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AGENTS.  
H. B. Davis, of the "Book Emporium," Mont-  
gomery, Ala., is our authorized Agent, to receive  
subscriptions and dues for our paper.

Rags! Rags! Rags!

We will pay the highest market  
price for rags at this office. It is now  
our only chance to get paper. Will  
our patrons and friends who desire  
the continuance of our paper, save  
their rags, and send them in at their  
most convenience?

Notice the Red (X) Mark.

Those whose terms of subscription  
are about to expire, will find on the  
margin of the paper a red cross mark  
to adopt this plan to save the expense  
of writing and forwarding accounts—  
we will give some two or three weeks  
notice in this way, so that subscrip-  
tions can be renewed. Look out for  
the Red Cross Mark.

Patient Endurance.

That God has associated final success in  
all undertakings with patient endurance, is no  
matter of revelation than a lesson of  
history. In that greatest achievement ever  
accomplished with mortal agency, the salvation of  
the world, it is recorded, "He that endureth to the  
end, the same shall be saved." "The end of our  
salvation of our souls," is the gracious  
word of "patient continuance in well doing,"  
even so in regard to all enterprises of great  
magnitude, which faith commits to His  
guidance. Though He may design to crown  
our enterprises with success, yet He has so  
ordered that success with human effort, and  
endurance, as to make it appear that  
our laborers together with Him, and thus  
against conferring distinguishing merit  
on thankless and unappreciative subjects,  
is not his method to "cast pearls before  
swine." A scene of trial must always precede  
a coveted blessing.

Nations have their trials as well as individ-  
uals. Before any people can be prepared for  
the offices and privilege of good govern-  
ment they must pass through the purifying  
tribulation. It took more than two  
thousand years of bondage in Egypt, and forty  
years of pilgrimage in the wilderness, to prepare  
the nation of Israel for that great national destiny  
which God had promised four hundred years  
before to their father Abraham. The gener-  
ation that emerged from these fiery ordeals was  
the purest and most godly of all the forty-two  
generations from Abraham to Christ. "Israel  
was holiness to the Lord, and the first-  
born of his increase." Looking back to that  
glorious period of their history, God  
expressed the love of their spouses. So, if  
we expect God to lead us through this great  
trial, and establish us in a large place,  
we can worship and serve Him without  
flinching, we must "endure hardness as good  
soldiers of Jesus Christ." We must "endure to  
the end."

That virtue and integrity which God ap-  
proves is not so much the growth of prosperity,  
abundance. In times of prosperity, we lose  
sight of the great source of all our mercies,  
and the multitude of these mercies obscures  
that hand that confers them. Like Joshua,  
"I was fat and kick: we forsake the God  
that made us, and lightly esteem the Rock  
of our salvation." But in times of adversity,  
there is nothing to obscure "the opera-  
tion of His hand." Severe causes are forgot-  
ten, and our most reasonable calculations  
are disappointed. We are, therefore, by a  
sense of moral necessity, forced to take into the  
account a superhuman agency as far above all  
human power as the heavens are above the  
earth. Madame de Staël once observed that in  
times of great public calamity, people generally  
become superstitious. She would have come  
nearer the truth had she said, that in  
times, people were more sensible of the  
presence and power of the Lord God Omnipotent  
that reigneth. There seems to be some-  
thing in the very nature of affliction and cal-  
amity which inspires a holy reverence for the  
character of Jehovah, in the estimation of ev-  
ery generous mind. It was when David was  
passing through these deep waters that he ex-  
claimed, "I was dumb, I opened not my mouth,  
because thou didst it." It was when Job had  
lost all his earthly possessions, be-  
lieved of every thing that could make life dis-  
agreeable, and was enduring a most loathsome dis-  
ease from the soles of his feet to the crown of  
his head, that he fell prostrate before the di-  
vine Majesty, and said, "I have heard of thee  
before the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye  
seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and  
repent in dust and ashes!" Then it is said the  
angel "turned the captivity of Job," and in his  
last end, doubled his prosperity. O, blessed  
that storm that casts its wreck upon the  
pride of the heavenly Canaan! Sweet is that  
vision that "worketh for us a far more ex-  
cellent and eternal weight of glory!" Wel-

