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The Watchman and his Report A Sermon by J. J. D. Renfroe, Delivered in Talladega the Day he Tendered his Resignation, and at the Cedar Bluff

"For thus hath the Lord said unto me Go, set a watchman, let him declare wh he seeth. Isaiah 21: 6...

Babylon, when recognized as "th queen city of the nations," and as the richest and grandest power on the was nevertheless the prison house of the captive people of God. In the 21st chapter of Isaiah, as in many other chapters, the fall of Babylon is predicted, and also the dawn of a new morning for the Lord's people. Isaiah frequently forecasts the downfall of a country or city under the simile of a "burden;" and so it is that in this chapter we have "the burden of the desert of the sea," and "the burden of Dumah," and "the burden upon Arabia." The desert of the sea embraced the whole of the vast valley on either side of the Euphrates and the city of Babylon itself. And the overthrow of Babylon was to be worked out by the Medes and Persians, under the leadership of Cyrus, who thus showed himself to be God's "shepherd" and God's "anointed" in the deliverance of his people. And as these momentous events approached the Lord stirred the spirit of his prophet and ordered him to place himself in position to take observations of the coming conflict, and to report on the doom of Babylon and watchman, let him declare what he

In attempting to extract Christian gestive and illustrative.

I. We first invite attention to the of the Lord, keep not silence." These over these things is off his watchtower watchman, his station, and the nature of watchmen are the ministers of Christ, and the age moves on by him and of science bring before us terrific con- future? Continually our missionary logic at once compels the conclusion usage in the matter? What is the gether except they be agreed." It is 1. The watchman, who is he? He watch for your souls;" "watching day exists throughout the Bible, through- and night;" 'laboring day and night;" lance expected of the Lord's watchout the ages, and in all civilization, "praying night and day;" "in watch man claims attention for a moment; and among all tribes of men. Presi- ings often, in hunger and thirsting, in and this has been anticipated from dent Jackson was right as a states- weariness and painfulness?" "and so what has already been said. man and hero when he declared that they cease not to watch and to warn (1.) But first of all it is such that the voice of God in perfect harmony wonderfully owned and blessed these corrupt, drawn the conclusion that all profess to appeal to the Scriptures over, there are a few questions of "Eternal vigilance is the price of lib- with tears." They watch for their he is to watch himself. erty." It means that liberty can only | Lord, they watch for the church, they without watchfulness it must be lost, for the world's good, and they watch and that this watchfulness is a wide- against all evil; and therefore while awake toil and a constant toil. And they watch themselves they will right flicts and advancements, as seen in tianity has captured many of the great agency of a new reformation to lead it is equally true in the moral world frequently seem to be watching at the class commotions, in political changes, scientists on the globe. Christianity out a vast train of confessors to emthat God has provided for the exist- heels of other men and looking into in religious movements, in the world's is at this hour furnishing the great ma- brace our position and to submit to ance of the watchman in his kingdom, other men's matters. under whose faithfulness the "certain sound" is given, and the armies of the living God are held in readiness for the day of battle. The soldier, are many stations in the civil world, after some experience, does not need in the military world, in the scientific salvation and usefulness, and for the throughout civilization; and many of most scientific bibliests, have given tinel is essential. When the hour for which demand the watchman's ser- man. rest and relaxation comes, an army vices. Our chapter repeatedly speaks sleeps profoundly and enjoys a sense of the "watchtower" as the station of be the nature of the watchman's reof safety, though the enemy is near, the watchman, and there seem to be port? The text answers, "Let him higher education and of more general and this conviction has worked itself it is easy to get a graphic idea of the quire ye."

from age to age its limitless glories doom and the liberation of Israel. and riches are more sublimely mani- And as this prophetic watchman of Zion, and where they felt happiness and peace into thousands

ally, "what do all these lights of dif- fallen, is fallen."

a grand position is that of the pilot of and confirm the churches of God in an ocean steamer, as his vessel passes the immutable truth of the great printhrough dangerous waters! And yon- ciples of evangelical Christianity. der in the lighthouse is another watchman whose manipulations of his present struggle in England and all lights are well understood by the Europe and all the old world, as well. steersman of the passing ship.

and of them an apostle says, "they leaves him in the lurch.

2. And now what is the watch-

man's station!

as compact a body as practicable, man kept daily and nightly vigilance and the dark night of Babylon's ruin ment of life is the demand of the age. Selves. But after that spirit exhausts word. They only profess to be. The and private, should sleep the entire country. And he calleth unto me 2. The Babylonian watchman in is taking deep root in governments, science of God's children will reassert a prima facie proof that the genuine its views by resolution or declaration, night, and he in person mounted out of Seir, Watchman, what of the the great tower of the palace, speak- national and State, and in city and itself, and will attend to that voice, of the same denomination is valuable. On any subject whatever germain to "Old Sorrel" and spent the night rid- night?" As this watchman saw the ing to and for his king, reported, "A county municipalities, addressing iting round and around the encamp- approach of the Medo-Persian grievous vision is declared unto me, self to the wants of the poor and of 6. And now for this beloved church ment of his slumbering men, watch- army, which betokened the fall my loins are filled with pain; I was the common people, the whole land where I have lived and watched so as flesh is weak, men in high places are received into the fellowship of the ing for their safety while they slept, of Babylon, and the release of bowed down at the hearing of it, I is being supplied in centres of influ-In that instance it is easy to under- Israel, he replied to the above ques- was dismayed at the seeing of it. My ence with high schools, colleges, and port of good cheer. You have a fine But a moral deflection in one minis- ard Baptist Confessions, as the Phila-

of science bring them into view and Lord himself. "For thus hath the rusty and cankered in the non-use of analyze their relations of the men' who console the bereaved, so we foolish brethren are almost present the men' who console the bereaved, so we foolish brethren are almost present the men' who console the men' who console the bereaved, so we foolish brethren are almost present the men' who console the men' who console the bereaved, so we foolish brethren are almost present the men' who console the bereaved. analyze their relations. Christian Lord said unto me, Go, set a watch- their long captivity. They sat by the tillery and the saloon, and the morn- the whole body be prepared for ac- comfort the sick, and advise the per- pared to execute his cunning design. Central Baptist.

fested, and thus the advancing church saw in the distance the moving war that they could not sing the Lord's of communities and into millions of of God has it both old and new. Did chariots and horses, and asses, and you ever think of what a watchman is camels, and men of the great army of the engineer of a railroad train? A Cyrus, he cried, "A lion! I stand few nights since I talked for some continually upon the watchtower in time with an engineer at his post. He the day time, and I am set in my ward was drawing a long train after him. whole nights; and behold," here

train is all coming along saf-ly?" move up the outposts of the kingdom After he had explained many of his of our Lord; and scientific struggles house of thy bondage to the land of watchmen are giving no unmistakaduties, I said to him, "All this causes and conflicts settle the inharmonious thy fathers and to the Zion of thy ble sound. A sublime harmony is alyou to have to watch a great deal." views of men concerning the doc- faith! "Arise, shine, for thy light is most universal. We have nearly He replied, "Watch! every mo- trines of civilization, social order, hument, sir, every moment, sir. What man rights, and biblical doctrines, risen upon thee."

Great Christian truths underlie the Gladstone, to many a half observing And thus our text has reference to reader, seems to be battling for Roan official watchman, "Go, set a manism, but once you get down to day nor night; ye that make mention the Christian minister who slumbers forces.

3. And so the nature of the vigi-

(2.) He is to watch the church.

(4.) He is to watch society.

(5.) He is to watch the world's con-

II. His report. And now what must cent blood of King Immanuel.

song in a strange land, there also homes. I asked many questions, and especi- cometh a great army. "Babylon is lon and strike new notes of praise to the States of the South, and in the referent colors mean?" All were ex- An important lesson here suggested Cyrus they set their happy faces to- have observed the workings of the last plained, and I was specially interest- is, that God's servants are to watch ward the loved Jerusalem, whose meeting of the Southern Baptist Coned in the peculiar light at the rear the conflicts of the world and take ad claims and promises they have never tion, and of our State Convention, end of the train. "That shows me vantage of them to lift forward the forgotten. This is the time for at without being inspired by the consethat my train is unbroken—that I cause of Christ. The conflicting tion! "Arise and anoint the shields," crated intellect of those grand men have left no cars behind; as long as I counsels of statescraft, and the con- and press forward. "Return, come!" and the report which they were enacan see that light I know that my quests of armies opon the way to For the glorious light of a new day bled to make from all sections where shines forth on thy pathway from the our people are making efforts. Our

> and must not be hindered. "Let siastical crank, or the theological him declare what he seeth." He wiseacre. Devotion to Christ, devomust "cry aloud and spare not." tion to principle, devotion to church, of a preacher's connection with against the day of battle?"

flicts, and the doubting and timid take stations are taking deeper hold, and that every preacher who has not fallen reasonable view of the case? What is absolutely indispensable that the memgreat alarm. But these conflicts are new fields are opening and being oce is a particeps criminis with the one the teaching of Scripture? helpful. Science itself confirms the cupied, and the great work is being who has fallen, or at least is to be retruth of the book of God; and Chris- pushed onward and further by our garded with suspicion on that account. have creeds and rules which are of duty, and this agreement can only be tian teachers are constantly learning Boards, sustained by our churches; But they go still further. Having final authority to their members, reached by a setting forth of the views with his voice in his written word, advancing mouements. God has never used human learning. 5. And we cannot resist the opin ment, they form a sort of illegitimate by the church; and even among the days of the Apostles, and on these

ours. We have nothing to fear from an under current of Baptist sentiment that quarter, for the reason that Chris- which only awaits the quickening home life and church life, and civil jority of the presidents and professors our views of Christian ordinances and life, in its retrogressions and reforma- of the great schools of learning, and church order. The researches of ections. And in all this he watches the most powerful intellects in all de- clesiastical history, the decisions of We have already seen that there "for men's souls," for their improve- partments of human greatness. Christ's the great linguists of all ages and of ment, for their happiness, for their friends are in the palace of Cæsar all sects, and the critical work of the

And while the public school system itself, as it certainly will, the con- appearance of counterfeit anwhere is church to put forth a creed or to utter

stands out with the glory of complete of pleasure" became his night of woe. lon, who in this season of pleasure ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station in which God has der him, but constantly let the anxious ment of the station ment of the st orbs. They were always there from There seems to have been a third and sin have forgotten their shields, placed his ministers. The watchman ious wayfaring membership of this anyhow? They are the men whose cajoled some true-hearted but weaken ious wayfaring membership of this anyhow? They are the men whose cajoled some true-hearted but weaken ious wayfaring membership of this anyhow? They are the men whose cajoled some true-hearted but weaken ious wayfaring membership of this anyhow? They are the men whose cajoled some true-hearted but weaken ious wayfaring membership of this anyhow? the creation of the heavens until now, but more and and surface of the Lord's prophbut more and more the achievements of science of the was stationed, and stationed by the

science occupies an observatory which man; let him declare what he seeth." rivers of Babylon, which passed disting light of freedom for the poor and tion. And a new morning will break plexed. They are the men whose in- Away with creeds. * * This is the enables it to do the same for the im- Go, set a watchman where he may rectly through the city, and hung their for the widow and in upon you and lead you out into a fluence and example and teaching are cry of the day. Ostensibly, it is mutable word of God. The word of observe the impending conflict, and harps upon the willows in the midst for the orphan is breaking forth over glorious noonday brightness. Your to so mold the generations as they reverence for the Bible and attachthe Lord is always the same, but witness the coming of Babylon's thereof, where their enemies mocked civilization, and already the thrilling cause can never full. It is God's cause rush in and on upon each other's ment to charity which dictates the them with a demand for the songs liberty which it brings has carried as you represent God's truth.

