take His name with reverence upon their lips and thousands have been willing to die rather than surrender the faith which He put into their hearts. How shall we account for Him? What think ye of Christ? It is easier to believe Him divine than to explain in any other way what He said and did and was.—
The Watchman.

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Some Changes Made in the Alabama W. M. U.

It has been thought advisable to draw the attention of our workers over the state to some important changes effected at the time of our recent meeting at Roanoke. We count it a great good that has come to us that Mrs. Charles A. Stakely assumes the place of president of the Alabama W. M. U. Her experience as the former president of the entire woman's work of the southern states brings ripe experience and wisdom to our management. We honor her and honor ourselves in calling her to be the successor of our beloved Mrs. Stratton.

It seems as though joy and sorrow must ever go hand in hand. We in the midst of our rejoicing are called upon to receive the resignation of Mrs. J. W. Vésey, leader of our Y. W. A. Her success had been phenomenal and she had greatly endeared herself to the young women with whom she had been thrown, as well as to her co-workers in other lines of work. Her resignation was presented to the state executive board immediately after the adjournment of the convention and was regretfully accepted, as her health demanded her retiring from the work. Many will pray that she may be entirely restored to her wonted strength.

The changes recommended by the W. M. U. as to the Central Committee being called the State Executive Board, that all young women's organizations be denominated the Young Woman's Auxiliary, and that the boys' societies be called the Order of the Royal Ambassadors, should be borne in mind. It is well to fall in line with suggestions regarding the work at large made by those who are their best thought in planning for these things. It simplifies matters, having our organizations graded and classified. So let us be tractable and willing to be led by those who are wise as well as good.

The most radical changes ever proposed in the history of the Alabama W. M. U. were adopted at the annual meeting this year. They were not made in advisedly, however, nor in haste. The growth of the work justified the taking of a step which has been avoided for several years and adopted by a number of the other states, viz., the reporting of only mission money to the state executive board, and through their treasurer to the Alabama W. M. U. Church aid, of course, will be reported by the societies to their associations, as local interest will demand; but so missionary have our workers grown in thought and deed that the reporting of only mission money now is entirely in keeping with our growth in numbers and in grace. It will greatly lessen also the burden of our treasurer.

It was also thought best by the committee on plan of work to hold the woman's meeting auxiliary to the state convention at separate time and place from that of the convention proper. Our growing delegation advises this move, and it has proven in other states a good thing to do. The sanction of the secretary of our state board of missions stamps this act as wise.

The Sunbeam bands have as special work this year the two chapels in Cardenas, Cuba, and in Canton, China. The home and foreign boards have issued leaflets on the subject that will be helpful.

Balishment and enlargement day and the day of prayer for state missions claim our attention this autumn again. The literature will be helpful and abundant. In fact never have we had such a wealth of good literature in all of our history. Our Mission Fields is pre-eminent. The Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal have never been so interesting and illuminating as to our work on the several fields, and the leaflets coming to our mission room are treasure mines of information and most stimulating to our best efforts. The latest from Miss Heck's pen, Answered Prayers, might well be read upon our knees, so compelling should it be to greater earnestness. Surely a great responsibility is laid upon us living in such an age when we have so many aids to conscientious endeavor. Plans have been formulated

WOMAN'S WORK

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(All contributions to this page should be sent to Mrs. D. M. Malone, Mission Room, Watts Building, Birmingham.)

for holding a number of mission institutes in different parts of the states during the convention year, but more of this anon. If a kindly providence favors us with a visit from our well beloved friend and missionary, Miss Hartwell, this autumn, we hope to make it possible for many over the state to meet and greet her.

MEDICAL MISSIONS.

Bits of Information.

Our medical mission work continues to develop and is proving a great help in opening up the hearts of the people to the Gospel as well as in blessing them. It will be seen from the reports sent from the fields that thirty-eight thousand have been treated during the year. The medical missionary not only reaches the lower class of people, but even the highest classes turn to him. People in distress over their sick ones are glad to call on those who can help them. While we have been able to supply hospitals for some of the stations, yet others are needing these adjuncts. Some of the hospitals are already proving too small, and we are getting appeals for enlargement.

The Value of a Medical Missionary.

