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OUR PAPERS.

The ALA. BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.

REASONS FOR OPPOSING.

An honored brother writes: "On what ground do you oppose the introduction of the Whitsett matter into the Southern Baptist Convention? If resolutions respecting the qualifications for membership in Baptist churches were in order at Chattanooga, why should it be amiss to pass resolutions in regard to the instruction given in the Seminary?"

The second question complicates matters somewhat. The convention at Chattanooga did make certain deliverances touching tests of church fellowship; but in parliamentary phrase they were "riders" tacked to a deliverance on the temperance question. It must be remembered, too, that the temperance resolutions were brought in on the last day of the convention, when many of the delegates had left; that their parliamentary right to come before the body was hotly discussed, and that in all probability their radical features would have been modified, had there been time for deliberation. The mere fact that in the last hour of the

convention through does not demonstrate their wisdom or establish a precedent.

Let it be observed, also, that the two questions raised by the brother are not of equal grade. Any reputable member of a Baptist church, and only such are delegates to the convention, has some idea of the proper qualifications for church membership, while comparatively few are capable of passing upon obscure questions in history, such as the Whitsett matter involves. And for our part, we did not vote for the temperance resolutions, and in the form in which they were passed we do not regard them as wise.

We may be in error, but we are quite clear in the opinion that no good can come from the effort to bring the affairs of the Seminary before the Convention for adjudication. The following considerations seem to justify our position.

The Convention has no jurisdiction under the control of the trustees. They are men of piety, sagacity, fidelity; they know their rights and responsibilities; some of them have been identified with the institution for years, have studied its interests, contributed to its funds, watched its growth; they know the needs of the school as well as any company of men that could be assembled; and until they were asked for instructions, any deliverance from the convention might certainly they are not men to be moved by popular outcry. In the exercise of its right to nominate three men for each vacancy on the board of trustees, the Convention might instruct the men what to do when elected; but it would have no power to enforce its instructions, because it has no power to deposit trustees in any case. Why, then, bring before the Convention a question which it can not control? Why make a spectacle of ourselves by offering advice to men who are capable of managing their own affairs?

Should the trustees ask for instruction on any vital point of the current controversy, and they are not likely to do so, we believe it would be unwise to grant the request. No action that could be taken would meet the various and

conflicting views of the brethren. A deliverance that could be regarded as condemning Dr. Whitsett would wound and alienate many whose influence the Convention sorely needs. A vote of approval, if we may judge by the voice of the associations that have spoken, would meet with practical rebuke in the withdrawal of support from our mission boards. A compromise deliverance would please very few. So let us remember the words of Solomon: "He that meddeth with strife that belongeth not to him is like one that taketh the a by the ears," and leave the trustees to settle their own troubles.

It is not too much to say that of late years many of the ills from which our people have suffered have originated within themselves. Even to the extent of demoralization have they yielded to different influences which have made against them. No one will deny that the last presidential campaign was a most demoralizing period. In this respect it was not unlike all that have preceded it, unless it differ in its intensity from its predecessors. Men were stirred by impassioned appeals; their feelings were wrought to a high pitch; their prejudices and fears were appealed to; in thousands of instances they were bribed. To all who surrendered themselves to such influences there was demoralization. Is not that the result of all our elections? A more recent demonstration of the readiness to yield to demoralizing influences was witnessed during the late brutal prize fight at Carson City, Nevada. For days together, prior to this brutal conflict, the newspapers kept up fervid interest in the approaching battle of the brutes. From Maine to Mexico were eagerly aroused on the day of the contest, and gathered in multitudes to get the news of the result. Like other evils, demoralization must be resisted, if we would not have it hold sway.

That prosperity tends to impair faith, there is little doubt. It was when Jeshurun waxed fat that he killed. So long as coffers are full, and cribs burst out with plenty, we may look for flabby faith. Much of the prevailing culpable laxness of doctrine in high and low places is due to the leisure which comes of prosperity. Adversity humbles and prosperity exalts. The darkest days in Hebrew history were those of the greatest success to the ancient commonwealth. The ancient church thrived under the lash and within the blaze of persecution. When persecution was rankest in England, the cause of the non-conformists prospered most. In our own land, our best days were the days of the pioneer fathers, when they were forced to grapple with every conceivable danger and difficulty, while they put their trust in God.

It is difficult for a man to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," so long as he has all that heart can crave. Comfort is promised to those who mourn, and blessings to the persecuted.

