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For the South Western Baptist.  
To the Baptists of Alabama.

HOWARD COLLEGE, MARION, ALA.,  
Sept. 16th, 1858.

DEAR BRETHREN: It has become my  
duty to invite your attention to the con-  
dition and wants of the Theological  
Department of Howard College.

During the Session, which closed Ju-  
ly 1st, 1858, only twelve young men  
registered their names as students of  
Theology. Of this number, six, or one  
half, were sustained by the liberality  
of Bro. J. H. BROWN, of Sumter county.  
Only four of the number have been sup-  
ported, in part, by the contributions of  
the denomination. Bro. BROWN, in  
that spirit of enlarged Christian benev-  
olence, which is winning for him the ad-  
miration and gratitude of every lover  
of our cause, has directed me to receive  
five additional young men as his bene-  
ficiaries. In the intercourse which Bro.  
BROWN has allowed me to hold with him,  
I have learned to estimate the true  
worth and dignity of his character, as  
an enlightened Christian gentleman.—  
If the Baptists of Alabama should say  
to him, "Here are twenty-five young  
men ready to engage in preparation for  
the work of the Gospel ministry, but  
for whom we are unable to provide, and  
who, in consequence, need your bene-  
factions," he would not hesitate, or fail-  
ter in his liberality. But, brethren,  
would this be right, or would it be hon-  
est? Can we, as Baptists, call on one  
of our number to do all this? and, in  
asking it, can we offer the plea of in-  
ability? Of the six hundred Baptist  
Churches, in the State of Alabama, the  
aggregate wealth, of more than one  
half of each, is greater than the wealth  
of Bro. BROWN. He is willing to con-  
tribute three thousand dollars per an-  
num for the education of our rising  
ministry. And will not the great Baptist  
family of Alabama, from all the  
millions which God has given them,  
contribute an equal sum for this noble  
purpose? From present indications,  
we shall need every dollar of that  
amount, during the next session. We  
shall, in all probability, have twenty  
or twenty-five applications of young  
brethren who will need your benefac-  
tions. Our treasury is nearly exhaust-  
ed, and, if it is not replenished by the  
opening of the Convention, we shall be  
forced to reject some of those appli-  
cations—unless, indeed, we are willing  
to impose further on the liberality of  
Bro. BROWN. And here I feel constrained  
to say to my brethren, that if this  
is to be done, they must find some other  
agent to do it—I cannot act for them.  
It would look too much as if we were  
incurring the censure uttered by the  
Saviour in Matt. 23: 3, 4.

In the review of my labors, as the  
President of your College, the only sub-  
ject of earnest regret to me, has been  
the smallness of the number who have  
entered it to study with reference to the  
Gospel ministry. This is attributable,  
in part, to the limited means which the  
denomination has placed at the disposal  
of the Executive Board of the Conven-  
tion. The Convention has enjoined upon  
its Executive Board not to contract  
a single debt in the support of its ben-  
eficiaries. In consequence we have  
been compelled again and again to re-  
frain from applications for aid; until, in utter  
helplessness of success, they have al-  
most ceased to be urged. This ought  
not to be; and in view of the import-

ance of this department of our labors,  
I would, dear brethren, in the Spirit of  
Christ, invite you to join with me in  
prayer to the Master of the vineyard,  
that he would send forth laborers into his  
harvest. Allow me with affectionate  
earnestness to urge upon you as indi-  
viduals and churches, the obligation  
resting upon you to seek out the gifts  
of the churches, and to furnish the  
means of their education.

It is peculiarly gratifying to me that  
I can bear testimony to the character  
of your beneficiaries for active piety,  
studious habits, and available talents—  
all affording satisfactory evidence of  
their future usefulness in the ministry.  
And to you, it is an encouraging fact,  
that you have not had to wait until  
these young brethren have finished their  
course of study, for the fruits of their  
usefulness. Most of them have spent  
the vacation, which is now drawing to  
its close in preaching the Gospel, and  
in many instances, precious revivals of  
religion have resulted from these minis-  
trations.

I would say to all who desire to send  
young men to the College as Theologi-  
cal students, that it will require about  
\$150 to sustain each one as a beneficia-  
ry of the Convention, and they must  
come with the recommendation of the  
Church of which they are members. The  
recommendation must also be con-  
curred in by the pastor of the Church and  
be signed by him.

Allow me to say in conclusion, that  
the College in all its departments was  
never surrounded by more flattering in-  
dications of prosperity than at present.  
We have now a complete corps of in-  
structors, and our buildings are com-  
plete. Thus, we can offer greater in-  
ducements to your sons, who wish to  
pursue a collegiate course, than we ever  
could before.

Yours, dear brethren, in the love of  
Christ.  
H. TALIAFERRO.

REGENERATION.  
BY REV. THOMAS WATSON, LONDON, 1855.

Regeneration hath various titles and  
appellations in Scripture, yet all point-  
ing to the same thing, as it was the  
same Messiah who was represented by  
several types. Sometimes Regenera-  
tion is called the *new creature*. It is in-  
deed a *creation*, as it is beyond the  
sphere of natural causes to produce;  
and it is a *new creature* in opposition  
to the *old man*; yet it is not for *sub-  
stance* but *qualities*.

Sometimes Regeneration is called a  
*resurrection*; and there can be no rising  
to glory till there be first a rising from  
sin by union with Christ.

Sometimes it is called a *transforma-  
tion*. "Be ye transformed by the renew-  
ing of your mind."

In the *Incarnation* Christ did assume  
our human nature; in *regeneration* we  
partake of his divine nature. By bap-  
tism we have Christ's name; by the new  
birth we have his image. The change  
in the new birth is wonderful: the man  
is made a new man with another spir-  
it. It is said of an ancient monarch  
that, although he could play the viol,  
carve and paint, after he became Em-  
peror of Rome he was never known to  
do any of these things because he es-  
teemed it below him. So, though man by  
nature be proud, malicious, expert in all  
works of the flesh, yet, when once he is  
begotten of the seed of the Word he  
becomes quite altered and changed.—  
He, having a new heart, becomes a new  
man, and has a new life befitting his  
kingly dignity. Regeneration has a  
*universal influence*. Grace perfumes  
and consecrates the whole soul, and  
though saints are regenerate but in  
part, yet they are so in every part.

Reader, this new birth is not optional  
but necessary—"ye must be born again."  
Better never have been born, if not born  
again. Are you born of God? To be  
born is to be damned if not born again.  
They that are born once die twice. A  
true saint is of the blood royal—he is  
born of God. (1 John, 3, 9.) That is  
the only pedigree that is of avail to  
take us to heaven, which comes from  
heaven.

The new birth is a birth unto holi-  
ness. It is not only the signature and  
engraving of the Holy Ghost upon the  
soul; it ensures being adorned with the  
spangles of holiness.

The new birth is a *victorious birth*:  
"for whatsoever is born of God over-  
cometh the world."

The new birth is a *happy and a joyful  
birth*. At our first birth we come weep-  
ing into the world, but at our new  
birth there is cause for joy, now we  
are begotten unto a lively hope. (1 Pe-  
ter 1: 3.)