"So far as the actual conversion of the heathen is concerned, I believe the medical worker is as potent a factor as the clerical, for the latter's time is now mainly taken up with the already converted, administering to the churches, while the doctor still deals hand to hand with the raw heathen. There are, too, other reasons why the doctor is more than an ornament to the mission. He is a necessity in each station to the life and welfare of our missionaries. From two or three to eight or nine missionaries constitute a station. These are a valuable asset of the board and for their care a doctor should always be one member of the group. As the work grows new stations are opened, and so new doctors become a necessity, but while he is needed for the sake of the missionaries, that is by no means a large part of the work."

For Y. W. A.

"While the heart beats young and our pulses leap and dance,
While every day is holiday and life a glad romance,
We hear the birds with wonder, and with wonder watch their flight—
Standing still the more enchanted, both of hearing and of sight,
When they have vanished wholly—for, in fancy, wing to wing,
We fly to heaven with them; and returning, still we sing.
The praises of this lower heaven with tireless voice and tongue,
Ev'n as the Master sanctions—while the heart beats young."

The Story of Salome.

She is a young heathen woman about twenty-two years old, to whom we have recently given the name of Salome. She was married at a very early age and left her mother's home for that of her husband. Not

long afterwards her own family became Christians, and she too became a believer, but as this was very distasteful to her husband and his family, they began a course of petty persecution in the attempt to make her give up her faith. This, however, she would not do, and to escape the unpleasantness of her husband's home she would spend as much time as she could at her mother's. In addition to these troubles she had been sick ever since her eighth year, suffering a great deal with her back; but in spite of this she was forced to do her share of the tremendously hard physical work that falls to the lot of most women. Also to add yet more to her sufferings, falling into the hands of an ignorant doctor, he treated her disease by running a red hot knitting needle into her back with the idea of making a hole to let the pain out, and this without anything in the way of an anaesthetic. This manner of treatment left her with a running sore that had been draining her strength for no telling how long. Her sickness and her inability to accomplish the required amount of work, added yet more to the antipathy which her husband's family manifested toward her, till her life was scarcely worth living.

As soon as she heard that a doctor was coming from America to take up medical work in a city about twenty miles from her home, she determined to make every effort to get to him in the hope that he would be able to give her relief from her almost unbearable condition. So anxious and determined was she that she sold her wedding ring to get the money necessary to keep her in the city while undergoing treatment, and walked the twenty miles, her mother accompanying her. She reached here the week before I arrived; but she would not be discouraged, and took up her abode in the city to await my coming. Several days after I arrived she and her mother came up to the house, told her story, and begged that I cut her open and take the sickness out. I soon saw that nothing but an operation would give her any relief, and as I had nothing in the way of an operating room or dispensary, except a dark and dirty little room 8 x 8, I did not see how I could undertake such a thing at that time. However, I could not resist her appeals, and I told her to come back to me in two weeks and I would see what I could do.

After the operation, in which I found it necessary to remove the eleventh rib on the right side, and before she had come out from under the anaesthetic, she was put in a chair and carried over to the ladies' compound, about five minutes walk from the dispensary, and deposited in the little room that had been allotted to her. She is now practically entirely well, and her gratitude and joy are beautiful to see.

This, then, is Salome's story, and I trust that all who read it will feel their hearts drawn toward the work of helping this people; for the opportunity is great and the laborers are few, and there are many more who, like Salome, need our help.—Adapted.

FOR ROYAL AMBASSADORS.

Only a Boy.

There is a striking story of a certain missionary who was sent for on one occasion to go to a little village in an out-of-the-way corner of India to baptize and receive into church fellowship 60 or 70 adult converts from Hinduism.

At the commencement of the proceedings he had noticed a boy about 15 years of age sitting in a dark corner, looking very anxiously and listening very wistfully. He now came forward.

"What, my boy, do you want to join the church?"

"Yes sir."

"But you are very young and if I were to receive you into fellowship with the church today, and then you were to slip aside, it would bring discredit upon this church and do great injury to the cause of Christ. I shall be coming this way again in about six months. Now you be very loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ during that time, and if when I come again at the end of the half year I find you still steadfast, and true, I will baptize you and receive you gladly."

No sooner was this said than all the people rose to

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their feet and, some speaking for the rest, said: "Why sir, it is he who has taught us all that we know about Jesus Christ."

And so it turned out to be. This was the little minister of the little church, the honored instrument in the hand of God for saving all the rest for Jesus Christ.—Selected.

UNION MEETINGS.

