





## THE BAPTIST.

TUSKEGEE, ALA.

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Correspondents and friends will please address us at Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama. JAMES M. WATT.

## Rev. A. Van Hoese.

Has removed to this place, and is now the Agent of the *South Alabama Female College*, and is also travelling agent for the *South Western Baptist*. We commend him to the confidence of the public.

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The Proprietors of the *South Western Baptist*, in removing the office of publication from Montgomery to Tuskegee, and reducing the subscription price to \$2.00 a year, find it necessary to adopt the cash system with all subscribers. This must appear obvious to every one, as Paper, Ink, and new Type have to be purchased; printers must be hired, and other expenses incurred, all of which require cash in hand. Besides, in having subscriptions due which are scattered over all the States, there must be experienced a continual loss in consequence of deaths, removals, &c., and the editors are subjected to a great deal of extra trouble and expense in collecting the amounts. In adopting the cash system, no subscriber is injured; but every one is benefited directly, by being furnished with the paper at Fifty Cents less than before, to say nothing of advantages gained in the columns of the paper itself. All parties are benefited by the arrangement, and we presume no one will object to that which will prove advantageous to all.

The following rules will be observed hereafter:

1. No subscription will be received except payment is made in advance. The subscription price will be \$2.00 a year, and when the term of subscription expires, the paper will be discontinued unless the subscription is renewed.

2. Subscribers who are not in arrears longer than one year, may by sending us \$1.50, pay their arrears, and be entitled to the paper one year in advance. This applies only to those who have renewed their subscriptions. Those who are in arrears and do not renew their subscriptions will be charged at the rate of \$3.00 a year, according to our former terms.

3. No subscriber's name will be continued on our subscription list longer than the 1st of April, who shall be in arrears at that time. Bills will be sent to those who are in arrears as early as possible, that collection may be made. We are in great need of money at this time to meet the necessary expenses of the office, and must also depend upon our brethren and friends to settle up with us immediately, that the editors of last year may be compensated for their services. In sending out our bills it may happen that mistakes may occur, as the management of the business is now in new hands. These, however, we will correct them with promptness, and we will correct them with great pleasure. We hope none will take offense at us sending them our bills and ask for payment.

In conclusion, we will add that it shall be our aim to make the *South Western Baptist* worthy of the patronage of the public, and if our subscription list can be increased as it ought to be, we intend it to be equal in every respect, to any religious paper in the country. We trust that our ministering brethren and others will become enlisted in the cause of a help as to raise at least 5000 subscribers the present year.

CHILTON, E. HOLS & CO.,  
Proprietors.

TUSKEGEE, ALA., Jan. 1, 1884.

We take the liberty of calling the special attention of our readers to the commendation of brother W. H. C. in his *Our Paper*. We are sincerely obliged to him for the lively interest he manifests in the enterprise. We take pleasure in bearing witness that he has always exhibited the warmest zeal in promoting its interests from the time it was first established in Marion. The suggestion he makes is in our estimation, the very thing which is needed to place the *South Western Baptist* where it ought to be—second to none in the country in point of intrinsic merit; and then, it is so reasonable, that we cannot but hope that our brethren will at once act upon it. Suppose each pastor who is accustomed to write, would resolve to furnish as much as one column each month, of his choicest thoughts on the various subjects that come up in the course of his preaching, observation and experience. We should soon have as ably filled sheet as any religious journal in the Union. In addition to this, many of our sisters could make it the vehicle of communication with each other, to whom we should be happy to appropriate a particular department. We do hope that our brethren will not only take the subject under serious consideration, but that they will determine to act at once, and send in their communications, legibly written, and abounding in "thoughts that breathe, and words that burn."

## Life Insurance.

We have just received the Annual Report of the Life Department of the Southern Mutual Insurance Company. The object of this Company is noble and good, and we are pleased to see it making steady and successful progress. To provide for the widow and the fatherless, by encouraging the husband and the father to lay by a portion of his earnings for their future wants, is both a private and a public good. Whoever looks around among his acquaintances will see many an orphan home, where a slight effort on the part of the Father would have provided an abundant support for the survivors had he thought proper to become a member of an Insurance Company. By the annual payment of 10 or 15 or 20 dollars, he might have secured a thousand to his destitute widow or his helpless children. So often does it happen that death comes unexpectedly, that every one even in the soundest health ought to anticipate the possibility of a sudden departure and provide something for those who would otherwise be suffering or in want.