This new birth is a birth to *eternal  
life*. The new-born creature never  
grows old; he outlives death. "On  
such the second death hath no power."  
This new birth should be our great con-  
cern. O that all the disputed ques-  
tions of the times would merge into  
this, How shall I do to be born again?  
How shall I get a better heart and lead  
a holier life? These questions will  
help make converts, whereas many oth-  
ers only make sceptics and opinionists.  
It is to be lamented that the temper  
of most men in our age is to have hot  
brains and cold hearts: their religion  
evaporates into fume, and froth, and  
may be likened to the grain on boggy  
ground which runs only to straw.—  
Reader, be possessed of heart-religion  
if you wish to have a happy, holy, use-  
ful life, and heavenly glory at its close.

Learn Hymns.

How many early religious impres-  
sions are connected with familiar hymns.  
The first and most endearing associa-  
tions of childhood, the pleasant mem-  
ories of youth, are often awakened by  
the sound of some well-remembered  
strain, some simple melody that brings  
close to the heart the loved scenes of  
other days. The hymns so often heard  
in church, in the Sabbath school, and at  
home, cannot be heard in after years  
without emotion. How vivid still is  
the impression made upon our minds by  
the devotional, yet joyous notes of a  
pious Methodist minister, long years  
ago. Child as we were, it made the  
heart feel, and brought almost to the  
earthly vision, the—

"Sweet fields beyond the swelling flood,"  
where he is now singing the song of  
the "redeemed." Such scenes are gra-  
ven upon many minds, and to thou-  
sands has a solemn warning, consoling  
word, or sweet promise of the Bible  
come, clothed in melody.

Scripture adapts itself naturally to  
the language of song, since much of its  
most devotional portions were original-  
ly written in such language. The ru-  
dimentary tribes of mankind have ever sung  
the praises of their idols in verse, and  
the worshippers of the True God, in no-  
ble strains, have repeated His praise  
who attuned the heavens to harmony,  
and sent his angels to sing to earth the  
advent of man's Redeemer.

Children learn hymns readily, and do  
not easily forget them. Let Chris-  
tian parents then teach their children  
hymns, as many as possible of those  
gems that are so thickly scattered  
through our language and thus link  
the sweetest memories of childhood  
with the most precious lessons of Di-  
vine truth.

We penned these thoughts, on reading  
a little article with the above heading,  
which some one with equal philosophy  
and religion has written; and which, if  
our readers have before seen it, they  
may read again with profit.

"A good hymn is a blessed treasure.  
Every such hymn in your mind, at com-  
mand when it is needed, will be worth  
vastly more to you than so many dol-  
lars in your pocket. It is capital that  
bears repeated and continued invest-  
ment, always repaying at compound  
rates. A good hymn, like a good  
plough, becomes all the brighter from  
use, but, unlike that instrument, use  
does not wear it out or weaken its pow-  
er. Like the "Pam" of Virgil, "*crescit  
acquirat unda*," the hymn gathers  
strength from repetition, but with some-  
thing of mercy's quality, "it blesses  
him that gives and him that takes."

A hymn committed to memory be-  
comes a little perennial fountain, for  
good, in the soul of the young Chris-  
tian. It affords a substantial refresh-  
ment. It does not interfere with his  
duties, for it is a sweeter of toil. It  
helps to make heavy burdens light, and  
dull hours cheerful. It either drives  
away care, or lessens its anxieties. It  
brings a gleam of sunshine into the  
cloudiest and darkest day, and aids in  
the development of right feeling under  
the most unfavorable circumstances.

If any one doubts this, let him fill  
his heart and mind with such a hymn  
as

"Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly"  
or Cowper's—  
"To my happiness below,  
Not to live without the cross"  
or Watts's—  
"An I soldier of the cross,  
A follower of the Lamb"

and see how much such strains of  
thought, thus expressed, can be made  
to do for him in the appropriate circum-  
stances.

He will sing it over to himself in the  
store, or shop, or office, or even in the  
street, though his lips may be silent,  
the hymn will be found springing up, a  
little fountain of "melody in his heart  
unto the Lord."—*Zion's Advocate*.

THE WAY AND THE TRUTH.—O Lord,  
who art the light, the way, the truth,  
the life; in whom there is no darkness,  
error, vanity, nor death: the light with-  
out which there is no darkness; the

way without which there is wandering;  
the truth, without which there is error;  
the life, without which there is death;  
say, Lord, let there be light, and I shall  
see light, and eschew darkness; I shall  
see the way, and avoid wandering; I  
shall see the truth, and shun error; I  
shall see life, and escape death: illu-  
minate, O illuminate my blind soul,  
which sitteth in darkness, and the shadow  
of death; and direct my feet in the  
way of peace.—Augustine.

China and Christianity.

The rapid opening of the great em-  
pires of the East to the nations of Eu-  
rope, attracts the attention of the Chris-  
tian world. God is opening those na-  
tions to missionary effort; and the  
Church has before it a new and wide  
field for the labor of the multitudes  
that have recently been added to its  
membership. We give below some re-  
marks of the *Buffalo Christian Advocate*  
on the recent events in China.

The late foreign intelligence has con-  
veyed most welcome news to the Chris-  
tian world—the opening of the vast em-  
pire of China to the Gospel. As one of  
the conditions of the treaty, the mis-  
sionary may now enter and preach Christ  
to its perishing millions. This we conceive  
to be one of the most hopeful omens of  
the day, which if only partially em-  
braced by the Christian Church in this  
and other countries, will create a demand  
for its men and means unlike any which  
has ever before been known. In fact,  
Providence seems to be rolling opportu-  
nities of an overwhelming character upon  
his people. Blessed be his name! The  
hope of a world's evangelization, and  
the return of its myriads to the Cross  
of Christ is brightening with every  
step of time. The door into every  
nation almost on earth is wide open,  
and the heathen are beckoning the  
Church to come in.

Who would have thought that Chi-  
na, with its ages of history, its moun-  
tains of superstition, and its throne of  
darkness, so firmly and fully estab-  
lished that hardly has ever a ray of light  
darted upon it, would now permit  
the barbarians to preach to it the pure  
faith, the unsearchable riches of Christ.  
Will the Church embrace the opportunity?  
Will we answer, it must and will.—  
The men are living who may be ap-  
pointed to the mission. The gold and  
the silver are the Lord's, and so are the  
ships of the sea, which will carry the  
living and hopeful cargo far away to  
their work. Just as heaven baptized  
our own country, and rolled a flame of  
revival from one extremity to the other  
of it, and converted souls by hundreds  
of thousands, a third of whom ought to  
be ministers, He has opened China and  
India to the Gospel.

An Interesting Incident.

"Bank Note Reporter, Sir? Three  
more banks down!" said a bright little  
boy of less than half a score of years,  
as he entered a counting house in Broad  
street, one morning, with a bundle of  
papers under his arm.

"Bank Note Reporter, Sir?" said the  
little boy, inquiringly.

"No," replied one of the gentlemen,  
"we don't want any."