I am sorry to see some of our young preachers advocating union meetings.

1. If in principle these meetings are right, then in principle Baptists are wrong.

1. Wrong in having churches composed of baptized believers only.

2. Wrong in having Baptist Sunday schools and not union.

3. Wrong in having Baptist Publishing houses and Baptist literature.

4. Wrong in maintaining Baptist colleges, universities and theological seminaries.

5. Wrong in struggling to keep up Baptist religious newspapers and mission journals.

6. Wrong in maintaining foreign missions, separate from other denominations, and thus confusing the poor heathen who can not at first understand why all Christians do not worship the same God in the same manner, and keep the ordinances of his churches after one pattern.

7. Wrong in adhering strictly to baptism and not accepting sprinkling; wrong in practicing close communion.

8. In other words it is wrong and continuously wrong for Baptists to bring down the displeasure of Pedo-Baptists upon their defenseless and offending heads.

II. But why is it best to hold union meetings?

1. Because through such meetings more people are reached. People who never go to church are brought to one of these union love feasts to see how Christians of various denominations love one another. Ah! then I answer that the gospel preached by such Baptist preachers as John the Baptist and Paul and Peter and Spurgeon, McLaren and Broadus has lost its power and needs to make it a success a modern day union meeting. A Baptist evangelist then, is a failure because he does not hold union meetings.

2. It is best because it keeps down friction and makes all the ecclesiastical machines run smoothly all on the main line, and when each one switches into his own station and the fires burn out and the engine cools down there is such a blessed calm, and in after years sweet reminiscence of pleasant rides in palace cars over garnished rails with not a jolt to arouse the sleeping conscience of self-complacency.

But did Jesus tell us to take up our crosses or take down our crowns? Oh, these loving union meetings! They last about as long in their results as a wet weather spring in August.

But notice again:

III. Where the burden rests.

1. If these degenerated souls were born into the lap of a union mother, then they will expect nourishment from the breast of a union mother, which must be milk and cider, and that diluted with aqua drops till it is very thin, and must be warmed a little over a chafing dish.

Oh, these union babies—neither pig nor pup—can't take even the sincere milk of thy word, to say nothing about the meat, the sound doctrine. God pity the poor pastor who has to feed these hybrid lambs.

Fire one barrel of your doctrinal gun and the whole flock flies away from their adopted ecclesiastical mother back to their union mother. When she joins forces with error, how can he expect a truthful issue? Must we embrace error in order to beget truth, or would it not be better that truth and truth consummate a union? Let two Baptist churches, though

some distance apart, unite on a common point and hold a meeting.

But notice this, my last point:

IV. With whom shall we hold union meetings?

1. Now I hold that if it is right to hold union meetings with one denomination it is right to hold with them all, for things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. Then the Catholics, the persecutors of the church of God; the Mormons, the polygamists of America, are denominations; no doubt there may be some saints among these latter day saints. Why not hold union meetings with them? Who will say that they are not honest in their convictions, and have a legal right to exist and to disseminate their doctrines?

They will not go to hear us preach, neither will we go to hear them. But if we will hold with them a union meeting, then we will have a mutual exchange and a love feast, and a union of error and truth, and the converts—well, well, I don't know what they shall be. But if they do become Baptists of strong conviction it will not be because they were born in a union meeting.

2. But what about our fathers, "contending earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints." Is there any difference, any distinction? If there is none, then why all this sacrifice for principle's sake—all this shedding of blood for a useless difference, this martyrdom from righteous Abel, who, though dead, yet through faith in thunder tones, speaks across the perished centuries?

Had John the Baptist held union meetings with the Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes and Herodians he had saved his head. Had Paul joined forces with the various schools of philosophers of Greece and the military powers of Rome he had not been decapitated. Had old Hugh Latimer and Ridley and Ford so desired they might not have suffered at the stake. Had Bunyan yielded to the powers the "Holy War" and "Pilgrim's Progress" had not been written.

Away with your union literature and union Sunday schools and your union meetings. It is nothing less than a farce, than a mockery, than a joke for worldly people who see through their thin gauze of denominational pretension.

Close your union meetings and then every preacher to his own pulpit to clutch at the throats of the others. Every man build his own church and tear down the others. Would you have the respect of men of conviction then stand by principle, adhere to the right. There are only two ways—the right and the wrong; two principles, truth and error. Prove to me, if you dare, that union meetings are right and I will join the Methodist conference this fall.

