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REPORT OF THE Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Adopted June 15th, 1858.

At a meeting of the Bible Board, held at the Bible Rooms, Nashville, Tennessee, the 7th day of May, 1858, the following Resolution was adopted: Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the Corresponding Secretary's Report to the Convention at Louisville...

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary could not see how it was possible for us to know that the Convention had instructed us to regard to anything, if we could not know that it required us to engage with all our energies in promoting the joint circulation of Bibles and our denominational and religious books through our auxiliaries...

Board, again and again. It was also alleged that the Corresponding Secretary was spending too much time in making books; that he was advocating the issues of the South-western Publishing House, some of which were highly offensive to many of the members of the denomination...

joined, however, on the part of the Board, that such was not the intention, but that the object of it was to quiet the fears of those who supposed that the Board had not discharged its duty in this particular. The Report and Resolutions of the Committee are as follows: Report. The committee to whom was referred the investigation of the records of the Southern Baptist Biennial Convention, with a view to ascertain and report to this Board the facts in reference to our instructions to circulate denominational and other religious books in connection with the Holy Scriptures, respectfully submit the following:

"merely doubling the efficiency of each." Like begets like--as is the father so is the child. The publication fund is most obviously to be combined with its parent, the Publication Society, and the capital used in Bible colportage...

and the course of a portion of the Baptist press, and the anti-landmark portion of the board. "and not the least indicative sign, the allusion to brother Dayton as Corresponding Secretary, in Elder Howell's letter to the Index."

from the Board, it is very probable they will succeed." To all this, and much, very much more in the same strain, unjust and unfounded as it was, the Board said not a single word, nor has it said a word to this day. It was, however, perceived that the Secretary, notwithstanding all that occurred at the adoption of the report, sympathized fully with the course of the Tennessee Baptist, and coincided in its attacks upon the Board...

than four years, there will be an attempt made to transfer the Bible Board from Nashville to Charleston, and combine its work with that of the Southern Publication Society. And if this plan should succeed, and the Board of that Society be created a Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, no one of the accusers of bro. Dayton will see any need of any more explicit instructions than the Bible Board has already received from the Baltimore, Montgomery, and Louisville Conventions, to authorize it to engage largely in the distribution of Bibles, and our denominational and other religious books...

The S. W. Baptist.

TUSKEGEE, A. LA.: Thursday, July 15, 1858.

New Advertisements.

G. W. GUNN wishes to sell his beautiful and convenient lot in Tuskegee; Rev. J. T. S. PARK offers 'a rare chance for Teachers' in offering to sell his residence, Academy and land at Helicon, Ala.; GREENWOOD & GRAY, have announced their Warehouse business, Columbus, Ga. We know personally W. C. GRAY, and can only utter the common voice of all who know him (and they are not few) that he is a business man and scrupulously honest in all his transactions. And DILLON, POWELL & Co., a well organized and business firm, have announced their business plans for another season. Their Circular states that they have secured the services of J. M. WATT, well known to the Columbus trade as every way qualified for the position they have assigned him. KING, ALLEN & CARR have advertised their Alabama Warehouse, for the Cotton trade of Columbus. The gentlemen of this firm are well known to the public. Mr. ALLEN, whom we know, is every way reliable. ATKINSON & TAYLOR, enterprising merchants, Columbus, Ga., have a fine stock of Dry-Goods on hand. Prof. BAXTON keeps his 'Text Books' before the people—Teachers: 'J. N. S.' Bunker Hill, Va., wants a situation as teacher; and Howard College has advertised for a teacher through the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. The Southern Publication Society has sent us advertisements of its valuable books, which shall appear in our various issues.

Report of the Bible Board.

We hope none of our readers will fail to read this document. True, it is long; but the subjects it discusses are too important to the denomination at large to be passed over lightly. The calm, candid, dignified, and withal impartial tone which pervades it, must command the respect and conciliate the unbounded confidence of all who may read it. It settles the whole controversy. It sustains every important position we have taken during the entire discussion. With this we, of course, are perfectly satisfied.

