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If we had no last concerns we should not take pleasure in observing those of others.

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EVERY pastor experiences great difficulty in finding work for young men in his church. Older men are recognized as leaders in all the enterprises of the church and easily find their place and work where there is a mind to work. Ladies are easily organized into societies and soon interest themselves in various missionary enterprises. Ordinarily, young men are left with little to do; not much is expected of them. Modesty, inexperience, indifference hinder self assertion and earnest activity. With little or nothing to do in the management of the affairs of the church, and with not much encouragement to take part in pushing its enterprises, they soon become indifferent, unconcerned, and grow into middle life with dwarfed capabilities and undeveloped energies.

The young men are the hope of the churches for the future. If they are to be active, efficient, successful church-workers, they must be trained, educated, encouraged in the beginning of their Christian course and during its progress. No man can be deeply and permanently interested in any organization unless he is actively engaged in the conduct of its interests and enterprises. A young man who spends the earlier years of his Christian life simply receiving and never communicating, merely attending and never taking part, soon becomes a drone and settles down into a state of simple receptivity and fails to make himself felt in any direction. And when older men, who have gone before, pass away, he finds himself unprepared to fill their places, without practical experience, awkward and inefficient, timid. Men must be trained for Christian work, as well as for any other. As well expect a man in middle life, without previous training or experience to become immediately a successful farmer, or merchant, or lawyer, or physician, as to expect a man in middle life to become an effective worker in the church without training or experience. Observation every day makes clear the truth of this statement.

If he would do his duty to the church, looking to its future, every pastor should see to it that every young man in the church has a place in which he may do something in the conduct of its affairs. He should ever be on the alert watching for something in which they may be engaged. The older members should encourage them in every advance they make and should make opportunities for the development of their talents. While they ought not take a leading part in directing the more important enterprises, they can do much in executing the plans and carrying out the purposes of older and wiser heads. They must have something to do, or soon they will learn to be content doing nothing, quite willing that somebody else shall occupy the places they ought to fill. And as a consequence, as soon as the present corps of workers pass away, churches must become inactive, inefficient, and retrograde. It is a matter most difficult, to impress a man past middle life with new ideas, or to induce him to form new habits and to leave off old ones, or to direct his waning energies into new channels. This is true in all departments of human endeavor, and in Christian work as well. Hence the necessity of impressing young men with a sense of Christian obligation and of employing them in Christian work, that they may have correct ideas and form good habits; that they may get the experience that will be needed when they must take the places of those who have trained them. Brethren, pastors and members, think of it; the future progress of the churches is involved in the proper training of the young, susceptible Christians subjected to your influence and committed to your care. Do all his commands and injunctions there was far-reaching wisdom in the command of our Master, "Feed my lambs." Watchful, prayerful pastors and people will find repeated occasions recurring every week in which young Christians may be engaged, thus deepening their interest, increasing their efficiency and cultivating habits and forming characters that will fit them for lives of higher usefulness.

A distinguished brother in our office a few days since, speaking of the Convention to be held in Marion, said: "We need many men who have religion and brains and money, and if there are any Baptists who have not all these, they will be benefited by attending."

We will need many men, men devoted to the cause of Christ, men who will give time and thought and money to advance the interests of the various enterprises fostered by the Convention. We need men of prayer, who have access to the throne of grace. Would it not be well for churches and individuals, all over the State, to offer special prayer for the Convention before it assembles? The men of God assembled in council, endeavoring to devise the best ways and means for the advancement of the Master's kingdom will need the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

Problems, difficult of solution, will engage their attention. The presence and power of the Spirit of Truth alone can direct to wisest conclusions. Thank God there are no divisions among us. The denomination has never been more closely united; greater harmony never prevailed. For years past progress has been making in the direction of unity. Year after year associations have been falling into line; new enterprises have been instituted, and encouraging results have followed earnest work. We need to go forward, to enlarge our attempts, to increase our energies, and to develop new channels of usefulness. Let the best and wisest brethren in and out of the ministry come to Marion and make the Convention of 1933 memorable in the annals of the denomination in Alabama. Let pastors urge the best members of their churches to attend, and let churches see that their pastors are present.