"But stop!" added he, "if you will  
sing us a song, we will buy one of your  
Reporters."

The boy agreed to the terms, and the  
gentlemen, with an air that showed  
that they were anticipating sport,  
placed the little fellow upon a high  
stool, which was standing near, and  
bade him proceed to sing. They then  
waited, evidently expecting to hear  
some jovial song, when, to their aston-  
ishment, he commenced singing that  
beautiful hymn—

"I think when I read that sweet story of old,  
When Jesus was here among men,  
How he called little children as lambs to his  
fold,  
I should like to have been with them then."

The effect upon his listeners was at  
once perceptible, and before he had fin-  
ished the four verses, they were both in  
tears. After he had finished, one of the  
gentlemen inquired,

"Where did you learn that hymn?"

"At Sabbath-school," replied the boy.

"But what Sabbath-school," continued  
the gentleman.

"At spring street Sabbath-school,"  
was the reply.

The gentleman then purchased the  
Reporter, and presented him with a sum  
of money in addition, after which he  
was allowed to go on his way, but not  
until they had called him back to ob-  
tain his name and residence.

A Sabbath-school teacher chanced to  
be present and witnessed the whole in-  
terview, and his heart rejoiced as he  
discovered that the bright-eyed little  
boy was a scholar in his own Sabbath  
school.

How often does the simple eloquence  
of childhood reach the heart when the  
more elaborate efforts of years are un-  
availing.—*N. Y. Evangelist*.

What is True Piety?

This question submitted to a compa-  
ny of persons, would receive different  
answers. The general opinion might  
be similar, but when defined according  
to each one's particular view of it as  
existing in himself or in others, would  
be peculiar. When we say of a man  
that he is pious, we all have a very cor-  
rect idea of what is meant; but when  
asked, *What is piety?* What are its con-  
stituents? Only a few are prepared to  
give an intelligent or correct answer.  
Some make it consist almost entirely  
in feeling, or the emotional faculties.—  
If they feel well and everything seems  
prosperous and bright, then they "en-  
joy religion." But if their spirits are  
depressed, and things wear a gloomy  
or sombre aspect, then their religion is  
all gone, and they are almost ready to  
give up in despondency. Others make  
religion a mere intellectual exercise.—  
The emotive faculties with them are  
valueless, and they ask only for a clear  
apprehension of truth, and of their var-  
ied relations to God and man. And  
then, between these two classes are va-  
rious others, with their impressions and  
views altogether undefined.

Now it is evident that religion does  
not consist in feeling alone, nor in in-  
tellect alone; but to some extent it de-  
mands and embraces both of these:—  
There must be in true piety an intellec-  
tual apprehension of God, of our rela-  
tions to him, and of his right to pre-  
scribe what our course shall be. But  
with this, there must be the feeling of  
moral obligation, that we ought to do  
right and obey God, and moreover that  
we will do right and be obedient to all  
that God is pleased to command. And  
it is this spirit of obedience, in regard  
what we thus intellectually apprehend  
to be right, that constitutes true piety.  
He who understands what God requires,  
and from a spirit of love and confidence,  
endeavors faithfully to perform it, is  
pious. He furnishes the most convinc-  
ing proof that his heart has been re-  
newed, and that he is really a disciple  
of Christ,—the very proof that Jesus  
himself indicated, when he said,—"If  
ye love me keep my commandments."

But the presence of this Spirit can-  
not be determined by lively or elated  
feelings merely. These may exist where  
there is true piety, and they may exist  
where there is none. Christians may  
feel well and happy, and they may also  
feel very much depressed. And they  
may have as much real piety when de-  
pressed as when elated in spirits. Dr.  
Charters with truthfulness and discrimi-  
nation says,—"Your lively feeling of  
the comforts of devotion, depends on  
the state of the spirits. The want of  
this feeling is a misfortune; but it  
should not discourage the Christian who  
persists in his obedience. The truth is,  
that obedience in this situation, as be-  
ing more difficult, may be considered as  
more disinterested, and pure, and ac-  
ceptable to God." To be faithful through  
scenes of darkness, to continue obedient  
and confiding and loving without, liv-  
ely and joyous emotions, exhibits often,  
the deepest tone of piety, and one may  
have at such a time vastly more which  
is acceptable to God, than when all  
carried away with joyous and animated  
feeling. "Do not err my beloved breth-  
ren."—*Zion's Advocate*.

THE PAPER MILL.—A visit to a paper  
mill suggested to Gotthold the follow-  
ing train of thought: And so paper—  
that article so useful to human life, that  
repository of all the arts and sciences  
that minister of all governments, that  
broker in all trade and commerce, that  
second memory of the human mind,  
that stable pillar of an immortal name  
—takes its origin from vile rags! The  
rag dealer trudges on foot or drives his  
cart through the towns and villages,  
and his arrival is the signal for search-  
ing every corner, and gathering every  
old and useful shred. These he takes  
to the mill; and there they are picked,  
washed, mashed, shaped and sized—in  
short, formed into a fabric beautiful  
enough to venture unabashed even  
into the presence of monarchs and  
princes.

This reminds me of the resurrection  
of my mortal body. When deserted by  
the soul, I know not what better the  
body is than a worn and rejected rag.  
Accordingly it is buried in the earth,  
and there reduced to dust and ashes.—  
If, however, man's art and device can  
produce so pure and white a fabric as  
paper from filthy rags, what should him  
God, by His mighty power, to raise  
from the grave this vile body of mine,  
and refine and fashion it like unto the  
glorious body of the Lord Jesus Christ?  
Phil. iii: 21.—*American Missionary*.

"He Left a Very Large Property."

This is the closing sentence of a re-  
cent obituary, and it suggests some re-  
flections:

"What a pity he was obliged to leave it!"  
He had taken great delight in accumu-  
lating it. As he added field to field,  
and farm to farm, he had looked with  
pride upon his extended domain, con-  
scious that he was the largest land-hold-  
er in his town. His cattle, if not wan-  
dering upon a thousand hills, ranged  
over more than that number of acres of  
rich pasturage. Stocks, notes, bonds,  
mortgages, crowded his safe. And it  
was all the fruit of his own industry,  
energy and good judgment. The rust  
of usury and the canker of extortion  
had not scarred any of his gold. It  
was well and fairly earned, and he loved  
it all the more because it was so.—  
It grieved him to leave this large prop-  
erty, to depart from the world as poor  
as he came into it, and to enter the other  
world utterly destitute of the wealth  
he so much loved in this. But he had  
to leave it, every cent of it.

He might have taken it with him. Rath-  
er let me say, might have sent it for-  
ward in advance of him. As the capi-  
talist, who contemplates removing to a  
foreign country, converts his property  
into drafts and remits from time to time  
to the land of his future residence, he  
might have made remittances to that  
undiscovered country, so that on his  
arrival there, he would find abundant  
treasures laid up in heaven for him.—  
Every dollar which he had given, (con-  
secrating it with sincere prayer, to as-  
sist in carrying the glad tidings of sal-  
vation to the ends of the earth—every  
contribution in aid of the many Chris-  
tian enterprises for the glory of God,  
and the good of man; every cup of  
cold water given to a disciple in the  
name of a disciple; every tear of pious  
sympathy for the suffering; every gift  
of kindly charity to the needy, would  
have added to the store of his "durable  
riches." He might have been rich to-  
wards God, and a joint heir with Jesus  
Christ to an inheritance incorruptible,  
undefiled, and that fadeeth not away. If  
it was sad for him to leave that large  
property, how much sadder that he sent  
none of it before him.