We hope to see the business of this company enlarged. Every congregation that has a poor pastor (and where is the pastor who is not poor?) should, besides raising enough to support him, take a policy on his life for the benefit of his family; so that when he has served the church for his day and generation and heard the call of his Heavenly Master, the wife and children, whom he has cherished and loved here, should not be left to the cold charities of a selfish world, for the necessities and the comforts of life.

## A Chinese Church organized in California.

We clip the following from the last True Union. Who is there that does not rejoice to hear of such events? The Chinese in California present a white world unto harvest.

Under the date of Nov. 10, Mr. Speer writes as follows:

"Our Church was organized on last Sabbath, with four members. Last Sam was made an elder. The ceremony was solemn, and interesting to a large audience."

## Particular Providence.

"For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."—Psalm 91:11, 12.

In a former article, we stated what we conceived to be a particular, as distinct from a general providence, promising at some future time to enter somewhat more into the details of the argument. We now propose to enter upon that task, in the hope that it will be a profitable one both to the writer and reader.

As the doctrine for which we are contending mainly concerns Christians, we shall depend altogether upon the Scriptures to sustain it, using such facts and illustrations as may serve to confirm it.

We maintain, then, that the agency which the *Devine Being* has assigned to angels in the plan of salvation, proves the doctrine. This agency is most beautifully and forcibly expressed by the Psalmist in the passage at the beginning of this article. The introduction of sin into our world, not only brought with it death, but "him that had the power of death, that is, the devil," who is represented as being the "prince of the power of the air, who worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience." He and his angels are represented as fighting against "Michael and his angels." The theatre of this contest is said, indeed, to be heaven; but as the devil and his angels have never been permitted to return to the Jerusalem which is above since they were cast out, we must understand the reference as being to the "kingdom of heaven" as set up by Jesus Christ. Nor can we mistake the character of Michael in the passage. We know who met and foiled the devil in the days of his incarnation. It can refer to none other than the Messiah. If then the spiritual warrior has to contend with the hosts of fallen angels, in his militant state, it is singular that God should appoint him a body guard from the shining hosts who wait around his throne to do his pleasure? Is it incredible that "the angel of the Lord encampeth round about the habitation of the righteous, and delivereth them"? Is it not well that he should make them "all ministering spirits, sending them forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation"? It is an impressive thought that we are now living in a world of spirits, as well as a world of flesh. And could our eyes be opened as were those of the prophet's servant at Dothan, we also should see that we are "a spectacle to angels" as well as to men. We should see ourselves overshadowed by a canopy of anxious spectators, whose flaming eyes follow our every step, and whose mighty agency is vouchsafed in our every danger and trial.

But notice the expression, "they shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone." Now, if it had been said, that the celestial soldiers, at some of the most critical events in the history of the church, when its enemies were likely to prevail, would be commissioned to repel her foes, and thus restore her falling fortunes, it would not be so surprising. Or even if it had been promised, that in the most eminent seasons of peril in our individual history, say at the moment we were to decide between Christ and the world, or at some particular trial of our faith involving the pains and sufferings of martyrdom, one might expect such divine succor as the Master received in Gethsemane. It would still excite no very great astonishment. But it is to be observed that their guardianship extends to the most common, every day occurrences that befall us, even down to as small a matter as the "dashing of the foot against a stone." Peter is not the only saint whose chains have been broken, and whose prison doors have been opened by these heavenly messengers. As the redeemed of the Lord one by one ascends the mount of God, and as the light of eternity is thrown back upon his earthly pilgrimage, he will doubtless recognize angels at his side in every joy and every trial, in every temptation and deliverance, which compass his eventful history. If the reader will pardon the simplicity of the illustration, we will present one which more exactly embraces the idea of angelic guardianship, than any which has ever occurred to us—Go into the nursery. Observe the affectionate mother as she follows the footsteps of her first born. The slightest cry of the dear little prattler brings the maternal arm to its support. Every obstruction is removed, and every step is noted with the most lively interest. And thus it is in the household of faith. Babies in Christ, as they are brought into the spiritual family, are assigned by the heavenly Father to the guardianship of those ministers of his that do his pleasure, with instructions that they "keep them in all their ways, and bear them up in their hands, lest they dash their foot against a stone."

We close for the present, with the following beautiful stanza, which set forth the declaration of the Psalmist so touchingly, that we cannot resist the temptation to quote them:

## GUARDIAN ANGELS.

"Unseen by mortal eyes, in the stillness of the night,  
There are those who wander o'er us, in robes of airy light;  
Sweet messengers of love and hope, they journey to and fro,  
And consolation follows in their footsteps as they go."