A step forward must be taken in the enterprises of the Convention. The Baptists of Alabama are not behind the foremost in their educational interests. They have a fine property in the Howard College and Judson Institute at Marion, and in the Central Female College at Tuscaloosa. The last session in all these institutions was most successful. During the Convention visitors will have an opportunity of seeing the buildings and grounds of the Judson and Howard. We have never felt so confident of the continued success of our institutions of learning. They deserve the support and ought to have the patronage of the entire denomination in the State.

First-class institutions in which excellent facilities are afforded for the education of the mind, and in which the culture of the heart is not neglected, offer exceptional advantages.

Deacons and Laymen's Meeting.
Deacons and laymen who can attend the Convention at Marion are earnestly requested to meet promptly at 10 o'clock on the first day, July 11th, to take into consideration a matter that concerns our future success as Baptists in Alabama. Brethren J. G. Harris and J. M. Phillips are requested to be present and to give their advice and direction in the matter to be discussed.

Additional Resolutions.
The Board of the American Baptist Publication Society at its regular meeting, held on Thursday, June 21st, passed the following additional resolutions relative to their Bible Work:
Resolved, That all money received for Bible work, which is not designated by the donors, shall be applied to the circulation of the Commonly Received Version.
Resolved, That missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, of the Women's Home Mission Society, of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and of State and Local Conventions, on making applications, approved by this Board, for Scriptures for the truly destitute, personally known to them in their respective fields of labor, shall be supplied to the utmost of our ability.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Prof. A. VanHoose
has been elected Principal of the Preparatory Department of Howard College. He is a man of mature years, of high character, of splendid scholarship, and of much experience in the classroom. He is a distinguished graduate of the University of Georgia, and is highly recommended by President Mell. He goes to Howard College from Thomasville, Georgia, where he has been a professor in one of the colleges, which is a branch of the University of Georgia.

Bra. Editors: A severe wind passed the Pensacola Junction on the evening of June 20th. The Baptist church was blown down. The little band are determined to rebuild, but must have help. The object of this note is to ask the brethren and sisters over the State to help us in this hour of need. I expect to attend the Convention and will gladly receive any money sent there for this little church. Contributions can be sent to Albert Joyce, Whiting, Ala.

J. E. BELL, Miss'n'y Pastor.

One can not always be a hero, but one can always be a man.—Goethe.

Wisdom and truth, the offspring of the sky, are immortal; but cunning and deception, the meteors of the earth, after glittering for a moment, must pass away.—Robert Hall.

