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## A PRESIDENT FOR HOWARD COLLEGE.

We think the Board of Trustees of Howard College did a wise thing in postponing the election of a president for that institution. This is an important position, and should be filled by the right man, if we can get him. The success of the college depends very much on the kind of man we put at the head of it. It will not do to place a third-rate man, or even a second-rate man, as president over the institution. We need a man of good executive ability, but this is not enough. We can find hundreds of such men, who know very well how to direct and govern, and who are good financiers, but who would make poor college presidents. In connection with good executive and financial ability, we need a man of ripe scholarship, one who can have an oversight of the entire course of study and can tell whether the proper teaching is imparted by the various professors. We need a man who by his commanding talents and profound learning will command the respect of his students and of the denomination at large. We will have to pay such a man a good salary, but we had better do this than to get an inferior man at a small salary.

THE St. Louis Christian Advocate says:

A beloved brother asks what relation do baptized children sustain to the church? To which it is sufficient to reply: The seal of the covenant is put upon them because of the relation they sustain to the moral government of God, through the redemptory scheme and being thus sealed they become catechumens of the church to be trained in all the articles of the Christian faith, which the parents promise to do; so that in theory and practice they may be trained up for Christ from infancy to manhood.

We might ask, where in the New Testament is baptism called "the seal of the covenant?" We might further ask, who did Christ command to be baptized in the commission which he gave to his disciples?

Mr. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, says with reference to the baptism of infants: "If infants are baptized, then they are proper subjects of baptism, and, in the ordinary way, they cannot be saved unless this be washed away by baptism." Doctrinal Tracts, page 251. This was the doctrine of the Church of England, of which Mr. Wesley was a member. We don't know that the Methodist church has changed its faith on this subject since the days of Wesley, if so it ought to change its ritual used in the baptism of infants.

## A TRUE LAWYER.

Col. James E. Saunders, of Courtland, Ala., is furnishing a series of articles on the "Early Settlers of Alabama," for the Moulton Advertiser, which are quite interesting and readable. In the Advertiser of August 25th. He gives a sketch of Hon. John James Ormond, in his time one of the most distinguished lawyers of Alabama. We extract from this sketch the following incident, which proves him to have been a true lawyer, a man of integrity and strict personal honor:

After he had attained eminence an incident occurred which illustrated this. A cotton-freighter (who was a rich cotton planter) received 400 bales of cotton on a flat-boat for shipment to New Orleans, which never reached their destination, and it was reported that the boat and cargo were lost by fire. He was sued for the value and came to Mr. Ormond to defend his case. In stating it he said that the hands on the boat one night tied up to the bank, and covered up the fire carefully, but by some accident the cotton took fire and all was burnt. Mr. Ormond told him that this defense was not good, and that a common carrier was liable for loss of a cargo by fire, unless it occurred from the act of God, as in the case of lightning. The freighter was profoundly astonished and repaid. In a few days he came back and informed Mr. Ormond that on re-examining his boat hands, he found he was mistaken. That on the night of the accident they had put out every spark of fire on the boat, but that the night was stormy, with terrific thunder and lightning, which no doubt had consumed boat and cargo. Mr. Ormond believing that a conspiracy existed between the freighter and his hands to defraud the owners, declined to defend his case, although the fee would have amounted to thousands. The case was carried to another lawyer who of course knew only the "lightning" theory of the case, and the defense was successful. So you perceive in his ethics he differed essentially from a distinguished Boston lawyer, who in a recent lecture, contends virtually, that the worse the case, the stronger is the obligation on a lawyer to defend it.

Sorrow fails of its divine mission when it blinds us to everything but itself.—Frederick R. Marvin.

## Influence of Association.

An Essay Read before the Sunday-School Convention at Hebron.

BY MRS. M. E. GARDNER.

Christian influence reflects as beautifully upon the heart of a child as the rays of the morning sun, upon the dewy flowers, encircling the young life with a halo of light as bright as that which guided the birth of a promised Savior. The Christian influence which pervaded the home circle, and hovered over the early years of the pious Timothy, fitted him to be entrusted with the Master's work, and keep it in honor of his heavenly Father. Judah's description of the tenderness and affection which Jacob felt toward Benjamin, the youngest son of that patriarchal family, are just as appropriate to parents in this house, since their lives are bound up in their children's lives. We can satisfy ourselves that the difference of character portrayed in the younger children were but the reflections of virtues in the life of a Christian mother. She, no doubt, having seen the elder children going astray for lack of spiritual guidance, gave her boys into the keeping of a Heavenly Father, relying upon the covenant made before their birth. The patriarchal father, too, was better fitted to instruct them in the ways of righteousness and truth. There is an unlettered expression, "If they make their beds hard they must lie on them." I am not responsible, they must take the same risks that I took; as well might the shepherd throw a lamb into a den of lions, and then say, little lamb take care of yourself. The lions would tear you in pieces rather than you should approach too nearly the whelps, and God intended every father and mother to be the protection and help of the child. We have cultivated mind, and protected body, but the time has come when the burden of our prayers are: "Help us to fit it for eternity." A vessel foundered; the life boats were launched, many of the passengers were struggling in the water; a mother with one hand lifted up her child toward the life boat crying: "Save my child!"

