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## The Importance of Early Religious Training.

An Essay Read by D. C. Hodo before the Sunday-School Convention at Hebron.

Early impressions are the most lasting. These become so indelibly fixed on the memory that nothing can efface them in after years. In the morning of life the mind is vigorous, and then the lessons, which test its retentive powers, can be learned that would be difficult in manhood. In old age storing away food for thought is an impossibility. The speeches of boyhood cling to us in after years, and second childhood finds every one prating of those things which were gathered when the race of life began. The songs of youth become the catchwords of men, and when ready to descend into the grave, bring back the hallowed influences of home, of innocence, and the dear days of the past. The elasticity of memory in early life makes it a vast storehouse in which is laid away a supply which will be drawn on when the dearth comes which shuts off a vigorous growth. There is an electric chord which connects the days when the boy plays under the shade trees of the old home-stand and the time when the almond tree flourishes. In that state in which old age and selfishness have hardened our hearts there is a magnetic line of communication with the dear spot that is sacred in all of our lives.

The boy is easily impressed. He receives moral like he receives intellectual learning. He is ready to adopt some grand ideal of right in the cause of morals or in the cause of science, and he can become so enthusiastic as to the one or the other that he is ready to risk his life to benefit those who are thirsting for a knowledge of him who died on the Cross, or to take up a line of march over the frozen seas of the north in pursuit of knowledge. These lasting impressions have made martyrs who have given up their lives for their early training, and who are to-day in every land risking more than the soldier in battle. The teachings of the nursery develop a messenger of the Cross who goes in advance of the march of civilization and maintains a discipline in face of savages and epidemics to which the Roman Legions were stranger subjects of terror.

Bravery and patriotism are sentiments. Many affect to despise them. Our great ancestors have taught them to their children. They have used them as powerful levers for the State. With their aid they have planted English speaking colonies in every quarter of the globe. They have made Britain great. The English may have disasters such as Beachy Head when fighting for religious liberty, but such a defeat will arouse the whole nation, and will be atoned for as naturally as cause produces effect, and will bring every old tar to the sea to wipe out the disgrace by the splendid victory of LaHogue. Such levers as have been used by our ancestors to extend their empire are nothing in comparison with the teachings of the Scripture if planted deeply in the minds of the young. They bring to the forefront men and women well equipped to carry the banner of the Cross to every land. To day as the sun travels in its course it never ceases to shine on the empire of him, whose devoted followers are marching on for further conquests.

In youth there is freshness, and then is the time to garner up that store of moral principles which are to withstand the shock that will come when we have few pleasures in our days. The commandment against Sabbath breaking will be taken as an illustration. Suppose every mother and father would set apart Sunday as a day of religious devotion, and that they would teach their children religiously for seventy years from this time until the young of three generations can be indoctrinated with the idea that it is God's command. That he who violates that law will receive condemnation here by all good people as heartily as the reproaches that are cast on the man who takes his neighbor's property, and that the Sabbath breaker will be punished thereafter.

If such would be the case there would spring up a race of warriors for Christ such as have never been seen. All over this land there would be churches, well built and properly cared for. Sunday-schools would flourish all the year around. There would be the grandest race on this continent that ever inhabited the earth. This would be an ideal republic, with perfect laws, where there would be no want nor properly supplied. There would be no temporizing policy in our National Assembly in dealing with any question that affects the well being and morals of the country. The young taught to believe that Sunday was made sacred by

a command of him who is entitled to reverence, would enforce obedience in others who did not believe by an enthusiastic service, which would exert a hallowed influence.

Let us look at things as they exist, and hide nothing from ourselves. Sunday comes in this Christian country, and it is for the most part a day of rest from the ordinary occupations of the week. The difference in the observance of the day in country or village or town or city is not great. Many not only teach others to disregard the Sabbath as a day of religious observance, but openly defy the civil authorities in indulging in sports and in making bargains for gain. Such things appear to be small matters, but the young are taking lessons from their neighbors, and will make improvements on their methods of violating a commandment. The boy was told the legend that there was a man in the moon who had been confined there for burning brush on Sunday. He was afraid to go out into the yard to shoot his marbles, but after observing that his father and mother violated the commandment against Sabbath breaking had the courage to slip off to the creek for the purpose of fishing. The leaven of our example is producing deadly fruit. A prominent journal in this State recently advocated a law allowing every one in the city in which it is located to do as he pleased on Sunday, so far as permitting sports, such as games of base ball. That city has a population of about thirty thousand, reared for the most part in the country, of whom perhaps about one-fifth attend church. Did they have the advantages of early religious training? Would a journal in a city properly trained advocate such a law?

A little over fifty years ago a maiden eighteen years of age ascended the throne of the greatest country in the old world. The country had been ruled from 1066 to 1837, by kings and queens, many of whom were weak and despotic, very few were mentally strong, among whom a prominent critic states: "There was not a gentleman or a lady." The first act of the young queen, who had been religiously trained, was to call on God to help her in the government of her vast empire. Under the theory of her laws, she can do no wrong.

her cabinets being held responsible for her, but practically she has done no wrong. She has been no figure head. She has been an aggressive Christian for over fifty years. She has upheld religion, morals and good government, when she had before her the bad examples of those who had been moral pestilences sweeping over the whole realm. A government has been saved from anarchy by the religious training of a girl, who was born to "shape the whispers of the throne."

Israel had at one time a king to whom is accorded the honor of being the wisest man who ever sat on a throne. For the rare gift of crystallizing thought and setting it forth as an embodiment of life for all time to come, he never had an equal in sacred or profane literature. He knew the human heart, and he foresaw that individual and national existence depended on the training of the children. He saw that reverence for our Creator should be taught to the youths of the land, before selfishness, old age and cares prevent them from rendering the service which they owe. He has written, "Train up the child in the way he should go, and when he gets old he will not depart from it."