come that "troubulation that worketh patience."  
Now what fiery trials do for individuals, they  
do for nations. If we endure with patience  
these trials; if without a murmur, we look up  
to Him who for our good is now chastising us  
sorely; and if, throwing the arms of a vigorous  
faith that staggers not at the storm-cloud  
around all those objects that sweeten life and  
ennoble human character, we carry them  
forward upon the dismal future which confronts  
us; we shall yet sing deliverance upon the  
higher shore of the bloody sea through which  
we are now passing. "Let patience have her  
perfect work," and then we can bid defiance to  
the storm that howls around us. "Let integri-  
ty and uprightness possess us," and He whom  
we serve will see to the result. Rest assured  
that if there be any thing worth saving amongst  
us, God will take care of it.

Orphan Asylum.

For the information of our readers, we will  
keep the notices of this institution, containing  
the names of the Board of Trustees and Agents,  
in our paper for some time. It will be observed  
that the Rev. S. R. Freeman has accepted an  
agency also; so that there are now two agents  
in the field. The Board desires two others—  
one for Eastern Alabama, and one for the more  
Southern part of the State.

An enterprise which commends itself to the  
enlightened Christian patriotism of our people  
so strongly as this does, it seems to us, needs  
only to be mentioned in any community, to en-  
list the hearty co-operation of every one. Every  
neighborhood has its arguments to plead  
this cause with an emphasis which is absolutely  
irresistible. The orphan children of our sol-  
diers are scattered from one end of the State to  
the other. To turn a deaf ear to such appeals  
is to blot out from our hearts the tenderest  
charities which Christianity ever inspired, en-  
gaged by the noblest deeds the soldier ever  
bequeathed to history. There comes a voice from  
every battle field in this bloody war from  
Manassas to Ocean Pond, louder than the ar-  
tillery which shook the ensanguined plain,  
"Whosoever thy hands find to do, do it with  
thy might." The children of the thousands of  
martyred fathers, from Pennsylvania to Texas,  
must be educated either for vice or virtue—  
either in habits of industry or idleness. Can  
we hear the idea in after years of meeting these  
children, who, through our negligence and in-  
difference, may have grown into their perni-  
cious habits in crime and dissipation, with the  
stinging reflection, that the noble virtues of  
their fathers in laying down their lives for their  
country, entailed upon them so sad a destiny?

Shall we reward the heroism of the father by the  
moral and intellectual degradation of his  
orphan children? No! no! a thousand times no!  
The best monument we can erect to the  
memory of our noble dead, is to provide the  
means of educating their children for usefulness.  
It will be ten thousand times more honorable  
to them, than the most costly structure of mar-  
ble or brass that can ever erect. Then let us  
come up to this work with that zeal that never  
abates until the capstone shall be laid upon a  
super-structure that shall vindicate the Christian  
philanthropy of our people for generations to  
come. Let not the magnitude of the under-  
taking deter any one from doing his duty—  
rather let it incite every one to double his dili-  
gence in the great work. We are rapidly mak-  
ing history that will be read either to our glory  
or our shame. We are the representatives not  
only of political, but moral and religious prin-  
ciples, which involve the fate of millions yet  
unborn. What will our political liberty be  
worth, if it is to be bequeathed to an ignorant,  
vicious and idle posterity? While we are pre-  
paring for them so rich and priceless a boon,  
let us not forget that we must, with God's  
blessing, prepare them for its enjoyment.

Again we say, let every man come up to this  
work with a zeal commensurate with its impor-  
tance, and the blessing of those who are  
ready to perish will come upon us—the memory  
of our illustrious dead will be perpetuated upon  
immortal minds—and "the good will of Him  
that dwelt in the Bush" will rest upon us.

Noble Benefaction.

The Colportage Board of the Alabama Baptist  
Association, as will be seen, from our last  
issue, has donated six hundred dollars to send  
the S. W. Baptist to our noble soldiers, and  
have ordered one hundred additional copies to  
Montgomery to be distributed in the hospitals  
of that city. We trust we will not be com-  
pelled to stop a single paper we now send to the  
army. Some three or four hundred were out last  
week; but we shall continue to send them, in  
the confident belief that our good brethren and  
sisters and friends will soon supply the means.