The impassioned cry of that mother is the prayer of thousands who kneel at a throne of mercy to day, and why all this parental anxiety? It is because we feel our inefficiency to act as guides to our children. We hide our imperfections and think our children will steer clear of them. Alas! there is poor prospect of that. There is more probability that they will choose our vices than our virtues. There is something like sacredness in parental imperfections, when the child looks upon them. Religion and science unite in positive language that the defects of the parents are discoverable in the children. Parents who expect "noble children," must themselves lead noble lives. A great many homes are like the frame of a harp that stands without strings. In form and outline they suggest music, but no melody arises from the empty spaces; and thus it happens that home is unattractive, dreary and dull. It is a sad moment for a child when he begins to suspect there is any place in the world a dearer, sweeter place than home; and mothers immersed in society, and fathers crazed with a love of gain and a desire for worldly popularity are starting a suspicion in their children, and fostering it every day of their lives. Warm Christian homes produce that foundation of character which infidelity in the world can never break down, and that man reared in the light of Christian love looks back to the home of his childhood, as a center around which everything gathered, the basis upon which the whole world turned. A young sailor having been cast upon an island founded a Christian church in the midst of cannibalism, with no help, except a bible that a loving mother had placed in his trunk. Where is the man that disregards the religion of his mother, though he wander far from her personal example, yet her precepts remain indelibly impressed in his memory, and when no other voice can reach that callous heart, memory leads him through the vista of the "long ago," and he once more hears the soft voice, "Our Father who art in heaven," the heart that seemed as stone is melted, eyes that looked coldly as steel upon the world shed penitence tears, and impious words and lips are attuned to praise of that mother's God. What sympathy we feel for those parents who lose all the sweet confidence of their little children. They are too much engrossed by worldly affairs to listen to the childish trouble of a lesson too difficult to be mastered, by the weary little student, "Go to your teacher and

don't bother me." The little mind must puzzle itself, and restless sleep to dream of failure on the morrow. Now, that mother would labor diligently with fingers and brain, heart intent upon the work before she would suffer that child to lack in style of dress, yet she will acknowledge her inability to solve a simple problem, or a failure of eyesight to trace its map study, and thus it happens too often that a bright, active mind meeting with no encouragement at home, loses its ambition to keep pace with a class who have assistance at home, and becomes a laggard at school. If those parents who are averse to the seemingly monotonous routine of school duties could only be present, and witness the smile of satisfaction that illumines the bright face as it turns toward a teacher to hear the approval of work well done, with what pride they announce in the presence of the class: "My father or mother assisted me." We must conclude that style of dress wouldn't be half so dear to the heart or wearisome to the brain that clings with such tenacity of purpose to lead in fashion. An illiterate mind is more exposed in the robes of a princess than the garb of a peasant, the very splendor of apparel demand that the mind be adorned with bright conversational powers. Mothers who are devotees of fashion, are offering their innocent children as sacrifices to the evil one. The fashionable mother is a member of the church, talks loudly of prayer meeting and Sunday school work, yet she cannot do the Master's work out of style, her person must be clad in robes of fine texture, jewels must flash from the soft fair hands, she must have a dainty little watch to time the minister, lest he keep her out of weariness. Should she be chided for wanton extravagance, she is ever on the defense: "I'm able to dress." Ah! the world can only see that round of church going, but God looks straight into the heart, and knows it is far from him.

We will know at the gate of Heaven that we are our brother's keeper, and that we have squandered the talent entrusted to our keeping in the service of the evil one. Children are sent to the school room to be cultivated in mind, teachers are not expected to be religious, no time in this fast age for Bible history in the school room. "We have Sunday-schools for that," says the trustee, consequently we have no motto text on our school room walls. "Fear God and keep his commandments." The child goes the round of every day duty, knowing only the proverbial expression of the school room, "cathening before hanging," no harm to prevaricate in the school room just to deceive the teacher, I'll correct it to the class, and my parents need know nothing of it. The example of falsehood is placed before a dozen others, all of whom must yield under similar circumstances. Parents themselves, are largely at fault, in the failure of teachers to govern wisely in the school room. They encourage the evil habit of tattling, give ear to every childish grievance, without investigating the motive by which the teacher has been actuated in the enforcement of discipline. It is our duty as parents to know to whom we entrust our children, when not under home influence. A flippant teacher makes an irreverent pupil, and if we place our children under the influence of those who are incapable of directing heart as well as mind we can but reap that which we have sown.