And when morning breaks above us, and we wake to busy day,  
These angels go before 'to guide and keep us in the way;  
When our feeble footsteps falter all weary and alone,  
In their arms they gently bear us, lest we dash against a stone."

In our journeyings, in our restings on the land and on the sea,  
In our solitude and sorrow, in our gatherings and glees,  
In the day of degradation, the hour of joy and pride,  
These pure and watchful ministers are ever at our side."

O Thou whom angels worshipped, ere time or we began,  
And whose divine compassion gave their guardianship to man,  
Throughout this mortal warfare, let them still be our champions,  
And in the last stern conflict, give their charge concerning me."

It is rumored that the Hon. J. E. Clemens of this State will receive the appointment as consul to Havana.

## Saladin, the Conqueror of the East.

In Jones' Church History we find the following circumstance mentioned. It exhibits very plainly the folly of Ambition and the end of all human greatness. How many other monarchs besides Saladin have commanded great armies, won astonishing victories, ruled over vast empires, and yet fall a prey to worms, leaving their great names and wealth to perish. May we not say to these who are after worldly fame, remember the lesson of the Saracen King, whose name stands at the head of these remarks? He had conquered many powerful kings, had resisted the combined powers of Europe in one of his mighty Crusades, and made a truce with them A. D. 1192, "which was to remain in force three years, three months, three weeks, three days, and three hours." Soon after this truce was made, and long before it had terminated, this mighty monarch was brought upon a dying bed. Says Jones in his Church History, p. 299:

"SALADIN died at Damascus soon after the ratification of this truce with the leaders of the crusade. He was a prince of great valor and of generous sentiments; and it is memorable, that during his last illness, he gave orders for his winding sheet to be carried as a standard through every street of the city, while a cry preceded it proclaiming with a loud voice, 'This is all that remains to the mighty Saladin, the Conqueror of the East.' His last will is also remarkable; he ordered alms to be distributed to the poor without regard to distinction of Jew, Mahometan or Christian; thereby intimating that he considered all men as brethren, and as equally entitled to the exercise of our compassion when in distress—a lesson though coming from a musulman, which deserves the imitation of Christians. But the advantages of science, of moderation, and of humanity, were indeed at that time why on the side of the former?"

A highly esteemed brother sent us the following scrap, cut from the Christian Intelligencer some years ago, with the request that we publish it. We have found in our intercourse with the world, that men often agree in some great leading truths, when they seem to differ. They view the subject under somewhat different circumstances, and often controvert each other's views, when, in reality they really agree as it regards the great ends to be accomplished.

IS NOT THIS ELECTION?

The late Rev. Dr. Winter, of London, being in company with an American who spoke violently against the doctrine of election, and to him, "Sir, you believe the doctrine of election as fully as I do," "I deny it," replied the American; "on the contrary, it is a doctrine I do not believe in." "Do you believe," said the Dr., "that all men will be saved in the last day, or some will be saved and others not?" "To be sure," "And God saves them designedly, and not against their will?" "Most certainly." "And suffers the rest to perish, though he could have hindered it?" "It should seem so." "Then is not this election?" "It amounts to the same thing."

CALVIN AND WESLEY AGREED.

From the above anecdote it is seen that the Methodist believes with his heart the doctrine he professes with his mouth to deny and deny!

1. He believes that some only will be saved at last.
2. That that some will be saved entirely by God's grace.
3. That none shall inherit heaven by their own merits.
4. That God saves them by design and not against their will.
5. That God suffers some to perish, though it should seem he could have hindered it.
6. Is not this election?

Is not this election? John Calvin counts it as one of his chief doctrines, that God saves whom he will, and that he saves them by his grace, and not by their merits. "By the grace of God I am what I am." Not unto us, not unto us, but to God be the glory."

Our subscribers will perceive that we omit the date of one week. A detention in our materials threw us behind in our first issue, and we found upon trial that we could not redeem the lost time. Our numbers however, continue regularly on, and our subscribers will lose nothing by the arrangement, as the full number of papers will be sent them. We have also procured some additional help and hope to have no further trouble.

Change of Residence.

Rev. JAMES J. HARRIS has removed from near Glenview, Alabama, to Troy in Pike County Alabama. His correspondents will please address him at the latter place.

Rev. THOMAS CHILTON has removed from Houston, Texas, to Montgomery, Texas. See his editorial in another column.

Rev. JOHN WILMER has removed from Selma, Alabama, to Clinton, Green County, Alabama, where his correspondents will please address him.