FIELD NOTES.
Brother and Sister Adams have our sincerest sympathy in their bereavement. It is so hard to give up our children. "Where is the deacon that wants to resign? Where?"
Religious World. We have heard lately of several, one very near this office. Speaking of the Star Route cases the *Examiner* says: "The guilt of the indicted men is as plain as that of Tweed, and the mystery is how any jury could be found so idiotic as to acquit them." Dr. J. M. Pendleton has announced his purpose to present his resignation of the pastorate of the Upland, Pa. church, to take effect at the close of October next. He has been pastor of this church eighteen years. Dr. Edward Judson has declined the office of Home Secretary of the Missionary Union. Bro. M. M. Wood, the beloved pastor at Big Creek, is rendering valuable service. It is hoped that before long he will give his entire time to the church. He preaches there twice each month. One of his brethren writes: "Our pastor is the right man in the right place." Bro. A. Daugherty is now eighty years old, and infirm. He expresses earnest desire to meet the brethren in convention once more, but fears his infirmities will prevent. He has been preaching to the church of which he is a member forty years. God bless the dear old man.
"The young ladies of Topoka, Kansas, have organized Red Ribbon Clubs, the members of which pledge themselves to reject all attention from young men who use intoxicating beverages. This is practical prohibition."
Baptist Courier.—A worthy brother asks: "How many instances are there recorded in the Bible of public prayer where standing was the posture?" and requests some of our correspondents to answer. Have you sent your name to the Committee on Hospitality? If not, write immediately to Dr. W. W. Wilkinson, Marion, Chairman of the Committee.
We are much obliged for a copy of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. "The Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention of the Indian Territory" was organized June 2d—Rev. J. S. Murrow, President; Rev. W. B. Blake, Secretary.
"The object of this Convention shall be to unite all the Baptist churches of whatever tribe or nation of the Territory in a common effort for the spread of Christianity." "The enterprising dailies that undertook the work of reporting Mr. Spurgeon's sermons by telegraph have abandoned the enterprise after a very short experience, as we supposed they would. They have found out that every sermon preached by Mr. Spurgeon is by no means as fresh and strong as the judicious selection that uses about one in four of six."—*Examiner.*
The Southern Baptist has been enlarged to a nine column folio.
"With Secretary Walne, we have carefully gone over the situation with gratifying results. It is not necessary to give the figures. Suffice it to say that we believe every cent of the six thousand dollars will be raised."—*Baptist Record.* We are sorry to learn that Bro. B. J. Skinner will not be able to attend the next Convention. An esteemed brother writes: "I shall watch for the proceedings of the Convention with unusual interest, as I deem it an exceedingly important meeting." "Can't you visit our section this fall? There is great destitution in much of South Alabama. Good churches are pastorless." If possible, we will. "In the mountain districts of the Virginias, Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama is a vast tract peopled almost exclusively by whites, but where the census map is black through illiteracy. There are sections of two hundred miles square without a settled minister of any denomination."—*Correspondent of the Independent.* There is no such section in Alabama. "T. N. Coleman, President of Keachi University, an old Georgian, is a first-class man, able, scholarly, progressive. He has succeeded in greatly advancing the interests of the institution over which he presides."—*Baptist Messenger.*
"The church in Shelbyville, Ky., Rev. T. B. Thames, pastor, proposes to have a home for its pastor. Three of the members have given a beautiful lot of six acres in the margin of the town, and it is proposed to erect thereon a house to cost about \$2,500. It is expected that the house will be ready for occupancy in the early fall. This action of the church indicates a healthy condition of the members and a hearty appreciation of the pastor."—*Western Recorder.*
"Religion is at a low ebb in this section. Church and Sabbath-school services are tolerably well attended. We hope for more life. Some new church houses are being built. I expect to preach a dedication sermon on the first Sunday in August at Union church, Cahaba Valley Association."—*J. A. Glenn, Steel's Depot.*
Rev. Dr. W. H. McIntosh requests that his correspondents address him at Atlanta, Ga. "Please say that the time of meeting of the Second District of the East Liberty Association, to be held at Louisa, Ala., has been changed from Friday before the first Sunday to Friday before the fifth Sunday in July."—*S. M. Adams, Pastor.* "I am now on my missionary labors twenty miles from home. Along the road in church work we are having a little pepper sauce mixed with our milk and meat. Sometimes I assist in ordaining a brother to the ministry or deaconship, and sometimes I don't. For instance, when a deacon elect tells us that he is opposed to close communion, what do you advise? to ask to be excused from taking any part in the proceedings, as I did? I claim to be an Old Landmark, Primitive, Missionary Baptist. Should I not be consistent? Should I not show my faith by my works?"—*C. A. Burns.*