A word as to ourselves: We have been charged by some of our brethren with using too much asperity. This we frankly acknowledge and regret. But let it not be forgotten, that we had been denounced as being guilty of premeditated falsehood—as 'slanderees of our brethren,'—and in connection with two or three other brethren as 'dogs'—and the readers of the Tennessee Baptist were warned not to believe one word we should say in regard to Mr. Graves!!! Now, let the most gentle, plausible reader we have, transfer these charges to himself, when he is perfectly conscious of innocence—may when he has proved every thing which has thus been denounced as false—let that reader, we say, give just that margin to us which he would claim for himself, were our positions changed. This is all we ask.

Examinations in Tuskegee.

Our beautiful town has been for the last two weeks filled with deeply interested spectators, attending the examinations of the Schools and Colleges. We have not space to notice, at length, the brilliant examinations we have just witnessed; indeed, it would not be modest for us to speak too highly of the Schools of Tuskegee, for those from abroad who have witnessed the exercises can and will do them justice.

1. Tuskegee Classical and Scientific Institute, WILLIAM JOHNS, Principal, is a Male School of the first order, and has closed a session of more than usual interest. This institution is worthy of praise for its thoroughness of instruction, and for its strict government.—Our talented young friend, BARNES McKinnie, delivered an excellent educational discourse on the occasion.

2. The Tuskegee Female College (Methodist) was next in order. Dr. LARSON is President of this most excellent institution. The examination was well attended, and gave general satisfaction to its friends and patrons. There were eighteen young ladies in the graduating class. Our Methodist friends may well be proud of their flourishing College.

3. East Alabama Female College closed on Wednesday, 7th, one of its most successful annual sessions. Diplomas were conferred upon twenty-seven young ladies by Mr. BACON, the President. A very large audience attended all its exercises. Col. JOSEPH W. TAYLOR, of Eutaw, Ala., delivered the annual address on Education. It was one of his most finished and powerful productions. His reputation as an orator has for some time been fully established. President Bacon delivered in a clear, forcible and artless manner, his farewell address to the Trustees, patrons and young ladies of the

institution. Declining health made it absolutely necessary for him to resign. It was deeply regretted by all the friends of the College. By his exertions he has made it a first class Female College.—W. F. PENNAR takes his place. This was a most fortunate selection. There is no man better qualified to fill the position. But we have said enough.

Here follows the Report of the Examining Committee. It is a candid, just and unvarnished document:

The Committee on the Examination of the East Alabama Female College, beg leave respectfully to submit the following Report. The Committee desire, in the very commencement of their Report, to express their entire approbation of the dignified and courteous behaviour on the part of the young ladies, during all the Examination exercises. With a very few exceptions their conduct was most becoming and exemplary—speaking volumes for the administrative element of the Institution. The standard in regard to this important matter is evidently high, and it reflects great credit upon the worthy President and his associates in office.

The Recitations were, for the most part, excellent, manifesting clearly the ability and fidelity of the instructors and the industry and competency of the pupils. There were some failures; but the Committee is fully persuaded that in most cases they occurred from a want of nerve rather than from a deficiency in scholarship. The Committee would notice especially the Examination of the classes in the ancient languages. These classes had pursued the languages much further than is usual on such occasions and while the members were not all perfect scholars in this study; yet their examination as a whole will compare favorably with any of the classes in the same studies of our male institutions. The Recitations, as a whole, on all departments, were, in the judgment of the Committee, highly commendable.

The reading of the lower classes in the College, we think, deserves honorable mention. We listened to quite a number of specimens in this art, which, for distinctness of enunciation, correctness of emphasis and appropriateness of intonation, were, to say the least, admirable. But, the crowning excellence of these exercises in Reading was their freedom from affectation and those 'holly tones' which we sometimes hear and which are as unnatural as they are disgusting. Good readers are exceedingly rare and yet it is one of the most beautiful of female's accomplishments.