> their shields had been laid aside; but 4 And now to come still nearer to the time had come to arise and lift our own denominational interests in these harps from the willows and re- distinction, I claim the privilege of anoint these shields, that they may reporting that all is bright before our march out beyond the walls of Baby- Baptist Zion in our State and in all God, as under the proclamation of gions beyond. No careful man could

come, and the glory of the Lord is reached the exalted position which cannot be disturbed by the hobby God's watchman must make report rider, or the Diotrephes, or the eccle-

to be informed that the guard or sen- world, and in the religious world, glory of God in the betterment of his boldest fees would gladly wash their uniform testimony to the general cor. such people. Wherever there is a understood is, of course, an absurdity; hands of responsibility for the inno- rectness of the plain old English Bi- moral wreck thither they fly. "Where but Campbellite churches usually have ble as exemplified in the distinctive the carcass is there will the eagles be no written creeds or declarations, and 2. This is preeminently an age of principles of our Baptist churches; gathered together." because there is confidence in the three watchtowers referred to in the declare what he seeth." He is to education. No man worthy of his into the beliefs of multiplied thou under the cloak of a clergyman, incidentally adopts in disciplining its picket force on duty between the two story. And we may mention first watch, he is to see; and he is to de- race, or conscious of his responsibili- sands of men and women far beyond proves no more against clergymen as members. Whether they would rety for his posterity, can afford to be our denominational lines. And there a class, than the discovery of a wolf gard it as improper to pass a resolu-Jackson that after several days and Mt. Seir, as the safeguard of Edom's 1. The Idumean watchman in the indifferent to the intellectual demands fore the most earnest efforts are con- in a sheep's garb proves against the tion defining their position as to a nights of rapid marching and hard mountain pass, and which overlooked tower of Mt. Seir reports, "The morn- of the hour for himself and for his stantly made to create the opinion good nature of sheep as a class. Peo- popular, sin does not appear. Now fighting in the valley of Virginia, he the vast lowlands of Babylon. In this ing cometh and also the night"—the children and for his country. Cultiput his brave and wearied army into lofty watchtower the sleepless watch- morning of Israel's liberty is dawning vated minds in every active depart must not be allowed to assert them clergymen in the real sense of the these, and contains elements of both.

stand who was the watchman and the tion, "The morning cometh, and so heart panted, fearfulness affrighted universities for the youth of the counimportance of his services. And so also the night, if ye will inquire, in me; the night of my pleasure hath he try who are capable of entering them. God has given you a goodly heritage his brethren, any more than the skip- Confession, or the New Hampshire And thus the civilization which grows and an encouraging outlook. You ping of one cashier to Canada ren- Confession, and a covenant and cer-The second watchtower was that in 3. And the Lord's prophet, with out of Christian agencies, is possess- have planted your watchtower in a ders. every bank in the country un- tain rules of decorum. Besides many posts, the advanced guards, and the the heart of the great city, in the cita- faithful ken, takes in the situation and ing the best order of mind in the cursentinel lines of an army, which make del, near the palace of the king, and proclaims his verdict, "That which I rent age and is lifting up the indus- a situation to keep house for God, and and dwell upon the ministry; if we time, certain other rules for the guidto keep up your spirited and sacred must have preachers to criticise and ance of their members. On many body. The night watch of a city, so country around. Belshazzar's "night God of Israel, have I declared unto 3. One of the most far-reaching campaign in the community against contemplate, feet us turn away from church books is a rule in regard to often alluded to in the Bible, holds a of pleasure" was at hand, when he or you." And what is it? Like the commotions of our times is that which vice and in honor of virtue. You have the few isolated misnamed ministers absentees from the business meetings relation of incalculable interest to dered the preparation of his "table" prophet Jeremiah, who spoke of that is driven on by the cause of temper an inspiring prospect. Your church who bring reproach upon the cause of the church, or plans for raising every inhabitant, as important to them with rich and exhaustless viands, and day, of the tide of desolation which individually as the higher match of a solled upon the cause of the church, or plans for raising a statement respecting their views as individually as the night watch of a called upon his people and "a thou- should sweep over Babylon as "the and the liquor traffic as legalized by this city. I boldly declare that you upon the tents of thousands of preach- for disciplining members. Very often great mill or factory or public work sand of his lords" to eat and drink; coming up of a lion from the swelling government, are now conceded to be have been for a quarter of a century ers of every name who are working our churches passed resolutions definto the property and business involved. and though he did command that his of Jordan," so Isaiah thought of noth- the matchless evils of our age. And the van-guard of moral reform and ag- their finger nails to the quick in this ing their position as to current ques-Scientists, from their lofty towers, watchman should "watch in the ing that could better symbolize the the conscience of our times is in high gression in this community. You will world, and waiting to get paid in antions of great interest. Thus fifty with great learning and suitable in- watchtower," yet in that night of coming of that terrible hour than the rebellion against the power of this continue to lead souls to Christ, and other. struments, watch the weather currents drunken revelry at court all vigilance exclamation, "A lion!" The lion, as monster wrong. The present status you will continue to draw increase Let us contemplate the itinerants adopted declarations as to the question over vast districts of the earth, and was debauched, and the city fell un- lord of the forests, the master of all of the conflict indicates the approach from the vast Baptist forces of the re- and pioneers of protestantism in Amer- of missions and as to the theological receiving their information at central der the strategem of Cyrus, who en- beasts, was a proper characterization of a universal revelation. It has gion around. Many of them will come ica, who watched and fought and suf- views of Mr. A. Campbell. Before points, and summing it up, they artered with his army through the neg- of Cyrus at the head of the approach- forced itself into the thought of the here to supply your losses. The time fered with his army through the negrive at a proximate accuracy, so near- lected river gates; and as he entered ing Medo-Persian army. Hence the age in all the departments of intelli- is at hand for a new covenant, for a inherited homes and lands with none; by correct that the sea captain about the mysterious handwriting appeared declaration, "Babylon is fallen, is gent thinking. It is reaching a posito leave port for the high seas, if on the walls of the revelling palace: fallen! And her graven images are tion so commanding that great states waiting watchman may need to be rewarned by the weather bureau of an "Mene, God hath numbered thy broken to the ground." And behold men cannot ignore it, the secular press lieved—may need to come down from crucified under the very muzzles of spoken out on slavery. At present it approaching storm, would be regard- kingdom, and finished it; tekel, thou here come "the inhabitants of the of all grades is forced to give it attened as a madman if he refused to wait. art weighed in the balances, and art land of Tema to bring water to him tion; and therefore of course the may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of may overlook the field, and that a it all wore faces that were all aglow what views they hold as to the liquor on which they agree for the service of the liquor on which they agree for the service of the liquor of the liqu And as the astronomer watches the found wanting; peres, thy kingdom is that is thirsty, and bread to them that Christian pulpit—that grandest agen-quicker and more vigorous step may with the 'light that never was seen traffic. So nearly universal is the use God. This view is reasonable and quicker and more vigorous step may with the 'light that never was seen traffic. So nearly universal is the use God. This view is reasonable and quicker and more vigorous step may with the 'light that never was seen traffic. So nearly universal is the use God. This view is reasonable and quicker and more vigorous step may with the 'light that never was seen traffic. So nearly universal is the use God. This view is reasonable and quicker and more vigorous step may with the 'light that never was seen traffic. So nearly universal is the use God. This view is reasonable and quicker and more vigorous step may with the 'light that never was seen traffic. So nearly universal is the use God. This view is reasonable and quicker and more vigorous step may with the 'light that never was seen traffic. So nearly universal is the use God. 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clare what he seeth!"

"Watchman! tell us of the night, What its signs of promise are. Traveller! o'er you amountain height, See the glory-beaming star. Watchman! does its beauteous ray Aught of hope or joy foretell? Traveller! yes, it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.

Watchman! tell us of the night;
Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveller! blessedness and light
Peace and truth, its course portends.
Watchman! will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveller! ages are its own;

See, it bursts o'er all the earth. Watchman! tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn, Traveller! darkness takes its flight, Doubt and terror are withdrawn. Watchman! let thy wanderings cease, Hie thee to thy quiet home. Traveller! lo! the Prince of Peace, Lo! the Son of God is come."

A Word about Preachers. There is a class of people, very large in a numerical sense, and very | In the future as in the past, here little in another sense, who clap their and there, now and then, a clergyman hands in delight at the bare mention will fall from his high estate; and in "For if the watchman give an uncer- to her doctrines and ordinances, with scandal. They wag their heads and tain sound who shall be prepared less of partizan spite and narrowness, exclaim ahal aha! They leap to the ilare more general and more determined logical conclusion at once that this will only have become more like those may not three, or a hundred? Nay, If the intelligent Christian watch than at any time for years in the past; preacher concerned in the scandal is who are gloating over his downfall .man is called upon to-day for a re- and prosperity is attending our minis, the typical preacher of this and every Columbus Enquirer. watchman," one whose sole business the true inwardness of the position of port, he may declare that bright signs trations as churches and pastors; our other day; and the fact that he has it shall be to watch; one who is ap- this great watchman you find that it of promise skirt the horizon of Chris- educational interests in the State, and been lecherous or faithless at once pointed for that purpose, and holds is a contest to break the merciless tendom at large. They are thrilling in the South, are of the first order blots out, yea, glorifies the short comhis position as an office of trust and spell of an effete and semi-protestant- and inspiring all along the line. The and unsurpassed; so that we are in ings and peccadilloes of every layman of fearful responsibility, And so it ized popery, and thus lift onward the glorious light of Zion is spreading far condition to do the very best class of and non-church member who disappropriately characterizes the minis freedom of the human will and con- and wide. Our Lord always gives work for the generations of the future. graces himself to any degree what- and pass resolutions expressive of ing to take simply the human body as lessons from this complicated part of ter of religion. "I have set watch- science. From one standpoint or the morning of rich opportunities be- The Baptists of the South, and of the ever. They regard a fallen minister their views of Christian doctrine and a basis. One of them might turn out Old Testament story, we must not be men upon thy walls, O, Jerusalem, another a kindred struggle holds the fore he sends the night of woe, but United States, are now an organized of the gospel as a proper scapegoat duty? This is no new question, and to be an Allopath and the other a dogmatic; we can only take it as sug- which shall never hold their peace whole world in commotion. And the night will come to all opposing force; and if we have done so much for all the sins that were ever com- the answer is not new. To get at Homeopath, or a Thompsonian, and in the condition of the past, what mitted outside of the cloth. But they this answer, let these other questions then how harmonious would be their I. Ever and anon the oppositions may we not hope to accomplish in the go further than this. Their slip-shod be asked. What has been the Baptist practice. "How can two walk to-

> how to use the lessons of science as and the Holy Spirit has singularly and from the premise that one preacher is Catholics and some others do not held in common among them. Morepreachers are in the same predica- except as authoritatively expounded Christian life which have arisen since It is useless to tell these censors of Bible in any trial. The Westminster phine eating, and the like. To these, the pulpit and the church that their Confession decides everything with and like questions our churches must conclusions are illogical and unjust. Presbyterians, and some Congrega- apply the principles of the New Testa-

> > thinkable conception to them.