R. M. HUNTER.

Samson, Ala.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

The handsome house of worship erected by the Baptists of Alexander City was on the 19th of July last dedicated to the service of the Master. It was an epoch-making occurrence in the history of the denomination of this state, and an occasion of which every Baptist in Alabama should feel proud.

Indeed, the occasion and its celebration marked in a great degree the progress of our people in that community not only along religious lines, but along financial and educational as well.

The occasion was but the well-deserved fruition of an hundred years of toil and arduous devotion to the principles for which the Baptists in this commonwealth have so persistently stood. The artistic and beautiful church edifice dedicated is a monument to the sacrifice, enterprise and devotion of its pastor, Rev. Arnold S. Smith, and his people. A more loyal pastor and people to the cause can not be found within the confines of the state, and a no more generous, hospitable community exists.

At 11 o'clock a great congregation of people gathered to participate in the dedicatory exercises. The house had been by the good women artistically decorated with flowers. The choir had selected raptu-

rous music for the occasion, which was rendered with a soul-stirring effect. The sermon was preached by Dr. Charles A. Stakely, of Montgomery, and was most befitting, scholarly and masterly. His text may be found in I Corinthians, first chapter, verses 23 and 24, which read as follows: "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness." "But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." From this text the subject selected was, "The Crucified Christ," subdivided into:

1. The burden of the ministry.
2. The contempt of the world, and
3. The admiration of the saved.

The afternoon program was also most interesting and entertaining. A historical sketch of the church was read by one of its most active, energetic and devout laymen, J. C. Maxwell, a man of affairs, who feels a pardonable pride in the new monument to Baptist consecration and devotion, to the erection of which he so liberally contributed. This same gentleman was chairman of the building committee and as such on this occasion, in a happy and appropriate speech, delivered the keys of the house to the trustees of the property.

The second speaker was Rev. John R. Caldwell, now a resident of Pike county. He was the second pastor of this church. It was in the early 50's when the country was sparsely settled and the people were poor and untutored, that he ministered to it. His early days were those of great deprivations, hardships and trials. He had only two books—his Bible and his hymn book. It was intensely interesting to listen to the description of his struggles and successes. He belongs to the pioneer class. To quote his language, he was one of the "muzzle-loaders." He was succeeded in the pastorate by that wise, conservative and consecrated man, the Rev. R. A. J. Cumble, who at this time, also resides in Pike county.

Judge Cumble also belongs to the old school. His speech on that occasion was also thrilling and intensely interesting. He likewise told of the early struggles of this church and of its people, of the defiance, by many of the residents of the community as it then existed, of the laws of God and of man.

After him came to the church that gallant and courageous soldier, Rev. George E. Brewer, now a resident of Macon county. It was indeed inspiring to hear him tell of the history of his ministration to this church. His service came after the war between the states, and was marked by that same spirit which had made him the great soldier he was in that bloody struggle. He was imbued with the same undaunted courage with which he fought the battles of his country when he fought the battle against vice and sin among his people.

With such men to lead them in the great struggle, to prepare the way and to lay the foundations, is it any wonder that the Baptists of Alexander City were able to erect so grand and glorious a monument to the cause they love so well?

The writer, representing the Alabama Historical Society, as its president, was the last speaker of the afternoon. Of course, he spoke as best he could in the interest of the society. He sought to impress upon his hearers the importance of preserving the history of the denomination and of its leading men in this state; of making a lasting memorial of the achievements of the Baptists, and of the influence that denomination has exerted in the past in shaping the destiny of the people of this great commonwealth.

At the evening service Dr. George B. Egger, of Louisville, preached a sermon from the text to be found in the 15th chapter of Revelations, 2d and 3d verses. The keynote of his sermon was the exaltedness of Christ and the certainty of victory for the Christian religion. It is scarcely necessary to say that it was scholarly in the highest degree.

JOHN R. TYSON.

Montgomery, Ala., August 3, 1908.

Frank Willis Barnett

Editorials

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BADNESS OF PROFANITY.