The compositions read by the graduating class, evinced careful preparation, correct taste and fine discrimination.—Their variety broke up the monotony which is generally so painful on similar occasions—and thereby rendered the exercises peculiarly agreeable. We were glad to hear the frequent and feeling references made in these literary productions to christianity. It showed that while the mind had received its culture and furniture, the heart had also been imbued with the wholesome and life-giving principles of the Gospel.

But we must not forget the little primaries with their bright and cheerful faces. So far as they were examined their recitations were as accurate as their songs were sweet. And, who can forget the impression made by that youthful group as they sang 'List to the Mocking Bird.'

The Musical Department is worthy of all praise. He whose soul is stirred by such music 'is fit for treason, stratagem and spoils.'

THE ART DEPARTMENT: This department the committee would suggest deserves a careful notice.—Though the gilded and ornamental framework necessary to decorate and beautify these productions of the young ladies was wanting; yet they bore a plain and impartial examination, and gave evidence of unusual skill and taste for the beautiful.

J. T. S. PARK, C. A. BATTLE, A. M. SMALL, BARNES MCKINNEY, DANIEL SAYRE, J. T. BEAUMONT, J. M. F. ERWIN.

Signs of Life. A few weeks past, we feared J. M. P. in fits of rage had 'exploded.' But we are pleased to see, from the last Tennessee Baptist, that he is showing some signs of life. As soon as he breathes a little he sees the S. W. Baptist, thinks it best to let it alone himself, but gives it over to a 'Baptist sister,' and says, in a feeble voice, 'I am willing to give up the S. W. Baptist to this sister.' Pretty wise in you, J. M. P. You know we are too gallant to oppose the sisters. They may help him with impunity, and we pledge ourselves not to notice them. When we commenced this controversy we thought it was with men, but if it turns out to be women, we are done. We have too much respect for women to controvert with them when called upon to help editors of the Tennessee Baptist, or to invoke them to help us. You are safe, J. M. P. We will not contend with your substitutes; and, further, we think a man who invokes such help should excite the sympathy of the S. W. Baptist. Again, we admonish Professor Pendleton to keep within his city of refuge, and he is safe from the manly avers.

Why don't every farmer take Dr. Cloud's American Cotton Planter? It is an invaluable work for farmers.

The reader can see, in another column, that our brother Z. G. HENDERSON is doing a good work at Pensacola.

Rev. B. Manly, Sr.

During the Commencement exercises of the East Alabama Female College, we were favored with a visit from this venerable servant of God, now on a visit to Alabama. He had long wished to hear J. E. Dawson preach, who was to preach the Commencement Sermon, and he could also see and greet many of his old friends on that occasion, hence his visit. It is gratifying to the Editors of this paper to know, and to have authority to state it, that Dr. Manly is one of their best friends and sympathizers; that in our controversy with the Tennessee Baptist we have had his warm sympathy and approbation. This should not be mentioned, had it not been industriously circulated in some sections that he wholly disapproved our course. Dr. M. dislikes to have his name mentioned in any manner contrary to his hitherto quiet life, and he only allows this statement to be made in justice to the Editors of the South Western Baptist.

And here we take occasion to say, that we have letters of sympathy and encouragement from the wisest and best men in the South, but we have not published nor alluded to them. We have been censured and praised, and we have not published either. We regarded our cause a just one, and that truth needed not the names of great men to sustain it. Nor did we wish to involve our friends in the controversy, believing we were capable of conducting it.—This we have done in a manly manner; we have not shrunk for mercy, raised the pitiable cry of persecution, appealed to the prejudices of Baptists, nor invoked the names of great men to assist us. We fear not the result.

Words of Cheer.