## Two Churches

Organized on the same day: one at Stanley's, in Lawrence county, on Sunday, 21st day of August. The church is in a good community, and composed of excellent members. The other at Sheffield. On the night of the 21st of August, a presbytery consisting of Revs. Wm. Browning, J. Gunn, John Spear, J. W. McCollom, and J. M. Thomas, met in the city of Sheffield and organized a church of fourteen members. After the organization the new church elected Rev. J. M. Thomas as their pastor. Bro. Thomas was sent to Sheffield by the State Mission Board, and he is an active, vigorous and intelligent young man, full of piety and good works, and from him and his fine field of labor we can but look for good reports. Bro. J. W. McCollom is located at Tusculum by the same Board, and is well received and is doing a good work. Both these young men have a bright future before them. O, how glad we are to have them among us. May the Lord bless them and the churches sustain them. AMEN. J. GUNN.

## Tidings from our Foreign Fields.

### CHINA.

Miss Lottie Moon gives several strong reasons why work should be vigorously pressed in northern China. Other missions are pressing on into the interior of Shantung Province and reaping rich rewards of their labor. More workers is the need of our mission, and to supply these more money is needed. Let some Baptists to whom God has given money read Miss Moon's appeal in the Journal, and respond as God moves them to do when they read.

Rev. J. M. Joiner, Hwang-hien, reports himself temporarily unfitted for work by reason of ill health. His physicians have recommended a trip to Japan, but he hopes a sojourn at Canton will serve the same purpose. A new missionary had arrived in his home—name not given. Dr. Graves, Canton, says: "God is hearing prayer for China. Recently, Mr. Stanley Smith, of the China Inland Mission, has been permitted to baptize two hundred and ten persons—fifty-two women and one hundred and fifty-eight men—at one of his stations in north China." (Bro. Simmons writes that these were immersed.) He reports the baptism of two men in the Canton Mission, with one applicant for baptism. We are glad to know that Dr. Graves' health has improved.

Bro. Simmons reports Dr. and Mrs. Graves and Miss Young off to Swatow for a period of rest and recuperation. There have been six baptisms in the mission during the quarter ending June 30th. At two stations individual native Christians have been persecuted by family and neighbors. Bro. Simmons has been laboring some fifteen years in Canton, and has never had a chapel for his own work. The board would gladly give him one, if only it had the money. Here is a fine opportunity for some rich Baptist to do a noble and much needed work.

Miss Emma Young, Canton, is rejoicing beyond power of expression in the fact that the money has been provided for her school house, and she can now carry out some long cherished ideas as to a boarding school for girls. This money was a special

gift from the Missouri Baptists, and every one who gave to the fund ought to read her letter in the Journal.

### ITALY.

Rev. J. H. Eager, has been enjoying the companionship of several brethren from South Carolina, who are traveling in Europe. He reports thirteen baptisms; eight in Venice, one in Milan and four in Bari and Barletta. Mrs. Eager has opened a Sunday-school in Cutigliano, where the family have gone for a summer rest. She began with twenty-five or thirty, "with as many who sit outside and listen to the singing," the "Mothers' Meetings," held by Mrs. Eager in Rome, continue to be well attended; and in the winter she will have a Sunday-school in connection with these meetings, the mothers having promised to bring their children. Let us pray God to preserve Bro. Eager and his family, and our brethren in Italy, from the cholera, which seems to be spreading there.

### AFRICA.

Bro. Eubank writes that he had engaged passage for Liverpool on the "Etruria," which left New York on the 20th inst. He goes with his wife and baby to Lagos.

### BRAZIL.

Rev. Z. C. Taylor calls attention to the fact that in March, 1883, the first convert was baptized in Bahia, and in March, 1887, just four years after, the one hundredth was buried with Christ in baptism. Last year the members of this church gave about eight dollars apiece to benevolent work. No bad record.

Bro. Daniel, of Bahia, has been threatened with "Beriberi," a painful and dangerous disease peculiar to that climate. His physician ordered him to eat at once to try country air. We are glad to learn, from a private letter that all symptoms of the dreaded disease have disappeared. He baptized eight persons during the last quarter.

Miss Maggie Rice writes from Rio de Janeiro, announcing the safe arrival of herself with Bro. Bagby and family. She suffered severely from sea-sickness on the way out.

Bro. Bagby adds to a business letter: "This leaves us all in health, except our youngest child, who has not been well lately. The work goes on as usual, and interest is good. We are getting things arranged for hard and steady work."

### MEXICO.

Rev. H. P. McCormick, Zacatecas, recently opened a new mission at

Vetia Grande, six miles from Zacatecas. While holding a meeting there he was stoned, stones striking him in the head and side. He was attacked on his way back to Zacatecas, but a Col's revolver fired once or twice put the crowd to flight. By some plain talk to the mayor of the town, he persuaded that functionary to provide him police protection. He earnestly pleads for a house of worship in Zacatecas and for a man to help him in his work.

Rev. D. A. Wilson, Guadalajara, shows up Romanism as it exists in Catholic countries, as a snare of the devil for entrapping and ruining souls. He calls for greater activity on the part of southern Baptists in sending the gospel to the ten millions of Mexico, who are under the influence of Romanism.

Rev. W. D. Powell reports seventeen days' labor among the mission stations around Saltillo, with eighty baptisms and two new churches constituted. He gives an account of the origin of the work at one of these stations, which really began some 30 years ago, when a Mexican procured a copy of the Scriptures, which he studied as best he could by himself, until a few years ago, when he came to Bro. Powell and learned the way of the Lord more perfectly. Bro. Powell, under date of August 2nd, says: "I baptized five at San Rafael last Sunday, making eighty that I baptized in July. I never did a harder month's work, nor was I ever so signally blessed. Surely this is the day of great things, and we need strong faith and much work. If we fail to cultivate the field now, some day we may sing that sad song, 'It might have been.' Our climate this summer has been perfectly charming."