A Few Items.
Deacon Turner Oglethorpe, of Pleasant Grove church, Tallapoosa county, who died a few days ago, was ninety years old last January. He was a church member sixty-four years, a deacon fifty years, married fifty-eight years. He lived a spotless life and died in the faith. Several useful sons and daughters survive him. His aged wife still lives. He was a native of Tennessee.
Rev. A. W. McGaha, who took charge of the church in Cairo, Ill., the first of May, has received 37 members into his church, 35 of them by baptism. He married a young couple one evening and went to the church and baptized them both that night. The Turner brothers assisted in the meetings. The church now numbers something over two hundred. That is a good beginning.
A temperance meeting in Talladega, a few days since, decided to put the subject of prohibition to a vote again, in the county, the first Monday in November, and raised the money to pay the expenses of the movement. The Probate Judge will order the election as prescribed by law. They believe that they will succeed. I think the chances are very good.
It is now a settled fact that the Anniston and Atlantic railroad will be put through at an early day, touching at Talladega, and the hope of our people for growing prosperity are brightening. It is confidently expected that the road will pass from Anniston to Goodwater by the first of the coming winter. If the company will extend the southern end of the road to Montgomery, and the northern end via Round Mountain and Cornwall, Round Works, and on to Chatsanooga, through Brown Town Valley, Ala., and McLeomere's Cove, Ga., they will have an air line from Chatsanooga to Montgomery, shortening the distance fifty miles, and not a serious difficulty in the way; and it will develop a fine country, with iron, coal, timber, water power and vast farming lands on the way. I happen to be familiar with the whole route, and I also happen to know that this is a contemplation. Take any good map and put a straight edge on Chatsanooga and Pensacola and the line will directly over Montgomery and Talladega.
I have received the following questions:
REV. J. J. D. RENFROE—Dear Bro.: Will you allow me to intrude upon your valuable time by asking you a question or two, viz: Is it right, or can a Baptist consistently unite with a Methodist Sabbath-school, where such school is considered and reported to the Methodist Conference as church property? Second—Is it not proper for a Baptist thus united to withdraw from such school when not allowed, as a teacher, to explain the lesson as he understands it according to Scripture? Please answer this through the ALABAMA BAPTIST.
Fraternally yours,
C. L. HADAWAY.
Brevel Store, Ala., June 5, 1933.
I must answer that circumstances alter cases. It seems to me that it would be better for a Baptist to take part in such school than not to be in school at all, provided he will be independent enough to maintain his own faith as occasions may offer. He may have opportunities to do good for his own sentiments, and not be offensive to others or sacrifice anything himself. But if he goes in on the compromise principle of surrendering his own faith he is certainly inconsistent. And if he can have a Baptist Sabbath-school he ought to do it and work for it with all faithfulnes. And he should not remain as teacher or scholar in a Methodist school, or any other school, where he is not allowed to express his sentiments. If he teach at all he should teach what he believes to be the truth. And if he answers questions he should answer according to his understanding of the truth. If he cannot do these things he certainly should withdraw.
J. J. D. R.
For the Alabama Baptist.
The Marion Convention.
Feeling that there is some doubt about my being able to attend the Convention at Marion, although I is a river for a moment feel that it is very important that my views should be known to the brethren who may compose that body, yet I have an inclination to say a few things on the importance of that meeting and in regard to its work.
I am gratified to say that several private letters which I have received from prominent brethren indicate that there will be a large and influential gathering of our people in Marion at that time. The Baptist Conventions North and South thus far for the present year have been working bodies. This has been the report from almost all directions. It is true that the Saratoga Bible Meeting exhausted the brethren of the North to such an extent that the consequent languor was felt in the Northern Anniversaries which immediately succeeded that body; but the Bible Convention itself was certainly a very earnest and wise meeting and its results full of promise. The Convention at Waco was not only large, but it has been repeatedly published as one of the most working meetings we have ever had. And this has been in a large degree the character of the State Conventions and General Associations from which reports have been published thus far. It remains to be seen whether Alabama will at Marion put herself boldly and truly in the front rank for the coming year.
Sometimes it is the case that things are moving on so smoothly and satisfactorily that one can hardly feel at liberty to make a suggestion. It is best to let "well enough alone." I agree to that, but first be sure that you are doing "well enough." It seems manifest to me that the time has arrived for a thorough sounding of our situation, not so much in great speeches as in faithful committee work and in wise counselings in the Convention.
I leave it for the Trustees and officers of Howard College to submit suggestions and inquiries in regard to that institution, except to say that, if possible, some liberal plan should be found for increasing the ministerial students. I have not sympathized with criticism of the College in this connection. To my mind it is absurd to expect the hard-worked professors of that college to educate our young preachers without reward. They ought to be more of a division and sub-division of this work and its liabilities. I believe that when the right sort of young men are found, the way will be open for them to go. O how we need a revival of the prophetic spirit among our churches, calling men to the ministry—not professional spirits, but men moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the gospel! This question of a "ministerial supply for our pulpits" is a question of great magnitude, and just now it is upon us.