The following communication will at once interest all. We have reason to know, from the source whence it emanates, that the position it assigns 'the President of the Southern Baptist Publication Society,' the Rev. Dr. MANLY, in regard to our controversy with the editors of the Tennessee Baptist, is true. And yet his name has been used in our State to crush us, and to elevate our opponents!! But read the communication:

Bro. HENDERSON: I have heard that the temper of some of your articles, in relation to the editor of the Tennessee Baptist, is not quite approved by a portion of our brethren, who are not in sympathy with him and his course. 'Oppression maketh a wise man mad,' and in warding off injuries and wrongs to the churches and to the cause of our Redeemer, it is not surprising that one feels more than if he had suffered oppression in personal rights and interests. It is not probable that Martin Luther or his friends approved of all he said and did in his resistance to the assumptions and errors of Rome. But it is pretty certain that, humanly speaking, the Reformation would not have been begun, and could not have been maintained, by gentle tempers and soft methods; or by any mind not sustained by a rugged energy and a fiery decision, like his. You have attempted, under the severe pressure of a sense of duty to the churches, and to truth, to expose grievous wrongs; as you deemed them. Would your gentle readers, your placable brethren, have done it, at all? And is there not a cause? Before your readers can complain or censure, I think they are bound to set an example in the premises, of 'a more excellent way.' How happy would it be, if there were no necessity for strictures, controversies, exposures, among us! But a necessity does sometimes arise; and, as a matter of fact, it is quite certain that the most just and necessary controversies have not been free from asperity. We may appeal to the controversies recorded in Scripture, and to the words of inspired men, for the instances. Sharp remedies appear to be required by inveterate ills.

Offensive allusions to individuals, frequent gratuitous and coarse,—officious intermeddling, impudent assumptions of place and sway for selfish ends, a tone and temper directly at war with 'the wisdom that cometh from above,' James 3:13-18, and with the sisterhood of graces mentioned in Phil. 4:8 and 1 Pet. 3:8; these and such like, protruded into one's face, by those whom refined and elevated persons have not seen cause to reverence, or imitate, it must be owned, are hard to bear. If unrebuked, what man or thing in the denomination is safe?

Indeed, it is an especial trial to find that quiet and venerable men are drawn out, and transfused, as for microscopic observation; and a use made of their names, which no considerations can justify. I have heard that the name of the President of the Southern Baptist Publication Society in Charleston has been used by some in Ala.—to give edge to this controversy. He is said to disapprove your course, and to approve that of your opponent. What authority or reason is there for this use of his name? It needs no peculiar intimacy to assure one that the brother in question as little aspires to influence the partisan views of brethren, by the statement of his own, as he desires to favor the pretensions and claims of your opponent to be a pattern and a leader in the Baptist Denomination.

Is this the age of Hero-Worship among us? But, the Lord is King. L. Y.

Elder D. G. Daniel, agent of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., is now visiting the churches of Alabama Baptist Association, to solicit funds mainly for brother Priest, Missionary

Elder K. Hawthorne, of Mobile, informs us that there is a good religious state of feeling in the African Baptist Church, of which he is pastor, and that Sabbath preceding his letter, dated

to Africa. In addition to the funds necessary for the support of brother and sister Priest, he wishes to secure the means to build a Missionary dwelling house for them to live in. We hope our brethren will liberally respond to these objects.

We publish with pleasure the following action of the Columbus Baptist Church. The trustees of J. E. Dawson have received a rebuke that will be long remembered, and will, we trust, be a warning to others:

