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Church be Conducted?

The finances of the church should be managed by the deacons, with the assistance of one, two, or more if nec essary, active and efficient members appointed by the church.

The office of deacons originally was to serve tables-the Lord's table, the ministers' table, and the table of the poor. They took care of the secular affairs of the church, received and disbursed its moneys, kept its accounts, and provided everything for its temporal good.

To whom should they go to collect these finances? To each and every method should these collections be made? We should give of our sub stance to the Lord in proportion as he has prospered us, and if we give of our means cheerfully the Lord will prosper us. To reach all classes, we can suggest no better system than the one used by the State Governmentthe advalorem system. It works alike for rich and poor. All organizations must be sustained by a reasonable finance, conducted by men chosen for that purpose. The Masonic fraternity, an old and time honored institution, has stood the test by a well organized system of finance; and so does the progressive farmer, the mechanic, and the merchant. The want of system in the operations of the Baptist churches is noted by every careful observer. In many of our churches there is no system, no plan at all for securing the contributions necessary to conduct their services. It is easy to distinguish the church that has no financial system, by its surroundings. It's building is dilapidated, uninviting, and its members are cold and unprogressive. Look at the farmer whose financial system is overlooked and neglected, look at his family, look at all of his surroundings, and you will see the great need of financial system. It is so with the church. Look at its minister-a servant of God, who feels and knows, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" Look at his sad countenance, bowed head, and heavy heart

through the world uneducated.

other side of the picture. See the During the meeting several old neighchurch which has a good financial borhood troubles were healed, cold system. Its house is in order; neatness and beauty are its surroundings; the congregations are large and pro- converted. Thirty-five persons were as efficacious, and that is taking gressive; its members are prosperous added to the church. Bro. Jehu seekers into the church, and we can and happy, always working for the Holly is pastor of this church. Elder easily get them to join, especially at Master. See the minister, with his I. Spence and the writer assisted the mourner's bench; for the poor, bright countenance, smiling face, Bro. Holly in the meeting. cheerful heart, always a welcome visitor, bringing something good with of which I reported not long since, So we get their names on the church which to feed his flock.

Let the deacons, with the assistance of the church, draft a good system of finances to defray all the expenses of continuance. There were twenty ad- and, now I think of it, sir, it is a the church, both ministerial and missionary. Do this at the beginning of the year, and collect and pay the obligations of the church quarterly. The church must be educated to a sense of its duty. Make assessments by some good system. As already suggested, the advalorem system, which requires us to give in proportion to what we have, is probably the best. The Jews gave one-tenth of all they revived. Twenty-two members were conversion of thousands and of inmade to the Lord. This was a good added to their fellowship-eighteen structing others more perfectly in the system; it worked well and equally by baptism, most of whom were with all. The burden was light and young men and young women. We proportional. To succeed and make very much hope that they may be perfectly independent of the Bible? our churches progressive, we must trained to be useful in the vineyard. for it is certaily unscriptural to take work. No one plan will please ev- Bro. Bruner was with us two days the unconverted into the church, beerybody, and there are grumblers in during the meeting and did some every church-always have been, and good work. probably always will be. It requires strong conviction and true courage in ministers and members to carry out

power of any organization, churches taking steps to build good houses of spoke of to effect the salvation of here to their reward and many reas well as others, depend largely upon worship. I have the promise of some babes, born or unborn; and it argues main. The spirit of devotion, cona healthy, easy financial condition. The same business principles are TIST soon. needed in the successful conduct of a church that are found necessary in been quite sick for two weeks past. the management of the finances of a I am glad to report him better at farm, a store, a bank or an office. this writing. I have just learned of out mercy, if they are in infancy with Determine, in the first place, what it the death of Bro. Columbus Reaves, will cost to conduct the affairs and a zealous young minister living near push the enterprises of the church Bolling in this county. then devise ways and means for collection and distribution. Any plan tion of the State. Other crops are or system to be successful will involve good. Many of us down this way simplicity in execution, regularity and most heartily second the motion that frequency in collection, and stubborn the State Mission Board secure if towards deviation. The best plan Crumpton as general evangelist. He will fail in its execution unless pressed is the man for the place, by patient, brave, self-sacrificing per-

But this, I say, he which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly:

How Should the Finances of the according as he purposeth in his Dialogue between Loose-Law and establishing a new church; he exhortheart, so let him give; hot grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver,"-2d Cor. 9:6, 7. "Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down and shaken together, and running over, shall they give into your bosom."-

Words of Jesus. Let us pay our minister and con tribute for missions. Let us pay the minister all we owe him, first, because we owe it; second, because he needs it; third, because Christ demands it Are we in doubt as to the amount of our preaching indebtedness to him? If so let us go back to the beginning of the year; and some ought to go back

deduct the actual receipt from the actual promise, and the remainder will give us our Christian indebtedness, if the indebtedness can be called Christian. No minister desires constantly to remind the church of his unpaid dues, and very few are able not to do so. No church can afford not to pay its debts. If you wish your minister to labor with a glad heart, and to feel that his best and holiest energies belong to you, then 'pay that thou owest." If you wish your church to grow and prosper, receiving God's blessings, then care for the wants of his servants as you are able, and as you have promised. Above all, do not suffer your remissness here to suggest the propriety of your minister's seeking a new field of labor, or prove the prevailing argu-

ment when such has been suggested Some churches have, to say the least of it, the unenviable reputation of sending every minister who serves them away with his salary only partially paid, and as he goes the conscience of the churches seem to go with him. In the name of Christ and common honesty, let me say to every such church, go back to the first and pay to those servants to whose preaching you listened that which you promised, which you still owe, and which the Master will require of you in the J. T. SMITH.

Union, Ala, From Butler County.

and formal Christians were greatly re-

located eight miles north-west of Greenville, has been abundantly odism. I believe they would willingly blessed in a meeting of several days' take the eucharist if we should insist; ditions to the church. Bro. J. F. wonder we do not, since many of our Bruner did most of the work. This divines say they have seen so many church is pastorless at present. Bro. | converted with the elements in their Bruner and myself are supplying it mouths. It is a wonder, too, that we

cure the services of a pastor. I have just closed an unusually adults as for unconscious babes. hem church, seven miles south-west | and using these appliances aright, of this place. The church was greatly how instrumental I would be in the

These three churches are all their infancy, the oldest flaving been organized two years ago. They promise to become good churches. Both tural, presumptuous, if not blasphe as the sun and clear as the moon. The prosperity, the peace and the Pine Level and New Bethlehem are

Bro. Moore of Forest Home has

The cotton crop is short in this sec-

A. T. SIMS. Butler Springs, Sept. 14th.

males in Syria could read; now there that it was done. Thos. A. HARDY, Clerk, pro tem. effects of liquor, and they have a Trinity, Ala.

Talkwell-Fourth Sequel to No. 8.

Looselaw. Good morning Broth Talkwell; you carry a very heavy load on your shoulders: why do you not learn your cattle to reason like we do in reference to baptism? Then they would be satisfied with a blade apiece.

Talkwell. My cows, sir, would not be satisfied with any such sophistry. Though all the doctors of divinity the world should declare its truthfulness, that a drop pleases the Lord as well as a fountain, I have not a cow, sir, so silly as to put up with a drop or a draught or a blade for a bundle;

make sport of a sacred thing? Looselaw. Is that drop sacred! Talkwell. Why, yes, sir; when it placed on the baby's forehead, in bap

tism, fulfilling the Savior's command t is certainly sacred. Looselaw. Do you call that sacred which destroys immersion, the very lievers? Do you call that sacred

act to which the Savior himself submitted, setting an example for all bewhich would overturn the kingdom the Savior set up in the world as infant baptism certainly would, if universally practiced? for it would introduce the whole world unconverted into the church. Talkwell. Stop, sir; do you not

remember that baptism converts them, that Mr. Wesley said they were ordi narily saved in no other way? I tell you, sir, it is the greatest means of grace we have; it brings more into the church, sir; she would be as weak as Samson shorn of his locks without it, sir. I wish we would be as particular to have it performed as our good ancestors used to be; and they should be our prototypes. They appointed priests to attend and baptize infants so soon as they were born, and then gave them the sacrament of the Lord's Supper before they tasted milk, prepared for them, by dissolving bread in wine; and, if there was any danger of the death of the mother before parturition, they would baptize the infant by enema, thus skillfully saving the soul of the little im-

dear wife and helpmate, a daily la- cently had several very precious meet had it safe to him for all eternity. borer, his children often neglected ings in this section of our State. How can we, sir, give up a thing so and deprived of his counsel, going Mt. Pisgah church, seven miles grand to the end and glorious to the south of this place, recently closed a purpose, so efficacious? Why, sir, Contrast this by looking at the most precious and successful meeting, some of our divines declare that the Savior said that every nation must be baptized, every member of it indiscriminately, faith or no faith: We have vived, and hardened sinners were one more means of grace, sir, almost dear souls are perfectly pliable, will Pine Level church, the organization | ing to do anything we tell them to do. book, and they are pledged for Methas well as we can until they can se- do not baptize them, it certainly would be as efficacious for penitent precious meeting with New Bethle- if I should go forward, contending for

> ways of the Lord! L. L. Are the ways of the Lord sides doing them a great injury perhaps for all eternity; it is certainly unscriptural to baptize an infant or an unbeliever, and especially to make a drop do it; it is certainly unscrip in Sumterville has stood forth bright mous, to use the mummeries you Many noble spirits have gone from not the subjects of these mummeries. visitor feels he is with God's people So, you see what a monstrous doctrine it introduces, that the great majority of infants are sent to hell without the voluntary ministrations of those benevolent priests whose acts

Twenty years ago not twenty fe- you sprinkle all babes, to ingraft county. JAMES M. FORTUNE,

ed all to ling to the church of England, but his followers set up a sepa rate organization in 1735, in Eng. land, and in 1784, in America. Wesley never sprinkled unless the subects were sickly; he contended in his ne could not be induced by rewards

Talkwell! Fie! fie! it makes me nad to hear you slander the great Wesley; are you not afraid, sir, that vengeance will overtake you for slandering the great, the good, the universally revered, almost worshipped? wedded to Methodism, died in the wool, sir; I instruct all to read the discipline, because, though it is taken from the Bible, it is mixed up with Methodism, and will make Metho dists just like your confession wil make Cumberlands: and the Bible. sir, teaches no new ism, not ever Methodism, and as Wesley handed us the discipline I cannot hear him de famed ! and I will not, sir !