A little girl praying in a retired corner of an English home, overheard a careless and cruel remark dropped from the lips of a casual visitor, and those words cast a shadow on the path of that child which never lighted up, and the melancholy refrain of that early sorrow sounds like the moan of the sea through every line of one of England's sweetest, saddest poets. A worn soldier can kindle the fire of martial ambition in the heart of a boy, and should war clouds darken the land the smouldering fire will flame into dazzling brilliance, and the destiny of a nation be made to hang upon the words of a boy, whose destiny was shaped by the influence of words going forth from the lips of the weary soldier. A returned missionary tells the story of his toil in a foreign land. He calls for others to enlist in the sacred cause, and carry the banner of the cross through every land. A youth listens, and the words of the preacher become as a fire in his throbbing heart, they are remembered in his hours of toil and recreation, when years have passed, and the missionary has finished his work and is resting. "Beyond the river" another voice carries on the message which he began, and all its utterance and power come from the words dropped into

the ear of an unknown youth. The faith and piety of the mother of Moses was so strong that she did not fear the king's wrath, thus showing herself to be a fit mother for a son who was to be the deliverer of Israel from Egyptian bondage, and of a redeemed nation. Under a like happy influence the childhood of David was passed. In the days of his brightest prosperity and greatest fame he recognizes his pious mother's influence as having not only contributed to elevate him to Israel's throne, but as having been the bright star which kept alive his hope in the darkest hour of his previous troubles.

The beautiful structure of a well balanced character is built of individual acts of duty. Every day something to do in making the man, if it be pure and good the man is better for having cherished it, only for a moment, the impress which it has made will never be lost to the infinite eye.

It takes only a very slight influence to make a lasting impression upon so sensitive a thing as the human heart. The good words of truth live and give life to the world. If we would have our influence go with the stream that carries blessings wherever it flows, we have only to speak the good words of truth.

Be faithful in the least as well as in the greatest, learn to do the little deeds of kindness, to scatter the little gifts of love along the pathway of life, so when our toil is done our life-work shall bear fruit in heaven, and it shall be found precious before God.

## Farewell Sermon.

Rev. A. W. McGaha Takes Leave of his Congregation.

On Sunday Night Rev. A. W. McGaha preached his farewell sermon in this city to a packed church of appreciative listeners.

He took as his text the thirtieth verse of the nineteenth chapter of the book of St. John, which reads, "It is finished."

Mr. McGaha spoke long and eloquently. He stated that these were the best words of our Lord. That his life had been remarkable because he had stood alone in the world, in his desire to revolutionize the religion of the time. That it was also remarkable on account of his works and teachings. That the utterance of the text had closed his life as a sacrifice for sin. That whatever his life accomplished, the principal good arose from his death on the cross. That then he paid a debt for us. That his life, so far as our salvation was concerned, would have been a failure, without the shedding blood on the cross. That, as an example for our Savior's life, was not without its lessons. That when he cried out, "It is finished," every word and deed necessary for our good had been done. That we have only to see how he behaved, and all the trying circumstances of life, in order to know how to deport ourselves. That the revelation of the father closed with his life. That Christ's actions were the actions of the Father, that his words were his Father's words.

That there comes a time to all of us, as it did to him, when our lives will close, to influence others so far as personal contact with them is concerned. That this was a matter of serious reflection.

That the most comforting thought in the whole subject was that Christ's life of sorrows was finished, persecutions had ceased, no more could shame be heaped upon him as a man. That he had left the hisses of his enemies and crossed over to the other side, where there is rest for the weary. The speaker closed with a fitting farewell to his congregation, pressing to them his regret at parting, and thanking them for their many acts of kindness to him while at the head.

The music on the occasion is worthy of complimentary mention, and in an especial manner does the solo of Mrs. McGaha deserve favorable comment. She sang the sweet old song "Jesus, I my cross have taken" to the music of Wm. Reeves Scott's song, "Waiting over there."

Mrs. McGaha's clear, flute-like voice lent an unusual sweetness to that favorite melody, and touched the hearts of all who listened with reverence and admiration.

Mrs. McGaha will be of great assistance to her husband in his new field of labor.

They expect to leave on Thursday for their future home in Chattanooga, and their departure will be followed by the prayers and best wishes of a host of friends in this city.

Half the energy we spend in white washing ourselves would pretty nearly keep us clean.