RECENTLY we have received from good brethren two or three criticisms of the expositions of Scripture prepared for our Sunday-schools and young people. We have thought it not best to publish these criticisms, for two reasons: First, there was neither doctrine, principle nor practice involved—merely difference of opinion as to interpretation; second, it is not wise to shake the confidence of those who are led in the ability of the leaders, except where fidelity to truth demands it. When an expounder of the Scriptures within our borders falls into serious error, then there must be no hesitancy in calling him in question.

The Southern railway will give rate of one first-class fare the round trip to those who attend the Southern Baptist Convention, which will be held at Atlanta, Ga., May 6th. Trains will leave Montgomery at 6:20 on the mornings of May 5 and 6, and will leave Atlanta about 2 p. m. of same day. The line runs by Gainesville, Ga., Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C., Charlotte and Greensboro, N. C. It is about twenty-five hours run between Montgomery and Wilmington. Write to John Metcalfe, E. P. A., Montgomery, or S. H. Hardwick, Asst. G. P. A., Atlanta, for further particulars.

THE Memphis & Charleston railroad, which runs through North Alabama, will issue one full fare round trip tickets to the Southern Baptist Convention. Secretary Gregory also announces that tickets will be extended fifteen days for those who wish it, if the tickets are deposited with agents of terminal lines at Wilmington before May 15. You can learn all the particulars at Wilmington.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. J. M. Kallin, the Alabama boy who has been for some year-pastor of one of our churches at Houston, Texas, now requests us to send his paper to Fairbanks, in that state. We wish him well wherever he may go.

C. E. Mathers, York: We still have Bro. J. G. Apsey as pastor. His sermons are strong and well received. Our Sabbath-school is getting on nicely; Ladies' Aid Society doing well, but alas! the church so far has done but little for missions.

James Evans, Russellville, March 22: Good day here yesterday. Superintendent Greenhill had the Sunday-school to redeem its pledge of \$5 for ministerial education. The church took a collection of \$5 for state missions. Pastor and wife received by letter. All at work.

Rev. J. A. Phillips, of Elamville, sends the names and the cash of two new subscribers, and says: "I want all the Baptists of Alabama to read the BAPTIST and see what our people are doing. I am always glad to read of the faithful labors of my brethren, forasmuch as their labor is not in vain in the Lord."

W. J. Elliott, Montgomery: We can report large congregations and deep interest at all our services in Wetumpka Sunday. The church and Sunbeam society remembered our boards in a substantial way. The Sunbeams have contributed nearly \$20 for missions during the past month.

The First church at Troy, as heretofore announced, has invited the preachers' meeting of South-east Alabama to hold its next session with it. On which the Journal remarks: "Should the meeting be held here, it goes without saying that Troy will do her full duty in entertaining the members."

Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, of Tennessee, will begin a series of meetings with the Baptists of Livingston on the first Sunday in April. Bro. Quisenberry is associate editor of the Baptist and Reflector, of Nashville, and stands among the best of the Tennessee Baptist preachers. Pastor Curry and his church are fortunate in securing his assistance.

Rev. T. H. Stout, who is so pleasantly remembered personally and also for his work's sake by those among whom he labored in Alabama, is still at Thomaston, Ga. He has not ceased to have tender feelings for his friends in this state.

Recently he sent two years subscription to this paper, and his figures were moved to Dec. 31, 1906. He is now at the head of the next century procession.

Geo. E. Brewer, Opelika: The service at Hartsboro on Sunday of last meeting was pleasant, and one was received by experience. The night service was cut off by rain.

The farmers are getting impatient under the long continued heavy rains. But that is needless, as our seasons are long enough to make a crop, even if late in planting. The Lord knows better than we do about how to arrange the seasons.

Of course the Sunbeam bands will be interested in the note from Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, which they will find in the first column of the first page of this paper. We are inclined to think that Mrs. Hamilton has a higher position than any of our leaders, and she will soon have the most devoted band of followers. The Sunbeams will listen to her, and before long they will make some of us feel ashamed of the little we are doing.

Greenville: Usual Sunday services were held in this church. Pastor Hubbard preached on "Humility" in the morning; in the evening, "The Life of Ruth." At the B. Y. P. U. Thursday evening, a large crowd was present, and heartily enjoyed the spirited singing.