At least one important thing should be done for Judson Female Institute: the Trustees should be advised and assisted in necessary repairs, and especially in completing the Music Hall. This should not be allowed to remain in its present condition any longer. It is needed for many reasons. It should no longer be necessary for Judson girls to march in procession, under a June sun, to the chapel of Howard College or to the Court House, on commencement occasions of their own.
The actions of the Southern Baptist Convention should be scrutinized for the purpose of co-operation. If the minutes of that Convention are on hand, it would be a wise and helpful thing to appoint a committee to examine them and report such action as may place us in co-operative harmony with that body. True, we have all the while been co-operating, but sometimes with many neglects and oversights; nor do I here suggest anything like a servile submission and centralization, but co-operating intelligently where we wish to co-operate at all.
The Home Mission Board lays large claims on the liberality of Southern Baptists, to enable it to execute its expanding plans. And I insist that we in Alabama can not afford to be satisfied with what is being done for the cause of Foreign Missions.
The Theological Seminary will doubtless be represented at Marion. The great question of Bible work, how to work, where to work, and with whom to work, will need consideration, and in no unmeaning words. Judging from several approaches recently made to me, I suppose the colored people to be more and more inclined to look to us for counsel and help. And so of all the branches of enterprise in the hands of our State Mission Board.
I am not near so familiar with the workings of the Board now as I was for several years of its earlier history, but my interest in it has not abated. Its courage department should be earnestly encouraged. The prospect of great and lasting good attaches to this work.
And, finally, the Convention at Marion will be a proper time and place to give the ALABAMA BAPTIST—OUR paper—another faithful lift. We should respond to the recent liberal outburst of Brethren West and Cleveland with increased enthusiasm, co-operation and a more extended patronage.
The importance of the approaching Convention, then, may be found in the fact that there seems to be an attempt at an advance movement along the line of American Baptists, and we meet at a time when all this is before us. Let us stand in our places to do our part of the work and to bear our part of the burden.
J. J. D. R.
For the Alabama Baptist.
Commencement at Alabama Central Female College.
Our College has just had a brilliant Commencement.
At the Baptist church on Sunday morning, June 10th, the Commencement Sermon was delivered by Rev. W. O. Bailey, of Birmingham. It was an effort every way worthy of the occasion and gave great satisfaction to all who heard it. He chose for his text Isaiah 48:18: "Oh, that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then thy peace had been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." In his introduction the speaker referred to the striking points of similarity in the present age and that in which the text was spoken, and said that the reproachful regret it expressed was as applicable to the people of the present generation as to the Israelites in the days of the prophet. He referred to the materialistic tendencies and the ceaseless activities of the present age—the grasping avarice, the waste of muscular, nervous, mental and heart energies in pursuit of those things which perish with their using. The present age has for its motto: "Work and make money." It is work, work, work forever, when work is not life nor an end, but only the means to an end. The satisfaction of the cravings of hunger, though necessary, is not the end of life, but it is the only object in view. On an eminence of vision he said: "He sometimes thought he could hear the roar of thundering cars of this continent, the click of the factories, and the stroke of the pick ax in thousands of mines where thousands of human lives were flung away in the service of the merciless Mammon god of this world."
There was in all this nothing to satisfy the wants of an immortal being, nothing to give the bliss for which we sigh. True happiness is not dependent on circumstance or material environment, but on the condition of the heart. God, who made us and knows all our capacities for enjoyment, can alone satisfy our nature and make us to be happy, and the text revealed the essential conditions upon which happiness was attainable. No one, however wealthy or prosperous, could be happy while living in a state of alienation from God. To be truly happy two things were necessary: a peaceful mind and a quiet conscience; and these could be enjoyed only by obeying the commands of God.
He then spoke of peace—the peace of God: rest, as to its origin; ad, its blessedness; 3d, its extent. The last thought he explained by reference to the similes of the text: "Peace as a river; righteousness as the waves of the sea." This peace was like some mighty Nile, formed by gushing springs and leaping fountains of mysterious and inaccessible mountains, which rolls its largest waters to the ocean, threatening as silver a desert land and giving to a nation its life of prosperity. So peace, bubbling from the heart, should roll its silver streams through every winding channel of life and enrich the soil in all that is good and right. He made a very tender and touching application of his subject to the young ladies of the school, and it is hoped, made a permanent impression for good upon them.
TUESDAY NIGHT
was the closing exercises of the Primary Department, and was honored with an overflowing audience, from whom the performance and rendition of each piece received hearty appreciation. The programme was almost faultlessly rendered, reflecting great credit on the teachers in charge of this department of the school. The closing piece, "Toy Symphony," was the most delightful and entertaining, and was loudly enjoyed.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT
was the occasion of the Annual Concert by the young ladies of the Collegiate Department. Some apprehension had been felt by the friends of the College lest the present would not be up to the usual standard of excellence, it being known that the Director of Music had been unable, on account of sickness, to perform his duties for a month previous. But the almost faultless rendering by the young ladies of the pieces assigned them very soon showed that such fears were groundless and that the pupils had suffered no neglect on account of the absence of their preceptor. The Concert was a brilliant success and was decided by all competent to judge to have been superior to anything of the kind that has occurred in the history of the College for years. This was due to the energy, fidelity and skill in teaching of the assistant teachers, Misses Ford and Yancey, who took up the work of the disabled director and, without neglecting their own, carried it on to the close. For three hours we were regaled with music of every kind, vocal and instrumental, on organ, piano and violin, from the most wonderful intricacies of Hubert, Thalberg and Mendelssohn to the simple quartets and solos of Pope and Torry. At the close of the exercises the President gave public recognition of the valuations of Miss Ford, the assistant teacher of music, in the presentation of a handsome testimonial.
The Commencement proper came off on THURSDAY EVENING.
At an early hour the spacious chapel of the College was literally packed, many being compelled to stand during the entire time. Promptly at the hour the President and his assistant, the young ladies of the College and the Board of Trustees marched slowly through the hall to the places assigned them on the stage. The exercises were opened by prayer and an inspiring piece of music by three young ladies, on the piano.
Sixteen young ladies were graduated, of whom eleven were full graduates, and read essays in the following order: "The Universal Law of Growth," Lillie Carter; "The Almighty Dollar," Ronda Christie; "Stones for the Temple," Lucie Cochran; "The Web of Life of Mingled Strands," Bye Hill; "Nature's Teachings," Lillie Holifield; "To Live in Hearts We Leave Behind," is not to Die," Mae Hutchison; "What Next?" Flora Ivey; "Now," L. Onstaded; "Trifles," Annie Mitchell; "Old-fashioned Girls," Mary Randle; "Aye! O'eil Sur le Fin," Mamie Terrell.
The essays were all very good, and but for encroaching too much on your space, your readers might be furnished with an interesting outline of each. Where all did so well, it were invidious to particularize, but in the opinion of this scribe the essay of Miss Terrell bore off the palm, both as to subject matter and delivery.
The young ladies composing the class of literary graduates were Lizzie Carr, Berta DeMott, Minnie Carr, Mollie Satterwhite and Sallie W. Wallace. Diplomats were awarded to each, the President remarking before delivering them that these certified to real and not imaginary attainments. He stated that it was his purpose to graduate no young lady who had not taken the course prescribed, which in compass is equal to that of any female college in the South. He stated that the examination papers, comprising questions and answers, were filed in the archives of the College, and invited all interested to call and examine them and satisfy themselves as to the standard of scholarship required for graduation in this college.
This report would necessarily be incomplete were we to fail to mention the Art Exhibition, to which the audience on each evening were invited in the college rotunda. This was a rare treat. This department is under the charge of Miss Libbie McCormister, a teacher of wide reputation. She is an enthusiastic lover of art, and not only teaches them to lay on colors, but develops the aesthetic taste as few are able to do. Her enthusiasm seems to have pervaded her class, some of whom had paintings on exhibition worthy of any art collection.
The past has been a very prosperous year for this college. Prof. A. K. Yancey's fitness for his position at the head of the institution, satisfactory from the first, grows more and more manifest every year. He has a faculty composed of teachers who are thoroughly competent and efficient, as is shown by the work they have accomplished. He has a more superb building, amply furnished and located in one of the most healthful and attractive towns in the State. The school is growing in influence and is destined to become the leading female school east of the Mississippi.
REPORTER.
No man was ever so much deceived by another, as by himself.—Lord Greville.
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From Bro. Adams.
Dear Bro. Cleveland: Death has visited our home and taken from us one of our dear children. On the morning of June 1st little Whitfield Hilliard, our second son, breathed his last. It was hard to give him up; but he is gone and we no longer hear his sweet voice. The Lord's will be done. I feel that I am bound still stronger to the heavenly world.
I am trying to honor and glorify my Master by preaching his blessed gospel. I feel greatly encouraged in my work as missionary of the Muscle Shoals Association. We have a noble people, but they need to be more fully developed and wholly consecrated to the work of the Lord. Noble efforts are being by the pastors in this direction. The Lord grant them success in their labors.
We have lost four members from our church at Enon, by death, since our last association. Among that number was Bro. Charles Gibson, one of our deacons. We greatly miss him. On the third Sabbath in May we ordained Bro. J. T. Wallace as deacon of Enon church, to fill the vacancy made by the death of Bro. Gibson.
Bro. Mat Lyon has been called to the pastoral care of Hopewell church, and has entered upon his work. He is an excellent gospel preacher—one among the best that I have ever heard. He preaches for us once a month at Danville, and our people are very much pleased with his preaching. The Lord grant him many years yet to tell the "old, old story."
I have just returned from a missionary tour. Congregations were good and attention excellent. The Spirit of the Lord seems to be in the hearts of his people, and I look for better times religiously in North Alabama in the near future.
The spirit of missions appears to be growing in our midst. Our people are abundantly blessed temporally, and I hope they will remember that the Lord enjoins us to honor him with our substance. We are to have another missionary in our association for two months, July and August; still we are doing too little in the work of missions.
Of the members of the church at Jerusalem, and they were a multitude, it is said, "And great grace was upon them all." This is what we need—grace—a small portion of it, but great grace—not upon a few, but upon all. Were this our spiritual condition, Zion would go forth "fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." May the Lord awaken us to a fuller discharge of our Christian duties.
Mt. Zion, Mission Grove and Friendship churches are without pastors.
Brethren J. E. Weaver and Mat Lyon were with me at Enon last Sabbath. Bro. Weaver is a young man of fine promise. S. R. C. ADAMS.
Danville, Ala.