## Several Paragraphs.

Our meeting here closed last Saturday morning. Three were baptized, and four received by letter. The effect of the meeting on the church and community was very good.

I notice that in the minutes of the State Convention, the names of the board of trustees of Howard College are left out of the report of the committee on nominations—indeed, entirely out of the minutes. I suppose it was accidental, as the committee presented the names to the Convention. I also notice that the last name on the committee on programme, as printed in the report of the committee on nominations, is different from that on the second page of the cover of the minutes. That on the cover is wrong.

I am gratified to see that the old Howard College buildings at Marion are still to be used for educational purposes, and that the school to be taught there is to be an academy. For some time I have been talking, both in public and in private, for the more general establishment of academies throughout the State. The great mass of the people have little personal interest in colleges, as they are not able to send their children to them. We need a good class of common schools and academies. Free tuition at the college will not help the matter much, as comparatively few are able to bear the other expenses. So you see we need good common schools, academies and high schools all about among the people; and it is very important that they be under religious influences. I hope the Marion Military Academy will be well patronized. If the brethren there will adapt themselves to the times, I believe they will do more good through the academy, and with less labor and anxiety, than they did through the college.

Talking of schools reminds me that Mr. H. C. Sanders, formerly of the Howard, has been engaged as our principal, and has come to town with his family. He expects to begin September 1st. His wife will give lessons in art, and Miss Ellen Shaw has charge of the music department. Other teachers will be employed as may be necessary. We will not try to have a college nor a collegiate institute, but a first class high school where boys and girls will be prepared for college or for the active business of life. If the editor is skeptical about it, just let him come up when we get started, and we will fill him full of things both new and old that he didn't know before.

Having helped to organize the Selma Association, I read its proceedings with interest, and wished I had been there; but they got along very well without me! It is not very flattering to one's vanity. Well, the world can manage to get along without some of us, though we hardly see how it is done. E. F. BABER, Notulaga.

## Howard College and Woodlawn Academy.

If a suggestion is allowable now while the school interests at Woodlawn are in the formative period, let it be this: That the school there be limited to females and small boys, that the advantages be made superior, and that the name be

THE WOODLAWN FEMALE SEMINARY. It is known to many, and should be generally known, that the school property at Woodlawn has been acquired by the Board of Trustees of Howard College, and the special committee appointed to select a principal of the school has elected Prof. Wm. W. Woodlawn, and he has accepted the position. He is an A. M. of Howard College, and as soon as he selects his assistant, and arranges for opening at Woodlawn, a more extended notice will be given of him and his past work as a teacher.

Preparations to receive the Howard in temporary quarters are pushing rapidly forward at East Lake. The Old High School building will be rolled back to Walker Avenue, where it will receive a second story and be thoroughly made anew at a cost of \$1475, under the reforming hand of contractor Davis and his men. About three hundred feet from the repaired building, a new structure of two stories with thirty seven rooms, will be read for use by the first of October, at a cost of \$3,150. This contract is in the hands of Mr. M. C. Reynolds. Besides there will be two other buildings erected near by to furnish board for Mr. John M. Huey, of Pratt Mines, will build a house in the grove near the Ruhamah church property, at a cost of about \$2,000. Besides all this the patriarch of the East Lake Company, Mr. William Wood, to whom more than to any other one man we are indebted to the princely gift to the college, a man with the wisdom of seventy years, and the progressive spirit of a young Birmingham man, will prepare a place to care for such as come with this cherished institution.

Now, as the days go by, let us have fraternal counsel, while we look with playful interest to the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, for it is thought by many that they ought to up by the terrible storm of Wednesday of the following week. However, the Lord was gracious and seven were baptized, and one from a sister church received by confession. The Lord be praised. In consideration of the continued and exhaustive labor which these meetings imposed upon their pastor these churches have generously granted him a month's vacation, which, with his family, he will spend in Georgia among old friends.

him aloud together. We cannot too greatly appreciate the goodness of God in sending us such a zealous, talented young man as Bro. Ivey. Those who heard him most loved him best. His sermons were convincing, and those who were never touched before were moved by the Holy Spirit. Sunday, to all our surprise, up drives Bro. Norton, who has not been with us for years. Many hearts were made to say, thank God, we can see the hand of Providence in all this. The sermon preached by Bro. Norton will be long remembered by the people here. The church was greatly increased, and six new members taken in. All honor and praise to God our Father. G. W. Cox, Pastor.

## Some Good Meetings.

Dear Baptist: It will doubtless be a pleasure to your readers to hear of the great blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us, during the past few weeks. I am serving three churches. Preach twice a month here, and once each at Bethlehem and Mt. Olive. At this place we have been occasionally baptizing converts: one in April, four in May, and thirteen in August, making a total of eighteen received into the fellowship of the church by baptism; twelve or more by letter. The brethren are greatly encouraged, and the prospects for continued growth are bright.

At Bethlehem the brethren have torn down their old house of worship and built a new one, which is regarded by all who have seen it, as one of the neatest and most tastefully finished country churches in this part of the State. On Friday night before the fifth Sunday in July we began a meeting, and though it rained nearly every day, the interest grew and the congregations increased daily until the house could not seat the crowds. The Lord honored the spirit of sacrifice exhibited by his people in their liberal contribution to the building and seven were baptized, one restored, and several received by letter. Bro. Stout, of Eufaula, was with us, and preached Sunday morning and night, greatly to the edification of the brethren, and delight of the congregation. Mr. Olive held her meeting in July, beginning Friday before the fourth

day of the following week. However, the Lord was gracious and seven were baptized, and one from a sister church received by confession. The Lord be praised. In consideration of the continued and exhaustive labor which these meetings imposed upon their pastor these churches have generously granted him a month's vacation, which, with his family, he will spend in Georgia among old friends.