Let our friends remember that on all money  
now sent to us, over five dollars, we are subject  
to a discount of 33 1/3 per cent. We can not  
lose this amount in the present state of our  
finances. We shall be obliged to exchange the  
present for the new currency.

Orders for the Paper.

Never since the war commenced have we  
been receiving so many orders for the paper for  
the army. It is simply impossible for us to fill  
them all, unless our friends send us the means.  
Will not our brethren bestir themselves? Re-  
ligious reading matter was never sought for  
with such avidity by our soldiers. It must be  
supplied. Some time since, one manufacturing  
company in Georgia gave ten thousand dollars  
to circulate the *Augusta Christian Advocate*  
among the soldiers. We do not ask for such a  
donation as this, but we mention it to stimulate  
the energies of our Baptist brethren in this  
great cause. Why should we be behind our  
Methodist brethren in works of faith and labors  
of love? Why?

Good and Bad Government.

Since a war, "Power exercised with violence  
has seldom been of long duration; but temper  
and moderation generally produce permanence in  
all things." All history confirms this statement.  
Tarquin the Proud undertook to govern Rome  
by foreign mercenary soldiers and for his high  
handed usurpations, was banished from the  
empire. The unparalleled usurpations of the  
government at Washington is an infallible sign  
of its early ruin. The fiercer the storm the  
sooner it will blow over. Meantime let our  
government exercise its functions in the spirit  
of moderation, and let our people yield a ready  
and cheerful acquiescence in its measures, and it  
will not be long before "permanence in all  
things" will be established.

The Army of Tenn.

CAMP, 46TH ALA., NEAR DALTON, GA.  
March 4th 1864.

MESSRS EDITORS: It is not my  
purpose to give details that have  
probably been made familiar to your  
readers, but to set forth a few facts  
which may afford our people some  
satisfaction. The time has long since  
come, that the patriotism and confi-  
dence of the people are measured by  
the status of these feelings in the  
army. If I can do anything to en-  
courage these I shall feel fully re-  
munerated for thus bringing name into  
public notice.

The late affair near this place was,  
in itself small, but probably no little  
occurrence of the kind during the  
war, has had so happy an effect upon  
our army and given our desponding  
people more courage. Our govern-  
ment stores and trains had been sent  
off toward Resaca and we abandon-  
ed our camp, and the whole army  
expected a general falling back, but  
when ordered to the front, the whole  
army moved off with new life and  
courage. It is remarked by all, that  
there never was seen so little strag-  
gling on such an occasion. All were  
confident a terrible death struggle  
was at hand, and yet never have I  
witnessed such cool courage, such  
determination, such confidence both  
in the result and in the commanding  
general. One illustrative circum-  
stance. On the morning of the 25th  
Feb. two Brigades of Gen'l. Steven-  
son's division, Gen'l's Reynolds' and  
Pettus (the other two composing the  
Division being absent), were ordered  
forward, and were placed as a reserve,  
at a central point immediately in rear  
of the line of battle, to be thrown to  
right or left, as the emergency might  
require. About 10 a. m. a sharp  
firing was heard about one mile to our  
right, and immediately the Brigades  
moved off at double-quick in close  
column by Division. Nothing could  
scarcely equal the promptness and  
alacrity with which the whole mass  
moved to the field of strife and blood.  
Just then Gen'l Wheeler's cavalry  
came flying from the scene of action,  
as for their lives, yet the massive  
column rushed on perfectly unshaken.  
It was a scene of grandeur and magni-  
ficence, that would have filled the souls  
of our friends with profound pleasure.  
A word for our noble Gen'l. Johnston,  
he seemed as cool as if he had been  
calculating a mathematical problem,  
yet so perfect were all his plans, and  
the movements of his forces, that the  
most common soldier could but feel  
that all would end well.