It is much more pleasant to go to, than to  
leave a large property. The man who,  
poor in this world's goods, but rich in  
faith, closes his eyes upon this life, goes  
to take possession of a large property.  
He owned not a foot of land on earth,  
but for him "sweet fields beyond the  
swelling flood stand dressed in living  
green." His food here was coarse, per-  
haps scanty; but there he will eat freely  
from the tree of life, which yields  
twelve manner of fruits. His garments  
here were plain and poor, but there he  
shall be clothed in white robes, washed  
and made white in the blood of the  
Lamb. He associates here with those  
who are despised and rejected of man,  
but there his companions will be an in-  
numerable company of angels and the  
general assembly and church of the  
first born. Who would not rather go  
to a large property than to leave it?—  
*Vermont Chronicle*.

The Great Commission.

The tragic scenes of the crucifixion  
had passed away and the Son of God  
was standing upon Olivet with his dis-  
ciples: Those gracious lips, which  
spoke as never man spoke, while multi-  
tudes hung with breathless interest on  
his words, were now engaged in giving  
parting blessings and instructions to  
his redeemed. He who was the light  
of the world was about to leave the  
scenes of his toil and suffering for the  
right hand of the Father.

But the light which he had shed upon  
the world could not be extinguished.—  
It was destined to dispel the gross dark-  
ness that covered the people and encir-  
cle the world with its celestial radiance.  
Go ye, said he to his beloved and ad-  
oring disciples—go ye into all the world  
and preach the Gospel to every creature  
—repeat to them my words, and teach  
them my doctrines—"He that believ-  
eth and is baptized shall be saved, and  
he that believeth not shall be damned." But  
ye shall not go alone. Lo! I am  
with you. The Holy Spirit shall be  
your comforter, your helper, and guide.  
He shall take of the things of mine,  
and shall show them unto you, and shall  
bring all things to your remembrance  
whatsoever I have said unto you—"The  
field is the world; lift up your eyes  
and look on the fields, for they are  
white already to harvest." Be fearless  
and faithful. "Be thou faithful unto  
death, and I will give thee a crown of  
life."

A cloud received the ascending Sav-

our out of their sight, and they address-  
ed themselves like faithful men of God  
to their work. They preached the Gospel  
at Jerusalem, Samaria, Philippi, Cor-  
inth, Athens, and Rome. In his name  
and strength they went everywhere  
preaching the word, the Lord working  
with them. They finished their work;  
they gained martyr crowns, and went  
home to glory. Millions have believed  
in Him through their word, and have  
entered into rest, and millions more are  
in the narrow way to life. But there  
yet remains much to be done; very  
much land to be possessed. More than  
eighteen hundred years since Jesus  
stood upon Olivet, and to-day not more  
than one-fourth of our race have heard  
of Christ. Seven hundred millions of  
our fellow-men have never heard the  
Gospel. They are perishing for lack of  
knowledge. Disciples of Christ, the  
commission and promises are to us,  
and the field is before us. Have we  
done what we could to give them the  
Gospel? On whom rests the responsi-  
bility?—*Bible Advocate*.

THE MASTER'S SERVICE.—The late Rev.  
John Campbell, of Kingsland, went one  
morning to attend an early committee  
meeting of a religious society. On his  
way up stairs he found an old friend,  
remarkable for his devotedness to the  
cause of Christ, leaning on the balus-  
trade which led to the room, and un-  
able to proceed from a difficulty of  
breathing.

"What! are you here, Mr. T.? How  
could you venture, in your state of  
health? You have attended our meet-  
ings for a long time, and you should  
now leave the work for younger men."  
His friend looked up with a cheerful  
smile, and replied, with characteristic  
energy, "O, Johnny, Johnny, man, it is  
hard to give up working in the service  
of such a Master."

Acknowledgment of the Church  
in Hamburg.

The friends of Religious liberty can-  
not but rejoice at the intelligence com-  
municated in the following letter from  
Mr. Oucken. It is translated from the  
*Missionsblatt* for June. We copy from  
the Macedonian:

"We stop the press to announce to  
our readers far and near the joyful in-  
telligence that the church in Hamburg  
has received at last the long promised  
acknowledgment by the State. All the  
marriages solemnized in our church  
since 1844, and all the births registered  
in our records are in consequence  
legally recognized,—by which a great  
burden is taken off from the hearts of  
many of our brethren."

"Our generous magistrates have, in  
fact, given us more than we expected.  
Our venerable senate has the honor of  
being the first government in Germany  
to acknowledge the Baptists, and to put  
them on an equality with other con-  
fessions. Besides, our rulers have had  
opportunity to observe us for a quarter  
of a century, as a community and as citi-  
zens; and after the most careful exami-  
nation they have expressly acknowl-  
edged that the Baptists are among  
their most quiet and faithful subjects."

"May the noble example of our gov-  
ernment be soon imitated in all Protes-  
tant Germany, that our brethren may  
be freed from oppression, and the re-  
proach of religious persecution may be  
removed from our land."

REV. JOHN TENNENT.—A few minutes  
before the Rev. John Tennent expired,  
holding his brother William by the  
hand, he broke out into the following  
raptures: "Farewell, my brethren;  
farewell, father and mother; farewell,  
world with all thy vain delights. Wel-  
come, God and Father; welcome, sweet  
Lord Jesus! welcome death; welcome,  
eternity. Amen!" Then with a low  
voice he said, "Lord Jesus, come, Lord  
Jesus!" And so he fell asleep in Christ,  
and obtained abundant entrance into  
the everlasting kingdom of his God and  
Saviour.

DISAPPOINTMENT.—Poor Douglas Jer-  
old understood something of life's  
maladies, whether he knew the remedy  
or not. "How few there are," he says,  
"who, starting in youth, animated by  
great motives, do not at thirty seem to  
have suffered a 'second fall'! What  
angel-purposes did they woo—and what  
hag-realities have they married! What  
Rachels have they thought to serve for  
—and what Leahs has the morning  
dawned upon!"

CALVIN ON BAPTISM.—The



# The S. W. Baptist.

TUSKEGEE, ALA.

Thursday, September 30, 1858.

## Tuskegee Association.

The last annual session of this body was held with the Cubahatchee Baptist Church, beginning on Friday the 17th inst., and closing on Monday the 20th. After the letters from the various churches were read, the body was organized by the re-election of the former officers by acclamation—to wit: Deacon W. M. Mason, Moderator, Elder C. A. Stanton, Clerk, and bro. J. W. Ecuols, Treasurer.