File of Paul.—Mr. John Caldwell, of Anniston, delivered his fine lecture, "John, the Mascot Name," on the 23d, under the management of the Methodist and Baptist churches.

The sad news comes to us that Mr. F. M. Couch, an engineer who recently removed to this city, was killed in a wreck on the Mobile road, at Dunham, on Monday last. He was a son of an honored Baptist minister, and our only meeting with him, which was on the day after his arrival in the city, impressed us that he was a good man. He was reared at Mobile, and the remains were carried there for burial. He left a wife and children, an aged mother and other near relatives, who have our sincere sympathy.

H. W. Beville, Fort Deposit: Large congregation at preaching yesterday. The committee on hospitality for the Sunday-school Convention of Montgomery, Ala., which meets here each year, have been made to delegates and visitors coms. The ladies' prayer at the church was a good time in and a heart to write you about three things.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

EDITED BY W. A. HOBSON, East Lake, Ala.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC. April 11.—The joy of salvation. Ps. 51:12. [Treatment by Rev. Walter A. Whittle.]

1. Joyfulness is the Christian's normal state.

Most Christians, especially those who were converted after reaching maturity, know from experience what it is to feel a deep, sharp, pungent conviction for sin. They know something of the terrors of the law. Many Christians remember the time when they could say with David, "The sorrows of death compassed me," and "the pains of hell took hold upon me."

"About me the cords of hell were wound, And the snares of death my foot-steps bound."

According to four figures of speech which he uses in Psalm 134, David was bound like a malefactor; overwhelmed like a ship-wrecked mariner; surrounded and standing at bay like a hunted stag; and captured in a net like a trembling bird. Salvation brings liberty to the captive, security to the ship-wrecked seaman, safety to the hunted stag, and takes the entrapped bird and turns it loose in the evidence of things to come.

or as in the revised version, "the assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen." This, faith gives substance to, or brings to us as real, the things hoped for. The believing Christian is assured of the fulfillment of God's promises; and not only of God's promises, but of God's presence and help. Faith proves as true things which we can not see, for, says the apostle, "We walk by faith, not by sight."

The trial of faith among the ancients or "elders," and their perseverance in it, brought to us "a good report" of them, and our faith must be tried and tested. Perseverance in faith is a lesson that every Christian needs to learn. Our temptations and troubles are the trials of our faith. Peter's faith as he walked on the water was sublime, but Christ must rescue him when his doubts came; but Christ did rescue, and he always does at the last moment, when we have been taught our dependence on him and the lesson of trust in him. God limits the trial or temptation, though he permits it to come, "Ye shall not be tempted above that ye are able to bear." Even as Christ handed over Peter to be sifted of Satan, he effectually prevented the failing of Peter's faith, 1st, by his warning Peter, and thus putting him on his guard; 2d, by his intercession for the heavenly preservation of Peter's faith; 3d, by the implied promise of Peter's turning again; 4th, by that look which made Peter weep bitterly.

THE TRIUMPHS OF FAITH. The inspired writer reaches the climax in his conception of faith when he touches this phase. He briefly mentions the triumphs of faith well known to the Hebrew Christians to whom he is writing, as the host of characters whose history is given in the Scriptures. "Through faith" they "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises," etc.—triumphing in spite of "trials of mockery and scourgings," bonds and imprisonments, etc. These triumphs and our triumphs in faith will be heightened by

THE CROWNING OF FAITH. when we, along with all the host of believers in all ages, shall be "made perfect."

"One little hour, and then the glorious crowning. The golden harpstrings and the victors' psalm; One little hour, and then the hallelujah, Eternity's long, deep, thanksgiving."

One Hundred and Fifty Excellent Books Given Away.

Recently a hundred "Crises of Missions" were offered free to the pastors of our Convention on certain conditions. The pastors wrote us quickly for them, so that not only were the hundred taken, but another lot, which were given by a different party from the first, were all readily sent out. The requests continue to come for the books, and, as we have no more for free distribution, arrangements have been made to send the book to any one who will send twenty-five cents. This can be sent in postage or order or in stamps, and will include the postage (seven cents) on the book. It would be well for members of many of our churches to find out if their pastor has this book, and if not, to make a present of it. Every pastor ought to have a copy. If you wish to accept this offer, write at once to R. J. Willingham, Co. Sec'y, Richmond, Va.

One Hundred Doses One Dollar is Senticular to and true only of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It is economy to buy Hood's.