## Mateless.

When my soul is sick with its thinking; And my heart is sad with its hoping; When sorrows and shadows, their forces are linking; My spirit to oppress, in the darkness groping; When life itself, seems made of its dreaming; And passion and things exist, but in their seeming; And all is taken, that to me, was loved and loving; Then Oh God! I yearn for thy gleaming;—Linton, Ala. T. A. C.

## Eld. J. M. D. Cates.

The subject of this sketch was born in Orange county, N. C., June 15th, 1815, died near Woodbury, Tennessee, August 1st, 1887. He was a descendant of an ancient family that fled from Old World on account of persecution. He removed to this State, and settled in Maryville, Blount county, in April 1834. Removed to McMinnville, Tennessee, February 5th, 1838. United with the Baptist church at McMinnville March 18th, 1838, and was baptized by Eld. Noah Cates. He was married to Miss Ann P. Lion, of McMinnville, in December 1838. He and his wife engaged in school teaching in Alabama and Mississippi until the death of his wife which occurred October 16th, 1841. He then returned to McMinnville. The only issue of this marriage was Capt. A. B. Cates, now of Newnan, Ga. He had long before this had impressions to preach, but postponed because he thought his education insufficient. He was licensed to preach by the church at McMinnville, Tenn., in 1842. He attended school at Nashville and Murfreesboro in 1843. He was appointed missionary by the executive board of Liberty Association, Feb. 4th, 1844. He continued in this work for ten years, and witnessed in said work about three hundred professions, he was ordained and set apart to the full work of the gospel ministry at McMinnville, Oct. 13th, 1844. Elds. Bradly, Kimbro and Matt Hillsman composing the presbytery. Early in 1847 he was elected pastor of the Marion church, Cannon county, Tennessee, and continued as such for many years. Here he permanently located and made it his home until the day of his death; here he married his second wife, Miss Mary Jane Taylor, September 1848, who survives.

He was a noble man; he had his faults, as all of us have; but he was an honest and sincere man. We were associated for several years as editors of the Christian Herald, a Baptist paper published at Tusculum, Ala., and then at Nashville, Tenn. He was always a bold and uncompromising defender of what he considered the doctrines of the Bible. His zeal and earnestness in the defense of his views made him unpopular with some, but it did not deter him from his cause. His first wife was the sister of our Bro. Mat Lyon, of Moulton, Ala. SENIOR ED.

He was in many respects a great man. As a preacher he deserved the appellation of "the Great Commoner." As to education he was far above average; but never tried to make a display of learning. He never preached history, sciences, commentaries, nor the opinions of men. The Bible was the "man of his council." He was a man of strong conviction and unflinching fidelity to the truth. He knew no friend nor regarded no foe at the expense of the truth. He thought it his duty to expose error as well as to preach the truth. Consequently he unhesitatingly exposed what he thought to be error in his own church and among his own brethren as well as those held, taught and practiced by other denominations. Therefore he had strong enemies at home and abroad; nevertheless he enjoyed the confidence and affection of his association, (Salem) perhaps as no other man in it. This fact was so well known and generally conceded that the Tennessee Baptist once designated him "king in Salem." At the time the Christian Herald, "the prince of preachers." The distinctive principles and great missionary enterprises of the church, lay near his heart.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer at his late residence, on Tuesday morning, August 2nd, 1887, in the presence of a large concourse of people. Text, Mark x. 29, 30; "There is no man that hath left home, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake or the gospel's, but he shall receive a hundred fold now in this time, houses, brethren, sisters, mothers, children and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life." He was the only man living or dead with whom I was personally acquainted, that this text would have been appropriate for his funeral services. That he did forsake all for Christ and the gospel's sake, was well known by those who knew him best. The great burden of his preaching was persuading sinners to repentance. I have often heard him say during his happiest efforts at

preaching, and once during his last days on earth: "I may be mistaken as to many things, but there is one thing I do know, and that is, I want sinners saved. I am not mistaken as to that." From the fact (doubtless) that his mind and soul was so engrossed, for the good of others during life, and even during his last sickness, with a great desire to get well that he might work more, he did not at all times enjoy that full fruition that he desired. He spoke often in his last days, of several notable occasions in the history of his preaching that he enjoyed great liberty of speech, at which times his cup ran over, inasmuch for a time he could not speak, one of these occasions was at Pinebluff Creek church, on Sunday, he having been appointed to preach by the association that had convened at that place; many yet living who will read these lines will remember that day; I was not present myself, but have often heard it referred to as a memorable occasion. He also, a few days before his death, when visited by Bro. Robert Bryson, rejoiced in spirit, and the hope of the glory of God; he also expressed a great desire that his youngest son might become a preacher. After death was upon him he joined in the song, "Oh Jesus my Savior, to thee I submit." After he had hugged and kissed his dear ones and bid them meet him in heaven, and he could no longer see nor speak, he lifted his hands towards heaven, his glorious home above. I doubt not that the promise in the text, he is now enjoying in that bright world of bliss. And this was the last of our dear Bro. Cates in this world. While many hundreds, (if not thousands), with sad hearts, and tearful eyes will read these lines let them not forget while mourning his loss, to pray for his wife and children, and the cause he loved so well, and worked for so long and unremittently. I trust his mantle has fallen upon some Elisha.