To profanely use God's name is not only a great sin against Him, but it is a sin against the moral nature of the one who is profane. No one can be in the habit of profane swearing without injuring the finer qualities of his moral character. To profane God's name is to profane one's own soul. The habit does much to deaden one's conscience. It hardens the heart; it destroys the natural sensitiveness of one's spirit; it produces an increasing foulness of one's character. There is reason for believing that this bad habit strongly tends to lead the subject of it, who was formerly truthful, to indulge in untruthfulness. People of close observation have noticed this tendency. They tell us that the man who is very profane is much more likely to tell falsehoods than is the merely moral man who is free from profanity. This statement appears to be reasonable. The man who has no respectful regard for God's name is not apt to have respect for the sacredness of truth. We do not say that all profane men are liars, but we do say that the most of them do not have such regard for the truth as to keep them strictly and invariably truthful. Another feature of the badness of the habit is seen in the fact that the profane man treats God as he himself would not be treated without vigorous protest. Such a man would be intensely indignant if some one should curse his name as he himself curses God's name. A profane man, who has a good deal of respect for himself, would detest the person who would contemptuously speak his name, and thereby reproach it. What profane man is there who would consent to having his own name used as meanly by his fellows as he uses God's name? He can not be found. And what has God ever done to any profane swearer that gives any ground for that one to curse and abuse Him? Oh, the badness of profanity!

A GREAT FORCE.

Ambition is one of the greatest forces in the universe. It is responsible for almost every human impulse and action. It stirs the godly, and the ungodly; the high and the low. It burns in the breast of the criminal, spurring him on to new deeds of lawlessness and is a living fire in the heart of the man whose aims and purposes are pure.

The ambition of some is to live without work of any kind, of others to live without honest work, and of others to live merely without being worked. Thus wherever is found a heart-throb, there also is found ambition. It may be misdirected, even ghastly in its ignoble desires, but it is there just the same; a great force, driving on to ruin or to proud estate.

THE FAILURE OF REFORMS.

The failure of so many promising reforms is due to the fact that their promoters lose sight of the truth that reform is an individual and not a collective proposition. Before a thousand men can be induced to adopt a certain line of conduct, each individual must be converted to the plan. And not only this, but each one must be alive to the necessity of lending his influence and aid in behalf of the object in view. Every little while a "wave of reform" sweeps some city. "The rascals are turned out" and the reformers feel that they have done a great work. In this they are mistaken. They have merely begun a good work, and unless it is followed up the city will lapse again into a corrupt state. This usually happens in a comparatively short time, and is due to the fact that every reformer thinks the others are "looking after things," while the facts are no one is paying much attention to things except those who find a

minister motive in so doing. The reform that accomplishes big and lasting things must be backed by men who refuse to leave the exercise of public duties entirely to their neighbors.

LESS THAN DESERVED.

God has always shown that He is exceedingly merciful to sinning people as the fact appears in His dealing with them less severely than they deserved. Were He to punish sinners according to their just deserving and without any measure of mercy, they would suffer infinitely greater than they now do. And no sinner has the right to say that God has not the power to inflict upon him just such penalties and just as great severities as He chose to inflict. What is any man's power, as compared with the limitless power of God? Nothing. Let brazen rebels against God's authority and law beware. If He were to treat them as they deserve to be dealt with they would be consumed. The psalmist had the right view when he said. "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not." That last clause is the gracious reason why wicked people are not presently receiving the full punishment for their iniquities. God's mercy and compassion restrain Him from meteing out to sinners the penalties which they now deserve. Read what the godly and discerning Ezra said of the sinning Israelites: "After all that is come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that our God hath punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hath given us such a remnant, shall we again break Thy commandments?" God did indeed punish them much less than they deserved to suffer. They had sinned against the God who had done everything to encourage them to walk in right ways. He had given them all needed light, with repeated promises of continued light and leading; yet they stubbornly pursued their own course of evil-doing. Surely they deserved to be cast off by God forever, but He blended mercy with justice and judgment and more time was given them to repent and turn to God. Unserved one, where would you now be if God were to treat you as you deserve to be punished? While His mercy is being offered to you, accept it as your only safety.

One Thing at a Time.

A young bookkeeper was bemoaning one day the pressure of work confronting her. "And it's all got to be done," she added in a tone of anxiety. "How one pair of hands can do it is more than I can see."

A placid old body who had "summered and wintered" the requirements of a great family for years, remarked bluntly, "You haven't got to do but one thing at a time."

"Yes, but where am I going to find time to do all this, even taking one thing at a time?"

"It'll come. Nobody ever gained a moment by worrying, yet, and precious few by hurrying, either. What are you going to do today?"