Each life weeps that we may know how to feel for the sorrowing.

Christian's joy and happiness depend upon the state of his own heart toward Christ. One whose will and life are in harmony with the will and life of Christ may expect to find joy and peace and comfort in his heart and home.

IV. The result of a restoration of joy will be two fold:

(1) Christian activity; then, says David, "I will teach transgressors their ways, (Ps. 51:13)

(2) The lost will be saved, and sinners shall be converted unto thee, (Ps. 51:13)

(3) The growth and prosperity of the churches—the saved ones will be gathered in, (Acts 2:47)

(4) There will be joy in heaven and on earth, (Luke 15:7)

SECULAR NOTES.

Dr. W. H. Lipscomb, an aged citizen of Scooba, Miss., was recently convicted of poisoning one of his patients, who died. The indictment charges that the poisoning was done in order that a prominent merchant named Guy Jack might secure \$10,000 of life insurance which he held on the poisoned man's life. The case has been appealed to the Supreme court.

It has been authentically stated that Gen. R. C. Jones, now president of our State University, will

found old Tuskegee course. I have refrained from writing about my new field so far, so that I might give my bearings in it before going into print. I wish to say that I have one of the best pastures in the state. How could I be otherwise when these godly people have had as under-shepherds such men as Drs. Henderson, Teague and Roby, and Revs. Corwell, Hart, and last but not least, the gifted G. A. Hornady. Surely this has been one of the best pastured churches in the state; and when I think of those who have preceded me in this office, I tremble at the responsibility resting upon me.

We now have one hundred and eight members; the meeting just closed added about one-fourth to the membership. Among this number are many of God's noblemen and noblewomen, and happy is the man whose lot is cast among them. Every department of church work is full of life and energy. The Sunday-school, Sunbeams, Young People's Union, prayer meeting and church service are all moving along with an inspiration that gladdens our hearts.

We have here a delightful pastorium on a corner lot just back of the church, and one of the finest churches in this part of the state. Indeed I have found but one objection to the pastorate so far, and that is, the garden is full of nut grass. A lady said to me the other day, "We put that there to keep our pastor from getting lazy; and when you succeed in killing that out we will send you some more." We advise other churches to try this when their pastors show that they need

stirring up. SIDNEY J. CATTS, Tuskegee.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The University Press Co., Nashville, Tenn., has just issued "A Review of the Question," by Geo. A. Lofton, D. D. It is a historical review of "A Question in Baptist History," by Dr. Wm. H. Whitsett. This book as compiled by the author includes not only his own authorship, but the works of Dr. Newman and Vidler. The book is written by Dr. Whitsett in his position that the English Anabaptists restored immersion as believers' baptism in the year 1641. It is a scholarly, dignified production, and while it does not settle the question, yet it worth reading. The book is bound in cloth, contains 274 pages, and the price is 75 cents. Write to University Press Co., 208 N. College St., Nashville, Tenn.

The Ladies' Home Journal for April is on our table. It is as usual full of good articles. E. B. Harrison has an article in this number on "The Social Life of the President," which defines particularly the social relations and duties of the chief executive of the nation. Jerome K. Jerome gives a new story, "A Portrait of a Lady." The April issue is called the "Easter Number." This very excellent monthly is published by the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, at one dollar a year.

The April number of Scribner's Magazine, published monthly by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, comes to us full of fresh and interesting literary material. This number contains 128 pages of reading matter finely illustrated and admirably executed. The illustrations bear the marks of an artist, are well designed, and each is an object lesson. The prospectus for the May number is full of interest, and will be, no doubt, very entertaining.

MARRIED.

At the bride's residence, on the 17th of February, 1907, Mr. J. H. Kiland and Miss Carl Miller. May the peace of God abide in their home.

J. S. YARBROUGH.

At Pine Level, on the 18th inst., Mr. D. Phoenix and Miss E. Pitts were united in matrimony. Many friends wish them a prosperous and happy life.

J. S. YARBROUGH.

At the residence of A. Y. Barber, father of the bride, March 4, 1907, Mr. Gregory, Rev. T. J. Swanson, of Mobile, and Miss Carlisle Barber. The bride is an accomplished Christian young lady of Chambers county, and the groom is a Baptist minister of high standing. The wedding was an enjoyable occasion, and the unite with many friends in wishing for the happy couple a bright future.

J. L. G.

Sorrow is transitory and disciplinary that joy may be eternal.