A few more days, or years, at most, and we will follow on. Therefore "let us watch and pray," "for in an hour we think not the Son of man cometh." D. B. VANCE.

We clip the above biographical sketch from the Reflector. We were well acquainted with Bro. Cates, and know he is unable to do much, he

of him. He was a noble man; he had his faults, as all of us have; but he was an honest and sincere man. We were associated for several years as editors of the Christian Herald, a Baptist paper published at Tusculum, Ala., and then at Nashville, Tenn. He was always a bold and uncompromising defender of what he considered the doctrines of the Bible. His zeal and earnestness in the defense of his views made him unpopular with some, but it did not deter him from his cause. His first wife was the sister of our Bro. Mat Lyon, of Moulton, Ala. SENIOR ED.

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May we all live so as to meet her in the beautiful beyond.

A. S. SMITH.

Milledown, Ala.

Deacon Wm. Griffin

Died at his residence in Perry county, Aug. 4th, 1887, in his 84th year. He professed faith in Christ in middle life, and united with Fellowship church. He was ordained deacon and served with fidelity until dismissed by letter nine years ago to go into the organization of Harmony church, where he remained a consistent member until his death. In all these years he was "faithful over a few things," discharging the duties of his office with fear and humility. The church in conference passed resolutions deploring their loss.

A. J. IVIE, C. C.

Meeting New Shiloh.

Dear Baptist: New Shiloh church has just closed a very precious meeting. Five were added to the church by baptism, and the church was much revived, but the best features of the meeting was that young men and old men who never took any public part in the church before came to the front and read the Scriptures, and prayed earnest, able prayers for the salvation of men and for the reviving of the church. L. M. BRADLEY.

## A Good Meeting.

A good meeting was held with Pine Flat church, in which, the writer was aided by Rev. D. C. Culbreth, of Avondale, Ala., now editor of the Avondale Enterprise. There were only three added to the Church, but we believe there was great good accomplished by the meeting.

Bro. Culbreth did us some excellent preaching, which was appreciated by all who heard him. He made many friends in this community, and we will all be glad to have him visit us again soon. Bro. C. is a native of North Carolina. Entered the University about six years ago, but owing to a failure in health he had to abandon the study of law, and came to this State, and has been in the real estate and newspaper business since. But now his health is entirely restored and he is ready to enter the pastorate again, which he will do soon in North Carolina unless he is offered a field in Alabama. And just here I want to say to any church or churches who may want a pastor that my impressions of the brother is that he is a man called of God to preach the gospel, one who is willing to consecrate himself to the work, one that will make you a good pastor. If you need him it will pay you to correspond with him at Avondale, Ala.

L. M. BRADLEY.

Felix, Ala.

A Meet at Hartsell.

Dear Baptist: I am engaged at this time in my annual meeting in this place, it being the twelfth meeting in succession that I have held and assisted in, and I thank God that this promises to be a success for the Master. All the meetings that I have attended have been a success for God, in which his just name was glorified in the preaching of the word, and by sinners being convicted of their sins. Some of the churches that I have visited were greatly built up by an increase of members, all spiritually built up, and increased in strength, faith and power and knowledge. I was with Good Hope church, Cullman county, Ala.; they baptized 23 to 25. But of all the revivals and refreshings Kelley's Creek, Lincoln county, Tenn.; was the greatest. There I had from Christianity has been tried for ages,

to every service; 55 of the best citizens of Tennessee were added to the church. This church, under God, promises to do great things. It has so many men of brains and heart and money. The church numbers 225; the principal part good farmers; they have the pastoral services of that good and faithful man, F. M. Yeager, who is doing a grand work for his blessed Master. I am very much encouraged by all that I have witnessed in all the churches that I have been with; they have good men and good pastors, and the cause of our Master is moving on successfully. Thank God, I have closed my annual meetings with three of my churches; this is the result: God blessed them all with a revival of grace and mercy. Brethren, pray God may bless us here. Bro. F. C. Davidson, of Galatin, Tenn., is with me, and he is preaching some of his ablest sermons. I was last week at Flint, Ala., with my old beloved church, Mt. Pisgah. Bro. Davidson just carried them away to a better country in the faith and love, and he immortalized the grand old church, and we left them high up the hill of Zion.