"I've simply got to do a lot of mending. It can't be put off any longer."

"Then go about it. And while you're doing the mending don't think of anything else except just to decide what you will do next. Just the very next thing. Then think of the last book you read, or the next place you're going to, or anything you please apart from work or worry. Goodness me! I should have gone raving distracted about ten times a year if I'd taken to counting over the things I'd got to do and the time it was going to take, when the family was altogether, and I expected to keep everything going straight. I just kept saying to myself, 'Take your time, Susan, you can't do but just so much in a day, so don't trip yourself up a-hurrying.'"

Christian Work.

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A JEW.

Many of our friends will be glad to know that they can now procure in booklet form the remarkable story of the conversion of ex-Rabbi Leopold Cohn.

Mr. Cohn has been urged for a number of years to write the story, but his many other duties have always prevented him from doing so. At last, however, the account is given in a 60-page booklet entitled "A Modern Missionary to an Ancient People."

In the foreword of the book Mr. Cohn says:

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"Now, since the Lord has taken from me that great treasure, my dear wife, whose life was a bright, shining light for Christ, she requests to write of the work and of the way the Lord Jesus led us to Himself have increased. Therefore, I decided, after a long and prayerful consideration, to devote my time and energy to commit this narrative of God's wonderful leadings to print, knowing that in no other way could I so fitly rear a monument to the memory of the dear one that has slipped away from us so early in life than to dedicate this booklet to her. Her heart was so much in the work that I know her soul will be perfectly satisfied if this booklet shall be the means, under God, of stirring up Christian hearts to the work of evangelizing the Jews."

The book has two illustrations, one being a photograph of Mr. Cohn himself and the other of Mrs. Cohn.

The story will prove an inspiration to those who read it, and we are sure it will have a very wide circulation.

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MILKMAN, SPARE THE CHILDREN.

About a dozen leading periodicals are now engaged in showing how the public is being held up in as many different ways. The method of various trusts are being laid bare, and some of the revelations would be enough to cause a general uprising were we, as a people, given to this method of expression. About the worst thing brought out recently is the charge that our children are being poisoned through impure milk. It is bad enough to be taken in on a "sure thing" in the stock market or made to "stand and deliver" by the oil trust or beef combine, but these are little misdemeanors compared with the colossal crime charged against a certain class of milk dealers. It is a case in which the law should drop the frills, the red tape, the tomorrow-will-do methods and get down to business. If the milk men are being lied against, the public has a right to know it, and if the lives of infants are being juggled with for so many pennies per life, then the practice should be quickly stopped.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

GOOD MEETING.

We have been enjoying a series of meetings at New Hope church since the first Sunday. Bro. J. F. Parker, pastor, preached Sunday and Sunday night. Bro. H. S. Lustis joined us Monday at eleven o'clock and did the preaching for several days and did fine work. He takes well with people and holds them spell-bound when preaching and is the right man to help a pastor.

The meeting continues with interest. We have had 14 additions to date, 8 by profession of faith and six by letter and restoration and the church has been greatly revived.

Bro. Parker has tendered his resignation as pastor here to take effect at the close of the meeting. His labors with us as pastor for the last four years has been efficient. We are sorry to lose him, but heartily and cheerfully commend him to any church that may be so fortunate as to secure him as pastor, and pray God's blessings will follow him wherever he may go.

J. J. FRANKLIN.

Dear Baptist:

Our beloved pastor, Rev. D. P. Lee grieved us very much by handing in his resignation of the pastorate of the First Baptist church, the same to take effect October 1st.

Brother Lee has labored among us for three and one-half years and is very near and dear to the people whom he has served so well and so faithfully. No man has ever done so much for the general uplifting of the people of this district and we feel that it will be hard indeed to fill the place, not only in the church but in the community, that will be vacant.

Happy indeed will be the church that secures this consecrated man of God for it may be said of him, as of our Lord, he is the sinner's friend.

We have not altogether despaired of him reconsidering the step he has taken, but wherever he goes the prayers and good wishes of this people will follow him.

A MEMBER.

Blocton, Ala., Aug. 9, 1908.

Dear Baptist: On the fourth Sunday in January our pastor resigned and Bethel church has been pastorless since.

By unanimous vote some time ago, Brother J. R. Magil, of Attalla, was invited to hold a protracted religious service with the church to begin on the 28th of July.