L. L. I mean nothing but love good will to the great Wesley, good will to all, happiness to all in the service of the Lord in spirit and in truth, found alone in the Bible. It is recorded in the life of Mr. Wesley and also in his journal that he was sued in Savannah, Ga., for refusing to sprinkle Mrs. Parker's child, and for that offence, and some others equally puerile, charged against him, he was banished from America and sent home to England. Now, you call that sacred which even your own Wesley would not practice, only in case of necessity; and you call your love feast sacred, consisting of bread and water, boasting of it as a means grace, which God never commanded, which reflects on His wisdom, charging Him with not having forethought enough to provide His church with ordinances sufficient for her wants, thus adding to the word of God and running the fearful risk of having the plague described in Revelation added to those who willfully make an addition to His word. Again e re- of the devil, just as he thought he you call that sacred which makes paptism and the Lord's Supper sacraments, a means of grace, thus destroying, or at least detracting from, their true signification, to show death to sin, a life to righteousness, the resurrection of Christ, the resurection of all the Saints and the Lord's death, exhibiting His broken

> body and shed blood till He come. Talkwell. Oh! sir, you astonish ne. I must think over and pray over all these things. I know I renounced infant baptism for myself repudiating it and the action of the church, by being immersed by brother who makes sport of immersion. I will go with you to hear Truth Bound, P. T. HENDERSON.

Bethel and Sumterville.

Mr. Editor: I have just returned rom a delightfully pleasant visit to Sumterville. I went in the interest of the Demopolis church. The Bethel church (Hardshell) gave \$32,00 The Sumterville church gave \$11.20. Each had given \$5.00 before; making a sum total from both churches a one place of \$53.20. I preached at noon to the Bethel church and at night at Sumterville, Both are splendid churches and communities The Sunday school at Sumterville i excellent, led by a model Superintendent, W. C. Brown, Bro. Ray, the years; and he is a noble man, thor-Bethel pastor, is a nobleman of God Bro, Yerby, of Tuscaloosa, the Sumterville pastor, is held in high esteem the ministry in the State may well re-

by his people. For two generations the kingdom G. S. ANDERSON.

Sept. 9th, 1884.

Selma Association.

From Bro. F. ust.

Dear Bro. West: I have though often of you, and so often hav ed fully in mind the purpose of sting to you. But so many thing enve intervened; and then such mennotes on the New Testament that im- tal barrenness as I have had! I have mersion was the Apostolic mode, and had actually nothing worth the ink and paper requisite to its communi or menaces to sprinkle a healthy cation. And even now I have nothto write, but earnestly wish you know how often, how kindly, how ectionately I think of you. It ha caused me much pain to learn from others, of your own and your family's health. I would protest, if prog would do any good, agains r committing gradual but certai suicide by over work. The convicnon deepens in me that you are do ing this very thing. Surely there should be some remedy for such a state of things. If not, then you should make one. I do not mean to intrude my advice, but this thing has really and deeply troubled me. I am ashamed to write of my own pleasure when remembering the trying circumstances of one whom I have come to love and in whose welfare I have an abiding interest. For most part I have had a fine time this summer. Visits to the church that first received me as a member, to the church that licensed me, to the church that ordained me, to the church that first settled me as pastor, were peculiarly delightful, each yielding a season of joy and gladness. I come on here one week ago to-day, preached for the Orange church last Sunday, and will preach for them again to-morrow. They are indeed a noble people and have been full of kindness to me. The third Sunday tomorrow week: I preach for the Washington Avenue church, Brooklyn, where Dr. Broadus has been supplying for three months. I was with him one evening this week, having met him accidentally, greatly to my joy. He is not only a great scholar and glorious preacher, but a noble man and a royal companion.

> churches here and one interesting mission, and are a wealthy, noble consecrated, zealous band, with gorgeous house of worship and promis ing out-look for usefulness. The remaining (next) week I will probably spend at Suffield, Conn., with an old friend of other years, who was a deacon in the church of my first pastorate. And then I shall turn my face Southward, homeward, speedily-as speedily as steam can move me. I am real homesick for Selma and my own beloved people, whose superiors in things that constitute nobleness I find no where either South or North. To stand before them once more and to look into their kind faces, will be a real joy to me. Tell them so; won't you? I am praying we may have a rich harvest this fall and winter, and shall work for it. The health of for their own. myself and family has been perfect this summer, or almost perfect. And I sincerely hope that on our return we will not burden the people with sickness as before. And so Davidson goes to Marion-commences the first of next month. How glad I am! You and the ministry of the State, and all others, will love him as you know him. We were bosom companions-"college chums"-for four

inhabitants, and every way a delight-

Your affectionate brother, J. M. FROST. Orange, N. J., Sept. 13th.

The Temperance Alliance of Dal

oughly consecrated to his work. His

coming will be an addition in which

me. But enough; I fear too much,

las county had a meeting in Selma last Thursday. Some who came were subscribers for the ALABAMA BAP- too that all infants are lost who are secration and charity is deep, and the disappointed not to see a large mass meeting. This I did not expect. My experience has taught me that large, enthusiastic meetings only come after long and persistent agitation. Enthusiasm on any subject has to be worked up. In this cause who are Dear Bro. West: The first general the workers? It does not become this argue that they are wiser than God, meeting of the Selma association was writer to say, but I will say they are using means of salvation unknown to held with Town Creek church on very few. The people are for prohi-Friday, August 29th, 1884. Many bition, they are going to sign our pe- entertainment in the town. We cor-Talkwell. Alas! alas! those per brethren who were expected to take titions for it, and, if needs be, conformances, considered so sacred, so part in the discussions were absent on tribute money for it; but they have to visit us, especially our ministerial These made good and lasting impresefficacious in soul saving, do actually account of sickness, so the subjects not been talked up to that point where resistance to any influence that looks possible the services of Bro. B. H. teach that fearful doctrine of infant were discussed by Rev. J. M. For- they will sacrifice much time for it. damnation at which I was always hor- tune, and Bro. W. C. Steward. Great This is all going to change. The on the Memphis & Charleston Rail- people. rified; now I must accept it with a interest was manifested by all who Vice Presidents of the Alliance in road will be charged full fare going, shudder, a fearful shudder, or give were present, and much good was each beat can arrange meetings and and one cent per mile returning, on that he was a member of the Board it has at last revived the depleted up sprinkling babes. O Wesley, foun- accomplished. The next meeting have speakers that will stir the peoder of the Methodist church, why did convenes with Shiloh church, Dallas ple's hearts on this subject. The signed by the Moderator of the Assowomen, are moving in the matter. ciation, to the ticket agent at Hills- of the rooms of the mess hall at How- nesses, and take this mode of giving They are the worst sufferers from the boro. Jos. SHACKELFORD, Pastor.

right to be heard on this question, and work in the front ranks of this

The women of Selma are organized. The Woman's Temperance Union, composed of Christian women were represented in our meeting. They throw their strength in favor of prohibition. Nor do they propose to stop there; they want to work upon youth of the country. Alliance, can get, free of charge, tracts and other temperance literature suitabe encouraged to work in the same direction, but in an organization of their own. Prohibitory laws are doing more for them than for any class. We are anxious to see these laws prevail for their sakes. We will aid and encourage them in the good work of organizing against their great enemy. But it is best for many reasons that they get up their own petitions and have their own organizations.

Petitions will soon be sent to the Vice-Presidents, and they are urged to proceed at once with the work of the Sunday-school against the chilsecuring subscribers. Let every man and woman, and boy and girl above the age of sixteen, sign. Where the Vice-Presidents think it advisable, let them arrange to have a mass meeting prying eyes, and they stay away. and adopted and then present their petitions. In the last Legislature we lost all by being too slow. Our legislators are wise, prudent men, and will represent the wishes of the people, expressed by

WHY IS THIS THUS? The Alliance has had several meetings since its organization. The attendance has never been large. The few who have met are earnest workers. But there is one strange thing the beats and sections where prohibition prevails are seldom represented Meet men from those sections and they speak of the good the law is doing, but they will not turn out and Orange, N. J., is twelve miles from aid by their presence the effort to New York, twenty-five minutes ride carry this good law into other sec-

"Lord bless me and my wife, my son ful place. The Baptists have two John and his wife, us four and no more. Amen?"

W. B. CRUMPTON. The Preachers Are Yours.

Since Baptists teach that the ministry is of and for the churches, belonging to them, and that it is the agency by which churches are formed, churches being self-propagating, and by which they are developed and the glory of their zeal in a world's redemption is made to appear, how becoming it is in the churches to provide with earnest liberality the means for their preparatory training for their work, and for their support while engaged in their calling, and for their comfort when disabled or worn out in the service! In all this they should feel that they are simply providing

Educate the preachers, that you may enable them to intensify their labor of love and magnify other offices to the glory of God. The period of work with them is not long; what they do must be done quickly.

The Board of Ministerial Education is composed of wise and earnest men. Give them what they ask and of their labor. And how glad we are truly say I was glad he was there, for for the earnest laymen God has given us-stars of the first magnitude, shining away the darkness of the night which has so long concealed the prize for which we are contending! W. E. LLOYD.

Auburn, Ala. The Muscle Shoals Association.

This body meets with the Hillsboro is on the Memphis & Charleston | Baptist church. Baptisms, 6; by let- people. Railroad twelve miles west of Deca- ter, 4; watchcare, 2; total additions to

Delegates and visiting brethren who expect to attend, and intend coming by railroad, will please notify tions, and will make valuable memme of the fact immediately, so that bers. Bro. D. I. Purser, of Birmingwe may make arrangements for their ham, was with us three days. He ored us with a delightful reception at

Extravagantly Drassed Children.