### STATE OF RELIGION.

The letters from the several churches abounded in the most interesting accounts of the outpouring of the Divine Spirit. Most of the churches, indeed, have shared in the fruits of the gracious season. Considerably over three hundred were reported to have been added by baptism, and more than usual by letter. We suppose the nett increase of membership cannot be less than three hundred. Peace and harmony abounded throughout the entire body. We all felt as if we could adopt the language of the Psalmist and say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name!"

### CONTRIBUTIONS.

The contributions were not so large as we could have desired. There were but little over twelve hundred dollars in cash sent up from the churches and contributed at the Association, for the various benevolent objects we are engaged to promote. True, there were pledges to some considerable amount made, especially to Foreign Missions, which will be redeemed before the Convention, and which will swell this amount some hundreds of dollars more. But really, the Tuskegee Association ought never to think of making a small annual contribution than two thousand dollars. This would only be about fifty cents for each member of the body. Bro. DANIEL, agent of the Foreign Mission Board and bro. HOLMAN, Cor. Secretary of the Domestic Board, were in attendance, and invited to seats, and addressed the body.

Owing to the indisposition of the senior editor, who was appointed to preach the annual missionary sermon, brother STANTON, the alternate, moved that Elder I. T. TICHENOR, of Montgomery, be requested to preach it. The motion was adopted, and bro. T. preached a most effective discourse upon the commission. About three hundred and fifty dollars in cash and pledges were raised after the sermon—two hundred of which was expressly designated for African Missions. We were truly sorry that so little was sent up for the beneficiaries of Howard College. It will no doubt be different next year, as the Association resolved to support at least one beneficiary at the Howard. This, as will be seen in Dr. TALBIRD's communication published this week, only requires about one hundred and fifty dollars. Bro. DONSON, Principal of the Tuskegee Collegiate Institute, left a proposition before the Association, to give some young minister whom the body might designate, instruction free of charge. A young brother has already been placed in his institution.

### EAST ALABAMA FEMALE COLLEGE.

It was announced by the report of the Committee on Education, that bro. H. H. BACON, A. M., so long the faithful and laborious President of this College, had to retire from that position on account of ill health. His successor, however, W. F. PERRY, A. M., is every way qualified for that responsible station. The prospects of the College are quite flattering. Bro. PERRY is now in Tuskegee, making all the necessary preparations for the opening term. It is designed to expend several thousand dollars soon in refitting the College with new furniture, apparatus, repairs, &c., &c. Mrs. BARCLAY, the Stewardess, is unsurpassed in her department. This will be readily conceded by all who are acquainted with her. No pains or expense will be spared to make the institution eminently worthy of the most enlarged patronage.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Quite an animated, but pleasant discussion arose on Monday on the adoption of the report of the committee on Sabbath Schools. A single sentence will express the sum and substance of every speech: There ought to be, and there can be a Sabbath School in every Baptist Church in the bounds of the Association. Brethren, will you see it that there shall be? O how cheering would it be for every letter from every church at our next meeting, to record the pleasing intelligence, that a Sabbath School was a successful operation in every church in the body!—And yet how easy. The good Lord help us to do our duty in this respect!

### CONCLUSION.

We had, on the whole, a most interesting session. Indisposition prevented our attendance Saturday and Lord's day; but we learned that every thing was done "decently and in order"—that

of the counsels of the body it could be justly said, in the language of the text from which our Introductory Sermon was preached by bro. WARE, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—The sermon appeared to have left a profound and happy impression upon every mind throughout the entire meeting.—The S. W. Baptist, as usual, was not forgotten. The committee on Periodicals gave it a handsome notice, and, together with the Home and Foreign Journal and The Commission, recommended it to the cordial support of all our brethren. The report was unanimously adopted. The business being ended, our good Moderator, bro. MASON, selected a parting hymn, which was sung with weeping eyes and faltering tongues, the parting hand extended, and then all kneeling before the Lord, we "commended each other to God and the Word of His Grace," while bro. HOLMAN offered the closing prayer. The Association then adjourned to meet at Natusulga on Friday before the 3rd Lord's day in September, 1859.

Revival intelligence continues to pour in upon us from many favored sections of our beloved State. We have not had such a time in South Alabama for many years. Brethren, don't forget the S. W. Baptist in these gracious seasons. Pray for us, and send us the names of the young converts as subscribers. Remember, we are just now incurring an additional expense of about two thousand dollars for a new steam Power Press and some other material so that we can enlarge our paper. Several of our brethren have recently done nobly. Who will go and do likewise?

## News from our Churches.

Deacon A. Hendrix of Pensacola, Fla., writes:

"We have been blessed from the presence of the Lord—we have the faithful labors of our esteemed Pastor, Z. G. Henderson—he has preached the Word with power, and the Lord has abundantly blessed his labors. He has baptized 33, and received by letter and restoration 34. Brother Z. G. H. is unanimously beloved by the church, and the community respects him for his consistent course."

Bro. J. T. S. PARK, of Orion, writes us the following good news.

"The meeting going on at Silbam, where I wrote you last, resulted in the baptism of 18. Several were received by letter also. At Farierville there were 3 baptized at our last meeting, and many others 'almost' persuaded to take up the cross. I participated with our excellent missionary, Elder Wm. Pritchett, in a meeting of intense interest, held midway between Orion and Troy, in a destitute neighborhood. Crowds attended a little school-house day and night for five or six days. There were 14 baptized, and 'the joy of salvation' restored to many 'lukewarm' professors. The church at this place has been greatly blessed, for 'the glory of the Lord hath risen upon her.'—During a meeting of six days and nights, our numerical strength was increased by 16 valuable accessions—of whom 11 were baptized; the remaining five joined by letter. 'Glory to God in the highest!'"

An extract from a letter from bro. R. M. Thomas, of Clark county, gives us the following news:

"The good Lord is truly doing great things for the destitute part of Bethel Association. I was with brother L. Dewitt, (my co-laborer in the missionary work,) two days in August; he baptized 13 persons in the last three weeks; I have baptized 19, and received 5 more for baptism. In some of our meetings there has been the most unmistakable evidence of Divine presence that I ever experienced. The work appears to be steadily onward, and although our meetings may close, the interest seems to be widening and deepening in the minds of the people. Zion truly appears to be in travail, for sons and daughters are born to the Lord, and to his name be all the glory."

## Beneficiaries of Howard College.

We invite especial attention to the communication of Dr. TALBIRD in another column, in regard to the present and prospective condition of the Theological Department of Howard College. For several weeks we have been calling the attention of our brethren to this matter. We are ourselves knowing to some cases which would be presented to the Executive Board if it was thought they would be received. We were conversing with a young brother the other day who is quite anxious to enter that institution at once, but we were compelled to advise him to remain another year in the school he has been attending, and by that time, perhaps a more liberal provision would be made. Will not our churches and Associations this fall take this matter into serious consideration.