"Go, set a watchman! Let him de- be a millenium instead of a Babylon. bottom it is hatred of definite truth." They are the men whose nature and (Spurgeon, quoted Bapt. Cycl., p. calibre would earn them three, four, 294.) five and ten thousand dollars a year in Secondly, Baptists hold that all the professions, and who are preach- creeds, confessions, declarations and ing the gospel for five and ten hun- resolutions are subordinate to the dred dollars per annum. They are Scriptures. They try no man for the men who as statistics prove failure to conform to a creed, but for have a cleaner record as a class than failure to keep the law of God. The any other organization of men that creed, or confession, or resolution, ever lived in any age or country. is the church's conception of the fluctuations of height and depth.

are disposed to throw mud at the minister have come too late in the nineteenth century to create either an impression or a following. The world is better and brighter and wiser than life. it ever was before, and ministers of God are more respected, as a natural

a the future as in the past, certain men will point at him and clap their hands in derision. But the strangest thing for them to set forth these views of all is that the degraded minister together? If two may do so, why

Creeds and Declarations in Baptist Churches.

Have Baptist churches the right to two physicians to form a partnership

For, as a rule, these people are as in- tionalists; while the discipline and ment, and this they can do only by nocent of logic as they are of decen- Watson's Theology with an occasional formal resolution. The Baptist view cy, and the idea of doing justice to reference to Wesley's Sermons, are the is therefore, the only reasonable view, anybody merely on principle is an un- final appeal with Methodists. On the for it recognizes at once the suprem other hand, the followers of Alexan- acy of Scripture, the necessity of Collating scandals and evil reports der Campbell claim to have no creed agreement thereon, and the right and about ministers is a labor of love with but the Bible. This claim absolutely duty of declaring that agreement. many of them keep no minutes of the The discovery of a very vile man doctrinal opinions which the church

As long as men are human, as long ly all Baptist churches, when they

has invited us to level our wall and given case without the right of saying

heels, that the future of America shall clamorous denunciation; but at the

They are the theracometer of civiliza- teaching of Scripture; but Baptists tion, indicating by their position its insist upon the duty of every member to appeal over the head of all creeds Those people and those papers who and confessions to the Scriptures them. selves. Hence, such creeds or resolutions are not laws enacted by the church, but simply declarations of its views as to Christian doctrine and

II. Is this Baptist view reasonable?

Is it reasonable for any man, say a preacher, to set forth what he believes to be the Scripture teaching on any subject? This is what our preachers are doing every Sunday. If two men agree in their views, is it reasonable more; if a company of Christians wish to band themselves together for the service of God; they must do so upon some agreed basis. To say that they simply take the Bible is as wise as for bers of a church be agreed upon the

III. Is it scriptural? It certainly is for these reasons. First, the Scriptures declare that in them God speaks to us; but they nowhere intimate that we are not to interpret them for ourselves or that they contain particular rules for the guidance of the churches in all ages. There is no "church and no complete list of offences for which the fellowship of the church should be withdrawn. The truth is, the Christian Scriptures fill a much nobler place than that. They give great principles and leave to the sanctified common-sense of the churches under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to apply these heavenly principles to the lives of their members.

Secondly, the Lord Jesus Christ expressly said to his churches, "Whatspever things ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven," and, when following the Scriptures, the church has, herefore, his authority to determine everything necessary to the perfection of her doctrine and discipline. Finally, the church in Jerusalem, with the consent of the Apostles, in the notable meeting described in Acts 15, adopted to the Gentile churches, thus setting us in example.

This, then, is the summing up of the whole matter. Modern Baptist churches have ever held that the Scriptures are supreme in all matters of faith and duty, but at the same derstanding must constitute the basis

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SALUTATORY.

In appearing for the fifth time in the writing staff of the ALABAMA BAP-TIST a few salutatory words from the undersigned seem proper. The past history and noble work of the paper are known to the Baptists of our State, Gaylesville, and on to Broomtown. and do not need to be recounted. Bro. Watt is fine company, and we From the first, as an agency of use- had no little chit-chat by the way, tance to no other general interest, familiar long ago. Before it o'clock among our people, because it has been largely helpful of every other interest, hands with the friends of early days. and was brought into being for that express purpose. This has been its mission, and beyond this it has had neither purposes nor pretentions. In former connections with the paper I have had no other responsibility than first pastor. It is now a strong counthe obligation to furnish a given amount of matter for its columns, having had nothing to do with its business or management. But now, as land and good people. We had pemanaging editor, I come before its readers in a very different relation. with much heavier work, and with far Rev. J. A. Webb is pastor now. greater responsibility. In some parts of this work I am without experience, do my best to give them a good pa- attempt to notice the meeting item by

In this attitude the writer He takes the position with timidity; and yet having decided, in takes it with will and with determina--if the Lord permit. acter of the paper? It is not considered wise for an editor to make many promises or fix many iron rules, for

BAPTIST has never had any hobbies, Finding this to be their opinion, we ent management. It believes in the them on almost every subject that great principles of evangelical Christianity, and is in harmony with the ingly anxious to see Bro. Crumpton, distinctive sentiments of the Baptist the present Corresponding Secretary people. With the broadest charity for all men, it holds that men diverge from the New Testament at the pre- nearly as good as that on missions. cise point where they diverge from The Seminary, Howard College, and the settled faith of the Baptists, and the female colleges, all received handthat faithfulness to Christ and devo- some allusions. The meeting was a tion to principle demand the state- good one in all respects. ment of our faith as occasion may We found that several Baptist par truth; for, to those at least whose and McCollum. These young men pastor, and was assisted in the meet ties as church members, after which losses. We ask for general colporage their using. Every member and evoffer. With constant purpose to aid pers are read in that country, and in hearts are in the service of the sanct- are excellent preachers and promise ing by Bro. A. T. Sims, who did a missionary collection was taken up work \$250. The colporteurs have sold ery individual in the congregation is the churches and pastors of Alabama, August newspaper money is very this paper may be expected to stand scarce, but we obtained a very good more out of place, more partaking of try. - W. G. Curry, Furman. firmly by our denominational institu- list for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and re- mere lip service, than the use of a rittions as fostered by our State Conven- ceived great encouragement in ex- ual hundreds of years old, composed esting meeting of seven days and Georgiana. tion. Our schools, male and female; pressions of what the brethren intend by uninspired men, who could no nights at Macedonia church, Chilton I closed a meeting of six days, emand the Theological Seminary, and to do between this and the close of our boards of the State and of the State and of the Southern Convention, the Publication Society at Philabelphia, our associations, with their enterprises, and the close of the possible wants of coming generations that we can. We cannot stere conversions; also at Sulphur Springs; on the possible wants of coming generations that we can. We cannot stere conversions; also at Sulphur Springs; on the possible wants of coming generations that we can. We cannot stere conversions; also at Sulphur Springs; on the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming generations that we can. We cannot stere conversions; also at Sulphur Springs; on the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of coming first Sabbath in August, at the possible wants of com

desire to operate. that assistance which is absolutely es- ning a protracted meeting, from which the different ages and wants of the sential, we appeal to the brotherhood we hope to have a good account. world, or the temperaments of men. in all parts of Alabama for an inter- Rev. J. M. Henderson is pastor.

everywhere, if your heart is as my ter, wife of the Hon. John Lawrence, I. J. D. RENFROE. THE CEDAR BLUFF ASSOCIATION.

of August, and it was our privilege to Next morning the son, Mr. James cult of access. A buggy ride of nearly forty miles from Cave Spring, Ga., was necessary. Though we spent only

a few minutes in Cave Spring, we met Dr. L. R. Gwaltney, of Shorter where the State line strikes Lookout College, on the streets, and had some Mountain. In former times we have pleasant conversation with him and been pastor of churches over the

a livery turnout with a first-rate driver, the labor of travel, talking, speaking, and at dark we were at the home of Bro. I. S. Watt, the clerk of the as- it very much. sociation, having travelled twenty-two miles and crossed Coosa River. Bro. lengthy in our future notices of asso-Watt and his excellent wife we have ciational meetings. In this case the known from their infancy. They and circumstances were peculiar. There their parents before them and all their are many things we could wish to say relatives, have for thirty-five years which cannot be said. Everywhere been esteemed as among our best we were assured of hearty co-operafriends. Their greeting could not tion in behalf of the paper. We intend

comed us to their delightful home. Friday morning, seated in a buggy by the side of Bro. Watt, we set out for Mt. Bethel, about seventeen miles further. This drive carried us directly along the roads over which we constantly passed the first six years of our ministry,-through Cedar Bluff and fulness, it has been second in impor- and saw many spots which were quite we were on the grounds and shaking

In 1842-3, we were the missionary of the Cherokee Association, and it was then that this church was organ ized by the Rev. James Fields and ourself, and for two years we were its try church, meeting on the same ground in a real good house, and first rate surroundings-a valley of fine culiar feelings, as we had not seen the people for more than thirty years.

The introductory sermon by Bro. Gresham was a strong and appropr charity of the friends of the enter- moderator and Bro. Watt as clerk. prise, with the pledge on my part to They are good officers. We will not per. After so many years spent in item. Those subjects usually considpastoral relations, it is a great change ered at our best associational meetings in the life of a Christian minister, to all passed under review at Mt. Bethel. retire from that and take the work of The discussion of the general report a Christian editor, on which to ex- on missions was one of the best dispend his remaining years and energy. cussions we ever witnessed by an as-It is a great change to withdraw from sociation, and in this remark we have a beloved church, where more than a no reference to what we did, but to quarter of a century has been devoted what the members of the body did. to pastoral work, and undertake a They had the subject before them for new work, which must demand the more than a half day. We saw there whole time and strength of the in- what we had never before witnessed -every church except one sent up now comes before the Baptists of Ala- money for missions, and they appointed a committee to visit that one to see who was the matter; and in no unmistaka-God to do so, he under- ble language from some of the speakers, it was proclaimed that that asso tion to make a success of the venture ciation could not continue to hold fellowship with a church which will What of the future work and char- not take part in giving Christ's gospe to the destitute.

Dr. Bailey has visited that body ev ery session for six years in the past know what will demand his They believe that he knows all about However, the ALABAMA what a Baptist association ought to do have none under its pres- attempted to perpetrate Bailey or came before them. They are exceedof our Board.