One of the great sins of our day is Room. he over dressing of children. In many homes, where the parents are professors of religion, the first lesson of the highest standing in society, the children learn is to dress in the latest style. They leave the cradle admiring their fine clothes, and often are compelled to pass through hours of trial and torture with curling papers and crimping pins before they Howard College that will supply Alateacher in the county, by writing to have learned to say, "Now I lay me Bro. E. S. Starr, the Secretary of the down to sleep." Many of these richly attired children of church members ble for hildren, furnished by these day-schools ornamented like the verithought lest that the colored recopie then, in the midst of such a display of fluting and flouncing, frizzing and sashing, that dress, in many of these Sunday-school children, is the one controlling thought of life? When urday, August 30th, 1884, at 11 childrens' hearts swell out with pride o'clock a. m. Preaching by Rev. W. and vanity, there is little room for H. DeWitt. Rev. C. J. Miles was lessons of Jesus and heaven.

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ing and encouraging a spirit of pride Grove Hill, New Pospect. and vanity that may ruin them, but you are actually shutting the doors of Vain mother! what answer will you give when the Judge of all the earth, in whose sight these poor neglected your own soul and the souls of your missed from us. children, be very careful how you with their frills and furbelows. In this rich and gay dressing of children, you can do more to damage the Suncan remedy. As Christians we must stand in a kind but determined opposition to the fashion of the world, breasting the waves like the Eddystone Lighthouse. J. H. CURRY.

Sept. 10th, 1884.

Dear Bro. West: I was greatly disappointed at not seeing you at the Montgomery association. I heard of your distress by sickness in your family. May or merciful Heavenly Father be kind to you and your dear ones, and restore all to health very

Dr. Cleveland, Dr. Nunnally, Dr. Bailey, Col. Murfee and others, were with us, and made our hearts glad by some of their most excellent speeches. The gospel preached was preached with power and in the spirit, and we trust will be felt for good by all that listened so attentively to it.

On the Sabbath following I bap tized one, and received another for baptism at the next meeting. We also had the assurance from two most estimable sisters whose membership is in the First church at Montgomery, that they also would join us by letter at our next meeting.

On last Saturday I aided the sis ters of that church in organizing a Ladies' Missionary Society, and from their many expressions it was very evident they mean work.

At Friendship I protracted a meeting four days. We had four accessions, and I dont think I ever saw a greater revival among the members. you will live to rejoice in the results Bro. Mosely was with me and I can he preached some most excellent ser-

The Ramer church expects to protract a meeting, commencing on the 13th, and I hope Bro. Jackson will be able to send you glad tidings of J. W. ORME. great joy.

Pugh, Sept. 10th.

Meeting at Oxford, Ala.

Dear Baptist: Last Sabbath night, the church, 12.

mature persons, and are indeed addipreached seven sermons full of Gos- the pa-sonage. The refreshments sions. Bro. Purser made many friends | they came and went, gave ample evi-

Bro. P. told the ladies of the church ard College at an expense of \$20. expression to it. The ladies of the church responded Tuskaloosa, Sept. 10th.

by giving him \$30. Reckon you will have to call their room the "Oxford

We are all in favor of giving Theoogical instruction at Howard College. Alabama should educate her own sons-pay them, keep them at home. Alabama must do her own work. To do this, she must support her own paper, her own schools, and build a theological department in bama's demands, even as such department did in days before our much prized Theological Seminary existed. J. C. WRIGHT.

Oxford, Sept. 15th

A district meeting of the South Bethel association was held with Forrest Springs Baptist church on Satchosen as moderator, and W. H. Christian mothers, remember that White was elected clerk. The followwhen you thus extravagantly dress ing churches were represented: Deep your children, you are not only feed. Creek, Horeb, Elam, Forest Springs,

The subject Saturday was: Should a church be held accountable for a member dismissed by letter, before dren of the poor. They cannot come | uniting with another church? It was into the presence of these gaily discussed by Bros. A. J. Hearn, T. dressed children of fashion and bear W. Davis, W. H. DeWitt and others. the scrutiny of their laughing and The following resolutions were offered

Resolved, That we, the district meeting of the South Bethel association, adopt the following form of ones are as precious as the children writing church letters: This is to of a king, requires their blood at your certify that Bro. A is a member with hands? We beg you as you value us, and by his or her request, is dis-

The following Committee of Ar send them into the Sunday-school rangements were appointed by the moderator: Bros. J. W. Armistead Thos. Williams and W. N. Nichols. Sabbath morning the following report day-school cause than all the workers of the Committee of Arrangements was offered and adopted

1st. What is the cause of the barrenness of the churches? To be discussed by Bros. Dr. J. R. Nettles and I. W. Dickinson.

2nd. Is it consistent in members of the church to sign recommendation cussed by Bro. J. R. Cowan and Bro. I. H. Creighton.

3d. What is the distinctive work of our different Mission Boards? To be discussed by Bro's. C. J. Miles and J. H. Fendley. Introductory sermon by Rev. A. J. Hearn.

Saturday at 11 o'clock, a. m., sermon by Rev. W. H. DeWitt, subject, The next district meeting will be

held with West Bend Baptist church on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before in November.

The subject for discussion Sunday was, Are the pastors of the present day accountable to God for the barrenness in the churches, caused by a neglect of pastoral work? It was strongly discussed by Dr. T. W. Betis, Bro. DeWitt and Bro. Hearn.

In the absence of Bro. J. H. Fendley a noble sermon was preached by Bro. J. H. Creighton in the presence of a large congregation. A collection was taken up for Bible works amounting to \$5.95, and turned over to Bro. W. H. WHITE, C. J. Miles.

Secretary. Aug. 31st, 1884.

For the Alabama Baptist, A Note from Tuskaloosa

After a pleasant visit to Atlanta I have returned to my post in Tuskaloosa. I find that the Convention made a deep impression upon this church and community, and feel sure t will be a lasting impression for good to our cause here.

Since my return I have spent several days with Bro. Barbour in a protracted meeting at his Gilgal church I have found it a pleasant and appreciative community. The result of the meeting was six baptisms, and I trust the church much revived. Bro. boro church on Friday before the the 14th inst., we closed a precious Barbour is fortunate to be associated 1st Sabbath in October, 1884. Hills- eight days' meeting with the Oxford with such a whole-souled Christian

> Mrs. Dill returned from Atlanta on Saturday, and I am feeling much All who joined, except two, were better; let it not, however, be understood by this that I have been at all

On Monday night the ladies hon-Delegates and visitors who travel here, and endeared himself to all the dence of the cordial and warmlive among. The pantry, too, received valuable acquisitions, so that Convention left it. The pastor and his wife highly appreciate these kind-

One price for all. No club rates. O names, new or old, and 530.

COLLEGE POLICY.

The educational policy of our country has been the establishment of a number of great central schools, supplemented by a more numerous class of subordinate institutions-universi ties, colleges, academies and grammar schools. These prospective universities are nothing more, in their early history, than colleges; in a few cases they have grown into something like

To the policy attaches this fact at least, that it meets the common con viction of our people; what, therefore the older portions of the country have done, the newly settled portions, with out exception, are imitating. It has been found that multiplication and diffusion of schools multiplies the number of those who seek education of all grades-what is brought to the doors of the people attracts their notice and engages their interest.

Now, what has been found true o literary institutions, it is believed, would be found true of theological schools; that theological instruction, the best the circumstances might af ford, would, placed in the reach of many, induce a multiplication of stu-

Certainly a few great central

schools, literary or theological, canno provide for the wants of everybody. Harvard, Yale, Columbia, the University of Michigan, the University of will not prove sufficient for the edu cation of the whole people, although providing for every grade of instruction from the most complete and comprehensive down to the very elements. Indeed, primary or preparatory de partments in connection with colleges and universities, have not proved a success. Neither can a few great theological schools provide for all who need theological instruction. The adjunct of an English course in connection with these schools is, as yet, there is but one chance in ten for me an experiment that has not commanded the general approbation, and therefore is found in but few institu tions. The tendency will constantly be to provide outline training, and even the earlier part of a thorou course, in humbler institutions. will be more convenient and generally less expensive. Great theolog ical seminaries, as well as literary establishments, ought to take it for their province to furnish the higher education and leave the rest to subordinate schools. If not, then the whole educational policy of the country needs know the secret of your peace." We to be revolutionized; the vast expense replied, "Well, Mr. R., I am ordinaof the thousand structures we call rily as easy as an old shoe on the colleges all over the country is unpar-

tuition. The policy of partial and preliminary training in common institutions, will naturally provide a great and increasing number of earnest and able students for the highest order of ological seminaries as of literary universities. The greater the number of students induced to attend local schools for instruction of any kind, the greater will be the number unsatisfied with the extent of instruction in any but the most thoroughly equipped and manned of all our schools. Such as are compelled to content themselves with less elaborate training, may find facilities at

home in more common institutions. Our idea is, that as many of our can do so, should provide for an outtionate confidence of the churches with the reading of some Scrip physical vitality.

Similar incidental instruction in Another case, of another lawyer, theology, we believe, was given in was in many respects similar. He Stowe, and a number of others whose his large influence for the cause of names we cannot at this moment re- religion, he gave as a reason for incall, of whom one of the number has activity that he was skeptical, even said he never knew a brighter con- about the cardinal doctrines of Chrisrellation. Drs. Brantly and Fuller tianity, and did not wish to be a hyptrained a number of superior men. ocrite. This in confidence. We had miles from Shelby Springs, on Satur- very good. Quite a number of North- or superintendents, on the single con-

our policy would take a single student ground. We could scarcely hold him rom these higher institutions, who to main things. Sustaining a fatal ught to be there, it would give us injury, he was again and again conpain; if any considerable number, we versed with without any apparen would promptly abandon it.

It is to be hoped the highest wis. We called a moment when the docdom of our people will ultimately be tors objected to anything more; we evolved upon the subject; meanwhile spassionate discussion may hasten he time.

MAIN THINGS.

For popular purposes, argumer re often made too elaborate. It i etter for the most part to confine ourselves to main things. St. Paul's reat argument, that all the world is wifty before God, is of this charac er: That the Gentiles are condemn ed by their own confession; that the ews are guilty by the declaration of heir own undisputed Scriptures and, therefore, the whole world guilty before God.