JOSEPH A. WYNN.

## Revival at Little Bear Creek Church.

Dear Baptist: The Lord has blessed his people at Little Bear Creek, six miles south of Tusculum, whereof we are glad. I went last January to Tusculum to work at my trade; Bro. Gunn had just given up that church; I preached for them a few times; the brethren of Bear Creek heard of my being there; they came and urged me to go out there and preach for them; so to me that they were without a shepherd, and that the church was in a dead state and was scattered; so I went and commenced to preach to them; in a short time they called me as their pastor; they have a fine Sabbath-school. We commenced a protracted meeting on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, which continued nine days. The writer preached Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Bro. A. W. Gilbert, from Chickasaw, and Bro. Andrews did the rest of the preaching to the close. We had the greatest revival I was ever in. The church and all Christians were made to rejoice in the Lord, sinners convicted and mourners converted, so the result was, on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock seventeen candidates by baptism. I had baptized one before, and some stand approved and will be baptized the second Sunday in September at 11 o'clock services. The day we closed a collection was taken up for Bro. Gilbert's services; received \$11.10 in cash. May God be praised for his goodness.

We have some of the best working Baptists in the State, both old and young members. Many of the converts were our Sunday school scholars. Brethren, all that read this take courage, and work in your Sunday-school, and God will bless you and sinners. May the Lord continue to bless in my prayer.

JAS. M. DOUTT.

In all that you undertake let this be your motto: "This I do for Christ."

## Elder J. M. Russell.

Having heard recently of the death of this old father in Israel, which occurred at San Saba, Texas, June 3rd, 1887; it seems due to him and his long and prominent connection, with the denomination in Alabama, that some notice should be taken of him and his work, now that he is no more. It is a sad thought that one should spend the strength of his manhood in working for his fellows, but poorly remunerated, and as soon as worn out or dead to be forgotten.

J. M. Russell was born in Georgia, April 15th, 1816, and in early life moved with his father and mother, and his brother T. J. Russell, also prominent in Alabama, to this State. The family soon located at Dudleyville, where they remained for years; and afterwards removed to Russell's Ferry, on the Tallapoosa. Here he remained until the winter of 1865; when he removed to southwestern Texas, where his remaining days were spent.

Last fall he returned on a visit to Alabama, and, though infirm, made a tour through the Liberty East and Central Associations, preaching to the churches of the two bodies. He expected to have returned this year, bringing with him the aged wife who had gone hand in hand with him through the rugged path of life. She was, before marriage, Virginia E. Wilson, daughter of the venerable old Benjamin Wilson, remembered by many of the older Baptists of the State, and to whom he was married July 8th, 1838. But before the trip could be made, death claimed him, and the Father said he need toil and suffer no longer. So he has entered into the rest of sleep; that sleep of which I heard his mother sing, but a few moments before her voice was hushed in death.

## HIS RELIGIOUS LIFE.

He early joined the Baptist church. Though for awhile he was wayward, the church, soon after his better development, saw in him the promise of usefulness, and pushed him to the front. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry July 13th, 1847, the presbytery consisting of Elders Frank Callaway, E. M. Stoll, John

Goss. Solomon Perry was ordained at the same time, in that old church of County Line, which, from the number sent forth, might be called the "mother of preachers."

He labored as missionary for awhile in connection with Bro. Goss, and by himself in Randolph, Clay, Tallapoosa and Chambers counties. But most of his time was spent as pastor of churches in Chambers and Coosa counties.

He was a strong man in his prime. His convictions were deep, and he was fearless in maintaining them. He was a very decided Baptist in his views of scriptural teachings. He was sometimes impetuous, so as to stir up those of opposing views, and occasionally the writer has known him come in contact with others likewise strong in conviction and impetuous, and the natural force of his temper would flash out. But he was ever ready to make the "amende honorable," if betrayed into excess.

His style of preaching was argumentative, and he loved to lay hold of the strong doctrinal foundations, and show the clearness with which they were taught, and their harmony with the character of God. He did not neglect to impress upon men the practical duties of Christian life, and was often successful in gathering numbers into the churches. He was not well educated, though he had some educational advantages, and was for a time in the school at Penfield, Ga.

In preparing a sermon he studied carefully the context, and circumstances giving rise to the text, that he might apprehend the mind of the Spirit, in the utterance of the text. He was not sparing in sharp rebuke, when those who stood up as teachers of God's word, taught their own views at the expense of the real meaning of the inspired words. The writer was, in his early ministry, the recipient of one of those scathing rebukes Bro. Russell could so well administer, although Russell was unconscious of it at the time. A text had been perverted, but in a way that was not uncommon in the pulpit, and made to teach what that passage was never meant to teach. Bro. Russell had occasion to preach from the same text not long afterward. He outlined my sermon, then tore it to pieces, threw it away with contempt, and giving a true exegesis, became grandly eloquent, melting down the Christians present. I was sorely blistered, but the after benefits were invaluable to me, as I then resolved never to try

again to preach without a careful study of the design of the text in the writer's mind, and never again to make a text mean what was never designed.

While Bro. Russell was not always eloquent, he sometimes became so, and was always interesting. His labors here are ended. His rest has begun. He sleeps amid the quietude and glories of Texas, which he had learned to love dearly as his adopted home. We shall see him again, "when the saints of all ages shall in harmony meet."

Geo. E. BREWER.