He preached ten days. He did not come fired with eloquence and oratory to preach spread-eagle sermons, but to preach Christ crucified to sinners, and faithfully warn them of the danger of procrastination.

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The principal, Mrs. McLure, comes back after a summer of work, extensive correspondence and visits, when possible, to state and associational meetings. The enthusiasm shown in various states indicates the hold that this cause has on the hearts of our people. At the meeting of the W. M. U. of Alabama, \$1,000 was raised in a few minutes for the endowment fund. It is earnestly hoped that by May, 1909, the first \$20,000 of endowment will be completed.

Mississippi sends good news of its meeting of the W. M. U., and the Young Woman's Auxiliary will support a student next year.

Georgia provides a scholarship, perhaps two, and churches and individuals are turning their attention to this important matter. So many of the choicest young women, with every requirement for effective service, cannot command even the small amount necessary for the training. We trust that these may be helped.

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Miss Beulah Bowden, of North Carolina, who took the degree of Mistress of Missionary Training, has been appointed to Mexico, and so the leaven is being placed here and there.

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ECLECTIC, ALA.

Dear Reader of the Alabama Baptist: I have been very quiet for some time, but the Lord has so very greatly blessed me in a part of my work the past ten days I must tell you. I came to Harmony church of central association, last November and found it in very bad shape as it had undergone two splits in the last few years. The last attack being made by the Holiness which almost proved a total wreck. I preached for two or three months to a little congregation but soon it began to grow and by May the house was filled and later could not seat the people. The faithful few began to see light, new hope came and all were anxious for a revival. I began the last of July and each day brought great results with increased interest. The wanderers began to return and by Tuesday night the spiritual wave had gotten very high and when I opened the doors of the church sixteen came rushing as though this would be the last opportunity. Interest grew until we could not accommodate the people. In all my work I have never heard men make such full confessions. A great many serious troubles have been settled and many who were raging as the Godareane now are clothed in their right mind. Having preached for quite a while day and night my voice gave way and young Bro. Causey preached once and Bro. Hill Jordan twice. The rains having disturbed the creek and our pool not being in good condition, I closed the meeting Sunday, the 9th to baptise Friday the 14th. I preached Sunday to all who could get in the house and all who could hear otherwise around the building. When an opportunity was given for membership several came and when the opportunity was over news came to me that a man whose wife had joined had climbed in at a window trying to get to me but could not for the press of people. I extended the opportunity and he came. There were others on the outside who tried to get to me but absolutely could not for the great throng. These I shall expect Friday. I received sixty-one to date; 50 to baptise, restored one old confederate soldier, had a great many other confessions and expect many others Friday and soon after. A nice cash present was sent to my wife at Fayetteville, also a good collection for the Orphans' home and aged ministers. Brethren, remember me, the most unworthy servant of our Lord. God bless the work and workers everywhere.

Fraternally,
R. W. CARLISLE.

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From "Success Magazine.

Among the deacons of a Presbyterian church in an Ohio town was an old gentleman familiarly known as "Uncle Thomas." Although too deaf to hear, he was always in his accustomed seat at church, and his zeal in religious work was untiring. Owing to a shortage of song books in the Sabbath school, some additional ones were ordered by "Uncle Thomas," who apprised the pastor of their arrival, and the latter agreed to announce the fact from the pulpit on Sunday morning.

The pastor made the promised announcement, among others, concluding with this one:

"Parents wishing their children baptized will please present them at the close of the service."

The good deacon jumped to his feet, and in the loud voice peculiar to the deaf, bawled out, "Those who haven't any can get them at my house for fifty cents apiece!"

As "Uncle Thomas" and his wife had always been childless, this startling information almost broke up the meeting, and a wave of merriment swept the congregation that threatened to shake the church from its foundation.

VICTORY.

Her face was scratched and battered,
 Her hair was wildly scattered,
 Her dress was torn and tattered,
 From her form.

The maid was almost strangled,
 The pompadour was tangled,
 Her hat it hung and dangled,
 So forlorn.

She surely was unsightly,
 She'd been jostled most unrightly,
 But she held her bundle tightly,
 Without fail.

Lo, and when the strife was vented,
 Though her pocket book was dented,
 Still she walked away contented,

From the "Sale."
 —From the June Bohemian.

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Hamilton and Guin.