On Mars' Hill be argued that "God that made the world and all thing therein, seeing that he is Lord o heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Mr. leecher relates that having often argued elaborately with cavilers on the ruths of Christianity, descending to inutiae and endeavoring to answer every objection without convincing he bethought him that he would take shall prosper in the thing whereto I unbelievers on their own grounds, ply them with facts undenied and un- fall back in hours of discouragement, deniable, and that the first effort convinced a half dozen.

tion, from the fact that sin works | thee the heathen for thine inheritance ruin, from the fact that conscience tortures the guilty, we can not escape. | for thy possession." The word is nev-The life and character of Jesus of er proclaimed in vain, whether worth-Nazareth can not be expunged from lily or unworthily, or "even of envy history; and being such as it is, he and strife," how much less when in must be divine. The origin of the demonstration of the Spirit and of sacred books can not be denied, unless power." Brother, that you are we deny all received criticism on such anxious about the progress of the subjects. If difficulties are started Gospel, is to be taken as assurance that cannot be answered, this is not that your proclamation of that Gosstrange, for such difficulties inhere in pel is not in vain. That anxiety so Virginia and the University of Texas, everything that we do not, in every far as it relates to the measure of the respect, perfectly understand. Om- Spirit with which you preach, is all fect knowledge of a matter.

was badly burned. The doctors sent him to his home in the place tering the room where he lay, he said: to live, I don't expect to live more than a few days or weeks at most. I will say, however much it may surprise you, that I do not know whether there is a God or not; whether there pared for the future. I dread to go hence I know not where. And, sir, my occasional intercourse with you has satisfied me that you are perfectly at ease amid all the terrible problems that surround us. Sir, I want to whole subject, and I can tell you the

donable waste, and the students they reasons why I am at ease, but I don't attract are damaged by being lured know that they will satisfy your away from better and more adequate mind." "That," said he, "is precisely what I want, and the very reason that I have sent for you. Come about it." We said, "But if we do not agree upon some principles of argument, our talk will all be in vain. submit that I shall not undertake to answer all your difficulties, but merely on every topic to show that there are most arguments of the same sort militating in the Christian direction than the anti Christian; and if this be constantly so, when, say twenty topics shall have been discussed with the same results, especially when the ar guments lean upon and support each other, the cumulative effect of the argument ought, at length, to be satisfactory. I submit the principle of the argument to you as a lawyer. 'Yes," said he, "that is sound reasoning, and perfectly satisfactory; we'll ing influence, and whose well known ing ten, sometimes twenty minutes, ers appointed by the committee were baptized and others are expected to character would command the affec. according to his strength, closing up everywhere. We think the controll. bearing on the topic in hand, and ever, was carried out entirely. The ground in Macon county. We are ing positions in our seminaries should prayer. We became exceedingly inbe occupied by such men; however, terested in his case. He ultimately instruction in theological science began to soften, sank into penitence, might be left mainly to younger men and apparently died perfectly satiswith more elasticity of mind and fied with God's providence and heartily believing in Jesus.

change of views, until near his end. were about retiring, when he said, "Don't leave so soon; sit down here; I have changed my mind." "Do I understand you to say you accept and lean on the mysterious transaction on Calvary?" "Yes, sir; that is what wanted to say. Nothing else meets my present necessities, and I am sat-

We had the pleasure at his funeral of rescuing his case from those who would have made capital of it, as his skeptical views had transpired and his intellectual powers were regarded extraordinary.

We repeat, it is well, ordinarily, to rely on main arguments. The very summoning of everything that can be reasonably said, often creates distrus of the strength of the position maintained. It is surmised that the posi tion is not very secure, or that such security is not easily made apparent

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall aclish that which I please, and it sent it."-words on which one may Indeed the hours will come, when nothing remains but the promise of From the fact of our fallen condi- the Father to the Son: "I will give and the uttermost parts of the earth niscience alone can compass the per- as it should be; but if it relate to distrust of the efficacy of God's word-We were once sent for by a highly to the two edgedness of the sword of cultured lawyer in extremity. He | the Spirit-it is unnecessary.

Let us not be misunderstood. While braced him up with anodynes and believing in the efficacy of the word imbued as it is with the spirit of its where we were residing. On our en- Author, our idea is that it must be used in utter dependence on God the "I am glad you are come, You see Holy Ghost. If in such dependence, I am badly burned. Physicians say we "go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost teaching them to observe all things whatsoever the Master has commanded, he will always be with us' in hi

preach the word on the part of those who are not called of God to the work, albeit the Word is never without effect wherever it goes or howev er promulged. To such God saith, "Who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?" The act of such is the last degree of temerity.

ALL ALONE, at a late hour at night when not a sound is to be heard except the ticking of the clock and the chirping of the crickets, and when all lights around us are extinguished except those on the street corners, tired and sleepy, having already been at work seventeen hours since we began in the morning, and yet compelled to work on preparing copy for the paper, we read this as a private note accompanying a long article hastily and carelessly written with a cedar pencil: "Excuse this pencil writing. I intended to transcribe, but have not time." Reader, if the author did not attach sufficient importance to the article to rewrite it with ink and do his best on it, what would you do with it if you were in our place?

respondents address him after this date at Bellville, Conecuh county, er, La Fayette, Sept. 19th. Ala., instead of at Selma,

of the Selma Baptist Association, continued six days. Six were baptiz held with the Town Creek church, on ed and the church was much revived the fifth Sunday in August and Fri- We look for other additions at the attended. The attendance from other | here. The meeting at Concord church churches was small; and all the speak | continued nine days. Eleven absent but one-Dr. Stewart, of Town join soon. The church was greatly Creek church. The programme, how- revived. The Baptists are gaining discussions were interspersed with ap- thankful to brethren T. W. Hart and propriate song and prayer, and were Moses Campbell, of Tuskegee, for listened to by the audience through- ministerial aid at Concord. Count out with unabated interest, and often me a worker for the ALABAMA BARwith tearful eyes. I believe this meet- TIST."-Felix T. Hudson, Notasulga. ing will be of more benefit to this church and community than a week's protracted meeting. The next meet

J. M. FORTUNE,

C. W. O'HARA, Pastor: ville, Sept. toth.

FIELD NOTE

"I have just closed a very good meeting at Mt. Olive, Eleven access a faithful church."+ W. Willes

Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, after preaching at Pine Apple Saturday and Sunday, returned to his charge in Atlanta until it is comparatively a small body.

preaching of the paster is good, and there is no complaint against him in any direction."-B. Zachry, Opelika. Judge H. W. Caffey, of Hayneville

who is given to generous deads, sends us \$2.00 "for one year's subscription to the ALABAMA BAPTIST, to be sent C. Plaster, Fort Deposit. to some indigent widow who will ap- A "Counselier" Needed at Reagan,

"The Eufaula Association has out n attractive programme for its meeting at Prospect church, near Claytor October 24-26. We are indebted to Bro. W. A. Davis, the energetic Secretary, for a copy of this programme

This note, long delayed, is from Bro. D. S. Martin, of Elmore county dated August 14th: "We have just closed a meeting at Union. We have also had a meeting at Bethesda, where five were received into the church. am still a close reader and strong supporter of the ALABAMA BAPTIST."

closed a meeting at Sardis church, Chattooga county, Ga., Sept. sth. I baptized 39 and received by letter. The church is greatly revived. The meeting was largely attended. Bro. J. M. Smith, a young minister, did some good preaching." - J. H. Glazner, Broomtown, Sept.

"The church at this place has enoved a gracious outpouring of God's grace. Two have been baptized already, and four are to be baptized toone was restored. Several more are expected soon. The church has

seven miles from Cross Plains, I had comes the news of gracious revivals."

Crumpton, Bailey, and any and all look at this "success" financially. at the meeting of the Alabama Assothe L. & N. R. R., thirty-three miles and get acquainted with us."- W. P. Rice, Fort Deposit.

"On Thursday night before the fourth Sabbath in August we began a meeting here that continued for two weeks. Many of the members were much revived. Seven were added to the church, four of them by baptism. Through the energy and perseverance of our live deacon, Bro. B. Davie, a baptistery has been put in our church, which we used for the first time on Thursday night, Sept. 4th, and found it a great convenience."-T. H. Stout, Clayton.

"The meeting at Mill Town resulted in thirty-one additions in all, twenty-eight by baptism. We licensed a very promising young brother for the ministry, both his morals and intellect being of a high order. Arnold Smith young licentiate of good promise with us part of the time, Bro. Joseph Hunter. There have been larger accesyear than for several years past. We have just had a pleasant meeting here of a week's duration, in which REV. B. F. RILEY requests that cor- the church was refreshed. One was received by baptism."- Geo. E. Breio

"We have had two revival meetings The general fifth Sunday meeting this month, One at Elam church

baptism and two by letter. The corn nished for taking the offerings. crop on uplands is very good, on low All the material named, including

meet at this place with Bethel church | delphia, for a full supply, stating the October 10th. It would afford us whole membership of your school and great pleasure to have our brethren the number of classes, and the reply from other associations visit us and will be prompt. Be sure to give aid us by their counsels and presence. Our Association has been reduced by churches joining other associations Monday. He was ordained at Pine Notwithstanding this, we earnestly desire our brethren to come, We have raised more money this especially desire brethren in the minyear than usual for missions. The listry to come and spend a week with us. The church has decided to protract the meeting from the Association. Cannot Bro. West come? We need the prayers and co operation of our brethren. We are within convenient distance from the depot,"-F.

Texas.