The Southern Field.
Dear Baptist: Knowing that many readers of our paper would like to hear some things that are daily transpiring in the field, I write.
I am at Chaffin, on the P. & A. R. R. Preached to-day to a large and attentive congregation. This is an important point, and one that has been much neglected. My first visit was in January. I was cordially received by every one I met. All seem to be anxious to learn that the Board has not forgotten them. The church met in conference to-day for the first time since September, 1881. The male members were all present, with the exception of two; good attendance by the females. The place of worship is a log house, but very neat, built for a school house. Bro. McCaskey preached for them only a few Sundays ago, and they look for him again next Sunday. I would be pleased to meet him myself.
I find several churches without pastors in this field which are depending altogether on the writer to preach for them. I have all reason to hope that my efforts have been blessed. I devote nearly my entire time to the work, as my monthly reports to Bro. Bailey will show. But, brethren, this field is too large for one man.
I have baptized eighteen precious souls since entering on the work, and several, I trust, will soon follow them. Our people are being awakened to their duties and obligations.
I do not believe at our next association there will be one to oppose the State Board. The evangelist who broke the ice had much opposition. The writer has made talks on the subject, and churches which had declared no fellowship with the Board now have repented and will do more this year than I once thought they would. We need more ministers and pastors who are not ashamed of the gospel, yes, those who shun not to declare the whole counsel of God. Bro. Mosely's churches walked up to the mark last year and will do the same this year; in fact, all of our churches will help liberally to support the work. If we can only live through the present pressure of hard times, all will be well with those who have left their homes for the sake of Christ.
I sometimes feel ashamed that I have done nothing for the ALABAMA BAPTIST; but in a few months there will be many who will subscribe. I have the names of several who vowed to me that they would become regular subscribers, and I urge the claims on all my congregations. Every Baptist should read the paper. Their children would gain instruction that would benefit them in a coming day when the dear brother who is making these sacrifices to place the paper in every family in Alabama, lies silent in the tomb. May the Lord bless his efforts and hasten the time when the brethren all will help at least a little.
Now reading the paper have failed to pay their subscription. Brethren, these things ought not to be so. Let us pay up; renew again. By so doing we say, "Bro. West, we can not do without the ALABAMA BAPTIST."
W. F. MARTIN.
Chaffin, Fla., June 12th.
Notify us of any mistake in your date.