## J. W. Orme.

The following resolutions were adopted by Friendship church on the death of Bro. J. W. Orme:

Whereas, Bro. J. W. Orme did organize Friendship church in the year of 1880, and served such church as pastor until his health became so shattered he was compelled to quit preaching; and, whereas, after he quit preaching he always manifested a deep and loving interest in us, being always ready and willing to aid us with his wise counsel and advice up to very day of his death, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we feel it to be our duty, as well as our privilege, to express our feelings in open conference:

2nd. That Bro. Orme was a faithful, loving and efficient pastor, and that he did accomplish a vast amount of good, and was a humble instrument in God's hands in winning many of our children and friends to this community to Jesus.

3rd. That we did love him while he lived, and that he is gone we will love and revere his memory.

4th. That with sorrowing hearts we turn our heads in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who has seen proper in his kind providence, to call our brother up higher.

5th. That we extend our hearty sympathy to his bereaved family in their sad bereavement.

6th. That these resolutions be spread on our church book, a copy sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST with a request to publish, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

Attest of the church in

B. A. JACKSON, MOD.

M. F. SULLIVAN, CH. CLERK.

## Obituary.

Mrs. Jane Callaway was the daughter of Rev. James Armstrong, of Wilkes county, Georgia. She was born July 31st, 1804, married to Barham Callaway Jan. 1st, 1822, was converted, joined the Beaver Dam church and baptized by Rev. Enoch Callaway November, 1826. Died July 6th, 1887. She lived to see eight of her children grown. Mrs. Callaway was in many respects a very remarkable woman. She was indeed a mother in Israel, richly endowed with intellect, she yet counted all things as naught, for the excellency of the knowledge of the Lord her Savior. Early in life she sought and found the pearl of great price, and throughout a long life, checked by sunshine and clouds, that same faith and hope that enabled her young heart to rejoice, sustained her in old age and even in her latest moments gave her the victory over life's last enemy. Patiently and perfectly resigned, though suffering extremely, she meekly awaited the summons that was to give her an abundant entrance into the joys of that Savior in whom she had trusted so long. May those who mourn the loss of so good a mother and friend resolve to follow in the footsteps, and finally reap the same reward.

There is a voice which sorrow hears, When heaviest weighs life's galling chain, The heaven that whispers—dry your tears, The pure of earth shall meet again. R. F. J.

## Flossie Trula Thompson.

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thompson, died at Harrisburg, Bibb county, Ala., on July 27, 1887, after an illness of two days, aged three years, five months and twenty-six days.

The idol of our household has been taken. Her sweet and lovely temperament, and affectionate disposition made her feel doubly near the hearts of our little family circle. There is a space now that touches the tender chord of our hearts, as she could with so much apparent grace and melody sing those beautiful gospel hymns. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. PA PA.

The more God empties your hands of other works, the more you may know he has special work for them.—Garrett.

He is the happiest man who renders the greatest number happy.—Demaris.



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BRO. CRUMPTON, Cor. Secretary of the State Mission Board, has recently visited north Alabama. He was at Florence, Sheffield, Tusculum and Decatur. He thinks the outlook for a church at Florence good. He says he found quite a number of Baptists there.

"Give as the Lord has prospered you." Have you, as a Christian, obeyed this injunction? The Lord hath blessed you with many things. Will you not show your gratitude by giving some of your substance to help on his cause. Our Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board, all need money. They need it very much. Help them by your contributions.

THE SENIOR closed a very interesting meeting with his church at Hillsboro, Ala., on the 37th ult. Eight were baptized and the church very much built up spiritually. This church proposes building a new house of worship. Their present house is too small.

A committee to choose a site has been appointed, and also a building committee. The house will be 40 by 60 feet with a baptistry.

## TROY AND HER ASSOCIATION.

This is the season when the Corresponding Secretary, and school canvassers, and newspaper workers, most travel to Associations.

Troy being first on the list of September meetings Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Prof. Averett, and the Junior, found themselves last week in the busy, money-making, yet cultivated and hospitable capital of Pike county.

The town of Troy is larger than the association, so far as the membership is concerned.

Bro. John Purser is pastor of the First Baptist church, and has done a good work. Has a large membership who are ready to build the best church house in South Alabama. He showed the visitors many kindnesses and did his part toward making a success.

The former moderator, Hon. W. H. Barnett, was re-elected, and served with characteristic faithfulness during the sitting of the body. Bro. W. F. Beard was elected secretary.

There are only four churches in this association and the attendance on its meetings are not large. The preachers are Dr. Worthy, J. F. Purser, J. L. Youngblood, and Capt. Bowles. These brethren have all present and took part in the exercises.

Our Troy brethren were busy buying cotton, and only a meagre attendance greeted us in the day. The day sessions were held in the Presbyterian church, and at night the court house was used. The First Baptist house is unsafe, and will be pulled down to give place to a handsome brick.

Bro. Crumpton took active part in all the services; he preached the introductory sermon. Prof. Averett represented the Judson, and we hope his visit will be rewarded by the acquisition of several pupils.

The junior lost no opportunity to speak for the BAPTIST, and after many long and hard pulls brought away several new subscribers.

Sister Douglass and young Bro. Worthy volunteered to act as agents in Troy and neighboring communities, and we expect, before long, to have not less than two hundred subscribers in that pleasant little city.

We find ourselves so pressed for time that a more lengthy notice of the association must be deferred.

Mr. Joel Murphree and his courteous family gave us a home while in the town.

Is the liquor traffic injurious to public morals? Is it promotive of vice and crime? Does it retard the material progress of the State, and is it productive of ignorance and poverty among the people? If it does all this, and there is not a doubt but what it does, then a wise public policy demands that it be prohibited by law.

## FIELD NOTES.

Write concise notes of your meetings.

There is no yellow fever at Pensacola.