I am much gratified with my churches, Mt. Pisgah, Hartsell, Mt. Nebo, and Cullman. May the Holy Spirit help me to lead them in the path to glory and to God. I go next week to attend the Mt. Carmel Association at New Salem; will see what I can do there for the BAPTIST. It meets on the 9th day of September. May God bless the ALABAMA BAPTIST and send it in the homes of all the people, where it ought to be.

W. B. CARTER.

Hartsell, Ala.

Revival at Cuba, Ala.

Dear Baptist: We have had quite a refreshing from the presence of the Lord, of which, with your consent, we will tell your many readers. Our meeting began on Saturday, Aug. 20th, and continued until Monday night, Aug. 29th. We had the presence and labors of several ministering brethren. Some time before the meeting began the pastor and church earnestly requested Dr. A. C. Davidson, of Marion, Ala., to assist. He came over Monday night, Aug. 22nd, and preached twice each day thereafter until Sunday night following. We think we voice the sentiment of the entire congregation when we say that we believe our brother preached the best series of sermons ever delivered in Cuba. Our church, and Christians

in general, were greatly edified and built up; and many, very many of the unconverted were caused to think upon their ways. There were twelve accessions to the church; six by baptism, three by experience, who "await baptism," and three by letter.

Surely the Lord hath heard our cry, and we bless his holy name.

J. D. COOK, Pastor.

Meeting at Clinton.

Dear Baptist: On the 3rd Sabbath in August, we closed a very precious meeting at Clinton. We had four accessions by baptism of whom we expect much in the future. Our people will long entertain a fond recollection of Bro. Simeon of Carville, for his calm and eloquent preaching, and also for his splendid singing.

Last Sunday we baptized four more at Sumterville, leaving one who was sick to be baptized next meeting. I want all the people in the State to help me thank the Baptist ladies of Sumterville for that elegant Oxford Teachers Bible they gave me on Saturday night. There are few such churches as the one at Sumterville, and few such ladies in the world as belong to that church. There will be a bright spot in our memory for them as long as I live.

J. E. HERRING.

Eutaw, Ala., September.

Letter from Bro. A. T. Sims.

Dear Baptist: We have recently organized a church with five persons at Peacock's, on the Conecuh river, in southeast Crenshaw county. After organization we continued the meeting for several days, during which time fourteen souls were added to the church. Brethren A. Leyden and Y. M. Capps were ordained to the deaconship, and C. L. Eiland elected to the pastorate of the church. The brethren have under headway a good frame house of worship, which they hope to complete before long. The church will be known as Mt. Zion.

After the close of our meeting at Mt. Zion, we commenced services with Bethel church, at New Providence, six miles north of Peacock's and some twenty miles southwest of Troy. The church has been well nigh dead for several years, but the Lord gave power to his word, and "the dry bones of the valley" were spoken into life again.

There were twenty additions to the church, two services each day, and a large number of converts.

have also resolved to build a nice, commodious house of worship.

The little village of New Providence is surrounded by one of the finest belts of farming land in all this section of country. The land is very level, of a red cast, and produces splendidly. The country is thickly settled by a clever, industrious, high-toned people. Bro. Eiland is in charge of the flock at this place.

Call on you, Bro. Hare, visit the Zion Association, which meets with Spring Hill church, seven miles south of Greenville, Saturday before the third Sabbath in October. By coming you can greatly aid us; and in return we will aid you by an enlarged circulation of the ALABAMA BAPTIST within our bounds. A. T. SIMS.

Had not had Preaching for Nearly Twenty Years.

Dear Baptist: I have just returned from New Georgia church, Macon county, where I have been preaching for several days. When I first went out there, some weeks ago, they had not had regular preaching for nearly twenty years, and the church had dwindled down to where they had only two male members, and about seventy female members. I preached for them three days before the Convention, and then I returned out there on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, and remained out there until the third Sunday night. The church was greatly revived, and we had large congregations; six joined the church; one by letter, one by restoration, and four by experience. The Lord has greatly blessed us, whereof we are glad.

One of the number that joined was a Protestant Methodist preacher, and had the care of four churches; but he sent in his resignation before he joined the Baptist. I gave him our articles of faith, and he carries them with him wherever he goes. I was with him a great deal, and found him well grounded in the faith. The church licensed him to preach, and called him to preach to that church another year; he will be ordained the second Sunday in September. We ask all of the brethren to pray for the old church, and I know that many of the older brethren, when they see this, will pray for her, and rejoice to know that New Georgia is building up again.

We learned while there that fourteen ministers preached their first sermon in this church. When these brethren look back to their boyhood and see the church raising her head, we can almost hear the shouts that will ascend, "God bless the old mother church!" WILLIE R. IVIE.



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How much, dear reader, have you given to help on the cause of Christ during this year? Have you notified us the Lord has prospered you?