Dear Bro. West: In the last issue of your paper I see a communication from Kempville, Ala., written by my esteemed friend, Rev. B. H. Crump reflects somewhat upon one or more community for Texas. Now, Bro. Editor, I don't like to come in con- name. tact with such intellectual giants as the able contributor from Kempville, but you know that persons suffering from mental derangement are very sensitive upon that subject. I endorse every word the good brother said about our people at Kempville, for I had the honor of being pastor of the church there for five years. That, however, was previous to my mental trouble. In the article Bro. C. made this statement, "Any person that would leave this community for Texas to improve his temporal comfort or success, needs a counsellor.' Now let us look at the facts. I would like to have Bro. C's. definition of morrow. Two joined by letter and "temporal comforts." If he means such things as rich land, plenty of corn and hogs and cows, fruit, vegetcalled me again as its pastor."-W. ables, and a comfortable home, &c., N. Huckabee, Plantersville, Sept. 19. &c., then my "temporal comforts" The churches, which are expected "We closed a very precious meeting have been greatly improved. Now to co-operate in this enterprise, are vesterday at Nance's Creek church, let us notice the "success." Well, if I apply it to my work as pastor, I can the pleasure of baptizing twelve con- truthfully say that I never had such verts. One was restored. The church success anywhere else as I have had was greatly revived. "The Lord is here. I thank God that I can say to abundantly blessing the churches in Bro. Crumpton that I have received this association. From all quarters between ninety and one hundred members into my churches this year. -L. G. Skipper, Germania, Sept. 8th. But Bro. C. will say that that is only "We will be glad to see brethren the fulfillment of Scripture, "God has West, Cleveland, W. B. and B. H. chosen the weak," &c. Now let us who may favor us with their presence, don't know that I ought to do this, for all Baptist preachers love money. ciation at our church. Our town is on and Bro. C. might become weak minded over it and seek a pastorate south of Montgomery. Come over in Texas, but as we wan't him here I will tell it in few words, I am receiving just twice the salary here that I did in Alabama. There are other particulars in which Texas has been a blessing to me, that I can't mention now. But if the prodigal boy's mind should improve, and he should repent, would Bro. C. receive him back L. W. DUKE.

Reagan, Texas, Sept. 8th. The Children's Bibie Day.

To all Sunday-Schools in the United

The "Children's Day" in June last was participated in by over twelve hundred Baptist schools, whose aggregate offering for the Sunday-school Missionary Work for the Baptist Publication Society amounted to almost \$10,000. All honor to those who did is his name. There was another so nobly. They deserve and receive

our most hearty thanks. Another opportunity to do a grand work is now presented to Baptist sions to the churches by baptism this Sunday-schools, and we believe the response will be more general, and the result far greater, than in the June festival, For several months past, active arrangements have been in progress to provide for a "Children's Bible Day" on the second Sunday in November. In case any schools cannot, for any reason, observe the day at the date named, it is of the brethren, as I am the pastor of teresting group of children was the hoped that they will do so on the earliest possible succeeding Sunday.

The pastors have been asked to ing of the day named. In the afternoon or evening the Sunday school can hold its special service. A suitable and interesting programme has been prepared, with original poems, as recitations, written by Mr. Hezekiah Butterworth, of Boston, and Rev. S. F. Smith, D. D., of Newton Centre, Mass. There will also he choice music composed expressly for the occasion, by Dr. W. H. Doane and Rev. E. G. Taylor, D. D. The "Our Sunday-school Convention Bible Secretary, Dr. C. C. Bitting, was harmonious and profitable. We has written a personal address, known had a meeting at the Garden in Au- as "the Red Letter," to all the young Columbian College in its early history, and it produced such men as Howell, When approached and urged to use Stores and a personal additions by beginning Saturday before the fifth baptism and two by letters and two by lett

seriously damaged by excessive rains ter and Class, envelopes, with sugges-The Shelby Association will con- and then excessive drought. We tions for conducting the exercises, vene with Summerhill church, two have had no worms yet. Health is will be furnished free to all pastors place the advantages of placed in his hands Rogers' October. Conveyances will meet the equipped seminaries as more a friend of ciple of balance of arguments above the second subbatt in the second su attend you."- J. H. Curry, Pickens for distribution. Do not wait to send for samples. Write at once to the

Association will Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philaname, post office, and State, plainly written. A great deal of enthusiasm this glorious work. We shall keep the mess hall. The Association raised Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ings are all received, we will send in prospect of a similar amount to be return a printed itemized report by paid on the first of February. Four States, showing what each school has young men have applied for aid in ton, which was very complimentary done. May the Lord add his bless the last five days. We need twenty to the good people of Kempville, but ling to this work, and cause his peo- tons of coal and a stove. Let the ple to respond generously, in order good work go on. We feel greatly unfortunate creatures who left that his Word may have free circula- encouraged. W. C. CLEVELAND. tion, to the honor and glory of his B. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

1420 Chestnut St., Philadelphia

For the Alahama Baptist. Notice.

On the first Sabbath, inst., in special conference, held by New Shiloh church, in East Perry county, it was "resolved to take the initial steps towards the formation of a new association." A goodly number of breth ren were present from other churches. who participated in and approved of

To promote this cherished enterprise, a committee was appointed. composed of the following brethren: W. T. Pierson, William Terry, R. O. Pryor, O. H. Perry, W. O. Perry, J. A. Giles; I. U. Wilkes, Chairman; Rev. S. M. Adams, Secretary.

Ocmulgee, Pine Flat, Concord, Pisgah, New Shiloh, Medline, Hephzibah, Friendship, Bethlehem, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Zion, Bethel, Ebinezer, Plantersville, Fellowship, and any other church, or churches, either in the territory, as thus indicated, or on its border, are cordially invited to co-

The reasons which have induced this call for a new association are the following: 1st, The territory of our associations, as they now stand, is too large; 2nd, On account of this inconvenience, many of the churches are frequently hot represented; and, It gates to have to go so great a dis tance; 4th, The financial strength of the churches is not utilized; There is much latent talent in the churches undeveloped, and which would be called out into profitable exercise if the associations were thus cut down in territory, and "compacted together.

The churches named above, and others in the indicated bounds, or on the border, favorable to the enterprise, are earnestly requested to consider this matter at their first meeting after the publication of this notice, and obtain their letters from their respective associations preparatory to the organization of the proposed a so ciation. And it is hereby proposed to hold a meeting at New Shiloh church, in East Perry county, on the first Sabbath in November and Saturday before, to organize said association.

Now, brethren, if you approve of this measure, appoint your delegates, and be on hand at the time and place specified. In behalf of the commit-I. U. WILKES, Chairman,

S. M. ADAMS, Secretary. NOTE. - As I am not connected with either of the associations from which the proposed new one is to be formed, I am only serving as Chair man of the Committee, at the request pected to go into the organization I. U. WILKES.

Good News. Dear Bro. West: I held a meeting only upon a robust constitution and ast week at Antioch church, Elmore an iron will. With the aid of a selfcounty, continuing six days, which denying wife, and with diligence in resulted in a great revival. I never business, he succeeded in accumula- Lewis. witnessed a clearer demonstration of ting a handsome competence, which the Holy Spirit in my life. Eight was wrecked by the war. Accusconverts were buried with Christ in tomed to struggle, he renewed his baptism. Two were restored. We efforts with his wonted zeal after the enjoyed a reason never to be forgot- close of the war, but sustained shock ten by some. I also held a four days' after shock of disaster. Hoping to meeting this week at Hatchet Creek he able to improve his financial conchurch, Coosa county, assisted by dition, he removed last year to Lees-Bro. G. P. Olive. We had a very burg, Florida, to join his son who had precious time indeed. The church commenced the practice of law at was greatly revived. Many sinners that place, Misfortunes seemed to were convicted, some of them the most hardened. I had the privilege of leading eleven happy souls down lands very sorry. Cotton has been full programme, recitations, Red Let- into the water and burying them with two grown sons, both young men of Christ in baptism. We also received great promise. Finally the summons two by letter. Hatchet Creek church has within its membership two preachers, Elder H. Jones and his son, His Min who gave it. On August the 4 h, 1884, he was interred in Lone Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, Fla. The writer knew this good man for many years, and a sturdier Christian character he never met. Modest, retiring, reticent, devoted to his own ina mean not to place the advantages frequent discussions without results day before the second Sabbath in ern men are here looking for homes. dition that a collection be at that time preach. Now, Bro. West, have we Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, Fig. The preach. Now, Bro. West, have we Oak Cemetery, Leesburg, Fia. The not great reason to thank God for his goodness and his mercy that have

Pentonville, Sept. 10th.

rial Education-State Mission Work.

The Association held a most pleas- of remarkable usefulness. ant and profitable meeting with the church at Snow Hill. A full account has been shown already, and applica of the meeting will be given by antions for programmes, etc., have been other. The churches contributed in coming in for a month past. We cash and pledges for ministerial eduwould be very glad if 10,000 of our cation \$153. The ladies of Friend-Baptist schools would take part in ship church will furnish one room in printing prestes and clerks busy con- a colportage fund to be called the sfantly, if necessary, to meet the de- Keeda Hawthorne fund. More than mand. Orders will be filled only \$70 of this fund was paid in cash. from our Philadelphia house; but the Bro. Anderson received more than contributions may be sent as before, \$70 to aid in building a church house designated as "Children's Bible Day in Demopolis. The meeting was in-Offerings," to the District Secretaries teresting from beginning to end. Bro. and other representatives of the Soci. Nunnally brought us cheering inforety on the field, or direct to 1420 mation from the Coosa River. One hundred dollars were raised to be Soon as practicable, when the offer- paid by the first of October, with the

Good News from the South.

On the third Sabbath in August I assisted Bro. J. L. Eddins in a four days' meeting at Oak Grove, a new church seven or eight miles south of Monroeville, Monroe county. The Lord blessed the church. Eighteen were added to it; fifteen by baptism and three by letter.

The brethren from Salem church met me there and said, "Come over to Salem and help us." I went, and the Lord visited that church. That was a happy meeting. Nine were received. The seed was sown in good ground, we trust, and Bro. Locke is sure to cultivate it. Bro. Locke was very sick from Sunday night on until the meeting closed, and I left him feeble. Brethren, remember him, for I believe there is just a little more of the love of Jesus showing itself him than there is in most of us, and abusing her, seven times. He may especially in me, and that churchwell, they simply love him as their bishop. The meeting at Salem closed on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in August. Six were received by experience and three by letter. Brethren John McWilliams and Draughon were there and did noble work-the principal part of the preaching. This work was done in the Bethlehem As sociation. On my way home I tried to preach at Oak Grove at night Tuesday, when three more joined by

experience and await haptism. Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in August, in Florida, at a church began a meeting which resulted in the reception of fifteen members, thirteen by baptism, one by restoration and one by letter. This little church within the last twelve months has received about thirty five additions by baptism. As one of my mission stations, it is the Lord's work, and it is marvelous in our eyes. All praise to him who doeth all things well.