Our army. Three months ago it  
retreated from Missionary Ridge,  
defeated, broken and dispirited.—  
Since then it has enjoyed a season of  
quiet, save the late affair. Our men  
have subsisted upon corn bread and  
poor beef and a little rice and  
sugar, many of them have been bare-  
footed. Yet it has enjoyed unprece-  
dented good health. Amid these  
adversities they have re-enlisted, some  
Brigades en masse. It is the finest  
army I ever saw, (and this is the testi-  
mony of many others) full of health,  
life, confidence, and defiance. It is an  
irresistible consciousness with me;  
as the morale of an army rises or  
falls, it carries us with it. Our dear  
people may be assured, that when this  
army meets the enemy again, it will  
fight as never it did; our sacred  
homes are just in our rear, and the  
destroying foe just before us.

And now let our friends at home  
do their duty. Let them remember,  
if their allowance is short and plain,  
our army is feeding cheerfully upon  
bread and beef that they would not  
suffer to come to their tables. And

let the heroic self-sacrificing example  
of these brave veterans who stand as  
a living wall between the cruel enemy  
and their homes, emulate them to  
renewed deeds of toil and self-denial.

J. H. WEATHERLY,  
Chaplain 46th Ala.

For the South Western Baptist.

Who are the Primitives?

Some among us claim to be such  
par excellence, the real Simon-pures  
of orthodoxy: but Solomon says "he  
that is first in his own cause, seemeth  
just, but his neighbor cometh and  
searcheth him." Let us search their  
claim to primitiveness. Isaiah 32:5  
informs us that under the reign King  
Messiah, misnomers shall be no more  
called liberal nor the church the  
miserly avaricious said to be bounti-  
ful. If an ignoramus should set him-  
self up as a learned man, would it not  
be a misnomer, a falsehood? So if  
we claim to be primitives and yet do  
not possess the traits of character  
which distinguished the early Chris-  
tians, will not our title be a misno-  
mer?

What test shall we institute by  
which to try them? The Bible of  
course and the accordance of their  
faith and practice with those of  
apostolic times. The command of  
the risen Saviour was "go teach all  
nations" go ye into all the world and  
preach the gospel to every creature."  
Matthew 28 and Mark 16. Peter, Paul  
and other ministers travelled thousand  
of miles to proclaim the glad tidings.  
But some claiming to be primitives  
in our day confine their preaching to  
a very small space of territory.

It is recorded in the Philippiian  
church (4:16) "Ye sent once and  
again to my necessity of the Thessa-  
lonians "your work of faith and labor;  
from you sounded out the word of the  
Lord into Macedonia and Achaia and  
elsewhere. (1st Epis. J: 8) Jerusalem  
sends Barnabas to Antioch to aid in  
their revival and soon that church  
send out Barnabas and Saul on a mis-  
sionary tour of some thousand miles  
both by land and water (Acts. 11: 22  
and 13: 4 and 6.)

Now we have seen that the early  
churches were eminently missionary  
in profession and character; in  
commission, the source of all misis-  
terial authority and right to preach, is  
altogether missionary, breathing forth  
benevolence toward all men that they  
may be converted to God.

But modern primitives, that is the  
claimants of the name primitive, in  
our day, are call anti-missionary in  
their creed and practice, not only  
refusing to contribute towards the  
universal spread of the gospel among  
the heathen world, but actually ex-  
cluding their members if they give for  
this purpose. They condemn all soci-  
eties of the kind, Sabbath Schools,  
&c., &c., as unscriptural, and wrong,  
notwithstanding no such thing as an  
anti-church is named in the New Testa-  
ment; all organizations which have  
not a "Thus saith the Lord" for their  
authority, are repudiated and rejec-  
ted by modern primitives and on this  
account specially they lay the ground  
of their claim—they are primitives  
because they follow the New Testa-  
ment alone.

But where is their warrant for  
Associations, Conventions, for meet-  
ings on the 3rd Sabbaths and previ-  
ous Saturday, for a clerk and modera-  
tor, for a list of members, for motions  
and seconds, for the Primitive Baptist  
and other weeklies of a religious  
character? Now if they eschew mis-  
sionaries Temperance Societ &c., here  
are a dozen things they practice for  
which they lay no claim to Bible  
warrant.