At the session of the Tuskegee Association, which has just closed, it was resolved to sustain at least one beneficiary in the Howard by that body.—We hope all the churches will remember this in making their contributions to their next Associations. How many Associations will do the same? How many churches, too, could do as much? Nay, how many individuals, like our bro. Jere. BROWN, could take one or more, and thus be the means of accom-

plishing incalculable good in the cause of Jesus? Brethren think of these things! And may the day be not distant when the most ample provision shall be made for our Theological students! Is it not enough for our young men to give their lives, their talents, their all, to this great work for life?—Ought they not to receive, at the charge of those who are to share their ministrations, that course of training which may prepare them to be "able ministers of the New Testament?" Let there be such a fund sent up to the Convention this fall, as will gladden the hearts of our good President, bro. TALBIRD, and every young brother who may wish to apply for admittance as a beneficiary into the College.

The following extracts are taken from the "Bible Advocate," and go to show that this too much neglected class—the sons of the sea—are being to some extent, at least, cared for, and that those who labor for their salvation have good encouragement. The Lord carry on the work.

## Revival on Shipboard.

The U. S. receiving ship *North Carolina*, lying at the Navy Yard, Brooklyn, has, for several months past been the scene of much religious interest. There were about eight hundred seamen on board of this ship subject to the orders of our government, whenever they might be needed to fight our battles or defend our commerce. Their precious souls were not forgotten nor disregarded by their converted fellow mariners—the Bible-reading Colporters. They frequently visited this noble ship for religious conversation and prayer, and the distribution of Bibles among the sailors. The Lord owned the labors of his servants and gave efficacy to his Word. In May last the work received a new impulse when a young convert, a member of Mariners' Church in this city, shipped on the *North Carolina* and took a deep interest in the conversion of his sailor associates.

The Colporters found in him a zealous and efficient fellow-laborer—hundreds attended the meetings which were held every evening and scores have been converted to God—some have united with the church, and others who desired to do so, had to leave for sea.—Some were drafted on board the *Walsh* and others on the *Saranac*. Of this last number was the brother alluded to on the *North Carolina*. He goes to sea not only as a servant of the government, but also as a servant of Christ. Taking with him a supply of Bibles, he will, by the kind consent of the officers hold religious meetings and seek to win those on board to Christ.

The good work still continues among the sailors on the *North Carolina*.

## The Work among Seamen.

The great work among seamen during the past few months suggests the approaching fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, that "The abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee." The spirit of God is poured out upon the sea as well as on the land. The attention of Christians has been turned towards those "who go down to the sea in ships and do business upon the great waters."

Converted sailors, men of God, with hearts yearning over the long neglected ones of their own craft, are now employed freighted with Bibles to supply the destitute and to labor for their salvation.

Nothing can exceed the self-denial and zeal of these Bible-reading colporters. They seek out the sailors on the ships, in the boarding-houses, in the drinking dens, and places of resort, and urge them to go up to the Bethel and to attend without delay to the interest of the soul. Great and glorious have been the results. Hundreds have been converted and gone out to do good.—Over one hundred and sixty have united with the Mariners' Baptist Church in this city, and still the work continues. Many of this number have gone to sea and to us with them missionary papers given them by the church, which instructs them, that by holy living and active effort they are to seek by sea and by land the salvation of souls and the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. Many prayers are offered up for the sons of the ocean—for the conversion of loved ones at sea. Those prayers are being answered. Many have found Jesus their Saviour on the ocean, and many more have found Him on shore and at the Bethel. The Bible is now their priceless treasure and floats with them under every sail.

The Master of the Galilean fishermen is the captain of their salvation and attends them to every clime. In his name they plant the standard of the cross on every ship and on every shore. And when the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto God, then every land shall soon receive the Bible and acknowledge the reign of Christ.

## "The Sects vs. the Baptist."

Dr. Baker has just committed to press his long promised work entitled "The Sects vs. the Baptists." We have just received the first proof sheet of the work. It is to contain say 150 or 200 pages. We doubt not that it will be an able work. It is elegantly printed at Jacksonville, Fla. It will afford us pleasure to aid in circulating the work, should it prove to be such an one as we anticipate.

The North River Association will convene with the Zion Baptist Church, Marion county, Ala., on Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in Oct., (15th Oct.)

The number of Regular Baptist given in the Baptist Almanac is 923,193.

# SOUTH WESTERN BAPTIST.

For the South Western Baptist.

SELMA, Sept. 17th, 1858.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Please give the following notice: The forty-first anniversary of the Cahaba Baptist Association will convene at Uniontown Baptist church, on Friday before the third Lord's day in October, 1858. Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock, A. M., by elder W. C. Buck, his alternate, elder H. Talbird, D. D. On Saturday at 11 o'clock, the Missionary sermon, by elder R. Holman—his alternate, elder S. R. Freeman. The following standing committees will report during the session: 1. Bible and Colporteur Society, elder S. R. Freeman, Chairman. 2. Education, elder L. L. Fox, Chairman. 3. Domestic Missions, elder F. M. Law, Chairman. 4. Indian Missions, elder R. Holman, Chairman. 5. F. Missions, elder W. C. Buck, Chairman. 6. Temperance, elder H. Talbird, Ch. 7. Religious instruction of colored people, elder John S. Ford, Chairman. 8. B. S. P. Society, W. H. McIntosh, Chairman. 9. S. Schools, bro. John R. Hendon, Chairman. A. G. McCRAW, Moderator.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Yesterday I arrived at home with my family, all in good health, after an absence of two months. This morning, the "S. W. Baptist" made its appearance in my study. In glancing over its pages I found them enriched, as in former days, with religious and practical intelligence, and breathing the spirit of vital piety.

I hasten to say to you, that my heart leaped for joy, for I felt that the day of darkness had passed—and the beloved organ of our denomination was again illuminated with a heavenly light. Will not the Baptists of Alabama with united effort, rally around their State paper and give its editors a more ample endowment than ever? What, brethren of Alabama, if our beloved editors have turned aside for a few months past, and engaged in a "ground scuffle," as some of us have thought, shall we not be governed by the great law of charity? Shall we denounce and discard those whom we know to be good and true men, for a single deviation from what our judgments indicated was right; more especially since we have their promise to forsake the unpleasant conflict, this promise they have complied with this week, and furnished us a sheet that will be a cordial to every soul that is embued and surrounded with the atmosphere of heaven.

Yours truly, A. G. McCRAW.

"Let the righteous smite me; it shall be an excellent oil that shall not break my head."—Eos.