My subscription? Yes, you send me the-paper one more year, and I will send you at an early date the money. Times are just now rather tight, but the Lord will provide. If I live you will get your money.

H. G. B. RAY. Canoe Station, Sept, 10th.

Deacon John B. Colley.

Died, at Leesburg, Fla., August 3d, 1884, Deacon John B. Colley, in the sixty sixth year of his age. Bro. Colley was born in Clarke

county, Ala., in 1818. When he was nineteen years of age he left the parental roof to seek his fortune in Cherokee county. Here he learned the trade of carpenter. It was about this period of his life that he was made a new creature in Christ Jesus, and joined a Baprist church. On March 24th, 1842, he was married to Miss M. A. Curry. A large and intwo or three churches which are ex- result of this marriage, five of whom preceded the father in death. The career of Bro. Colley was a most eventful one. He began life under the humblest circumstances, reliant throng upon the steps of the good man, for within a few months he lost reached him, and his spirit forsook its earthly mansion and returned to

terests and respectful of the rights of others, affectionate in his family, earnest as a citizen and devoted as a Christian, his life throughout was one

"He sank as sinks the morning star, Which goes not down behind the darkened

Nor hides obscured amid the tempests of the But melts away in the light of heaven." B. F. RILEY.

shaft, and its capital is garlanded other none is, for we are "immortal till our work is done."-Alexander Maclaren, D. D.

He who lives only to benefit himself; confers on the world a benefit when he dies .- Tertullian, A.D., 200.

Alabama News.

Pickens county reports poor crops. The hay crop of Butler county is

Brieffield advertises for 100 coal Tuskaloosa cotton is better than

ast year. The Eufaula mills will soon be at work again.

Hale county crops are not so good as last year.

The Pratt Mines convicts are said to be well cared for. The West Dallas fair comes off at

Orrville October 21st. For several days Sel.na has shipped ice to the Capital city.

Dallas county's new poor house is: ocated at Peeple's Station. D. C. Howell, murderer of Mr. T.

Raney, escaped from the Choctaw

county jail. The Elmore county convicts have been hired to Mr. G. E. Enslen at \$8.25 per month.

The late Mr. Jacob Stanwood, of Lowndes county, was a brother of Mrs. James G. Blaine. At Mechanicsville Mrs. Tronge

stabbed her husband, who had been The store house and contents be-

were destroyed by fire a few days since. Loss estimated at \$6,000. The Birmingham Daily Age says that Alabama's income is nearly three imes as much as Mississippi's, yet the latter spends twice as much as the

ormer for the cause of education. Eufaula is unfortunate. Only three veeks ago her great flouring mills hundred thousand dollars will not more than cover the damage. Sev-

Married in Alabama

In Abbeville, A. N. Grouby and In Shelby county, E. Going and E.

At Shelby Springs, R. T. Johnson and Addie Varnon

In Morgan county, W. E. Russell and E. L. Morrow In Perry county, C. C. Self and M.

At Ft. Gaines, Chas. Laney, of Abbeville, and Rossie Adams,

At Birmingham, Andrew Reid and Miss Faucet, both of Warrior. In Gainesville, J. E. Lide, of Camden, Arkansas, and Miss Helen Mc-

Deaths in Alabama

In Selma, R. M. Morrow In Selma, Davie Rosenbaum. Near Clanton, James Moates. Near Clanton, Houston Vines.

In West Greene, Jasper Fason, In Perry county, Alfred Lewis, In Bullock county, Walton Orr,

In Macon county, P. S. Beasley. In Perry county, Jacob Hounshell

Near Falkville, Mrs. Mary S. Mor In Fayette county, Mrs. Martha

In Dallas county, Miss Mary Near Harrell's X Roads, Mrs. Mary Cochran.

In Lauderdale county, Mrs. Rebecca Darby. In Selma, infant of Mr. and Mrs.

In Selma, infant son of Mr. and . Mrs. G. H. Clancy.

Near Columbia, Mrs. Lucy G. Carr. her sixteenth year. In Clarke county, little son of Henry and Mary Hare.

Near White Pond, Mrs. Emma Bateman: also, a little son of G. W

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BY B. B. DAVIS, STATISTICAL SECRETARY t Alabama-Rev. David Lee, moderator Mount Willing; E. F. Baber, clerk, Colli-rene. Meets at Ft. Deposit, Oct. 10. 2 Antioch-J. J. Mason, moderator, Escatawpa; S. F. Tucker, clerk, Silas, Meets with St. Stephens church, Oct. 29.

3 Arbacoochee-Rev. T. A. Camp, mod erator, Lamar; J. M. Hix, clerk, Stone Hill.

ator, Burnt Corn; Thomas S. Wiggins, cierk,

Monroeville, Meets with Bethany church, Monroe county, September 27. 7 Big Bear Creek-Rev. F. M. Jackson. moderator, Frankfort; W. M. Chaffin, clerk, Eastman, Miss. Meets with Duncan's Creek

church, Franklin county, October 11. 9 Boiling Spring-Rev. T. H. Howle, moderator, Delta; J. C. Bean, clerk, Oxford. Meets with Bethel church, September 27. 10 Cahaba-R. Y. Wood, moderator, Carthage; J. P. Harris, clerk, Harrisburg. Meets with Bethel church, October 14. 12 Canaan Rev. A. J. Waldrop, m

ator, Woodlawn; E. B. Waldrop, Woodlawn, Meets with Salem church, Oct. 1. 13 Carey-Rev. W. M. Scarborough, moderator, Mellow Valley; James A. Bailey, clerk, Mellow Valley. Meets with Sardis church, Gibsonville, Clay county, Oct. 10, 15 Centennial-A. J. Slaughter modera-tor, Union Springs; F. E. Tompkins, clerk,

Fitzpatricks. Meets with Mount Zion thurch, September 26. 16 Central-Rev. J. H. Colley, moderator, Equality; Rev. D. S. Martin, clerk, Equality. Meets with Shiloh church, Coosa

county, 8 miles east of Rockford and 5 miles. southwest of Kellyton, October 4, 18 Clear Creek-21 Elim-J. A. McDavid, moderator, Mc-David, Fla., R. W. Brooks, clerk, Williams Station. Meets with Bay Minette church,

Baldwin county, October 4, 22 Eufaula-Rev. W. H. Patterson, mod erator Eufaula; Wm. A. Davis, clerk, Eufaula. Meets with Prospect church 9 miles south of Clayton, October 24.

24 Harmony (West)-Rev. N. H. Williams, moderator; Scottsville; Jas. N. Hayes clerk, Clement's Depot. Meets with Cedar Grove church, Bibb county, October 11, 25 Indian Creek-Rev. J. M. Corbin,

moderator, Houston, Tenn.; A. O. Mon-tague, clerk, Sorby, Tenn. Meets with Rock igs church, Giles county, Tenn., Sep-

27 Liberty (East) Rev. J. F. Bledsoe, adderator, Camp Hill; Rev. W. C. Bledsoe,

rak, La Fayette. Muets with Bethel church Lee county, September 24. and Liberty (Southwest) Rev. J. D. Stone derator, Meridian, Miss.; J. L. Slay, eleck, itman, Miss, Meets with Elim church,

Clarke county, Miss., October 4. 30 Macedonia-Rev. J. L. Touchsto noderator: Buckatunna, Miss.: J. C. Williams, Sr., clerk, State Line, Miss., Meets with Macedonia church, Washington county,

33 Mobile Buptist Union-M. G. Hadson Bolds sessions quarterly,

sets with Union church, to miles 36 Muscle Shoals- ev. J. Gunn, moder ator, Trinity; Rev. Jos. Shackelford, clerk, Trinity. Meets with Hillsboro church, Oc-

37 New River-Rev. J. B. Ferguson, moderator, Bucksnort; Zack Savage, clerk, Newtonville. Meets with Shady Grove church, 14 miles southeast of Fayette, October 9. 38 Newton-Rev. J. M. Poyner, moderator, Newton; Rev. Ransom Deal, clerk, Echo. Meets with Clintonville church, Oc-

40 Pea River-Rev. Josse M. Rowe, moderator, Elba; A. J. Wise, Jr., clerk, Victoria. Meets with Bethlehem church, Coffee county, October 30.

42 Rock Mills-Rev. Wm. McCarter, moderator, Roanoke; H. J. Pritchett, clerk, Rock Mills. Meets with Central church, Hatchee, Heard county, Ga., October 4. 43 Salem - T. J. Carlisle, moderator, Brundidge; J. O. Pierson, clerk, Brundidge, Meets with Union church, Henderson, Pike

county, October 3. 44 Sandy Creek-Rev. J. E. Albritton, moderator, Geneva; Rev. J. C. Coleman, clerk, Geneva. Meets with Newhope church, Holmes county, Fla., 6miles south of Geneva, October 25.

46 Shelby-Rev. I. U. Wilkes, moderator, Brieffield; Rev. C. W. O'Hara, clerk, Wilsonville. Meets with Summer Hill church, 2 miles northeast of Shelby Springs, Oct. 11. 47 South Eastern-Rev. B. R. Jackson, moderator, Mobile; R. Powell, clerk, Citronelle, Meets with Mount Moriah church,

48 Sulphur Springs-Rev. W. B. Fulmer, moderator, Partridge; Rev. C. A. Burns, clerk, Bangor. Meets with Union church, September 26. 49 Tailapoosa River-Rev. J. H. Norton,

church, October 23. 50 Tallassehatchee and Ten Island-Rev. ohn A. Scott, moderator, Davisville; Rev.

W. H. Burton, clerk, Howell's Cross Roads. Meets with Liberty church, near Anderson, October 4. 51 Tennessee River-Rev. J. J. Beeson,

moderator, Pisgah; R. A. Coffey, clerk, Stevenson. Meets with Mount Zion church, Jackson county, September 26. 54 Tuskegee-Waddy Thompson, moderator, Tuskegee; Rev. C. W. Buck, clerk,

Crawford. Meets with Brownville church, 56 Unity-Rev. J. Falkner, moderator, Paul. clerk, Jones' Switch. Meets with Harmony

church, Autauga county. September 30. 58 Weogufka-Rev. J. R. Steely, moderator, Marble Valley; James Martin, clerk, Payetteville. Meets with Pine Grove church, Coosa county, October 18.