Have we any preachers in Alabama that are settled?

Vincent will appeal his cases to the Supreme Court.

Rev. B. H. Crumpton aided pastor Bell in a meeting at Georgiana.

Twenty tons of steel rails have been received in Decatur for the street railroad.

Rev. Wm. Ivey preached Sabbath morning and night in Adam's Street church.

We need money dear readers, can't you send your renewal and a new subscriber?

Rev. W. D. Gay is giving Dr. Wharton's congregation some pretty fair sermons during September.

Rev. Jno. F. Purser favored the Baptists of Montgomery with two good sermons last Sabbath week.

Customers will find our Purchasing Agency a very convenient channel through which to buy goods of any kind.

The junior is attending the Tusculum and Bigbee Association this week, and will come by the Unity at Plantersville.

Bro. J. S. Thackerton, of Renfro, says: We are about to get our house of worship finished, which will cost us about \$500.

How many of your members are reading the BAPTIST? If you wish them to develop don't fail to urge this duty upon them.

"There are thirty-six preaching places in the city of Paris, France, and 65 in the provinces." The power of Rome is being broken.

Rev. J. M. Green has returned to his work at Prescott, Arizona. It was a sore disappointment for us to miss a sight of his dear face.

The Birmingham Herald of the 18th contained a cut of what Howard College is to be in the next eighteen months. Of course it will be a beauty.

Eufaula's new pastor, W. L. Pickard, began his work last Sabbath. We welcome him to the State, and cheerfully bid him make himself at home.

No charge is made our customers to select, ship and buy goods through our Purchasing Agency. An experienced buyer of taste will attend to all orders.

The L. & N. railroad is building a new bridge across the Alabama river near Montgomery. When this is completed the heaviest engines can pass over.

One of the finest plantations in Tallapoosa county near the Kansas City & Savannah R. R. can be bought by writing to the business manager of this paper.

The junior made a run into Kentucky last week. Met many old friends; crop prospects are very poor, a continued drouth has filled the land with dryness.

Dr. Lansell, the English missionary, distributed in one year not less than 56,500 Bibles among the exiles of Siberia. "The entrance of thy word giveth light."

The Cotton Exchange of New York have determined to reject all bales of cotton weighing under 300 pounds. Farmers will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Rev. Wm. Gay will fill Dr. Wharton's pulpit during the month of September. Bro. Gay is a very promising young divine. He has had a very successful meeting at Pine Level.

The editors are both on the run attending associations; some delays and mistakes will occur. Be patient and help us reach the great brotherhood, and thus carry forward all our interests.

Bro. M. S. Stephens, the missionary and colporteur of the Rock Mills Association will represent the ALABAMA BAPTIST at every service he holds and especially at his next association.

A constitutional centennial celebration will be held in Philadelphia on the 15th, 16th and 17th of September. This is in honor of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1787.

The saints of China Grove are getting ready for the association, which meets with them on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September. A newly painted house will greet the delegates.

Bro. T. F. Thomason dropped in and handed us sixteen new names from Goodwater. This shows that he is building up Baptist interests. Wherever he preaches he expects to present the claims of the BAPTIST.

The Secretary was asked a few days since if Rev. W. C. T. Mosely was appointed by the Board to travel as missionary. He answered, no.

The Baptists are moving up all along the line. Won't you fall in, dear reader, and give more for missions, education and pastoral support?

Howard College should get every Baptist boy in Alabama. Reader, if you are a Baptist patronize Baptist institutions. Remember, too, that moral training is worth more than \$50, or \$100, of free tuition.

It is astonishing to know how the people in the States north of us are looking to Alabama. Christian men and women, let us awake to the call of the Master, and give the new comers a religious welcome.

Evangelist Thomason is now preaching at Garland. We trust the spirit of the Master may rest in great power upon him. Brethren, let us stop criticizing this preacher and begin to pray that he may do great good.

Bro. J. E. McClurkin and Prof. Frank Caffey will represent the ALABAMA BAPTIST at the Pine Barren Association. Sorry we can't be there, but they can get every Baptist present to subscribe for the paper.

We are pleased to exchange with the Birmingham Herald. It seems to favor keeping the Sabbath day holy, and we hope will prove helpful to the Christian people of the Magic City in purifying the moral atmosphere.

Bro. W. H. Hobson has been recalled as pastor of Avondale church. We are glad to hear this, as he seems to have done a good work. He is a good preacher and worker, and we hope soon to visit him in his new church.

Orville Academy is to be presided over next session by Prof. J. M. McIver, of Carlowville. His accomplished sister, Miss Sallie, will assist him. The community is to be congratulated on the acquisition of two such worthy teachers.

"The saloon men of New Orleans have combined and raised \$10,000 to fight the Sunday laws, which are being strenuously enforced by the law and order league." May their efforts to defeat the good be as futile as their cause is unjust and iniquitous.

The Bar, the rum dealers' paper in New York, is alarmed at the probability of the temperance people getting prohibition incorporated in the National Constitution. Hope their fears may be realized, and the accursed stuff banished from the land.

The friends of Rev. J. M. Frost will be grieved to learn of the death of his youngest child. The father and mother have our prayers that they may be comforted.

It has just been board, board, board, that this is an error. Senator Brown has been claimed as a Baptist, and loved him for giving \$50,000 to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, but if he is to become the champion of such a soulless traffic, and put forth efforts to ruin souls, we would rather he would take down his name as a Baptist.

The church at Enon, Pickens county, Ala., held an eight days meeting, beginning August 30th, in which the church enjoyed a gracious revival, with eight accessions. Sixteen persons professed a hope in Christ. Others are expected to join at the next meeting. Eight persons arose in the congregation at the close of the last service and claimed a hope in Jesus. The Lord has done great things in us whereof we are glad. To God be the glory.—J. H. Curry, Pastor.