Nearly forty years ago a young man, of unusual endowments, began to mould public opinion upon a subject of vital importance. Like all the great men of our race, he was a failure, but his ability and the value of his work soon won public confidence, and to-day there is not a village or hamlet in the country that has not been influenced by Dr. Dio Lewis. When, therefore, it was known yesterday that he contemplated the establishment of a large magazine in this city, the fact was deemed so important that a representative of this paper was commissioned to see him at the south of the river.
Dr. Dio Lewis is a gentleman of sixty years and two hundred pounds, with snow-white hair and beard, but probably the most perfect picture of health and vigor in the metropolis. He is a living exponent of his teachings, and, notwithstanding the amount of work he has already done, promises still greater activity for years to come. He received the interviewer most courteously, and in reply to a question said:
"I have come to New York to establish a monthly magazine. I have come here for the same reason that I went to Boston 25 years ago. Then Boston was the best platform in the country from which to speak of education. New York has now become most hospitable to the cause of education, and especially so to movements on behalf of physical training."
"I have reason to know the great and abiding interest of the American people in this subject. They have come to realize that the future of our country depends upon physical vitality, and especially upon the vigor of our women. My new magazine will bear the title 'Dio Lewis's Monthly,' and be devoted to Sanitary and Social Science. I hope through it to inaugurate a new departure in hygiene."
"Have you not written several books on the subject?"
"Yes, nine volumes, and some of them like 'Our Girls,' published by the Hesperian, have been translated into French, and the best work of my life I shall give the world in the new magazine. Forty years of skimming ought to conclude with ten years of organized warfare."
"Which is the occasion of this new interest in health questions?"
"It has come through suffering, which seems the only road to self knowledge. The stomach, heart, kidneys or liver fall into trouble, happiness is gone, and then people give up the battle to their death."
"Which of these organs is most frequently the victim of our errors?" asked the Reporter.
"Within the last few years diseases of the kidneys have greatly multiplied. When I was engaged in medical work thirty years ago, serious disease of the kidneys was rare; but now distressing frequent and fatal."
"To what do you attribute this great increase of kidney trouble?"
"To the use of stimulating drinks, adulterated food and irregular habits of life."
"Doctor, have you any confidence in the remedy of which we hear so much now-a-days, 'Warner's Safe Cure'?"
"Yes, I believe in the cure of prevention, rather than in a ton of cure."
"But have you noticed the remarkable testimonials of Warner's remedy?"
"I have, and confess that they have puzzled and astonished me. The commendations of physicians and other persons of high standing, and the fact that the cure has come from unknown persons residing in back counties. But I see in our most reputable newspapers the warmest praise of Warner's Safe Cure from College Professors, respectable physicians, and other persons of high standing and character. To trust such testimony aside may be professional, but it is unmanly. No physician can forget that valuable additions to our Materia Medica have sprung from just such sources. I was so impressed with this cloud of witnesses that I purchased some bottles of Warner's Safe Cure at a neighboring drug store, and analyzed one of them to see if it contained anything poisonous. Then I took three of the pills, and found that it was a family remedy, and nothing in the kind. I do not hesitate to say in that I found my kidneys in serious trouble, I should use this remedy, because of the hopefulness of all our physicians, and because when a hundred intelligent and reputable persons unite in the statement that a certain remedy has cured them of a grave malady, I choose to believe that they speak the truth."
"But, you say that you have a great interest in life in prevention. For forty years I have labored in this field. One of the phases of my work in New England was the establishment of the Ladies' seminary at Lexington, Mass. My aim was to illustrate the possibilities of a healthy and happy family during their school life. This institution became before I left it, the largest and most successful Seminary for young women owned and managed by one person, in our country. I set down to doing every day the work of two hundred persons. The remarkable results of this muscle training among girls, were given in my paper, published in the North American Review of December, 1882.
"Besides, I established the Normal Institute for Physical Training in Boston, and for ten years was its President and Manager. Dr. Walter Channing, Dr. Thomas Hoskins, Professor Leonard, and others were among its teachers, and many of the trained persons took its diploma and went out into all parts of the land to teach the new school of gymnastics. And now the years left to me I propose to devote to the magazine which I have come here to establish. I set down to doing every day the work of two hundred persons. The remarkable results of this muscle training among girls, were given in my paper, published in the North American Review of December, 1882.
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