Who then are the primitives? Those  
that believe and practice most in con-  
formity with the New Testament  
pattern—who contribute and send out  
men to proclaim salvation to the lost  
and ruined and ignorant, who send  
"once and again" to the missionaries  
in the field as did the Philippians to  
Paul at Thessalonica (Phil 4: 16.)

It is to be hoped for the sake of  
modesty and truthfulness that our  
Hardshell brethren will lay aside  
their appellation of *Primitives*, to  
which they have no sort of claim in  
justice; for they repudiate most of  
the traits of character for which the  
early Christians were distinguished;

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they deny in creed and works what  
they claim to render them the follow-  
ers of primitive disciples. As the  
apostolic churches were missionary,  
eminently so, it is clear that anti-mis-  
sionaries, cannot be primitives in the  
New Testament sense of the word;  
it is a misnomer and high time they  
had cast off their borrowed feathers;  
for the fable of the bird decked in  
stolen ornaments is quite appropriate.

If there was not much machinery  
in the early churches in carrying on  
the cause of missions, there were no  
demons for several years, and if our  
Hardshell brethren can carry on  
missions in heathen lands without it,  
we shall be glad of their success.—  
Let them work, do something for  
Christ and not sit still doing nothing,  
but find fault with us, glorying in a  
misnomer.

For the South Western Baptist.

The Orphan Asylum for the  
State of Alabama.

This young enterprise has already  
two general Agents in the field.  
Rev. J. J. D. Renfro, and Rev.  
S. R. Freeman. Their object is to  
collect funds with which to make  
early preparation to receive the Or-  
phan children, and especially the  
destitute children of deceased soldiers.

We commend these Agents and  
their worthy enterprise, to the gen-  
eral aid of the Christian public.

A. T. SPALDING, Cor. Sec.

For the South Western Baptist.

The Orphan Asylum.

Resolutions passed by "The Alabama  
Baptist State Convention" held in  
Marion Ala., No. 6th and 9th 1863:

That this Convention heartily ap-  
proves of the efforts being made by  
brethren throughout the State to es-  
tablish an Orphan Asylum for the  
State of Alabama, especially for the  
children of deceased soldiers, and  
most cordially commands this enter-  
prise to the liberality of our member-  
ship, and of all other persons through-  
out the State.

For the South Western Baptist.

HEAD QUARTERS 4TH REGT. ALA. VOLS.  
NEW BELL'S GAP TENN. FEB. 28th 1864.

To the ladies of Macon County Ala:

I am detailed by the Col. command-  
ing 4th Regt. Ala. Vols. to return  
thanks in behalf of the Regt. to the  
ladies of Macon County, for the very  
valuable and opportune donation of  
socks, blankets &c.

I am delighted to say, that it  
is highly encouraging to all the  
members of the Regt. parties  
those whose homes and relatives are  
now in the hands of the ruthless in-  
vader to know that although surround-  
ed by so many dangers and difficul-  
ties, they still have sympathizing  
friends who are daily using their efforts  
to promote the comfort of those in  
the field. Such examples of patri-  
otism and devotion as are exhibited  
by the ladies to this the greatest of  
human cause, will not be lost upon  
the soldiers who will promptly re-  
spond to their country's call to re-en-  
list, and with their united efforts, hope  
that peace with her healing wings  
will soon be restored and prosperity  
and happiness rest, throughout our  
devoted country.

Very respectfully,  
ROBT. T. COLES, Agt. 4th Ala.

For the South Western Baptist.

EDITORS BAPTIST: Permit me,  
through your columns to make public  
a proposition made by the Rev. Geo.  
W. Carter a few days since.

He proposes to be one of any  
number of farmers, who will after  
retaining enough of their last years  
produce, to support their families  
until the first of next August—give  
the remainder to the government, free  
of charge.

After serving in the army as long  
as his declining years and feeble  
health would allow, he is at home  
devoting his whole time and labor to  
the raising of provisions, barely re-  
taining a sufficiency to keep body and  
soul together. What a spirit of devo-  
tion to his country.