In our notice of Mercer University the printers made us say Dr. Miller, when it ought to have been Dr. Willett, professor of natural sciences.

It is reported that another Baptist paper will soon be started in Texas. There was much time spent last year in consolidating the Baptist papers that then existed. After much trouble it was done. It is a pity that their efforts have all been in vain.

The senior expects to attend the sessions of the following associations: Cahaba Valley on September 10th, Cherokee on the 13th, Mud Creek on the 17th, Canaan on the 23rd, North River on the 24th, Tennessee River on the 27th, Bear Creek on the 8th of October, and Warrior River on the 14th of October.

BUNYAN'S dying words were: Weep not for me but for yourself; I go to the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and he will not doubt receive me through a sinner, through the medium of our Lord Jesus Christ, where I hope we shall ere long meet, to sing the new song and remain happy for ever in a world without end. Amen.

The *Journal and Messenger*, of Cincinnati, comes to us in a new dress. We are glad to see this indication of financial success. The *Journal and Messenger* is one of our best exchanges. We like to read it; we always find something original in its columns. Bros. Lasher and Osborne are making a most excellent paper.

The *Christian Leader*, a Campbellite paper of Cincinnati, in speaking of the present condition of its people, says: "What once was a boasted reformation has become a shameful reformation." What else could be expected of a system that ignores the work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion of a sinner, and makes regeneration and salvation dependent upon the ceremonial act of baptism. It is a religion of form and ceremony without spirituality, and therefore it fails to meet the wants of man.

It is no dreaming fancy to expect that in another world we shall preserve our identity—shall know and be known even as in this. Let the mourner in Zion continue "patient in well doing, looking for and waiting to the coming of the Lord," when shall begin the re-union of kindred spirits, whom in this world death hath separated. Parent to child, sister to brother, husband to wife, friend to friend, shall then be restored, a blessed communion of saints, when no sin nor sorrow shall sever us. —Rev. John James, D.D.

MINISTERIAL STUDENTS AT HOWARD.

The Board of Ministerial Education is calling upon the denomination throughout the State for money to aid in the education of young ministers. We trust the churches will respond liberally to this call. Let each association sustain at least one young minister at the Howard, or some other school; \$125 will pay all expenses of one young man at the Howard for one academic year. One half of this should be paid in advance, and the other within five months. Surely there is not an association in the State that cannot pay this much. Send your contributions to the Board at Montgomery, if it is to sustain a young minister at the Howard.

Maintain dignity without the appearance of pride.

## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM THE CITY OF OAKS AND THE TUSCALOOSA ASSOCIATION.

From Troy, in Southeast Alabama we rushed through to the famous little city of Tuscaloosa to shake hands with the brethren who are holding up the cause among the hills, valleys and towns of that old association.

The pastor of this church is Bro. J. S. Dill, a graduate of Howard College and of our Theological Seminary at Louisville. He understands to the fullest measure how to entertain strangers, supposing, no doubt, he may occasionally catch an angel. The Corresponding Secretary and ourselves were met at the depot by the pastor and given a home in the Baptist parsonage, which is the best and most comfortably arranged preacher's home in Alabama, and whose every room bore traces of the hands of a deft housewife, who, to our sorrow, was absent in Atlanta. Brother and sister Walters entertained us at meal times at their hotel, the Washington, where many of the travellers do congregate.

Tuesday morning a goodly number of delegates filled the spacious and beautiful church, which stands in a large measure, as a monument to the love and consecration of sister Sallie Moody Purser. This house is seated with very comfortable benches, selected and presented by this sister.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Hobson, pastor of Avondale and North Birmingham churches. His subject was Moral courage, and he gave a faithful sermon, urging his congregation to study to know God's will, so they may be brave to speak forth.

The association was organized by re-electing Rev. T. M. Barber moderator, and Rev. T. J. Yerby clerk. Letters from thirty-two churches were read, giving account of some good meetings. The visitors were all welcomed to seats. Among this number we met Eld. L. B. Harbin, from the North River Association. He is about 75 years old, but still strong in the faith; and works as vigorously to keep his brethren abreast the times in mission work as those born at a later period. He has aided in the constitution of 40 or more Baptist churches. He is alive to the importance of circulating the BAPTIST. Dear old brother Thompson, from Mud Creek Association, has seen 90 years pass away, and yet he stands as a herald of the Cross, gathering sheaves even in the twilight of his sojourn, but a few years more and these veterans will be called up higher. He is anxious that wide awake brethren visit his people and stir them upon missions and other church work.