Rev. A. W. CHAMBLISS has removed to Lexington, Mississippi. Rev. J. C. WILKES now resides at Line Creek Montgomery County, Alabama.

Rev. WILLIAM LACY has removed from Randolph County Alabama, to Sugar Hill, Panola County, Texas. We commend our aged brother to the kind regards of the brethren at that section of the country.

Rev. WM. H. CLARKE.

This brother who is expected to sail for Central Africa, and devote his life to the Mission cause in that region, was with us last Sabbath, and entertained us with an interesting discourse. He is travelling at present under the appointment of the Foreign Mission Board, as agent for that Board, and we hope the brethren will notice his appointments which are made in another column, and give him a cheering welcome.

Reviews.

A pleasing state of religious feelings is enjoyed in the First Baptist Church in N. O. at present under the charge of Rev. W. C. Dineen. Some conversions and baptisms have already taken place.

Interesting meetings have been held by Elder B. Bruce at Rockingford, N. C. where 8 were baptized on New Year's day, and at Cooper's Gap where 8 more were baptized on the 3d of Jan. At Green River Church a glorious meeting has been held.

Quite an interesting Revival has been enjoyed in the Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, of which Rev. J. E. Dawson is pastor. Eighteen have been baptized and it is expected there will be other baptisms still.

Rev. L. Duper of Burlington, S. C., writing to the Southern Baptist, gives an account of a series of interesting meetings held by himself and others.

Our correspondent Y. M. L. will be so good as to send us his proper signature, as it has been mislaid.

We request all our correspondents to give us their names in connection with their communications, so that if needed we can refer to them. Some times they seem to depend upon our recollection, and fail to write their names in connection with the communications sent us.

## "We learn," says the New York Chronicle.

"that the Baptist Church in Vicksburg have called as their Pastor, Rev. J. B. Stuckey, of Texas; and that hopes are entertained that he will accept the call."

"Also, that Rev. S. Baker, D. D. late of Nashville Tenn., had arrived in Williamsburg, N. Y., and entered on his labors as Pastor, pro tem, of the first Baptist Church, having been invited to officiate for three months."

## Ordination.

Brother JAMES F. HORTON, was set apart to the work of the Gospel Ministry at Tuskegee, Ala., on Sunday 22d day of January, 1884. The ministers officiating as a Presbytery on the occasion were Rev. Sam. Henderson, Rev. Archibald J. Battle, and Rev. James M. Watt.

The necessary examinations having been previously made, the exercises were as follows:

Ordination Sermon by Rev. S. Henderson.

Reading of the Scriptures and prayer by Rev. J. M. Watt.

Imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

Charge and presentation of the Bible, by Rev. A. J. Battle.

Benediction by Bro. J. F. Horton.

Bro. Horton is the grand son of the venerable Henry Horton who lived and labored so long among the Georgia Baptists. Young Bro. H. gives fair promise of usefulness. He is at present endeavoring to build up the Baptist Cause at the Tallapoosa Falls, Tallapoosa Co., Ala., where there is a large manufacturing industry growing up.

Another Impostor.

We learn from the N. O. Chronicle, that a man calling himself J. C. Hawkins, and sometimes J. M. Holmes, has been passing himself off as a Baptist Minister and collecting money in the towns along the Mississippi. He tried to do so in N. O. but was detected. He bears forged credentials and letters of commendation. He is an arrant knave. In appearance he is thick set; is bald in great part; has grey eyes, and a nose somewhat aquiline and hives when he speaks." His real name is J. P. Chenoweth.

He has been arrested for Forgery and will doubtless be handed over to the Penitentiary.

Arkansas Baptist History.

The Rev. P. S. G. WATSON, Helena, Arkansas, is engaged in preparing a work on the history of the Baptists in that State, and desires information necessary to complete the work.

Newspaper Changes.

THE RELIGIOUS HERALD, made its appearance on the 12th January, in a new suit, and considerably improved. It is published in Richmond, Virginia by WILLIAM SAKS, and is one of our most valued exchanges. Price \$2.50, in advance.

THE TRUTH UNOBSERVED, some changes for the better. A Virginia department has been added, which will be under the editorial management of Rev. N. H. MURKIN. It is to be issued hereafter from both Baltimore and Washington. It will edit and ought to enlarge its subscription list. We are pleased to receive it every week. Price \$2.00 in advance.