MACON.

For the South Western Baptist.

CAMP NEAR ORANGE C. H. Feb. 27th.

DEAR BRO: Little or nothing has  
transpired since my return, of which  
the most ingenious scribbler could  
manufacture a letter. Everything is  
dull and gloomy, but the weather

which is bright, lively and exhilarating  
and in a military point of view, it  
really looks like we ought to be  
slaughtering each other. Rebels and  
Yankees, but not a cannon is heard  
to break the sober stillness along the  
entire line and the Rapidan flows  
as calmly between us, as if merely divid-  
ing the companionship of friends, in-  
stead of the malice, and revenge of  
hostile armies; in short "one" can  
scarcely realize that this is the same  
bloody theatre of 1862, and 1863, and  
that the quiet inmates of these log-  
cabins are the same veterans before  
whom the legions of the despot have  
so often quailed.

The country round is beautiful, but  
bears the impress of this cruel war,  
as many a fenceless and unfurrowed  
field, immense tracts of massive timber  
now cut down, abandoned homes, &c.,  
sadly attest. A more delightful coun-  
try was never cursed by war or crime.  
Along this mournful prospect, glides  
the swift Rapidan, rising far back  
among the dark declivities of the  
Blue Ridge, and winding down among  
wooded hills and fertile farms, empties  
into the Rappahannock something  
near twenty miles above Fredericks-  
burg. Beautiful country seats, and  
mansions, whose white walls peer  
through the deep dense shade of the  
far off hill-side, adorn either bank,  
and dot the landscape far away, re-  
minding one of some of Virgil's or  
Juvenal's descriptions, and settling  
off the hilly and abrupt face of nature  
with all the magnificence of art. It  
would require the pen of Irving, or  
the pencil of Raphael, to sketch the  
picture. Long sweeping fields, and  
sloping hills half covered with copse-  
wood, bound the view on every hand,  
save where the Blue Ridge shoots up  
on the North West, veiled in the hazy  
gloom of distance and a winter even-  
ing. I think this range of mountains  
traverses the old Dominion in about  
the same direction that it does my  
old School Atlas.

News and rations rather short.—  
Madam Rumor is still "on the wing"  
and doing her utmost to revive the  
drooping, dreary, lifeless, listless,  
restless, idleness that is stagnating  
everything below Zero. Discord in  
Yankee camp, pitched battle among  
the "Philistines," Re-enlistment rather  
a bitter dose for Yankee digestion,  
and such rigmaroles, now and then,  
arouse one's spirits. Not having  
been a correspondent of your columns,  
I will not obtrude a long letter upon  
your readers, but conclude by saying  
if this is not assuaged by your types,  
you may again hear from EUGENE.

Don't Do It.—Don't speak that  
harsh, unkind word, and thus make  
sad the heart of another. Speak  
gently & is better.

Don't make the burden of another  
heavier, when it is in your power to  
lighten the same. Keep in good  
humor; anger is a pure waste of vital-  
ity. No man, and no boy, does his  
best except when he is cheerful. A  
light heart makes nimble hands, and  
keeps the body healthy and the mind  
free.

Don't let others say that you are  
selfish, and care only for yourself.

Don't live for your own comfort  
and enjoyment alone; live for others.

Don't neglect that precious soul  
committed to your charge; remember  
it must live forever!

Don't waste the holy Sabbath; its  
hours are too valuable.

Don't turn away from the Bible;  
it is the Book by which you will be  
judged!

Don't speak against Christians;  
remember, their faults will not save  
you.

Don't live merely for this world;  
remember the endless future.

WORK AND WAIT.—When some one  
asked an old minister, "Why do you  
continue to preach when you have  
converted but one sinner in twenty  
years?" he replied, "Have I conver-  
ted one?" "Yes." "Then said the  
good man, 'here's for twenty years  
more, and I may convert two.'" How  
much there is in that reply! How full  
it is of the spirit of firm trust in God,  
and of patient, unbroken determina-  
tion to work, even through unpromis-  
ing hours, in the vineyard of the  
Lord?