On the fourth Sunday in July we began a meeting at Hamilton which resulted in seven additions, four of whom were for baptism. We were delighted in having Brother Terry Johnson to preach the last sermon of the meeting. His text was "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses whose ye are; and when I see the blood I will pass over you and there shall no plague be upon you to destroy you when I smite the land of Egypt." Surely no one could have chosen a better subject than the "blood" to begin the ministry. Bro. Johnson is a splendid young lawyer and a faithful member of the Hamilton church. We as Baptists should rejoice in knowing that God has led this noble man to enter the ministry. May I not commend him to the brotherhood and bespeak for him great usefulness? The 9th inst our meeting started at Guin, closing Saturday. Twenty-five were added to the church, eighteen for baptism. There were four awaiting baptism, so our membership has been increased by twenty-nine within thirty days. Rev. J. A. Cook, of Wylam, came to us on Monday and preached until the meeting closed. His preaching was splendid and the Lord blessed us in having such a man with us. As a token of Brother Cook's service the church and community paid him \$25 and railroad expenses. The church at Hamilton expects to move up to two Sundays a month instead of one.—W. A. Darden.

P. S.—I rejoice in knowing of many good meetings.

Death Angel Came in a Shocking Way.

On last Thursday afternoon while leaving church the wife and son (Broadus) of Rev. H. C. Sanders were turned out of hack and the babe passed away from injuries received in fall; wife not seriously hurt.

Broadus would have been seven months old had he lived two days longer. Sad, but why should we weep? God never makes a mistake. How sweet to know that death is no more than a dream, when our loved ones are asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep.

Broadus was a perfect picture of health and all those that knew him were very much attached to him, for he was such a good baby. Too good for earth, God called him home.—W. R. Seymore.

Rev. M. B. Wharton, D. D., died at Atlanta, Ga., on the night of July 20, at the age of 69. At the time of his death he was pastor at Eufaula, Ala., and had been for many years. He was one of the most prominent Baptist ministers in the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention. He served some of the leading churches of the denomination as pastor. For some years he was pastor of the Walnut Street church, of Louisville; also pastor in Baltimore and other prominent places. Under President Cleveland he was U. S. consul at Sonneberg, Germany. He was author of some religious books and an able correspondent of religious and secular papers.—Baptist Commonwealth.



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BOX 317

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by S. J. Gaines and B. V. Gaines, his wife, to the undersigned, C. S. Bissell, trustee, which mortgage is recorded in Vol. 434 on page 125 of records in the office of probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash in front of the court house door of Jefferson county, Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on Monday, September 7, 1908, the following described real estate to-wit:

North 1-2 of the S. E. 1-4; East 1-2 of the N. E. 1-4, and N. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 and S. W. 1-4 of the S. E. 1-4 in Section 12, Township 15, Range 3, West; S. E. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 and S. W. 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 and N. E. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 and fractional parts of N. W. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 (28.75) acres and fractional parts of the N. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4 (22.53) acres and fractional part of N. W. 1-4 of S. W. 1-4 (7) acres, all in Section 7, Township 15, Range 2; S. E. 1-4 of S. E. 1-4, Section 1; fractional parts of N. E. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 and all the N. W. 1-4 of N. W. 1-4 (50 acres) in section 13, Township 15, Range 3, West, being that part east of Turkey Creek. All of said lands containing 503.75 acres, more or less, in Jefferson county, Alabama, being mineral rights only, and such surface rights thereon as have been granted to S. J. Gaines in deeds of conveyance of said lands. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt se-

cured by said mortgage, default having been made in said payment.

C. S. BISSELL, Trustee,
Mortgagee.

Kerr & Haley, Attorneys.

Mortgage Sale.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage executed by Amelia Thomas to the undersigned, Sue C. Ware, which mortgage is recorded in Vol. 440 on page 192 in the office of probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder for cash in front of the court house door of Jefferson county, Alabama, during legal hours of sale, on Monday, September 7, 1908, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lots 23, 24, 34 and 35, according to C. F. Enslin's survey of S. E. 1-4 of N. E. 1-4 of Section 15, Township 17, Range 3, west; and further described as being blocks 1, 2 and 3, according to Amelia Thomas's survey, a map of which last survey is recorded in map book 6 on page 55 in office of probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama. Said land being situated in Jefferson county, Alabama. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the debt secured by said mortgage, default having been made in said payment.

SUE C. WARE,
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