Bro. John Speer, pastor of Mount Pleasant church, Lawrence county, Ala., writes that the church and pastor secured the services of Rev. F. C. David, of Gallatin, Tenn., to aid in their protracted meeting, embracing the fifth Sabbath in July. Elder David preached with great acceptance to the church and people, and had large congregations. There were no accessions, but the membership were greatly revived and strengthened, and his labors have already been blessed in producing greater activity among the members in Christian work.

The Pulpit Treasury for September has been received. The names of the donors, sufficient to indicate the high standard of this monthly offering, are: "The seen and unseen," by Dr. Vincent; "Woman's sphere," by Dr. J. G. Williams; "The temperance degrades," by Talmage; and many kindred topics, all worthy of special attention. Yearly, \$2.50; quarterly, \$2.00; single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, Publisher, N. Y.

## Troy Notes.

We attended prayer meeting at Bro. Whipple's church. They have a good house, an organ and a Sunday school.

The mayor, Chas. Henderson, is an old Howard boy, and his brother, also a Howard student, is president of the bank.

The Judson girls and Howard boys are very prominent in business and social circles at Troy.

Jno. Gamble, Jr., a graduate of the Howard, has removed to Troy to practice law. We expect great things from him.

## Howard College.

Notes to Statements Published Regarding Its Dedication in Marion.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Convention, held on the 30th day of August at Calera, the Board of Trustees of Howard College was made complete by supplying vacancies so as to be now constituted as follows:

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## Brief Notes.

Am off now attending associations. Can write only a few dots.

Tusculum is going soon to build a new church house. Bro. McCullum is doing a fine work here. We will lose him after October 1st, he goes to the seminary. He is an Alabama boy who will come back to his native dirt. I think the most of them will from this time forth.

Sheffield has a Baptist organization and a fine lot to build on; and will erect a five thousand dollar house when they do build. Town growing and destined to be a large city. Bro. Thomas is a good man for the place, and will continue there another year.

Florence has begun to put on new life; we have a nice lot, spent a day there, and found some Baptists.

Preached one night at Decatur. Bro. Browning is cheered at the prospect; the town has greatly improved in the last three months. What is to become of us if we don't raise more money for State Missions? The situation is alarming. The Lord make his people a liberal people. W. B. C.

## Briefs from Our Exchanges.

Rev. T. C. Boykin, of Decatur, Ga., lost an infant daughter on the 10th of August.

The last words of Dr. Hague were, "Baptists need no new theology; the New Testament is not new."

In the hour of adversity the voice of a sympathizing friend sounds almost like the voice of God.—J. M. Pendleton.

Mrs. Mattie J. Mays, relict of Dr. J. F. B. Mays, once pastor at Knoxville, Tenn., died in Tennessee on the 17th of July last.

The Western Standard says: "There is no indication that the Baptists are dying out. Last year, in the United States, an average of 435 persons were baptized every day, and more than 25 a day in our Foreign Mission stations. One Baptist church was organized in the United States daily with 133 to spare."

Says the Religious Herald: "An applicant for admission into a Virginia Baptist church said, 'I ask admission here, but I could as readily join the Episcopal church; I prefer the Baptist because my wife is Baptist.' The church said, 'If that is all the reason you have for joining us we think you had better join the Episcopalians.' The church did right; Baptist churches have no use for those who do not believe their doctrines. They do not want a man to join a church because his wife is a member of that church, or a woman because her husband is a member. They want members to join from convictions of duty, and because they believe Baptists hold the truth as it is in Christ."

## Southern News.

There are about 130,000 Mormons in Utah.

Bill Reed shot and killed John Sandy in Lawrence county. Whisky.

Rev. T. B. McCullum, of Rockford, Tenn., a faithful Baptist minister, is dead.

Wm. Cooper, Esq., one of the old lawyers in north Alabama, died at his home in Tusculum, Ala., on the 11th ult.

Jo Hodges went down in a dry well at Hillsboro on the 22nd of August, and was overcome by bad air or gas and died from its effects.

Dr. Hardy Brown, of Birmingham, died at that place last month. Dr. Brown was one among the able men of the Methodist church in Alabama. His death will be a great loss to that church.

The Baptist Courier, under the direction of Rev. A. J. Shaz, is making rapid progress in Cuba; churches are being rapidly organized, and many converts are being baptized. Praise the Lord!

A north bound train on the Louisville & Nashville railroad was wrecked near Union on the 26th ult., and an engineer named Whitaker was killed and engineer Fort had both legs crushed.

Senator Anthony, of Rhode Island, left by his will \$28,000 in money to Brown University. Will not some friend of Howard College remember that institution in the same way? you can't make a better disposition of your money.

## A Suggestion.

The following has been suggested as a feasible arrangement for the proper adjustment of times of meeting for the different associations, which we submit for consideration, and we trust adoption, so that our secretaries and others who are preoccupied with various business enterprises and our church work, may be enabled to meet with such association in regular order. Subject to such correction and arrangement as may be suggested.

Union, Friday before the 1st Sab. in Sept. Tallahassee and Ten. Island, Saturday before 1st Sabbath in Sept.

Tusculum, Tuesday before 2d Sab. in Sept. Harmony East, Wed. before 2d Sab. in Sept. Bigbee, Thursday before 2d Sab. in Sept. Coosa River, Friday before 2d Sab. in Sept. Cahaba Valley, Sat. before 2d Sab. in Sept. Cherokee, Tuesday before 3d Sab. in Sept. Boiling Springs, Wed. before 3d Sab. in Sept. Canaan, Thursday before 3d Sab. in Sept. Etowah, Friday before 3d Sabbath in Sept. Shelby, Friday before 3d Sabbath in Sept. Mulberry, Sat. before 3d Sabbath in Sept. Sulphur Springs, Tuesday before 4th Sabbath in Sept.