The discussion on education was

This indicates the field in which we another of our first pastoral charges, worshiper. For though these doc-

ened with the constant counsels of Monday evening a pleasant ride light in that sweet psalm, "Fret not thyself; rest in the Lord; wait patient letter 1.—D. W. Ramsey, Pineapple, one brother put it, "the church mem-Maj. Harris and the assistance of Dr. with Bro. Miller to Cedar Bluff, where ly for him, and he shall give thee the lead us ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him, and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give thee the large ly for him and he shall give the large ly for him and he shall git In coming to Montgomery the wri- section, and where we first found the Lowell

ter returns to his native county, and queen of our heart, brought us to the hopes to feel quite at home. His life home of Dr. Lawrence. The doctor has been and will be spent in Ala- and his wife were young people when bama, and he will always be delighted we belonged to that age. Sister L. that Talladega is not far away and is met us at the gate with the salutation, of easy access. Ten thousand bless- "If I had a stick I'd bang you over ings on Talladegal Many a time my the head with it. I've been looking heart will retrace the steps of twenty- for you all day and here you come nine years among that beloved peo- poking in just at night." We got into the buggy with her and crossed the brethren and sisters river to spend the night with her sis heart we shall have a pleasant time who has been beyond all question one of the best friends we ever had in life. The Doctor also went, and though Mrs. John Lawrence had been quite This body convened with the Mt. sick and was still in bed, with these Bethel church in Broomtown Valley, two brothers and sisters and the young Cherokee county, on Friday, the 13th people, we had a delightful re-union. be present. The place is rather diffi- Lawrence, took us in his buggy 20 miles, to Amberson, on the railroad, and at 4 p. m. we were at home.

This association met nearly one hundred miles from Talladega, near whole distance, and though it was the We left that place at 31/2 p. m. in hottest week of the present year, and and preaching was heavy, we enjoyed

We promise the reader to not be so have been more pleasant as they wel- to help the brethren and sisters just as far as they give us opportunity.

RITUALISM. We have often wondered how those rigid forms of ritualistic worship could be adapted to the varying scenes of life, unforeseen emergencies, especially those deep calamities which befall so many in this life, calamities varying according to the multiplied pursuits of man, and of which the authors of "our incomparable rit- such work as this done in Cross ual," as the English church and Epis- everybody will feel benefited .- Post. copalians of this country are accusfomed to call "the book of common prayer," could have had no concep- any trouble about money for printing tion. Any reader can call up many minutes. Send up a liberal sum for of those emergencies in which piety the purpose, so that the printed infor would betake itself to prayer not laid mation may be generally circulated down in the ritual. It being a great | Don't fail in this matter. sin in the estimation of the votaries! of ritualism to use any other forms of Siloam church in which the pastor prayer than those laid down in the was aided by Brn. J. E. Kolb, I book, what are they to do in such Cooper and W. C. Avant. There emergencies? When the great fire were 16 baptized and 7 received by in Chicago occurred some years ago, was proposed in an Episcopal greatly blessed us -T. E. Morgan church that prayer be offered for the Honoraville sufferers. But then there was nothing such a case; what was to be done?

Why they simply bowed down reverently and went through the ordinary forms of worship, in which not one word occurred that related to any such calamity as inspired the service. They recited those effete prayers which had no more reference to the Chicago sufferers than to the assassination of the Czar of Russia by the nihilists. The little six year old boy that kneeled down to pray and recited the alphabet, A, B, C, &c., saying that God could put the letters together and make them mean what he desired. furnishes the best defence of so heartless a service. Indeed, it was well enough for a six year old boy, but for matured men and women, bishops and priests, to gravely go through such a ceremony and call it praying, well, it looks verily like the "form of godliness" without the "power." We would suggest to our Episcopal brethren to amend their prayer book, and at least bring it up to date, so as to include some of those great objects of prayer which the progress of events has brought to the surface, and which were unknown to the compilers of would at least give an air of variety by restoration. The church is great __ [. W. Edmonds, Newberne. for aftime to the old forms, and stop ly revived, and its members are "rethe process of stagnation. Some years ago Henry Ward Beecher, in come. We give God the praise. - Z. commenting on the worn out ritual of Episcopacy, said very wittily that he God in the shreds of an old ritual. and 6 by baptism. The congrega band are of our Sanday school. God the cause of Christ here. Bro. Un-

THE ASSOCIATIONAL CAMPAIGN. a good meeting at Chestnut Creek church. Several members received, both of those churches. Bro Falkner was with us at Chestnut Creek, and did most of the preaching. - Har-

The associations of Alabama are

now at hand. It is our purpose to at-

tend as many of them as we can

Bro. Harris and Dr. Henderson wi

do the same. Dr. Nunnally and Bro.

Giles in behalf of Howard College

Crumpton, Secretary of the State

other, and will in the main try to di

BAPTIST at any association or other

FIELD NOTES.

School at Ramer on Oct. 4th.

have been conducted at Mt.

accessions to the church

the principals.

The Baptists will open a High

Weldon and Rev. B. A. Jackson Sky

Baptist church by Rev. A. E. Burns.

During the revival there were \$7

A revival closed at the Baptist

church at Pleasant Grove last Friday

There were about 15 accessions to the

church. Rev. A. L. Martin conducted

The meeting at the Baptist church

in Roanoke, closed last Monday

after being protracted ten days by

Rev. J. P. Shaffer. There were 26

accessions, 17 by experience and 9 by

According to report, Liberty Bay

tist church has just closed a very suc

cessful meeting-fifty two additions

It is such a small sum for each

church that there should never be

We have had a good meeting a

letter and restoration. The Lord has

White and I. W. Dickinson. Re-

a young men's prayer meeting.-

A new Baptist church was consti-

tuted near Night Station, in Lee Co.

on the 3rd Sabbath in this month

consisting of twelve members. Since

that time two others have joined

Davidson has been called to the charge

discussed by the Moulton Baptist

church at the meeting on Saturday

before the fourth Sunday in Septem-

ber, and a full attendance of the mem-

observe the Lord's Supper at our

regular monthly meetings."-Adver-

T. Weaver.

of the new church. - G. D. Benton.

formed the advisory counsel.

Springs church, the pastor,

White, was aided by Brn.

Joseph W. Cabaniss, Morvin.

the services .- Abbeville Times.

will attend many of them.

Mr. T. B. Whatley, a worthy and ighly respected citizen of this county. will be ordained as a Baptist minister Mission Board, may be expected at of the gospel, at the Gilgal Baptist as many as he can reach. We will church, on next Saturday. Rev. J. all represent the interests of each S. Dill, of this city, will participate in the ordination service. Mr. Whatley vide out so that all will go to different bodies. But we beg that this will not is a devoted Christian man, and he prevent any brother's or sister's good will do good service in this county. Tuscaloosa Gazette. purposes to represent the ALABAMA

There has just closed at Pleasant meeting in the State. That this na- Grove church a nine days' meeting in per may reach the highest measure of which much good was affected; 19 reusefulness its circulation needs to be ceived by baptism, a by letter. Large largely increased, and the time is at and attentive congregations attended hand when this work may be done, during the meeting. The preaching and many brethren can do it as effi- was done by the pastor and Eld. E. ciently as any of those mentioned B. Hannah. Eld. J. B. Wilbanks preached two sermons: To God be all the glory .- T. N. Appleton, Col-

Notwithstanding we were so un fortunate as not to get any one preach for us I have just closed most interesting meeting at Hope A series of protracted meetings well church in Perry county. There were nine additions, three by letter and six by experience. Among the number are several of the staunchest citizens of the county. Hopewell is now one of the strongest county churches we know .- L. Orah Daw son Scott's.

We have had good meetings Providence, Liberty Hill, and Pleasan Grove churches; resulting in 4 bap tisms at Providence, 7 at Liberty Hill. and 19 at Pleasant Grove (Collins ville.) Others I think will follow soon. Congregations very large and attractive. Meeting began at Brandon yesterday. Among the baptized at Collinsville were two of my daugh ters. To God be all the glory, - Ino.

B. Appleton, Collinsville. Five miles east of Dixie, Chilton county, is Mt. Carmel church, where the brethren have recently erected a handsome church house. The recent meeting continued five days. Bro. W. J. Ruddick, the paster, and my self did the preaching. The meeting closed last evening with 22 accessions 16 by experience, 6 by letter. The congregations were extremely large and attentive. The church now num bers 58. James M. Todd.

The annual protracted meeting wa neld with Ebenezer church, of Forest Home, Ala., August 7-12. The church was revived. There were five accessions to the church, one by letter and four by Baptism. crippled from his birth. He was carried into the water in a chair, in which he remained till conveyed out ceived-21 by baptism, 6 by restoraof the water. It was a solemn scene. tion, 4 by letter. We have organized "Baptism is its own witness." - J. S.

To-day three more young men conlessed Christ and united with the church and will be baptized to-morrow. Our little church, now membering over 100, is alive to the interest of the Master and moving rapidly Brn, Davidson, Wood, and myself ahead. There have been almost 20 additions to the church since January. The Sabbath-school is flourising, Young Ladies' Aid Society has re-The following resolution will be cently been organized. Bro. B. M. Bean is our much loved pastor. - 1. D. D. Pine Level.

We have had a meeting of much interest at the Baptist church of this bership is desired: "Resolved, That place, lasting one week. We had two the Moulton Baptist church hereafter important accessions to our church, both heads of families, one by restoration and one by experience. Reva W. A. Bishop, of Carthage, assisted We have just closed a meeting at our pastor, and a powerful man he is Ramah. Bro. W. H. Patterson did in the pulpit. Bro. Bassett, lately most of the preaching. The Lord received at Snow Hill by Rev. W. G. blessed his efforts and gave us eight Curry, added much to the interest of "our incomparable ritual." This by baptism, three by letter and two the meeting with his Sankey singing.

joicing in the hope of the glory" to Prospect church in Butler county, for restoration and by letter. Of the num-The meeting commenced the arst and I have just closed a deeply interest- lasted six days. There were nine eral came in their tender years. had as soon go courting with his ing meeting at Allenton. Eight ac added to the church, one by letter, Underwood has been untiring in his in foreign fields. We ask this year for plan of taking quarterly collections. father's old love letters as to worship cessions to the church, 2 by letter eight by baptism. Five of this little energy and zeal for the upholding of \$500 for this Society in its noble work. The number of churches doing this is To our seeming, aside from the wit of tions were large and deeply impressed help the Sunday-school workers to be derwood gave some excellent advice contribution each year to pay necession envelopes for this. It is wonthe expression, it expresses a great under the preaching of Brn. Hunter diligent. Rev. J. E. Holley is our to the new members, as to their duuary, nothing appears more absurd, large usefulness in the Baptist minis some excellent preaching. These in subsciptions and cash, which 2,243 books, valued at \$1,429.02. given an opportunity to give some Rev. J. M. Gothard closed an inter- the Master's cause - R. II. Gentry, tions to be paid Oct. 1st. There will organized that it may be more effi- tion plan with the envelopes and you

more comprehend and put in form all Co., on the 13th inst. Rev. R. M. bracing first Sabbath in August, at Christian interests of the colored peo We could not resist the pressing de ble is a perennial source of light and by Rev. S. D. Posey. Accessions to by baptism and five by letter, one a you feel it to be softening, to let pride Wood and Weaver ple will receive such attention as their mand of brethren Miller—father and life, ever fresh, ever new, imparting the church 4.—Z. J. Jones, Randolph. papist; also, on third Sabbath at Sal uphold you in evil, is as great a sin T. P. Holcomb. I closed a very precious meeting lem, in which six joined by baptism now as when St. Paul warned his con- Kedar Hawthorn . with the church here last night, I and two by letter. I was assisted at same condemnation. We preached for them Sabbath night trines and duties are ever the same, have never seen a better feeling pre. Central by Bro. Sloan, at Sulphur Looking to our adorable Lord for and on Monday. They were begin. yet they affect us as variously as are vailing. Bro. Sloan, at Sulphur vailing. Bro. B. H. Crumpton did Spring by Bro. Inzer, at Salem I did Strive everywhere and in all things W. C. Mynatt most of the preaching. The church most all the preaching. While I re- to be at peace. If trouble comes from I. W. Suttle. and community were delighted with joice in the outpouring of God's If joy comes, receive it peacefully, South Bethel his earnest and faithful efforts. Re. Spirit on the unregenerate, I especial without excitement. If we must needs J. H. Creighton . . . est in their prayers and for their co- Here also we met many of our early The happy person will be the nat- suits, the church thoroughly aroused, ally rejoice in the manifestations of flee from evil let us do it calmly, with. It is very important that these funds operate. ural heart-singer, who has found det raceived by baptism 19, restoration 5, his power on the church itself. As out agitation, or we may stumble and be completed this fall at the Association that sweet psalm, "Fret not have been provided by baptism 19, restoration 5, his power on the church itself. As ing in six accessions. We have had Woodlawn.