BAPTIST CH. OF CHRIST AT COLUMBUS, GA. July 2d, 1858. At a conference of the Church assembled to-night, the most of its members being present, the following report, as a committee of investigation, previously appointed by the Church, was read and unanimously adopted, to-wit: 'The members of the Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia, feel it to be their duty to protest, so far as is consistent with truth, the character of any of their brethren. At the solicitation of Rev. John E. Dawson, a committee was appointed to investigate the reports in circulation relative to his open communion sentiments. Upon a careful review of all the evidence they have been able to elicit, they find themselves irresistibly brought to the following conclusions: 1st. The statements made by Dr. Baker, 'probos' of the Tennessee Baptist, and the Rev. J. H. Graves, have been traced to the Rev. James Perryman. 2d. Discarding all rumors and exaggerations, the committee have, through the authorities given by Elder Perryman, endeavored to arrive at the facts from which the report first originated. So far as we have been able to learn, the only basis on which such a report can be founded, is, that a brother states that Elder Dawson said, 'he could commune with Methodists and Pedobaptists were it not for their errors' in other words, he regarded them as unbaptized believers. 3d. The soundness of the teachings of brother Dawson on this subject, during his whole public ministry, testified to by the churches of which he has been Pastor, is a sufficient refutation of this charge. 4th. His unqualified denial that he ever held such opinions, is, under the circumstances of this case, abundant proof of his innocence. 5th. In conclusion we are constrained to declare our belief that this report originated in a misapprehension of Elder Dawson's language, and is without the least foundation.'

J. H. DE VOTIE, J. R. REDD, A. M. WALKER, N. NICKOLIS, H. S. ESTES, R. WATSON DEXTER, Church Clk.

To be Expected. A little handful of 'General Baptists' in Kentucky and elsewhere have undertaken to enlighten the great Baptist family on the subject of 'open communion.' To accomplish this matter so devoutly desired (?) by all the Pedobaptist world and a few Asodite Baptists, they have established a paper at Murray, Ky., called the 'General Baptist Banner.' The editor of this paper, who, with his factien, have taken 'the plunge into open communion,' in giving his advice on the 'Liquor Question' lets slip the following: 'While we as a denomination tolerate dram drinking, we advise the brethren to use it cautious, and for God's sake let the sacred and holy minister of God touch it lightly.'

What more could be expected from a people so inconsistent and lax in doctrinal sentiments? Corrupt and inconsistent sentiments will lead to the same results in practice. Sacrifice principle in one instance, and you may end in dram-drinking or in anything else.—The absurd and inconsistent dogma of 'open communion' is a snare manufactured by Pedobaptists to entangle Baptists in, and to prejudice the public mind against Baptists. They have caught those 'General Baptists' in their snare, and they are quite welcome to their game. They have caught a people who say, 'We tolerate our people in dram-drinking,' never the less they advise their members to 'use it cautious.' We suppose our Pedobaptist brethren will practice their 'open communion' hobby with them 'cautious.'

Sponsors. A writer in the Melbourne Church of England Record says: 'On one occasion some parents came to me, and asked if I could dispense with sponsors, for they could not afford any. On asking for an explanation, they said they would have to give so much grog to any one they asked.'

It seems from the above that Infant Baptism in England has met another difficulty. Sponsors, or godfathers and godmothers cannot be had without the 'grog' is 'planked down.' And it further appears that it takes quite a quantity of 'grog' to obtain sponsors, for the protest from the people seems to be not so much the result of conscientious scruples against grog drinking as their inability to foot up the bill. We hope the powers that ordained Infant Baptism will pass a law that 'grog' is not to be demanded in the premises. We venture to make another suggestion, by the way, that if the Sacred Records were searched, as much proof could be found for this demand for 'grog' in payment for standing sponsor as there is for Infant Baptism. Who will be curious enough to make search?

Every mother and housekeeper must often act as a family physician in the numerous illnesses and accidents that occur among children and servants. For many of these cases, I have used Davis' Pain Killer, and consider it an indispensable article in the medicine box. In diarrhea it has been used and effected cures. For cuts and bruises it has been invaluable.—N. Y. Examiner. Sold by all medicine dealers.

June 22nd, he baptized 10 persons, others had been received, but were not ready for baptism. Pleasant meetings are enjoyed, also, in the St. Francis St. and Mission Baptist Churches.

Literary.