## Domestic and Indian Missions.

To the Baptists of Alabama: DEAR BRETHREN:—The time of making your annual offerings to the Lord is at hand. Some of you have already made it, and forwarded to your Association. From present indications we entertain some fears that the contributions for Domestic and Indian Missions will fall short of the amounts sent up last year. Such ought not to be the case. Last year we fell below our ability; and shall we fall below our efforts for last year? There is no good reason for it. The rule is "as God hath prospered you." God has blest you with fair crops, good health, and the churches with increase of members and gifts. The demands for enlarged efforts are increasing upon us. Our own population is multiplying, foreign emigration still continues to flood our country, error, in all its forms, is growing, spreading, deepening in every portion of our country. There is no time to lose. "Work while it is day," "redeem the time," are exhortations pre-eminently applicable to our day, to us, as individuals. There is not a disciple of the blessed Jesus who cannot do something—who has not something to do.—My brother, my sister have you done it? Have you, on your knees before God, solemnly asked "what wilt thou have me to do," in relation to Domestic and Indian Missions? Will the Master say of you as He did of the poor woman, "she hath done what she could." "Done what she could." Oh, what a commendation! Will he say it of you? Will the great searcher of hearts, who knows all that we have and are, all that we have done, and could have done, say of us, in regard to our contributions, that we have sent up for missions, or that we intend to send up to the Association or Convention, it is all we could do?—In this matter have we consulted our duty to Christ, and the claims of a perishing world, or our own convenience. My brethren examine this matter again. Consider well the condition of the destitute among the hills and valleys of our own State, and of the new States,—of the vast number of Germans who occupy the towns and cities of the West, the Chinese in California, the blacks scattered over our whole territory, and the poor Indians of the

forest. And, if in view of this investigation, you have not met the claims that God has upon you in regard to these objects, endeavor to discharge this duty at an early day, by enclosing your contribution to Marion, or sending to your Association, or to the Convention.

Your fellow-laborer in the gospel, R. HOLMAN, Cor. Sec.

For the South Western Baptist.

RENNION CHURCH, DE KALB CO. ALA., September 17th, 1858.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—A protracted meeting of twelve days, held by elder J. B. Appleton and others, has just closed.—It was one of the most interesting meetings I ever witnessed. God was manifest in our midst, in his convincing, converting and soul-cheering power.

During the meeting, there was an addition of thirty-four to the church, nineteen by baptism and fifteen by letter.—Also bro. A. B. Smith was ordained to the ministry. There were no extravagance, nor undue excitement during the meeting, but every one seemed to act from a pure motive.

May God continue his blessing in this vicinity.

Yours in Christ, L. P. WOOD, C. C.

For the South Western Baptist.

MILNER, RANDOLPH CO. ALA., September 8, 1858.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I have the happiness of announcing to you the prosperity of Zion in this section of our country. But a few short years ago, those who were disposed to do something to aid in the Master's cause, had to contend with more than ordinary opposition. We feel that we owe to Him who maketh the wrath of man, to praise Him—now acknowledgments.

That indefatigable missionary, Wm. Davis, who was appointed by the Marion Board in 1857, and whose labors have been so much blessed in this country, commenced a meeting at a church just completed, Antioch, several days since, which closed this morning. He was favored with the assistance of brethren Rev'd. Jas. Barrow, J. C. Beverly, and J. P. Barnett. The exercises began under the most unfavorable auspices, each covenanting to engage in solemn prayer. On Sabbath at 11 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Beverly preached to a large congregation, the Dedication sermon from Exodus 3:1-6. On Monday at 11 o'clock, bro. Barrow was preaching, and an old, pious sister, who had long been confined at home from affliction, while sitting in church, fell from her seat from exhaustion, and lay apparently lifeless. For a few moments, the old minister scarcely seemed able to proceed—recovering, he raised his trembling voice, and spoke with a power and force I thought I never heard equaled. His words seemed to penetrate every heart, and tears and sobs, and groans, were heled in every direction. This was one of the most awful, solemn scenes my eyes ever beheld. The whole congregation appeared lost in wonder and astonishment.—During the meeting several persons were baptized. Among them two old persons, a man and wife aged about 70 years, and two small boys, (brothers) one bearing the name of Jesse Mercer, the other Pitt Milner. The writer of this imperfect sketch, feels as if he should praise God in Eternity for this glorious meeting.

At this baptism, when one of the converts, a young man, lately married, was going down into the water, his wife embraced him. Old father Davis said in a pathetic way, the separation will be short. It would be utterly impossible for me to find language of sufficient power to express the deep and joyful sensation which pervaded every soul at that short expression.

Old Father Barrow is detained here in consequence of the loss of his horse. He is on a tour to Chambers, Tallapoosa and Macon, Ala., and Harris and Talbot counties, Georgia. May he be yet able to reach his published appointments to unfold the unsearchable riches of our Saviour, and proclaim to every settlement, the impartial love of God, and with his shattered voice and persuasive eloquence, induce sinners who are on the road to ruin, to submit to Christ.

For the South Western Baptist.

MESSRS. EDITORS: Once more in the Providence of God, I am permitted to send you the result of another protracted meeting, which I commenced with the Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in Sept., 1858. We received seventeen, fourteen by experience and baptism,—three by restoration.

Two of the above number were Pedobaptists. One a Methodist lady, the other a Presbyterian gentleman. And still they come!!

CHARLES BAIN, GREEN CO. ALA., Sept. 17, 1858.

For the South Western Baptist.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I noticed in one of your papers of recent date, that you wished information when the good Lord had blessed his Church and people.

I have held two protracted meetings, the last of which closed yesterday.—One lasted ten days, and the other 8. Nineteen were added to the first by baptism and 21 to the other. Brethren J. E. Bell, of Greenville, M. Bishop, of Damascus church, and Lockhart, of Zion church, labored in these meetings, and God blessed his Word. The churches were revived,—many were left inquiring the way of life.

To God and to the precious Saviour be all the glory. ROBERT KEITH, GREENVILLE, Sept., 1858.

For the South Western Baptist.

Landmarks Set.

REHOBOTH, WILCOX, Sept. 16, 1858.

MESSRS. EDITORS: We have had quite a series of revivals in South Alabama this year. I attended a meeting in June at Pensacola, at which there were added to the Church by baptism 18; Boiling Springs 5; Concord 22; McKinley 44; Providence 38.

I remain yours in the bonds of Christian affection, J. S. ABBOTT.

For the South Western Baptist.

DEAR BRETHREN: Please give the following notice in the columns of your valuable paper: The thirty-sixth anniversary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, will convene in Gainesville on Friday, the 12th of November next. Introductory Sermon, Rev. W. C. Buck, principal; Rev. L. L. Fox, alternate.

Missionary Sermon, Rev. I. T. Tichenor, principal; Rev. A. Van Hoose, alternate. Sermon on Education, Rev. P. E. Collins, principal; Rev. W. H. McIntosh, alternate.

The following standing Committees are to report during the session: On Education, W. Howard, Chairman. On Domestic Missions, S. Henderson, Chairman. On Temperance, D. P. Bestor, Chairman. On Foreign Missions, H. E. Taliaferro, Chairman. On Sabbath Schools, J. L. M. Curry, Chairman. On S. B. P. Society, H. Talbird, Chairman.

These Committees will please remember, a resolution passed at the last session of this body requiring Chairmen to prepare reports and send up to the next meeting, in the event they cannot be present. A. G. McCRAW, President, Sept. 22, 58.

## Things Lost Forever.

Reader, God has given you the opportunity to secure the salvation of your soul. Have you improved it? Is Jesus your friend? If not? He calls you to-day; remember that it is for you to strive to secure God's favor. Delay may be fatal. There is a point from which there can be no return; lose not the present hour; do not waste in sin the life that God has given you to spend in His service. Remember that God's most precious gifts may be lost forever.