The raising of funds to pay the STATE MISSION COLUMN publishing of the Associational Minand I think the future is bright for lites, seems to be a small matter. A paltry amount only is needed from each church, and yet we have seen more "humming and hawing" and awkward pauses and disagreeable jars in connection with the effort to raise this little amount in some churches than would be necessary to raise ten times the same sum for almost any other object. We call attention to this little matter because within the next few weeks the majority of the associations in this State will convene. Let there be prompt attention to this duty in each of the churches. It will save trouble. - Ex.

> at Goodwater; 19 accessions. Bro. G. E. Brewer preached me seven sermons, which were well received and accomplished great good. Bro. Roby also came up and talked for me four times. He said that he intended to preach a sermon one day, but forgot it. Our little church was greatly en couraged, and my own heart was greatly strengthened. Among other good things that I had to enjoy, was the baptizing of my two oldest daughters, ir and 14 years old. The good work will not cease here. The entire community have felt the good of the meeting, and I look for others to join the church. I am now at Childersburg, and feel that the outlook is encouraging to have a precious meeting here. - Catt Smith.

Have had delightful meeting of days

Interesting and profitable religious services at Wilsonville, Shelby county, Aug. 14-21. Excellent preaching by C. W. O'Hara, G. T. Lee and Prof. B. F. Giles. Initial and closing services by pastor. Twelve were added to the church by baptism, one by letter, one restored. Several others claimed peace in believing. Im pressions were deep and solemn, under the "old theology." The additions were from families of large in fluence in this rapidly improving and enterprising community. er brethren, of whom are named, in this up country, are stron in the Lord and in the power of his might. His name be praised sending such laborers into the harvest! If our churches would all put on prayer meeting and Sunday-school energy we should do well. That day is at hand, as well as the day of enlarged benevolence. - E. B. T.

I have just returned from my appointment at Burnsville, the home church of that venerable brother, A. Andrews, who has been and still is doing so much for Baptist missions in Alabama and elsewhere. While Burnsville I went out to his home satch. He thinks he will make be-

cotton as your correspondent ever saw. Bro. A. says our Secretary can come around soon and have his heart made glad. This cotton crop has been principally cultivated by this ed for all or a part of their time good brother, who is now about These report the following eighty years old. He showed this scribe ten large baskets that he had made with his own hands. that he and brother and sister Stevenare ready and waiting for the message to come up higher. The Lord bless them in their declining years. - W. N. Huckabec, Plantersville

We have held a series of meetings

here conducted by N. C. Underwood,

our much beloved pastor. meetings commenced the last day of July, and continued until Aug. 16th. The power of God's Spirit has been working in our midst, and we have never witnessed such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit since we have been member of the church. Christians have been revived, sinners converted, excluded members who have been out of the church for years have been brought back, and old feuds have been settled. Fifty-six have joined We have had a good time at New the church; 43 by experience, 13 by which we feel very grateful to God. ber who joined by experience, 23 came from the Sabbath-school. two ministers are noble workers for amounted to \$137.50. The subscrip- We hope soon to have this work so thing. Adopt the quarterly collecbe even more than that - W. H. cient than ever. Searcy, Brundidge.

fall in our haste. Let us do good tions. we resided when we worked in that desire of thine heart."—[Rev. H. H. meeting at Friendship church, result. God be the glory.—M. T. Brancham, is work which should be carried on Are far more common now than at peacefully. - St. Francis de Sales.

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OUR PLAN. o increase the contributions by in creasing the number of regular con-

OUR FIGURES. \$24,000 from 90,000 white Baptists in Alabama. HOW DIVIDED

12,000 for State Missions, \$5,000 for Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., \$5,900 for Foreign Mission Board. Richmond, Va., \$1,000 for Aged and Infirmed Ministers, \$500 for eral Colportage Work, \$250 for Ed- and fear thy God; I am the Lord. ucation of Colored Ministerial Stu-

HOW WE EXPECT TO SUCCEED By the help of the Lord and the earnest Co-operation of Pastors and OTHER HELPERS.

The Christian women of our churches in their societies, reporting through their churches. The Children's Mission Bands, and the Sabbath-schools making regular contributions. A SILENT HELPER.

he little collection envelopes which every church or Sabbath-school on application.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION does not belong to the State Mission Board, but is one of its special pets. Send contributions for any of the above objects to

W. B. CRUMPTON, flor. Sec., Marion, Ala. THE WORK FOR 1886-7.

To the Missionary Baptist Churches an Associations of Alabama

It is generally known that the State Mission Board has had committed to it nearly all the interests of the denomination in Alabama-State Missions. or Mission work in Alabama, Home Missions, or Mission work in the students. We ask for two hundred Southern States and the Island of and fifty dollars for this purpose. Cuba, Foreign Missions, or Mission work in "the regions beyond" the ter-Secretary of this Board.

SOME GOOD REASONS FOR THIS. It will prevent confusion. It tends to systematize our work. It puts the only agency in the State which is laboring for their highest development. help. Shall we not give it? We will know, and the world will FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, RICHMOND. know, what we are doing as a denom-

and Treasurer, Marion, Ala. STATE MISSION WORK. The Board has now forty employes During the year sixty-five have labor

SUMMARY OF WORK. Received by restoration Voman's Miss. Soc. organized

isits to churches. bscriptions to For. Miss. Journal Meeting houses commenced Meeting houses finished . . . BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

The American Baptist Publication Society has generously furnished us with Bibles and Testaments for free distribution among the destitute. part of the collection for Bible work apportionment. If you will notice, is turned over by the Society to our it is a small contribution asked for. Foreign Board at Richmond to aid in Un. Our Colportage work needs a small increasing every year. Try the Mis-

PERMANENT FUNDS NOT YET-COMPLETED.

John T. Davis ... Robert Carson .

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

any time in the past. Still many of

our churches have none. It is especially gratifying to see that the children are being instrcted in the "grace of giving." Many Sunday-schools are as regular in forwarding their funds to the Board for Missions as the churches. If the children are taught out of God's word the duty of giving for the spread of the Gospel, the churches fifteen years hence will not think it strange when their Mission Boards ask for money. The Missionaries of the Board report the organization of 190

INDIGENT MINISTERS. Standing in a paragraph by itself are these words in Leviticus: "Thou Bible Work of American Baptist shalt rise up before the hoary head Publication Society, \$250 for Gen- and honor the face of the old man,

This is the law with reference to any old person. Genteel people instinctively obey this law. Christian people are furnishing homes for the aged, in some of our large chies. How tenderly must our Father feel for his old servants who have worn out their lives in his service! Would he not be well pleased with an offering for their support? What will he not do to us if we allow them to suffer?

The Board asks the Baptists of Ala bama to give for this purpose one which will adopt them, can get free thousand dollars. We confidently look for this amount from the churches.

COLORED PEOPLE. The Board asked for their evangel

ization last year five hundred dollars. We received sixty dollars. Feeling that they needed most of all an educated ministry, and that our churches would respond more readily to an appeal for this object, we recommended to the Convention that an effort be made for this purpose, and that all funds thus contributed be placed in charge of our Board of Ministerial Education, to be disbursed under the same rules as for white ministerial HOME MISSION BOARD, ATLANTA, GA.

Alabama is asked to give to this ritory of the State and Home Mis- Board \$5,000. It had 250 men in its sion Boards. Indigent Ministers, Bible employ the past year, who performed and Colportage work, Bible work of 9,599 weeks of labor and baptized the American Baptist Publication So- 3,812. It received \$90,000 last year ciety, and evangelization of the color- The mission work in the Island of ed people. The plan recommended Cuba is given to this Board. At the by the Convention contemplates send- Southern Baptist Convention, and the ng funds for all these objects to the State Convention at Birmingham Bro. Diaz, the native Cuban mission ary, stirred the hearts of God's children with the story of his persecutions and the triumphs of the Gospel of churches in correspondence with the Jesas Christ. This people so close to our own shores, calls upon us for our

In Mexico, the Board has eleven any or all of these objects to W. B. Missionaries, church members, two rumpton. Corresponding Secretary hundred and seventy; baptized eighty-

In Brazil, we have twelve Mission aries. Baptized, twenty-three; mem bership, one hundred and sixty-eight. In Africa, we have nine Missionaries and several native assistants. Baptized, eighteen; membership, one hundred and twenty-five

In Italy, we have fourteen Missionaries. Baptized, twenty-four; membership, two hundred and eighty-eight. In China, we have thirty-two Mis sionaries and probably as many native assistants. Membership, five hundred and forty-seven; baptized, seven-

We want to raise during the coming 18 year for this Board, \$5,000 from

The Board is anxious to have the co-operation of the pastors in its work. 429 We beg the pastors to help us in the great work committed to us. The Secretary is laboring almost beyond his strength, and cannot possibly be at all the associations. He asks the pastors to take these circulars to their churches and talk to their people about the work. Help to raise the

ENVELOPES.

We are especially anxious to see Scriptures made by our missionaries every church in Alabama adopt the will be gratified at the results. Write to the Secretary for the envelopes, he will furnish them free to any church or Sunday-school which will adopt the 82 45 plan.

MISSION SOCIETIES 84 75 Among the ladies and among the 76 00 children, are largely increasing the contributions to the mission cause. Let these be formed in every church, 67 90 making their contributions through

50 00 the church treasurer. HOME AND STATE MISSIONS. Some confusion arises from con-43 24 tributors' not carefully noting the dif-

> Remember State Missions is for Alabama alone,

> ferent fields, in which these Boards

Home Missions is for all the South and the Island of Cuba.

W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor. Sec.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., SEPT. 2, 1886.

Walked Half a Mile. Exactly how far a lady ought to walk ev- the spirit of his mind; that his ancient ment, ery day is not agreed on by competent authorities, but it is safe to say that most ladies bught to walk a good deal more than "strangers and pilgrims" in the earth, ment? The demands of the times, they do. But when a lady is so broken down in health that for a long time she has not walked at all, her first half mile is a pected; that Paul, who had 'great the rapid growth of the endowments piece of pedestrianism very satisfying to her- heaviness and continual sorrow in his of other institutions of learning, the

two years the lady had been housed. In before-did not take to heart his sur- fessors are trying to live, the meagre the determined hope of getting well she concluded to try Compound Oxygen. After three months' use of this vitalizing remedy she wrote, "I was able to attend church yesterday. Walked to church nearly half a how an earnest and believing Chris- swer the question. Do you hear the mile and back again. Every one was sur- tian can find habitual joy, undashed laborers' cry of distress in the pit as prised to see me, as they had thought me by grief, in things earthly or heaven- their masters demand brick when no

There are many others who have suffered this way who might as well be healed if they would. To set such invalids on foot is a edness of many is an enigma to us. self sacrifice, in honest services, sufgreat achievement. It costs nothing to learn all about it. Write to Des. STARKEY & Pa-LEN for Treatise on Compound Oxygen, and state your symptoms. They will tell you, joy and more sorrow than that of for the world and for Christ polished North River, Pleasant Grove ch, Fayette free of cost, what can be done for you.