A CHRISTIAN MERCHANT. A Memoir of James C. Crane. By J. L. Burrows, D. D., Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va. Charleston: Southern Baptist Publication Society, 1858. Pp. 90. With a portrait in steel. Price 25 cents. 'The memory of the just is blessed;' and James C. Crane will never be forgotten in Virginia—never will distinguished Christian worth retain its hold upon the Baptists of the State. His works have made an imperishable name for him. The volume before us seems well fitted to renew the impression left upon a grateful denomination by his character and life. It strikingly illustrates how truly and eminently men of business may be 'Jesus Christ's men.' We hope that it may obtain universal circulation in our churches.—Religious Herald.

Revivals.

In the town of Geneva, N. Y., about 300 members have been added to the different churches during the revival. On the two last Sabbaths in June, 301 members were added by profession to the Old School Presbyterian churches in Philadelphia.

The Niagara Association, N. Y., reports an addition of 244 by baptism. It comprises 14 churches.

The Hudson River Association, South at its recent annual meeting at Morrisani, N. Y., reported the large addition of 1416 by baptism—nearly 40 to each church.

Brother J. G. Williams, of Nanafalia, writes June 20th that at a meeting held with the Union Baptist Church, Clark county, Ala., held in October, 1857, 30 persons were added. The Church during that meeting was greatly blessed with the labors of elders Reeves, Campbell and Foster, also by brother Parmer a licentiate. Six others were added to the same church on the second Sabbath in June. We are glad to hear of the success of our good brother Williams in his labors.

The Christian Times states that Rockford Church, Ill. has had an addition of over 100 members by baptism. Zion's Advocate reports an addition of 29 by baptism to the free street Baptist church, Portland, Maine, 28 have been added to the First church, do.—Brooklyn church, Me., 36, Cherryfield, do., 37, Lewistown do., 22, and Waterville, do., 29. About 250 persons have united during the revival with the different churches in Augusta, Me. In Boston, according to the Traveller, 350 persons have united with the Baptist churches, 450 with the Methodist, and 800 with the Congregational.

The Christian Secretary reports revivals at Suffield, Conn., 10 additions, to the Second church, making in all 179. Putnam, do., 81 in six months, New Haven, do., First church 78, Elmira, N. Y., 37. Upwards of 100 members have been added to the first Baptist church, Hartford, Connecticut, and from 60 to 70 to the South Baptist church. The Pearl Street church, Congregational, has received 83, the Centre church, do., 33, and Dr. Bushnell's, do., 50. The two Episcopal churches had received 59 by confirmation.

Messrs. Editors: In your last issue I see the problem,

X^2 + Y = 7 (1st eq.) Y + X = 11 (2d eq.)

to which your Texas correspondent desires an Algebraic solution.

From the first equation, Y = 7 - X^2

Or Y^2 = 49 - 14X^2 + X^4

Substituting the value of Y^2 in eq. 2d, And we have X^4 - 14X^2 + X^4 + 49 = 11.

Factoring, we have X^4 - 14X^2 + 38 = 0

(X^2 + 2)(X^2 - 10X - 19)(X - 2) = 0.

Or X = -2; or X = 2; and X = 2, from which it is easy to get the value of Y, which is 3.

The above process depends upon the principle that if the product of two factors be equal to zero, each factor will separately be equal to zero. It will be remembered that the above is only one of the four values of X and Y that would answer to the conditions of the equations. Respectfully, A STUDENT. Union University, May 25th, 1858.

A Presentation.

TALLASSEE, JUNE 20th. MESSRS. EDITORS:—Permit me, as superintendent of the Sabbath School in this place, to acknowledge a valuable gift from Rev. Mr. Shaver, of Montgomery, of a handsome number of Library books and Tracts, and return him, in this public manner, the thanks of the Tallassee Sabbath School.

HENRY LEWIS.

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Photo Communications.

For the South Western Baptist. Prophecy Fulfilled.

God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem; and Canaan shall be his servant. Gen. ix. 27.

These words were spoken by Noah, as a prophet of God, more than four thousand years ago. The Lord foresaw, and foreordained that these words should come to pass.