How truly does a writer say: "Lost wealth may be restored by industry; the wreck of health regained by temperance; forgotten knowledge restored by study; alienated friendship smoothed in forgetfulness; even forfeited reputation won by patience and virtue; but who ever looked upon his vanished hours, recalled his slighted years, stamped them with wisdom, or effaced from Heaven's record the fearful blot of wasted time. The footprint on the sand is washed out by the ocean wave, and easier might we, when years are fled, find that footprint than recall lost hours."—Eos.

BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING.—There are in the United States thirty-four Colleges, and twelve Theological Institutions under the direction of Baptists, being more than double the number in existence ten years ago, when there were fifteen Colleges and seven Theological Schools. There are now also upwards of 160 other educational institutions under their control.

Religious Intelligence.

SUNDAY SERVICE ON RAILROADS.—In the proceedings of the stockholders of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad who held their meeting in Huntsville, Ala., on the 11th day of August, we were much pleased to notice this announcement: R. M. Patton offered the following resolution, which was adopted; (viz): Resolved, That this convention would view with pleasure any move on the part of the Railroad Companies of the South to abolish the Sunday services on all Railroads; and we hereby pledge ourselves to lend our hearty co-operation to any move in that direction, which may be made by the Railroads of the South generally.

An important movement is noticed among the Jews in this country. A synagogue of the reformed order has been completed at Baltimore, Md., called Oheb Shalom. The males and females sit together, contrary to the old rule, and the members are permitted to eat whatever food they please, all the Mosaic regulations of that matter having been abolished. The restitution of the Mosaic policy, the return to Jerusalem, and the re-establishment of sacrificial worship, are no longer objects of hope and prayer.

PREACHING TO SLAVES.—A Presbyterian minister lately removed from one of the Northern to one of the Southern States, and writes to the *Christian Observer*, at Philadelphia, that he thinks he is now likely to do the slaves much more good than could be done by the abolitionism he could possibly have commanded at the North.

EVANGELISTIC EFFORT IN SPAIN.—During the past year the Spanish Evangelical Society have published books and

tracts to the extent of 1796. Including these, their bound copies of the statements and tracts amounted, for the same time, to the number of 63,760.

The Boston Recorder says that "What but about one in ten of the converts under the Methodist system prove permanent members of the church, are not usually under Calvinistic ministrations more than one in ten fail of doing so."

FRANCE.—Baptist sentiments are rapidly gaining ground among the Protestants of France. The able correspondent of the *News of the Church* writes: "In spirit at least, if not in action, cause of Podo-baptism is losing ground. I know more than one pastor in a national church who will not baptize his own children, while he continues to baptize those of the parishioners, knowing of others who have introduced instead of baptism a simple profession of the child of God. This has been treated of in a multitude of articles in journals, in numerous tracts, and even in large volumes."

THE WHOLE TOWN REFORMATION.—Newspapers describe a remarkable outpouring of grace in Troy, Missouri, a place noted for its abounding wickedness. Drunkenness, gambling, fighting, Sabbath-breaking held almost unbridled sway. A protracted meeting commenced in a feeble Presbyterian Church on the first Sabbath in May, and resulted in the hopeful conversion of nearly seventy persons, including some of the most hardened characters in the place, and sometimes whole families, parents, children, and slaves, kneeling at the same altar, and converted to God at the same time.

The Baptist Church (Africa) Richmond, Va., numbers 27,000 communicants!! Truly a congregation to be proud of. The Baptists have 50,000 colored communicants in Eastern Virginia alone. There is a colored church in Petersburg, Va., of 1800, and another of 1400. In Charleston, S. C., a Presbyterian Synod represents nearly 5000 colored members. Through Louisiana large congregations of slaves are found. In New Orleans, one Methodist has 1340 members, and six colored missionaries.

\*\* The first number of the *Alabama Enquirer* has been received published at six dollars per annum. It will give in a few days the latest geographical news. It is a neat paper worthy of a liberal patronage.

\*\* Read the new advertisement MESSRS. ATKINSON & TAYLOR, Columbus Ga.; notice of MESSRS. GACHER & HOFFER; land for sale of Jas. B. Hopp, a teacher, refer to S. S. SHERMAN, Montgomery, Ala.; mortgage sale; fresh meat at McMILLAN, MARQUIS & Co's grocery.

## MARRIAGES.

Married, on the 19th inst., by Rev. William Davis, JAMES, J. RAY to MARY ADELINA, daughter of J. Thompson, all of Randolph county, Ala.

Married, by Rev. F. L. Lundy, on the 19th inst., are Baptist Church, Pleasant Hill, Ala. Mr. THOMAS E. LAMM, of Dallas, to Miss LIZZIE M. RIVES, of Lowndes.

## DARBY'S FLUID.

It is a chemical union of materials provided to remove impurities from the air. It destroys and removes vegetable products undergoing decay. It kills insects; destroys odors in a sick room; cleanses and heals fresh wounds; soothes boils; sweetens and cures bites of insects, burns, scalds, tetters, and all cases, and cures catarrhs; neutralizes poison from fresh Air, Heatstroke, Hemlock, &c. Preserved for 50 cents.

## P. K.

Having used, and witnessed the beneficial effects of Perry Dan's Pain Killer, I take great pleasure in recommending it to the public as the very best medicine with which I am acquainted. In this small medicine bottle, containing only 100 drops, and yet so powerful, has been used with the most astonishing success. For PAIN, TRACHEA, a single severe case of cholera, morbi, complaint, or dysentery, but has yielded like magic to the curative powers of the "Killer." And for cuts, burns, etc., it is an almost instantaneous relief. JOHN TAYLOR, President of the Alabama Whites and Co's Printing Establishment.

## Secular Intelligence.

### ITEMS.

A PAYING PHILANTHROPIST.—The salary of Dr. B. Gough, of the English Temperance League, \$10,000 per annum.

We learn that the Presbyterian Board of Missions in New York has kindly consented to charge of, and educate in their missionary school in Liberia, eight of the children of the couple of recaptured Africans about to be conveyed to the frigate Niagara from Charleston to Liberia, to be delivered to the agent of the American Colonization Society. Probably the Board of the Methodists, Episcopal, and Baptist Churches all of which have schools and teachers in Liberia may each adopt an equal or larger number of these young Africans and prepare them to be instructors and benefactors to their countrymen.—National Intelligencer.

NEW ORLEANS.—The Pleasure, reviewing the material progress of New Orleans, says that it has escaped entirely the law of commercial depression, and its commerce shows an increase, and in every other commercial city there has been a decrease. In all the leading staples there has been an excess of receipts over last year. The population of the city is given at 225,000. In 1840, it was 192,143.

REGISTRY OF FREE NEGROES.—Quite a stir has been created for the last few days among persons of color, in this city, in consequence of a rumor that the law respecting their registration would be rigidly enforced. This rumor was neglected for the last year or so, and consequently the tax upon such free persons of color or lost to the county. As the Superior Court will this county enforce this law; prudence dictates that we should throw every safeguard around that we possibly can. If they are permitted to live in our midst, they ought at least to be some benefit to us.—Augusta Dispatch.



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The most eminent artists were also in this department. In the persons of Professor GROSCHE

August 12th, 1858.