How many of the judgments we are told not to judge, and yet do judge, must make the angels of the judging and the judged turn and look at each other, and smile a sad smile, ere they set themselves to forget that which so sorely needs to be forgotten. theologian now gone to his rest. We Howard College, with its marvellous

ple, which accounts for the excellent success of their host of agents. Both members of this firm have canvassed in years gone by a supply the wants of agents and the public.

ing; but it takes all down and erects a new stone, all new .- [Alleine.]

The Terrible Drain Which scrofula has upon the system must he often exhorts the saints to joy and and embarrassed movement belongs be arrested, and the blood must be purified, rejoice; but these exalted privileges, to the denomination. Let us rise in or serious consequences will ensue. For purifying and vitalizing effects, Hood's Sarsa- unrecognized in their fulness by many, the might which God's grace supplies parilla has been found superior to any other do not exclude alternations of grief and wipe out the shame and share the preparation. It expels every trace of impurity from the blood, and bestows new life for others' woes. We know our glory.

There is no reason to believe that the culture of the nineteenth century possesses any comparison with previous cultures,-[Dr. Matheson.

Jas. B. Cox, of New Orleans, Mo., wrote to Dr. Shallenberger: I find your Pills the only safe remedy for chills. I have been sick for three years with third day ague and nerv-ous debility, and got so weak that I could not take quinine. I finally tried your Pills and they effectually cured me. Thanks to you for this great blessing. In sweet belief I know

Which way my life doth go, Since God permitteth so, That must be best:

Nervous headaches are induced by weak

and solemnity uncontrollable.

Christian Cheerfulness.

BY WM. M. TAYBOR, D.D., LL.D.

The joy of the Lord is your strength.

Everything done by God for his

people is to promote their joy on

earth. The gospel, really understood

by us, would make us joyful in the

Lord. It is said that the very re-

from whatever side we regard it, a

continual festival of cheerfulness and

pit Treasury.

E. B. T.

Religion cannot pass away. The burning of a little straw may hide the stars of the sky; but the stars are there, and will re-appear. - [Carlyle."

The combination, proportion, and process in preparing Hood's Sarsaparilla, are pecu-liar to this medicine, and unknown to others. When you have given yourself to Christ, leave yourself there and go about your work as a child in his household. [C.S. Robinson.

Relief is immediate, and a sure cure. Piso's Remedy for Catarrh. 50 cents. The rays of happiness, like those of light, are colorless when unbroken.—[Longfellow.

Rheumatism and the Gout cease their twinges if the affected part is daily washed with Glenn's Sulphur Soap, which banishes pain and renders the joints and muscles supple and elastic. It is at the same time a very effective clarifier and beautifier of the skin.

Lord, many times I am aweary quite Of mine own self, my sin, my vanity, Yet be not thou, or I am lost outright, Weary of me. -[R. C. Trench ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25 cents a bottle.

Of men Christ said, Wo out and compel them to come in." Of little and it will not do to make the gospel ments: children he said, "Suffer them to come unto me.'

Glewn's Sulphur Sonpheals and beautifies, 250-German Corn Remover kills Corna Bunions, 250-Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye—Black & Brown, 500-Pike's Toothacke Drops cure in 1 Minute, 250.

The Scriptures were not written to make us astronomers, but to make us saints .-[Matthew Henry.

Bigbee Association--Important Notice.

Delegates and visitors proposing to to him the hope of mercy. How is attend the Bigbee Association on the this hope of forgiveness and immor-9th of September, and who expect to tality to fill him with misery? On the come on the train will find convey- contrary, will it not fill him with ances at Epes Station on Thursday cheerfulness? Let your whole life, morning the 9th. The trains pass then, be a holy festival, a long festiboth ways early, and ample time will val of joy and conseration to God. be given to reach Sumterville, where If we do so, all gloom will be ban-B. F. RILEY, the body meets.

Sorrow in Joy.

who accept Christianity in its fullest sense will find the Christian's life, Our eye recently fell on a paragraph in a most widely influential paper, which we have been accustomed to regard as a sort of standard of orthodoxy even in the writings of contributors, apparently endorsing some utterances of a great preacher, whose church relations require us to believe that in his ordination vows he subscribed to the Westminster Confession, presenting the notion that our Savior Christ lived a joyous life on earth, in the sense of entering into the good cheer of society as we would now call it; that this is the import of the inspired statement that "He came eating and drinking," and was therein an example for us. The painful part of this matter is the tendency of the times to make all things religious subservient to a jubilation partaking largely of earthly good cheer.

We have been accustomed to hear that "the foxes have holes and birds of the air nests, but the Son of man had not where to lay his head;" that and over. Each has his own volume. "he was a man of sorrows and ac- -[Prof. A. S. Hardy.

Howard College Column. The Endowment Beginning.

quainted with grief;" that "strong cry

ing and tears," were not uncommon

with him; that the tradition, however

groundless as a literal fact, that he I have been requested by the Board was often seen to weep, rarely to of Trustees to start the work of ensmile, was not far from the idea of dowment, and now for the first move-

saints were not singular in being Does the college need an endowor unlike the Messiah whom they ex- the competition among the colleges, It was a severe case of lung trouble. For heart"-explained away lately as often starving salaries upon which our proly, while a world lies around him in straw has been furnished? Even so darkness. The apparent light heart- the tired teachers in weariness, in Christian experience is indeed a fer as they labor under so many dissystem of paradoxes, mingled of more advantages to produce for the State, others. We have always valued and perfected stones for the social, Lord Bacon's remarkable tract on that civil and spiritual structures of time subject, whether pseudo or not, and and eternity. It is a wonder to many its expansion by an honored Southern how they have succeeded so well had not failed to study with interest success, stands to-day a miracle in One of the oldest and most reliable sub- the text of these works in the inspired the history of educational efforts. If Judson, Abbeville ch, Henry co., 1st.

scription book publishing houses in the South is that of B. F. Johnson & Co., of utterances of the great apostle: without help it has done so well who Richmond, Va. They issue nothing but the most attractive and popular books, being adapted to the wants of the Southern peopersecuted, but not forsaken; cast adequate endowment? The glory of down, but not destroyed," etc., etc. the achievement belongs to the pagreat deal themselves, and know how to On the side of personal relations to tient martyrs, who have endured all the Redeemer, and personal expectathings for the sake of success and to Conversion is no repairing of the old build- tions through him, it may be quest the faithful friends who by words of structure. The sincere Christian is quite a tioned whether any one has ever had hope and tears of sympathy have innew fabric, from the foundation to the top a deeper serenity and joy than St. spired the men who have thus la-Paul. We know, in this direction, bored, but the shame of slow progress

but the satisfaction, content, joy, was ber of the faculty will feel it to be his Clear Creek, New Prospect ch, Winston exceptional element which puts it beyond mixed with deepest sorrow; the excla- official duty. Surely every trustee mations of pity for incorrigible Jerusa- will consider himself under peculiar Mud Creek, Mt. Ida ch, Walker co., 16th lem were not, we apprehend, the effect obligations to aid by word and work Tallapoosa River, Tallassee church, Elmore of sudden impulse, but the overflow and contribution. The five hundred co., 20th, Eufaula, Ramah ch, Barbour co., 21st. ing of atide of woe, flowing on ever, Howard boys who have tasted or Sandy Creek, Adoniram ch, Geneva co., 23d out of sight of the superficial observer. drunk deep of the Howard spring Southeastern, Palestine ch, Mobile co., 23d. Harris, Browneville ch, Lee co., 26th. May it not be true that many of us cannot and will not ignore the claim are 'fat ease in Zion,' "not grieved and merit of their alma mater. The six Evergreen, Sardis ch, Barbour co., 5th. for the affliction of Joseph," yea, "sit hundred pastors who are engaged in Montgomery, Deatsville ch, Elmore co., 5th. down to eat and drink, and rise up teaching the multitudes from the pul- Carey, Mt. Pleasant ch, Clay co., 10th. to play?" The offensive thing in Pu- pits cannot with consistency withhold ritanism, so often sneered at, if any their support from this co-laborer in ness, by distress of mind or by over men- thing at all, is affected, long-faced educating, elevating, and saving tal work. It is particularly in such cases concern, not a grief for others' woes the people. The parents who have last session of our body an agreement the meetings of church and school a tonic and builder of the system it has no that sometimes crops out in gravity sons to be educated, or daugh was made and confirmed by resolu whenever her feeble health permitted

vice. More next week.

The Endowment Begun.

verse is the case; that religion is a "The time has fully come for an this little. I am not going to argue be sent to the bereaved family, and a melancholy thing. But they who effort to be made to secure an ade- in this communication to persuade copy be furnished the ALABAMA BAPhold this neither understand what quate endowment, and the Board of you, but I will say by way of a simple TIST and Linden Reporter for publicathey say nor the teachings of Holy Trustees are authorized and requested figure, that this money is the milch tion. Writ, and a very slight investigation to take such steps as in their wisdom cow money of the association, an inwould be sufficient to prove that they may be needful to begin this all im- dispensable and safe home investare egregiously wrong. The root of portant work, and we commend this ment, under the very best of security. human misery is sin, and yet one effort at endowment to the support Again, get up this money, brethren hears many people aver that the world and liberality of all the Baptist and sisters, get it up, and don't fail; was conscious of no degradation until churches in the State."

the gospel came, when the misery of This resolution received further enman began. The source of depravity dorsement in the following subscriplay back in the depravity of the ages, tions to be paid in five annual install-

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	I N Suttle, 125 J B Shive	rs,
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These subscriptions are now being joy. But you cannot see the beauty paid or placed in living shape in the of the stained glass windows from the form of notes. Others are talking outside, and who can judge of the earnestly. One man says he will be cheerfulness of the Christian life ex- one in twenty to give five hundred cept those who live in it? The joy is dollars each, to make the first ten

is a calm and holy joy felt in the spirit. being made to the proposition. The plan for raising the endowment Plaster preached an introductory ser-Yet it should be shown, and Christians should not walk about hanging will be given in detail at an early day, mon. The examination was conducttheir heads like a lot of bulrushes. Suffice it for the present to say, we ed by G. W. McQueen in relation to They should not do it, for undeniably expect a collection to be taken in the experience of grace, call to the the gospel produces joy. Every in- every church and a contribution to ministry, and doctrinal views of the dividual worker in his harvest field be given by every member. The candidate, The presbytery being satshould show it. The cheer of their rich must give according to their abil- isfied, M. Bishop led in the ordinashould show it. The cheer of their ity, and the poor according to their tion prayer. Charge to the candidate desire, and all according to the need was given by W. H. Cheatham. like the glorious sunshine over the of the work. We must weave a seine Charge to the church was by J. E. landscape. Seek, then, this joy in of cord sufficiently strong to hold a Chambliss. The Bible was presented the Lord, and, in the language of the whale and the meshes close enough by M. Bishop. The hand of fellowto catch a minnow, and long as across ship was given by the presbytery, ben-the State, and deep as the pockets of ediction by the candidate. apostle, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, Rejoice."- The Pulthe most covetous, and then manned by earnest fishermen we must draw it through all waters and again and The past is a volume we read over again until we shall have all we want. who spend their whole lives hunting G. A. NUNNALLY,

Eufaula, Ala.