Cullman, Wednesday before 4th Sab. in Sept. Muscle Shoals, Thurs. before 4th Sab. in Sept. North Liberty, Fri. before 4th Sab. in Sept. Unity, Saturday before 4th Sab. in Sept. Pine Barren, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sept. East Liberty, Wed. before 4th Sab. in Sept. Rock Mills, Friday before 4th Sab. in Sept. Montgomery, Thurs. before 1st Sab. in Oct. Tennessee River, Wed. before 1st Sab. in Oct. Mt. Carmel, Thurs. before 1st Sab. in Oct. Arabaoochee, Friday before 1st Sab. in Oct. Carey, Saturday before 1st Sabbath in Oct. Town Creek, Sat. before 1st Sab. in Oct. Wagon Creek, Wed. before 2d Sab. in Oct. Warrior River, Thurs. before 2d Sab. in Oct. Muscogee, Wed. before 2d Sab. in Oct. Alabama, Friday before 2d Sab. in Oct. Central, Saturday before 2d Sab. in Oct. North West, Sat. before 2d Sab. in Oct. Harmony West, Thurs. before 2d Sab. in Oct. Zion, Tuesday before 3d Sab. in Oct. Tallapoosa, Wed. before 3d Sab. in Oct. Tuskegee, Wednesday before 3d Sab. in Oct. Cahaba, Wednesday before 3d Sab. in Oct. Clear Creek, Thurs. before 3d Sab. in Oct. Bethlehem, Thurs. before 3d Sab. in Oct. Harris, Friday before 3d Sabbath in Oct. New River, Friday before 3d Sabbath in Oct. Elm, Saturday before 3d Sabbath in Oct. Bethel, Saturday before 3d Sab. in Oct. Centennial, Tuesday before 4th Sab. in Oct. Eufaula, Wed. before 4th Sabbath in Oct. South Bethel, Thurs. before 4th Sab. in Oct. Troy, Friday before 4th Sabbath in Oct. Yellow Creek, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Oct. Big Bear Creek, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Oct. Antioch, Saturday before 4th Sab. in Oct. Macedonia, Wed. before 5th Sab. in Oct. South Eastern, Sat. before 5th Sab. in Oct. Salem, Tuesday before 1st Sabbath in Nov. Evergreen, Wed. before 1st Sabbath in Nov. Pea River, Thursday before 1st Sab. in Nov. Newton, Friday before 1st Sab. in Nov. Sandy Creek, Sat. before 1st Sab. in Nov. Columbia, Saturday before 1st Sab. in Nov. Judson, Wednesday before 2d Sab. in Nov.

## Associations 1887.

SEPTEMBER.

Troy, Troy church, Pike county; 2nd Tusculum, Tusculum church, Tusculum county, 6th.

Shelby, Six Mile church, Bibb co., 7th. Bigbee, Christian Valley church, 8th. Mt. Carmel, New Salem ch., Morgan co., 9th. Cahaba Valley, Mt. Pisgah church, St. Clair county, 10th.

Cherokee, New Hope ch., De Kalb co., 11th. Unity, Plantersville ch., Dallas co., 15th. New Liberty, Shoal Creek church, Lincoln county, 16th.

Pine Barren, Ackerville ch., Wilcox co., 17th. Coosa River, Refuge ch., Tallapoosa co., 17th. Elm, Canoe church, Etowah co., 17th. Mud Creek, Oak Grove church, Jefferson county, 17th.

East Liberty, Dadeville church, Tallapoosa county, 21st.

Mulberry, Pleasant Grove church, Chilton county, 21st.

Bethel, Airmwell ch., Marengo co., 22nd. Centennial, Slomch ch., Pike county, 22nd. Canaan, Pleasant Hill ch., Jefferson co., 23rd. Evergreen, Elm ch., Barbour county, 23rd. Town Creek, Union ch., Marshall co., 23rd. Rolling Spring, Holston ch., Clay county, 24th.

Judson, Bethel church, Barbour co., 1st. Macedonia, Red Bank church, Washington county, 1st.

Rock Mills, Rocky Branch church, Randolph county, 1st.

Salem, Ebenezer ch., Pike county, 1st. Tallahassee, Friendship ch., Cherokee county, 1st.

Yellow Creek, Shiloh ch., Lamar co., 1st. Columbia, Pilgrims Rest ch., Henry co., 6th. Alabama, Speer Creek ch., Lowndes co., 7th. Antioch, Bogalusa ch., Choctaw co., 7th. Cullman, Cullman ch., Cullman co., 7th. Etowah, White Springs ch., Etowah co., 7th. Big Bear Creek, Harmony church, Franklin county, 8th.

West Harmony, Mt. Carmel church, Bibb county, 8th.

New River, Friendship church, Fayette county, 8th.

Newton, Newton church, Dale county, 8th. Cahaba, Macedonia ch., Hancock co., 15th. Tuskegee, Cahaba ch., Macon co., 12th. Warrior River, Austin Creek church, Blount county, 14th.

Zion, Spring Hill church, Butler co., 14th. Arabaoochee, Liberty ch., Coahoma co., 15th. South Eastern, Bethel ch., Mobile co., 15th. Carey, Ashland ch., Clay county, 19th.

Tallapoosa River, Elm church, Tallapoosa county, 19th.

Eufaula, Mt. Pleasant ch., Bullock county, 20th. Wagon Creek, Holly Springs ch., Coosa co., 20. Sandy Creek, Friendship ch., Geneva co., 22. Harris, Hatcheechubee ch., Russell co., 25th.

Pea River, Whitewater ch., Coffee co., 5th.

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