DONKEY'S DISSENT, this is the present title of the *State Guide*, which has been published at Wetumpka, Ala. by Col. DUNSTON. The Col. was in our office a few days ago, and we had the pleasure of forming his acquaintance. His paper is a high pressure go ahead publication, in a neat form, and filled with intelligence. Price \$2.00 in advance.

THE TAMPA HERALD, published at Tampa Florida, by M. W. SMITH and C. S. REYNOLDS. The first number of this paper has come to our office. It is well printed and is filled with interesting reading. Price \$3.00 a year in advance.

THE BAPTIST RECORD, N. C. At the last session of the North Carolina Baptist Convention of that State, the Rev. J. J. James was elected editor. We have not received the Record for some time.

THE NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST CHRONICLE.—The proprietors of this paper are considering the propriety of publishing it weekly instead of semi-monthly as at present. They propose to raise funds sufficient to sustain it upon the joint stock principle. Of course it is unknown yet whether the change will be made or not.

New Advertisements.

We call the attention of our readers to the new advertisements published this week.

THE EAST ALABAMA FEMALE COLLEGE. This highly flourishing institution has 150 students, and the number increasing. If the Trustees only had the means to complete the College buildings and premises, it would not only be an honor to the State, but also fulfill the most sanguine hopes of its founders. Will not our wealthy brethren respond to their call and place it out of debt with a complete outfit?

PHILLIPS, SAMSON & Co., are extensively engaged in publishing books. We commend their advertisement to the attention of merchants, and to all who delight in reading good books.

CULLEN A. BATTLE is a young man worthy of the confidence of those who may entrust him with their business in law.

Drs. COBB & JOHNSON. From an intimate acquaintance with these gentlemen, we know them to be skillful dentists. We recommend them to the patronage of our readers.

POMEROY & GREGORY, are just the men to furnish a good suit of clothes to any man who needs it. We have known Mr. P. many years and know him to be worthy of patronage. We presume his partner is equally worthy. Call in Montgomery and try them.

Wm. B. BLISS & Co. The recently they advertise we have not tried, but have heard it highly commended by those who have. Such a remedy must be of great value.

HODGNETT & HOWARD. Physicians needing a communication. Their success is a sufficient guaranty.

N. G. GENTRY will give proper attention to business, and render his clients good service.

While we are upon the subject of advertisements we take the liberty to say, that we have an extensive circulation in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas and Florida, and some in other States. Our advertising columns are therefore a good medium for those who are engaged in public business.

What a pity it is that all men do not love our Lord Jesus Christ. To a "King of the kings of heaven the Confessors of Religion during their weary pilgrimages are worth more than all the joys of Earth besides." The old and the young are invited to partake of its joys and hope for its glorious rewards in heaven.

## OUR BOOK TABLE.

THE KING OF THE ANGELS; or the History of the Stanley family, by JESSIE DOWLING DE WYLLIE, p. 132. American Baptist Publication Society.

This is a thrilling temperance tale—one of which the writer informs us, the facts are strictly true? We do not doubt that its publication at this time, when the temperance reformation is exciting so much interest in every State in the Union, will accomplish much good. We commend it to the favorable regards of every friend of "the cause of all mankind." Read it, and hand it to that neighbor of yours, whose steps are beginning to take hold of death. It may be the means of bursting his chains, and restoring him to his wonted liberty. Some of the scenes are delineated with a depth of natural pathos which will wring the tears from the hardest heart.

CHRISTIAN REPOSITORY for January, 1884, is filled with interesting communications, viz:

The responsibility of duties of the Young, by Rev. W. W. Everts, (continued.)

A Funeral Discourse, upon the Death of Rev. P. C. Scott, by D. R. Campbell L. L. D.

The dying hatred of Argyle.

Support of the Ministry.

A Funeral Discourse, on the death of Rev. P. C. Scott, by S. W. Lynd, D. D.

The absurdities of Universalism, by J. L. W. Missionary Devotion.

Selections—Miscellaneous.

HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE, January, 1884, though filled with its usual amount of interesting reading it is destitute of pictorial illustrations. This is owing to the losses of the Harpers by the great fire. No reader will regret the absence of the plates so much as they regret the losses of the enterprising publishers. The next number however will charm the eye as well as interest the mind, as the plates will be resumed and appear regularly as heretofore. Not having had time to examine the present number fully we cannot speak of its merits.

CHRIST OUR LOVE, in its Origin, Love, and end, by JOSEPH AGASS, D. D., published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, 336 pages.

Contents: Chap. I. Introductory.

Chap. II. The Birth and childhood of Christ.

Chap. III. Events connected with Christ's entrance on his personal ministry.