Associations for 1886.

AUGUST.

SEPTEMBER.

Troy, Shiloh ch, Pike co.. 3d. Bethlehem, Salem ch, Monroe co., Tuskaloosa, Pleasant Hill ch, Tuskaloosa

co., 7th.
Shelby, Columbiana ch, Shelby co., 8th.
Bigbee, Sumterville ch, Sumter co., 9th.
Mt. Carmel, Cedar Grove ch, Madison co. ahaba Valley, Hopewell ch, St. Clair co.

Therokee, Mt. Zion ch, DeKalbeo., 14th. liberty, north, Mt. Zion ch, Madison co., Coosa River, Weaver's Station ch, Calhoun Harmony, east, Shiloh ch., Polk co., (Ga.) Pine Barren, Pineville ch, Monroe co., 18th.

Bethel, Canaan ch, Wilcox co., 24th. Canaan, Springville ch, St. Clair co., 24th. fession he had made by an orderly Centennial, Mt. Carmel ch., Bullock co., 24. walk and the Etowah, Union ch, Etowah co., 24th.
Town Creek, Poplar ch., Marshall co. 24th.
Boiling spring, Ramah ch, Coosa co., 25th.
Indian Creek, Hopewell ch, Hardin co., • (Tenn.) 25th. Mulberry, Rehoboth ch, Bibb co., 25th

Central, Wayside ch, Coosa co., 29th. Bethel, (south,) Elam ch, Clarke co., 30th. Muscle Shoals, Hartsellch, Morgan co., 1st Elim, Elim ch, Escambia co., 2nd

Union, Unity ch, Pickens co., 25th.

Rock Mills, Union Grove ch, Heard co., (Ga.) 2nd. Salem, Spring Hill ch, Pike co., 2nd. Tallassahatchee, Cross Plains ch, Calhour Unity, Clanton ch, Chilton co., 2nd

Macedonia, Oak Grove church, Washington

Yellow Creek, Pleasant Grove ch, Marion Columbia, Columbia ch, Henry co., 7th. Harmony, west, Enon ch, Bibb co., 7th. Alabama, Hopewell ch, Lowndes co., 8th. Cullman, Beech Grove ch, Cullman co., 8th. Mobile Union, Union ch, Mobile co., 8th. Antioch, Corinth ch, Choctaw co., 9th. Big Bear Creek, Bethlehem church, Colber

co., 9th.

New River, Fayetteville ch, Fayette, co., 9.

Newton, New Hope ch, Dale co., 9th.

Cahaba, Friendship ch, Perry co., 13th. and vigor upon every function of the body, Savior in deepest sorrow, "Saw of the enabling it to entirely overcome disease,"

Tuskegee, County Line ch, Lee co., 13th. Who should engage in this work of Weogufka, Coosa River ch, Coosa co., 13th. enabling it to entirely overcome disease, travail of his soul, and was satisfied," endowment? We know every mem- Warrior River, Beulah ch, Marshall co., 15. Zion, Pleasant Home ch, Crenshaw co., 15th | privation she exemplified the Chris

NOVEMBER.

Rock Mills Association.

ters to be married, cannot be indiffer- tion to try to get up \$100.00 colpor- and was ever ready to impart that ent without reaping the fruit of their tage fund for work in the bounds of heavenly light, and instruction that neglect. Certainly with so great a our body; this puts it at about 15 cents characterizes only the humble followhost of servants, friends and allies to the member. Let us not go up to ers of the meek and lowly Jesus. there will be such enthusiasm, fidelity the next session of our association 2nd, That we tender the bereaved and devotion as will make the endow- without this colportage money; a col- family our heartfelt sympathy in this ment an easy task and a joyous ser- portage fund is the great need of our their sad hour of bereavement. people. We can get up the required 3rd, That in token of her much be amount if we only try. If we go up At the Birmingham Convention the to the association without this money conviction was general that an en- it will be simply because we did not dowment was needed, and now was try to get it. Try, brother; sister, ninety days. the time to raise it. The following try; only 15 cents; how little to your resolution was adopted unanimously: part, but how very, very important be spread upon our minutes, a copy

> it is certainly the step in the right di-S. M. ADAMSON, Chair'n Ex. Com.

Unity Association.

letters to the association, will you 50 kindly insert the following statistical o information? All church expenses for 125 current year; value of church buildings and furniture; value of chapels 25 and parsonages; value of all church 100 property. In regard to Sundayschools the following also: Number of 25 officers and teachers; number of pupils; baptisms since last association; 125 sumber of volumes in library; contri-100 butions for missions; contributions for 100 expenses. Please state distinctly the amount sent up for minutes, and the 50 amount for associational purposes, T. M. HENLEY, 125 separately.

Ordination of R. M. Burt.

Clerk.

On the fourth day of August, 1886, counsel called by Bethel church, Fort Deposit, met to set apart R. M. Burt to the gospel ministry, G. W. not of a demonstrative character; it thousand dollars, and responses are McQueen was called to the chair and

> MATT BISHOP, Clerk. There are some folks in this world after righteousness and can't find any time to practice it.

Rev. O. Cottingham

Was born in Bibb county, Ala. Selma, Providence ch, Dallas co., 3rd.
Cedar Bluff, Mt. Bethel ch, Cherokee co., 13.
July 16, 1848, and died June 23, 1886. He was a grandson of Rev. W. L. Cochrane, who preached the gospel of Christ more than forty years, and was very successful in this State and in Mississippi, Bro. Cottingham made a profession of religion at the age of fourteen years, and soon after oined the Methodist church. In 1866 he joined the Baptist church at Antioch, Bibb county, Ala., and in a short time entered the ministry. It was food to his soul to preach the gospel of Christ, and seek the glory Liberty, east, Providence ch, Chambers co., of the Master in the salvation of souls. As a Christian he adorned the pro walk, and thus gave force to the words which fell from his lips. He frequently spoke of the approaching hour, and always with a spirit of resignation to his Master's will. In his 21st year he was married to Miss co.. 25th.

Sulphur Springs, Sulphur Springs ch, Blount Louisa Langston, who with nine children survives him. May the Savior Tennessee River, Mt. Nebo ch, Jackson that he trusted guide them in all their

> Wife of Robt, Farley, died at he home near Perryville, Ala., June 13, 1886. Sister Farley was born near Perryville, Aug. 9, 1869. When young woman she was converted and baptized into the fellowship of Con cord church, of which she remained a consistent member till after her marriage, and then united with Pine Flat church, where she lived and labored till the Master called her to her reward. She loved her church and and church meetings devotedly, and was always found at the post of duty until she was debarred the privilege of attending church by sore afflictions, and during these days of pain and tian's patience.

Miss Tennie Brown.

of Miss Tennie Brown Putnam church and Sabbath-school have lost a useful Dear Brethren and Sisters: At the member, who was always present at

> loved memory the scholars of Putnam Sabbath-school wear some suita-

E. D. LITTLE,

QUINTUS BAILEY, W. H. WHITE, Committee

Elizabeth B. Hinson Mrs. Elizabeth B. Hinson, consort

of I. T. Hinson, of Clarke county, has crossed the river, to inhabit that city whose maker and builder is God. At an early age she united with the Bap-To the Clerks of the different Churches tist church, and her zeal and activity composing the Unity Baptist Associa- testify that her life was a grand success, and her eternity a glorious vic-DEAR BRETHREN-In your church tory. She was born May 23, 1835, and died July 26th, 1886. In this last token of Christian love, we commend her spirit to the God who gave it, and enter into deepest sympathy with the bereaved family.



JUDSON."

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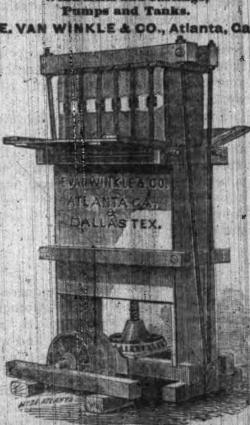
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Indefatigable industry coupled with the desire for knowledge produced was in a lawyer's office, spent his evenings in study. John Britton, the studied my books in bed on winter evenings, because too poor to have a fire." He used every opportunity to This powder never varies. A marvel of read; the books he picked up for a inical than the ordinary kinds, and him, he says. Napoleon had indomita-

cannot be sold in competition with the mul- ble perseverance and energy. Dr. Livingstone at the age of ten years, working in a factory, bought with his first wages a Latin grammar, and studied it until twelve at hight. He

studied Virgil and Horace the same way, and finally entered college and was graduated. Many will ask how they can ad-

thoughts and aspirations, strengthen bear any pressure.

the company of your betters. In books and in life frequent that which is the most wholesome society; learn to admire rightly. Note what great men have admired; they admire great things; narrow spirits admire basely, and worship meanly."

Brother and Sister.

Sometime, somewhere, we came across concerning their sisters, which so "Young men seldom realize how

happy they can make their sisters by small acts of courtesy. How many brothers offer to their sisters the little go to a picnic they must expect to pay and meat which he took to the barn is the right, and not only the right, attentions which they instinctively give for their folly with bitter experience. and gave to John Kane. to other girls or women? Nay, how With thousands a marriage engage. The carpenter ate and drank with call attention to evils which concern many are there who do not feel them- ment is a matter of boyish or girlish an apparent relish and then, at Mal- the public, and certainly such publiselves justified in venting upon their caprice. Sometimes a wife is sought colm's suggestion, laid down in the cation is the strongest remedy ever sisters the irritated feelings which they for the gross gratification of sensual haymow and was soon asleep. Mean discovered in a free country to corhave felt obliged to conceal in their appetite; sometimes as a shrewd pecuintercourse with the world? A broth- niary speculation; sometimes to secure and when he awoke late in the day, anything which concerns the public, er who would not wrong his sister of a support for shiftless laziness from a they had some more coffee and bread the very least of her rights will yet in- father-in-law. Such violations of the and meat, so that by nightfall the young men who are growing up, and flict upon her the grave and almost ir- sacred core idea of wedlock often end nerves of the drunkard were strong, reparable wrong of rudeness—a wrong in the divorce court, or in some oth- as irreparable as it is dastardly. For er form of permanent separation. If sessed him he was fully restored in subject matter of this article is one of rudeness hurts-hurts grievously and wise marriages are "made in heaven," mind and body. lastingly: and what man is worthy of then the hasty, loose, selfish, or libid- After dark the boys took him home, the name who hurts a woman? Broth- inous sort are the handiwork of the where they had taken a lot of pro- communication, and justified by the ers do not realize how far a want of devil. I would like to whisper in ev- visions during the afternoon, and circumstances. It is not only justicourteous conduct at home may go to ery young lady's 'ear—never be "to made him promise not to leave the be had," too cheaply; never say "yes" house until they could assure him that vice." wonder at the unaccountable liking of too hastily; never accept any man "everything was all right." girls for men whom the brothers know who cannot offer you a love without a to be unworthy-men whose very at- rival and a character without a stain. went over to John Kane's house, and tentions they feel to be almost an in- Common sense, industrious habits, a taking an entertaining book with him We measure an act of condescension sult to a woman's good sense. Do they warm heart, and a Bible conscience spent the morning reading to the un- by the position, rank or power of the not see that it is the courtesy of these are the first requisites; when a young fortunate man. In this pleasant task individual from whom it emanates, man can lay these at your feet be Hayward Green relieved him after Forming our view of Christ's love please—which makes them agreeable careful how you say "no" to him; dinner, and from that time on for two upon this principle - sounding its to women? Women so seldom have a you may be sorry for it, and by and weeks, all the boys took turns about depth and testing its greatness and inhigh standard of manhood! They so by take up with a sorry stick from a in visiting and reading to their charge, tensity by this criterion, even our proseldom see the best of the men they silly fear of being laughed at as an and their parents having been told of foundest conception of the self-abaseknow the best. How should they not be deceived, and mistake that outside divorce process is made, the more the Kane family supplied with food. veneer of courtesy which makes pleas numerous will be the hasty, reckless At the end of the two weeks Mal- from the reality. The stoop of the ant the present hour for that inward and ill-assorted marriages. truth of character which shall be a benediction to all their future lives? Brothers, if you would have your sis-Brothers, if you would have your sisters love worthily, let them at least be no man is a demi-god and no woman wept as he promised them never to history of the universe like an orb in accustomed to gentle manners, that an angel. But even the few and when they see them in strangers they inevitable frictions will not wear on busily at work all summer through the grandeur, and will be the wonder, the