59 Yellow Creek-Rev. A. Markham, moderator, Pikeville; Rev. J. W. Peters, clerk, Vernon. Meets with Antioch church, Lamar county, October 11.

60 Zion-Rev. P. L. Moseley, moderator, Red Level, Covington Co.; Malachi Riley, clerk, Andalusia, Meets with Sardis church, 14 miles southeast of Greenville, October 17. Meetings in September—Tuesday 2, Nos. 31 and 32; Friday 5, No. 52; Wednesday 10, No. 11; Saturday 13, No. 8; Tuesday 16, Nos. 17 and 19; Wednesday 17, No. 41; Thursday 18, No. 28; Saturday 20, Nos. 4. 23 and 53; Tuesday 23, No. 55; Wednesday 24, No. 27; Thursday 25, No. 39; Friday 26, Nos. 15, 48 and 51; Saturday 27, Nos. 6, 9, 25, 35; Tuesday 30, No. 56.

12; Thursday 2, Nos. 5 and 26; Friday 3, Nos. 16, 36 and 43; Saturday 4, Nos. 21, 29, and 42; Thursday 9, Nos. 37 and 50; Friday 10, Nos. 1 and 13; Saturday 11, Nos. 7, 24, 30, 38, 46 and 59; Tuesday 14, No. 10; Thursday 16, No. 54; Friday 17, No. 60; Saturday 18, Nos. 3, 47 and 58; Thursday 23. No. 49; Friday 24. No. 22; Saturday 25, No. 44; Wednesday 29, No. 2; Thursday 30,

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eated to Rev. Juo, F. Bledsoe.] My Savior, let me come to thee

And lay my arms around
The bloody cross, the hallowed tree.
Where all my hopes are found. From every sin there let me hide.

Baptized as in thy blood.

And be with Jesus crucified.

My life be hid with God:

And when my Savior shall appear in whom my life's concealed. I shall his blessed image wear And be with him revealed.

Thus with my Savior crucified His mercy I'll adore, For in his "likeness satisfied," I'll live forevermore.

August, 1884.

T. E. Sheal Died, of typhoid fever, at Cusseta, Chambers county, Ala., Sept. 9th, 1884. Rev. John F. Bledsoe bantized Bro. Shealy into the fellowship of Mt. Pleasant Baptist church, in July, 1876, where his membership continued to the time of his death. Had he lived to the 28th of September, he would have been 28 years old. He cayes a large circle of relatives and a host of friends, who mourn, what seems to them, his untimely death. His widow and two small children have the sincere sympathy of all who Z. D. ROBY.

Miss Rosa Phifer.

Miss Rosa Phifer was a consistent I member of the Baptist church at Northport, and a member of the Methodist Sabbath-school at Pleasant-Hill. She was attending school at Pleasant Hill, and died away from her family, consisting only of two brothers. By request of our Sabbath-school it becomes our sad duty to note her death and present appropriate resolutions in regard to the loss sustained by us in her death. In behalf of this Sunday school we extend to her bereaved brothers and friends

Resolved. That in the de lost a bright and cheerful m whose departure leaves a sad var Resolved, That we tender our sin-EMORY'S LITTLE CATHARTIC PILLS, are cere sympathies to the stricken brothers in this dark hour of affliction, May they be comforted by the though that her gentle spirit has joined those of her father, mother, and loved

solved. That these reco

Resolved, That a copy of the same be sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST and Alabama Christian Advocate for pub-MISS H. RICHARDSON.

MRS. L. PERRY, MRS. I. W. MCADORY. N. N. Thornton.

Obituaries are often mere farces, attributing virtues to the dead which they were painfully deficient of when living. There are persons, however, who do possess such noble natures, and live such pure, godly lives, that it is not doing their memories justice -nor is it right for the sake of their examples-to let them pass away with no record of their lives. All who knew N. N. Thornton will bear testimony to the truth of the noble Christian character he has left as a beautiful legacy to be treasured up in the long as memory lasts. It can truthfully be said of him that all who knew him loved him. Kind and considerate of others and affectionate in his family, he was a favorite with all. He a son he was obedient, respectful and word affectionate can express; as a husband, none but the stricken young wife can fully testify to his devotion. During his last hours he frequently said: "I am willing and ready to die, As a Christian, his character was as near perfect as it is possible for de-

fective humanity to become. He died in Montgomery, Ala, on of his father-in-law, J. C. Stratford.

Hear what the voice from Heaven pro-For all the pious dead; Sweet is the savor of their names, And soft their sleeping bed. "Far from this world of toil and strife

Obituary.

They're present with the Lord; The labors of their mortal life End in a large reward."

Sister Minnie Gay, daughter Henry G. and Donna M. Davis, was born near Central Institute, in Elmore county, Ala., Sept., 17, 1854. She was married to Mr. John G. Gay, Dec. 30, 1873. Early in life she sought reconciliation with God and found peace in believing on the Lord Jesus ted with Bethesda Baptist church and received baptism at the hands of Eld.

In every relation of life her light

only complimentary, but in this case there is little danger of exaggeration when we say that no daughter was ever more dutiful, no sister more affectionate, no wife more faithful and constant, no mother more kind, tender and loving. If the prayers of the church could have prevailed long would she have remained on earth as a blessin to her loved ones. But the Master called for her, after a long, and painful illness and much suffering, which he bore with Christian patience and DIED, near Jefferson, Marengo a martyr's fortitude. On the night of county, Ala., Mrs. Louiss P. Graner, the roth of July, 1884, the spirit of wife of Lewis Graner, on the 27th of one of the nublest of women kind returned to the God who gave it. It is selfish to grieve for ber, whom we believe to be so happy, but it is impossible to suppress the tears. It is wrong to murmur, but, oh, how sad that as a daughter, a sister, a wife, a mother, a neighbor, a member of so ciety and the church, she is gone! Farewell, my dear sinter, till we shall meet again in the sweet by and byl Thy departure is a sad calamity to us out, thanks be to Ged, it is a joy to thee. Thy cares, thy trials, thy pain and sufferings are all over. "Blessed" are the dead that die in the Lord, yea. saith the Spirit, they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow

Dearest aister, thou hast left us; We our loss do deeply feel; But 'tis God that hath-hereft us; He can all our sorrows heal; Not for the dead in Christ we weep, Their sorrows now are o'er. The sea is calm, the tempest past,

On that eternal shore. Their peace is sealed, their rest is sure, Within that better home; Awhile we weep and linger here, Then follow to the tomb.

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Obituary.

It is with sorrow of heart that we d friend, Christiana Blakely, Pebruary 13, 1826, and died August 1884 Her maiden name was Corlius. She was married to William Stakely in Blount county, Ala., where they lived until a few years past who

they moved to Bis member of the Methodist church, be during a revival meeting held in th First Baptist church of Birminghau he with her husband and two grow

irch and baptized by the writer, then pastor of that church. She con tinued a consistent member until the day of her death, showing by every act of her life that she was actuated by the Spirit of her Master, whom she served with great faithfulness. She was ready on all suitable occasions, to aid the poor and suffering, always anxious to visit the sick and minister to their wants. She was an exemplary member of the church, and worthy of the confidence of all who knew her. In her death the family has lost a wife and mother of no ordinary character. Her sickness was evere and much of her time she was unconscious, hence we had no words of advice and counsel from her during her last illness. She leaves a family of three sons, all in Texas, and five daughters, all living in this county, two of whom are single and remain at home with their sorrowing father. hearts of his family and friends, so May the God whom she loved be their A. J. WALDROP.



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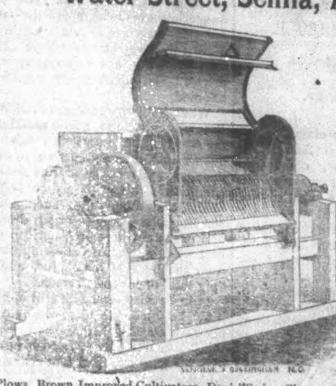
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anything in common with the class of Chinese now living in such large numbers in so many parts of America.

In spite of my Christian convictions of duty to all my fellow men, and never failing remembrance of the fact that we are all the children of of his cross-in spite of all this, Chi-

When, therefore, Chin Foo was recommended to me as a very superior however, that I had to choose between birth who had very meagre knowledge of the art, if I may so call it, of 'doing up" shirts and collars.

and several limp and highly "blued" collars, I sent for Chin Foo.

He came immediately-as yellow, mummy like and homely a Chinaman. as ever said prayers to Joss. Dense ignorance was depicted in his face,

interested in him.

in my room leading the first Chinese screaming loudly. child I had ever seen-little Wing Poo.

The little fellow amused and interof most Chinamen, and his features docs. called "the cunningest little shoes!" They were Chinese shoes, very small, his, and hung quite to his heels.

came into the room.

A pocketful of candy and two or liked to wear. three picture cards put me on intimate terms with Wing Poo, and for four months he came to see me every Monday morning, and had learned a great many American words.

But one morning he failed to come Poor Chin Foo! he never came

again. I went to his wretched little house, in the most squalid part of the city, and found Chin Foo dead. That he had died very suddenly,

was about all I could Jearn from the two or three Chinamen sipping tea in the dark, wretchedly shabby, and very uncomfortable room. "Where is little Wing Poo?" I asked.

"Ah! Wing Poo? Lill Chiny boy! day, allee samee as lill Melican boy. Nobody cook lill Chiny boy licee, (rice) nobody washee for him.'

brothers or sisters. His mother had mined on sending him to school, even died, Chin Foo told me, in "San though the queue went off the first

cried "mellee muchee."

little boy to me, having learned that for its loss, if it must go. the little fellow was but a short distance away.

tears rolling down his cheeks.