Chap. IV. The Teacher and Prophet; the Law; his own work.

Chap. V. Christ the Priest and Sacrifice.

Chap. VI. Christ as King.

This neatly executed volume is upon our table; but not having examined its contents we are unable to speak of its merits. We intend to give it an early perusal, and then we shall be able to say more. The fact of its being published by the American Baptist publication society commends it at once as a work of great merit.

## Texas Department.

THOMAS CHILTON, COR. EDITOR.

Houston, December 31, 1883.

Freights of the Type.

In the paper of the 9th Inst., appears a little article of mine entitled "Progress." I refer to several blunders in it, in the hope that the proof-reader of the paper will take it kindly.

I am made to say "hours of business" instead of "hours of leisure." "Convenience" instead of "commerce." "Promiscuity" instead of "promiscuity" and "Mild" instead of "wild." (Better luck, next time.)

Change of Residence.

My friends and correspondents will please address me hereafter at "MONTGOMERY, TEXAS," as before this notice will appear. I shall have made my removal from Houston to that place. I have received and accepted a call to the Pastoral charge of the Baptist Church at Montgomery, which is the Seat of Justice for the county of the same name—situated some fifty miles North of this city, and surrounded with a most desirable country of rich lands.

The place is rapidly improving—having two large church edifices, (Baptist and Methodist,) and also a school edifice which does honor to the place, and is now nearly completed.

The country is not flat, but undulating—and abounds with timber, running streams and springs of water.

Many of my friends have addressed me since my residence in Texas, expressing a wish to locate so that we might be near each other—but saying that I had planted myself at Houston which there are no lands suitable for cultivation. To such I would say that the obstacle heretofore in the way is now removed. Montgomery is a stranger to epidemics, and proverbially healthy. The land of the highest order—the society, equal to any in the State; and everything that could be necessary to render it desirable to the emigrant.

I urge my friends and acquaintances who may visit Texas seeking homes, to make a visit first to the country spoken of and examine it for themselves. In that event, I feel confident many of them will settle there.

Our Department.

As I shall be busily employed in preparing for my removal to Montgomery, I do not calculate that I shall write again until I reach that place, and sit down at our new home. I will then give the statistics of that church—as also a brief account of this.

Health.

In various parts of our own State, I learn that the malarious fevers that Houston is so afflicted with *Coulera*. This is groundless. Some few servants brought here by Traders seemed to have contracted that or a kindred disease, but I have found of an ease among the citizens. The place is now blessed with a healthy climate.

Financial Commission.—The church has always contained some minor ecclesiastical members, troubled with very *pecuniary* consciences. A good but ignorant woman, once went to Dr. Gill, with her husband, to receive consultation. She was much grieved with the fact that they were in the habit of singing hymns twice. "Perhaps so," said the Doctor, "well, what times shall we sing?"

"Why, David's times, sir," said she.

"Ah, well, that would be very good. If you will get us a copy of David's times, we will have something to sing, till then we will endeavor to do the best we can."

## Correspondence.

For the South Western Baptist.

Brother Editors—

In this progressive age, of art, science and civilization, the advocates of morals should keep pace with, and be certain they are not a whit behind, the very chiefest in progression.

The Bible, it is true, contains a perfect system of morals which cannot be improved by human agency, and I wish to be understood, when speaking of progress in morals, that the sentiments and actions of men may, and ought to be, improved.

While the Bible has put in operation a supreme agency there are subordinate agencies that may be profitably employed as auxiliaries in this great moral reformation.

The Temperance organizations stand prominent among the subordinates. I need not detain you with an argument in favor of this already conceded proposition. Public sentiment, which is calling so loudly for the strong arm of the Law to interpose, in our own and other States of the Union, is greatly indebted to these organizations for the enlightened views that actuate these movements.

These organizations have all, in their turns, acted well their parts in the great school of morals, but like all subordinate agencies, they may be improved, as the history of this reformation has unquestionably demonstrated. The first Temperance societies prohibited only distilled spirits as a beverage, these were followed by total abstinence organizations. To those succeeded the various orders of Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Temperance Matrons and Maidens &c. A new and efficient organization has sprung up, under the agency of Early of N. Y., and others, which promises great usefulness. It concentrates the influence of all classes, from the youth of 14, to the gray headed sire, together with the most influential of all classes—THE LADIES. In one fraternal band all may meet and send forth a hallowed influence that will doubtless tell upon the future. A grand Lodge of this State has been organized and located at Selma. It held its first session on the 18th inst