God shall enlarge Japheth. In the settlement of the world, learned men have very clearly proven that Europe contains the descendants of Japheth; that Asia was peopled by the descendants of Shem; and that Canaan settled Africa. To say then, that God shall enlarge Japheth, is to say that God shall increase the territory, or lands of the Europeans. This He has actually done by the discovery of America. North and South America, is the 'enlargement of Japheth.'

But 'Japheth shall dwell in the tents of Shem.' The Indian tribes of America, dwellers in tents, are of Asiatic origin, and are supposed to have come over to America by way of Bering's Straits, where was once land joining the two continents. Japheth then, shall dwell in the tents of the Indians; occupy their lands, and take possession of their dwellings.

Lastly; 'Canaan shall be the servant of Japheth.' The African slave trade has actually brought this to pass. We see here, that whatever abuses there may be in slavery, it was the purpose of God, that African slavery should exist. Perhaps these considerations may moderate the violence of those who oppose Southern slavery.

WM. S. GREEN.

For the South Western Baptist. PENSACOLA, FLA., July 6th, 1858.

Messrs. Editors: It affords me great pleasure to announce through your paper, the pleasing intelligence to Christians, that God has been in our midst reviving his work and converting sinners. A series of meetings continuing four weeks, closed on last Sabbath night. Bro. J. S. Abbott was with me nearly all the time, and preached with great acceptance to the people. Meetings were held for two weeks with the white congregation, and then two weeks with the colored.

During the time thirteen whites and five colored persons were baptized. The work is doubtless, yet going on, and we hope to see ripening fruits for several months to come. The Lord has greatly blessed us here during the past six months in adding to our number in all, fifty-nine. Thirty-one of these by baptism, of which twenty-three were whites and eight colored.

Yours, in Christ, Z. G. HENDERSON.

For the South Western Baptist. OAK LEVEL, CALHOUN CO., ALA. } June 25th, 1858.

To the friends of Zion—more particularly, to the brethren of the East Alabama Baptist Convention:

DEAR BROTHERS—This will inform you that I am in the Mission-field.—I think the prospect tolerably good. Congregations increasing, and a great desire manifested to hear preaching; and the Word preached, I hope will have the desired effect. On the fifth Sabbath in May, I held a four-day's meeting at a school-house, above Oxford—not far from Bro. M. Garrett's. Truly it was a time of love,—six joined by experience (as members of Bethel church). On Monday, when singing the parting song, Bro. Garrett's daughter and another young lady professed a hope in Christ. It was a refreshing time.

On the first Sabbath in this month a Presbytery was called by Mt. Parin church. Elders S. Minton, C. Thompson, T. J. West and the writer, to examine the call and qualifications of Bro. Thos. J. Garner to the work of the Gospel Ministry. After examination he was set apart as Pastor of said Church, and to the great work of preaching the Gospel.

On Sabbath one joined by experience, to be baptized to-day; and may God bless my poor labors, and your efforts, and carry on his work over the head of all opposition, is the prayer of your unworthy missionary.

R. H. THACKERSON.

For the South Western Baptist. 'The Times have Changed and We have Changed with them.'

In times gone by, many years ago, when I was a little boy, the members of the Church used to get together on Saturdays before the preacher would come, and talk with one another of the love of Jesus, and sometimes sing and pray, but it is not so now. Alas! the disciples of the Lord have become too fashionable and there is too much pride in the Church—pride of life, pride of mind, pride of manliness(?) It is peculiar and foolish to talk of these things. It will do for women of weak minds, and children, but for a man of strong sense, to be thus concerned and interested—pshaw! the thing is ridiculous. Politics is a worthy subject, and so is trade and commerce, and cotton, and (shame! blush to say it,) scandal; but

Religion! oh! that is for the preacher. Let him do that, and when the hour arrives we will quietly and demurely take our seats and gravely hear him. Now, brethren beloved, what does all this mean? Is the profession of Christ dishonorable to you? Or are your hearts warm enough without having them made to burn within you, 'talking by the way.' Your names figure right well in Conventions and Associations and other Parliamentary bodies—how is it that the only difference observable between you and worldly-minded, unprofessing sinners on church-meeting days, is the seats you take? Brethren, beloved, let us consider! What did our Master mean when he said, 'He that is ashamed of me before men, him will I be ashamed of before my Father and the Holy Angels.' 'Is that you brother?' 'EARNEST.'