Wing Poo was left entirely alone. It to start to school, he spent entirely - Sele, ted. came to my knowledge that the little with my little boy. They had many boy might not fare very well in China- | merry games and romps. The aftertown. The full grown Chinaman has noon was quite warm, and my baby not, ordinarily, much tenderness in boy, who was then about two years his nature. They are stolid and in and a half old, became wearied with different people, not seeming to have too much fun and fell asleep on a any capacity for mental suffering. I rug. Faithful Wing Poo at once sat resolved that Wing Poo should not down by the little fellow with a fan, remain among people who could have and gently ranned the flushed little no sympathy for his childish grief, and face, and struck savagely at a fly or were not likely to treat him very kind- two that seemed determined on feast-

My wife and baby boy had come to But after a half hour had passed I me from our Eastern home since I noticed signs of weariness in Wing fellow amid the degenerating and al together unholy influences of Chinatown. His mind is as free from evil now as that of our own baby boy.

At this moment baby's eyes opened wide. He sat up, poked his chubby We must do something for him. fists in his eyes, yawned, and stood While deciding on our final course, upon his feet. His mother's workwe had better bring him here for a basket, a forbidden but longed-for

ed him so much, indeed, that in two I was very much engaged with a weeks we had given up all our plans for sending Wing Poo to any of the various Homes we had heard of for orphan children, and had fully deci the book had lost its interest for me.

horse, while his queue served as reins.

The manner in which those reins were jerked and twisted and pulled would have been beyond the endurance of any boy but Wing Poo. His poor queue had ever been one of the baby's favorite playthings and I had sever been served as reins.

To my wife, as she entered the room where the baby was chastising the chairs and table with Wing Poo's queue.

"Do you think it could be tied on again so he wouldn't know it?" asked

The Chinese, as a class, are not held in very high esteem by Americans.

They will never, I fear, come into the company the property of the company th human fellowship and sympathy with demand and command but one-he room Wing Poo's eyes were open us. Most of them are unworthy of would not allow us to cut off his wide. . Baby saw him and toddled such fellowship. We will never have queue, and burst into such a fit of across the floor, trailing the queue in weeping when we proposed dressing him in the costume of American boys that we decided upon allowing him to wear garments of his choice, and the Wing Poo.

one Father, and all equals at the foot his dark cheeks, "allee samee-only in his hands. this," and Wing Poo passed his hands | To our utter surprise a grin overnamen have ever been repugnant crea. over his garments and tenderly strok- spread his whole face; his bright eyes

and little Wing Poo manifested his fingers derisively toward an imaginary "washee man" I declared that I would gratitude by seeming to study my band of boys, said—have none of him. It came to pass, every wish and by increased devotion "Oh! Melican boy him and an American lady of Irish tyrannical as ever a baby could be. | no Melican boys after me, ah?" That

an object of special interest to all the Poo was a real philo After having worn two or three queue at first excited curiosity, then easy matter to induce him to wear the pairs of scorched and stained cuffs ridicule, and finally a spirit of mis- neat boy's suit I bought for him, and chief that made the little Chinaman he looked just like a "Melican" boy very shy about venturing out alone. One day we witnessed a very exci- Monday.

ting spectacle. I had been in the habit of sending Wing Poo every day his books, and was quick to learn; to a mail box on a lamp post near by, and in time manifested traits I had and I found him to be as stupid as he looked.

But he was faithful: so very faith
But he was faithful: so very faith
To make the lamp post theat of, to post my letters. I presume that certain mischievous boys had noted whole race of Chinamen.

Wing Poo's presence at the lamp post

We do not know what possibilities ful and so earnest in his efforts to at a certain hour every day, and had of good there are in many of our felplease that I soon overcame the aver- "laid for him." At any rate we saw low-creatures, and should control our sion I first felt toward poor Chin Foo, the boy flying down the road toward dislikes and prejudices when they and after a little while I began to be home at such a furious pace that his conflict with what is right and just. queue stood strait out behind him. One Monday morning he appeared He was throwing up his hands and

In hot and mad pursuit of the poor little Chinaman were seven or eight ested me very much. He had the small urchins, each one of whom brightest almond-shaped black eyes, brandished a pair of scissors, while with a roguish twinkle in them. His they gave utterance to war-hoops that face was much fairer than the faces would have done credit to young Mo-

more regular and even. He wore a I rushed quickly out to the gate little cap of scarlet cloth with a black and arrived there just in time to have tassel, a frock-like coat of blue, short Wing Poo fall at my feet writhing in and wide pantaloons of scarlet, blue terror, whereupon his pursuers quickstockings and what a lady friend ly disappeared in various directions.

After that I had to carry my own mail to the letter-box, or send it by a turned up at the toes and ornamented servant. Wing Poo did not dare with gold braid. Then he had what venture outside of the gate alone for impolite boys would call "a reg'lar | many weeks. His fear had been inpig tail." The proper name is a queue. creased by something that occurred His straight black hair was braided in a few days after he had been chased | year I was so nervous that if any one with a good deal of hair that was not by the boys. He was playing with my little boy in the front yard, when Offer of a big yellow apple brought | there suddenly appeared on the pave- | gry or out of patience, but was just as the little Chinaman from his place of ment a boy about Wing Poo's size; concealment, behind his father, to and this very bad boy had a cow's which he had retreated when he first tail dangling beneath his hat, and tied with a red ribbon, such as Wing Poo-

When the boy was fairly in front of the house and in presence of Wing Poo there suddenly appeared from various places of concealment six or eight other small boys, who fell upon the cow's tail and, with knives and as usual; neither did Chin Foo ap scissors, made a great pretence of cutting the offending appendage from the boy's head.

This frightfully suggestive and very cruel sport had the effect of sending Wing Poo into the cellar, where he lay hidden under some

straw in a box until dark. It affords me great satisfaction to write that those boys never had the satisfaction of cutting off Wing Poo's queue. He never gave them another said Maggie, "and you must lie on

opportunity to do so. The very sight the sofa and get a nap while I am He ky mellee muchee. He ky al'ee of a boy would sand him scampering gone. You are looking dreadfully into the house. But this would not do. Wing Poo

could speak English very readily by I ought to have written before that this time, and could understand all little Wing Poo had no mother, no that was said to him. I had deter day. The boy must not grow up in I found myself feeling very sorry ignorance for the sake of retaining a out an hour; and the air will do him indeed for the "lill Chiny boy" who useless and not very ornamental good, too. My head aches badly this queue. I would trust to the know! morning. I asked a Chinaman to bring the edge he would gain to console him

The spring term of school was to riage up and down on the walk! commence soon, and Wing Poo was sorrowful, sad faced, forlorn child in the teacher myself, and she had with weeping, and the merry twinkle as possible from the thoughtless jests her mother happier, and given her had quite gone from them. When I and cruel sport of the boys. She had time to rest. held out my hand he came and took it been greatly interested in Wing Poo, in silence, hanging his head with the and had imposed a severe penalty on any pupil who should molest him.

became acquainted with Wing Poo. Poo. He waved the fan listlessly to "Now," I said to my wife, "it will and fro, nodding his head and closbe too bad to leave that poor little ing his eyes, and at last he fell over

few days. He will, I am sure, amuse treasure, caught the little fellow's eye, and in another moment he was deep in its mysteries and delights.

ing horse," and Wing Poo was the "Just look at that, will you?" I said

favorite playthings, and I had never known the long-suffering little Chinaman to offer any remonstrance, no matter how roughly the "pig tail" was

"Me be allee samee like lil! Melican boy," he cried, the tears rolling down boy," he cried, the tears rolling down boy his head, and finally took the queue

twinkled merrily while he put his I did not urge the matter after that, thumb to his nose and, twirling his

"Oh! Melican boys, muchee good and fidelity the baby, who was just as if you do catchee me now! No hair, Of course my little Wing Poo was | was all there was of it. I think Wing

small boys in the neighborhood. His After his queue had gone it was an when he started to school the next

He developed a great fondness for

Just the Time to be Pleasant.

"Mother's cross!" said Maggie, coming out into the kitchen with a pout on her lips.

Her aunt was busy ironing, but she looked and answered Maggie: "Then it is the very time for you to be pleasant and helpful. Mother was awake a great deal in the night with the poor baby."

Maggie made no reply. She put on her hat and walked off into the garden. But a new idea went with her "The very time to be helpful and pleasant is when other people are cross. Sure enough," thought she, "that would be the time when it would

do the most good. "I remember when I was sick last spoke to me, I could hardly keep from being cross; and mother never got angentle with me. I ought to pay it

back now, and I will." And she sprang up from the grass where she had thrown herself, and turned a face full of cheerful resolution toward the room where her mother sat soothing and tending a fretful teething boy. Maggie brought out the pretty ivo-

ry balls, and began to jingle them for He stopped fretting, and smiles dimpled the corners of his lips.

"Couldn't I take him out in his carriage, mother? It's such a nice morning," she asked.

"I should be glad if you would," said her mother. The little hat and and sack were trought and the baby was soon ready for his ride.

I'll keep him as long as he is good,"

The kind words and the kiss that accompanied them were almost too much for the mother, The tears rose to her eyes, and her

voice trembled, as she answered: "Thank you, dearie, it will do me a world of good if you can keep him

What a happy heart beat in Maggie's bosom as she trundled the little car-She had done real good. She had He soon came into the room, a very to be entered as a pupil. I had seen given back a little of the help and forbearance that had so often been deed. His eyes were red and swollen promised to shield Wing Poo as much | bestowed upon her. She had made

She resolved to remember and act upon her aunt's good words: "The very time to be helpful and pleasant Poor Chin Foo was buried, and The Saturday before Wing Poo was is when everybody is tired and cross.'

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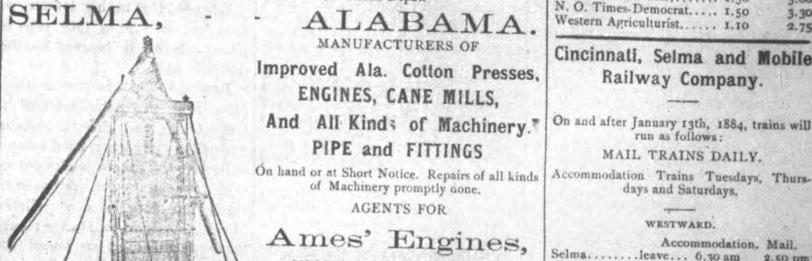
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