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rious side to it. There is no doubt nor was he mistaken. that hundreds of young men deny great results. Walter Scott, when he into licentious alliances) because they of their companions awaiting Hay know one thing to do to help, and cause he knew that "it is not good" off the effects of a carousal at the vil- him, as of course I want it to be." for either sex "to be alone."

> Every young woman is not "clean daft" on the subject of stylish living; there are as sensible girls left in this world as there were when Solomon Book of Proverbs. A friend of mine, the young lady whom he loved:

"You are having offers from young men in haddsome circumstances. If you marry me I can promise you, for the tayern, or, as the boys had dis-

She admired his frankness, and had Walter Scott gave this advice to sense enough to know that the genuyoung men: "Do instantly whatever inc love of a pure and noble young FOR INVALIDS, it is a Perfect Nutrient is money." But it is more than that to married him and he fought his way carpenter lay. the young man. If used right it is up to become the prosperous head of a and growth of character. The habit her maiden heart for money (which is and endeavoring to arouse him. of idleness is a hard one to get rid of often a genteel form of prostitution) tivate the mind and character. The pure, old-fashioned love - a love way. books you read should raise your strong enough to stand any strain and

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for heaven, they can bear an occa-signal disagreement of taste or judg-ment, or a few disappointments, and "raising old Kane," and while he and die, robed in the humanity which he not love each other one whit the less. his companions always regarded the stooped so low to save. What cuts a wedding ring through the carpenter as their protege, Jno. Kane's soonest is wilful neglect. - Christian reformation was thorough and lasting,

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Malcolm Hunter, a thoughtful lad of fifteen years, left his home one bright, sunny spring morning to hunt up his companions and with them make the most of the pleasant weather and the Saturday holiday. He had not proceeded far before he met Hayward Green, one of his school chums. room that help and comfort must fol-"Oh, Malcolm," exclaimed Hay- low its reading. scheme on hand!"

Kane!"

"Raise old Kane?" said Malcolm in astonishment. "What do you looking about the chamber.

"Well," replied the friend laughing; er with a smile. "You know old John Kane, the carpenter. He's lying over in Bradford's field drunk, and we're going over to raise him up with a rope. He is lying under a tree and all we have 'Yes,' she answered, gently is lying under a tree and all we have know, and he has so little synching.

Malcolm did not reply for a few moments. He was a lad of very quiet ways, but cheerful in disposition, settled beyond his age, confident and determined in his manner, and these qualities made him a leader, and a light she had so unhesitatingly put popular one among his companions; aside. for while he joined in their sports "'He would have stayed,' she anheartily, he controlled their impulsiveness and prevented them getting to stay, but Mrs. Hunt sent me such

but was relieved as Malcolm said her.'

know the boys will all agree to

So a warm-hearted man travels the that."

mindful of the conspiracy that had you suffer?" been arranged against him.

brain from the effects of liquor.

self improvement, culture, strength, firm in Broadway. If she had sold shouted Malcolm, shaking the sleeper selfish could see this lovely mother everything is weakening to the mind. plorably. There is but one single, raised to his feet. He stared at the swiftly beyond the sight of her boy's Daily Daily Sun. Books chosen and read with care cul- valid motive for wedlock, and that is, two boys in a stupid, idiotic sort of a beloved face.

asked.

deceived and long-suffering innocence. "It is not as bad as you think," "Incompatibility" is no more a val- said Malcolm; "but you had better

whom I have married, and have usu- went meekly with Malcolm, who, ments-sometimes in defiance of pa- ling man was safely lodged. Then, making an excuse for leaving them, When young people go into an en- Malcolm went to the house where he he delivered a charge in which he gagement for life as carelessly as they got a cup of strong coffee and bread said: 'In matters of public interest it

Early the next morning Malcolm

union that did not involve a singe par- reform him; and far from getting an- unheard of, a fact so stupendous,

Patient in Suffering.

The "Open Window," a magazine devoted to the interest of the Shut in

ward, eagerly, "I am so glad I have met you. The boys have a splendid a patient sufferer lying alone. It was an hour when her son could be away "What is that?" asked Malcolm, from his business and with her, and all the week she waited for this time "Why, we are going to raise old of enjoyment of his society and for the comfort of his presence.

"But where is Henry?" I asked, "I sent him away,' said the moth-

to do is to tie a rope to his feet and know, and he has so little sunshine haul him up and let the whisky drain and fresh air that I thought a walk would do him good."

into mischief. Hayward looked at a delicious mold of jelly that I wanthim uneasily, fearing he would stop ed old Hetty Grant to have some of what they believed to be a good joke, it, so I persuaded Henry to take it to

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dear, she said in a voice that tried to life journey alone, when for his own Hayward knew Malcolm was a lad be cheery. 'The fact is, I know comsake, and for some good woman's of many expedients, and he was satis- plaints are hard for any one who is sake, he ought to be mated. What fied that any change he would suggest young and strong, and I must not Many of them now trace back then said, half in sport, had a se- in their plan would be a good one; complain before him. It isn't that he does not feel for me; he feels too Malcolm and Hayward walked on much. He teels helpless and perthemselves a wife (and often too drift down the road and met a half dozen plexed, and of course, he does not cannot support a wife who has ex- ward's return, near Bradford's field. sometimes he goes away half vexed travagant notions of living. All the As the two boys came up Malcolm and with a feeling that is anything author of agricultural works, said, "I worse for both sexes; celibacy is often looked across the field and saw John but submissive to God, When this as hazardous to the woman as to the Kane lying under a tree as Hayward happens, I fear my illness is becomman. God ordained morriage, be had described. Kane was sleeping ing a harm, instead of a blessing to

lage tavern the night before, all un- 'And so you send him away when "'Yes, and partly for that reason I

The carpenter was still a young sent him away to day. My head was man, and had, but a year or two be- so full of pain that I could not bear wrote the thirty-first chapter of the fore, been greatly respected for his the light, neither could I bear to shut sober and industrious habits; but had him up here in the shadows. Then I who had just learned his trade, said to fallen into dissipated ways, neglected want his recollection of me to be his family and trade, and become so sweet after I am gone, not painful, degraded that it was a common sight and how can it be so if he sees all I to see him reeling home drunk from have to bear?

you marry me I can promise you, for the tavern, or, as the boys had dis-a while, nothing better than the up-covered him on this morning, lying her own load of physical distress, and Hand Course qualifies for thorough work as in a stupor, paralyzed in body and making at the same time the effort to Amanuensis and Court Reporter. Telegraphconceal it, that the one dearest to her ic Course for Railway and Commercial work. A brief consultation among the might not be saddened by her pain. Average time ten weeks. Total dost, incluboys followed the arrival of Malcolm And as I looked at her, I could is to be done, and take hours of recreation after business; never before carpeted with Wilton and a wardrobe Malcolm, taking one of his comrades doing the same thing day after day, mitted. Students can enter at any time. Sucit." Business men often say, "Time filled with satin and point lace. She with him, passed over to where the and week after week. And I wished cess guaranteed students. Short-Hand by some of the people who feel so sure mail, \$17, including text-book. Address for that invalidism atways makes people free catalogue, College of Business, "Come, Mr. Kane, wake up!" that invalidism always makes people quietly putting away the things she ANNISTON & ATLANTIC R. R. It was a difficult task, but finally cares most for in life, knowing all the

"We little know the heroism prac- a, m. p. m. p. m. "What is the matter, boys?" he tised in many a sick room. We count No. 4. No. 2 No 6 STATIONS. No. 5 No. 1 No. 3 the tears, and the moans, and the 6 30 2 00 2 00 Anniston 10 24 11 00 4 29 a false idea of matrimony; the conse- dow was broken in last night and keeps that sweeter record of the tears quent curse of the day is easy divorce. some watches taken? If you would that are suppressed, the moans that Every strand that is cut in the sacred get away before the sheriff comes, are checked, the impatient words that die unspoken on the lips. His infi-

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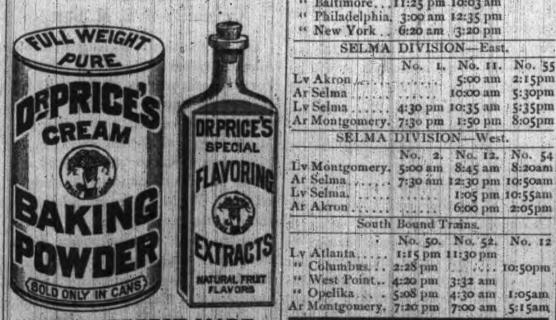
Recently, at Philadelphia, the News sent a reporter to write up a low grogid ground for divorce than bad diges- come with us and we will hide you gery that was the haunt of vice and crime, and was, so described. The John Kane made no objection, but keeper of this dive thereupon brought a suit for malicious libel, laying his damages at \$10,000. When Judge Mitchell, before whom the case was tried, came to submit it to the jury but the duty, of public newspapers to it is the habits and morals of the who will at a future day be the citithe greatest importance, and the publication is what is termed a privileged

His Condescending Love.

colm confessed to the carpenter the Son of God to our humanity—the in-Probably there never was a marital artifice that had been made use of to carnation of Deity—was an event so P. &T. A., Louisville, Ky. may not be so dazzled as to become the "rivets" if they are kept well oiled efforts of Malcolm and his friends, and study and the song of all pure, holy incapable of distinguishing a true man with unselfish love. When true hearts from a sham."

with unselfish love. When true hearts gradually built up a paying business intelligences through eternity. Such are wedded in the Lord, and wedded on the foundation which the boys was the love of Christ. It drew him

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