On the 27th of June a Baptist Church, with a respectable number of members was constituted, about three miles from Double Bridges, Tallapoosa county, Ala., named Refuge. It was organized upon strictly temperate principles, entirely excluding the use of ardent spirits, except for medicinal purposes.

Y. D. HARRINGTON, W. C. DAVIS, I. NORTON, Clerks.

For the South Western Baptist. On the 27th of June a Baptist Church, with a respectable number of members was constituted, about three miles from Double Bridges, Tallapoosa county, Ala., named Refuge. It was organized upon strictly temperate principles, entirely excluding the use of ardent spirits, except for medicinal purposes.

Permit me to inform 'Conservative' that my 'defense' 'ex gratia' of 'Mr. Dayton' was not made purely out of favor to him, but because I considered that, in this affair an important principle was involved, in which I felt some interest. I did it with due deliberation, and would repeat, under like circumstances, in favor of any brother who had my confidence and respect. As to my 'haunting up testimony against Tustin,' I can state that the charge is true; I took no part in that matter for which I feel ashamed, and am not responsible. If 'Conservative' or any of his friends in or out of Nashville believe 'Dayton's' conduct actionable in law, I presume the 'Courts of Chancery' are open, and 'Dayton' at home. 'Conservative' says 'the letter of Mr. Dawson to the Bible Board, was still the property of Mr. Dawson until he parted with his rights, by giving his consent to its publication.'

He 'parted with his rights' when he deputed bro. Howell to read it to the Board, and when read and placed among the records, all privacy was at an end. It has been denied that the letter in question ever ceased to be private property; fortunately we have a witness in the premises: Bro. Nelson states over his own signature 'that the letter of Bro. Dawson was in my possession as the Recording Secretary of the Bible Board.' Will 'Conservative' enlighten some of the readers of the S. W. Baptist, how it could be in the hands of this officer of the Board as its Recording Secretary, and at the same time the private property of either Dr. Howell or 'Mr. Dawson'?

If 'Conservative' feels any consolation in applying the terms 'surreptitiously' and 'larceny' to the conduct of 'Dayton,' I leave him to glut himself upon the food, which seems so well adapted to his nature.

In conclusion I am happy to state for the satisfaction of 'Conservative,' that my morals are to be adjudged by Ours higher and better than his, and that I am indifferent to whatsoever charge or false representation he may make, and we believe that 'the Lord will deliver us from the evils that threaten to destroy our Zion.' If 'Conservative' would write over his real signature, perhaps he would appear more like a Christian seeking to do good.

GEO. F. COOPER.

For the South Western Baptist. The 3rd volume of the Commission commences with the July number. We hereby appeal to the friends of the Foreign mission cause to aid us in the increase of the subscription list. It is intended to make this Magazine a valuable exponent of the views of the Board, and a permanent historical record of all our operations. It will be issued the 15th of each month, and contain 32 pages, at \$1 per annum in advance. An excellent brother in Georgia, sends us thirteen names and thus writes, 'I am pleased with the Commission, and wish every Baptist took a copy. How much we need the diffusion of a missionary spirit among us? Our churches need to be enlightened upon the subject of missions. I am convinced from personal observation that pastors could greatly promote this great-est of all objects.'

We beg brethren and sisters to act as agents on behalf of the Commission: send us the names and money, with the Post office, County and State distinctly marked, to Richmond, Va.—Five copies with the money entitles to the sixth gratis.

On behalf of the Board, JAMES B. TAYLOR, Cor. Sec.