Dr. S. Henderson related a few years ago gone from place to place and held mission meetings, which did much to fill the hearts of God's people. The State mission work was ably presented by Bro. W. B. Crumpton, followed by various other brethren. Rev. J. H. Foster has been serving for the past few months as missionary of this association, and his report was gratifying. Brethren among whom he had gone spake kindly words of him. In connection with this work Dr. Henderson said our people hold once a month service as if God had said 29 days shall thou labor and do all thy work, &c. Bro. Harbin heard a moderator preach the so called missionary sermon, and the whole of it was antagonistic to our State Board, breeding in the minds of the people distrust toward the brethren conducting our affairs. For his part he said he was willing to risk them, and he wanted an interest in all the work at home and abroad. And he thinks a minister should keep ahead of his people in benevolence as well as work. Judge Brown made a good speech explaining what was meant by apportionment. Believed the time would come when our prayers would not go up alone, but would be accompanied by our alms. Deacon Goodson told of the glorious meeting at Mt. Moriah, where Bro. Tibbs was pastor. Father Thompson had him to hold family prayer by persuading his wife to prepare the Bible and remind him of his duty. Most of the male members of the church now hold family prayer. Dr. Henderson read the report on religious literature, and recommended the brethren to read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Eld. Yerby gave his testimony to its usefulness, and offered some suggestions. Father Harbin took great pleasure in saying that he did not know how Baptists did without it. A collection was taken up for an aged minister.

THE TEMPERANCE REPORT was read by Bro. F. S. Moody, and was followed in the most logical speech that we ever heard, giving several reasons why the saloon should be abolished. This brother is a banker and a lawyer, and he brought his business sense to bear with telling effect. Our reader would be greatly benefited should Bro. Moody prepare his address for our columns. On this topic Bro. Dill, Yerby, Barbor, and several others, gave no uncertain sound. Bro. Yerby told of the girl who, when asked by a drinker to take his arm, said, "I don't put my arm in a jug handle," and your scribe related the triumph of this same girl in saving and blessing a noble man. Tuscaloosa county seems ready to vote out of her beautiful capital the deadly saloon, if opportunity will be allowed.

Pastor Dill and his church chartered four cars to take the association to Lake Lorraine. We all went and enjoyed it to the full. This car line runs from the depot through town out by Prof. Alonzo Hill's Female College, the University and the Asylum, and to the park, in the midst of which is the lake. Men of money and enterprise have charge of this project, and will make it even rival Lake View at Birmingham. Tuscaloosa is a beautiful city, renowned for the culture and hospitality of its citizens. Beautiful churches, stately colleges, and that outgrowth of Christian charity, the Asylum for the insane, are the greatest sources of pride to these people.

THE ALABAMA CENTRAL FEMALE COLLEGE.

is the property of the Baptists, and is under Prof. Sumner B. Foster's management, it is doing great good. We are glad to know that the prospects for the coming session are so promising. Bro. Foster was unavoidably absent during the association. The buildings of this college are in good repair, and our girls will be well cared for.

THE TUSCALOOSA FEMALE COLLEGE.

is an undenominational school owned and managed by Prof. Hill, who is one of the most successful educators in the South. The buildings and grounds of this school are perfectly beautiful, and to one gazing from the outer gate it appears almost as the garden of Eden.

THE STATE UNIVERSITY.

is the pride of all Alabamians. From its halls have graduated some of our most successful statesmen and fellow citizens. Year by year the buildings are enlarged, and the facilities for procuring an education are made more easy. This college now gives free tuition to all students. There are many wise men who object to this, and think the State has no right to give free tuition in the high schools, but who believe that the masses would be most benefited by giving more money to our common schools and academies. Be this as it may, this stroke on the part of the trustees will win the University much patronage.

THE ASYLUM.

should be visited by every one who goes to Tuscaloosa. Such splendid arrangements of the buildings and grounds, such looking after the comfort of the unfortunate, such fatherly care and wisdom on the part of Dr. Boyce, are sufficient to make us love humanity more, and praise God for giving us human love and sympathy. But we must cut our epistle short. After procuring thirty-one new papers, making the acquaintance of our old friends and many who will be patrons in a few weeks, we hurried away to meet the brethren of the Bigbee Association at Christian Valley church, near Coatspa. Deacon A. D. Fortner, who ought to be a preacher, met us at Livingston and brought us on our way, and here we are shaking hands, getting subscribers and eating good vittals, and hearing speeches. Of this you will hear later.

C. W. HARE.

## FIELD NOTES.

All pastors get the paper at \$1.50.

Rev. Catt Smith has been holding a meeting at Jasper.

Now is the season to procure clubs of 10 to 20 at \$1.50 each.

Rev. A. T. Sims makes no let up in working for the BAPTIST.

The President is expected in Montgomery on the 20th of October.

Dr. S. Henderson has been called to the pastorate of Jasper church.

Dr. Renfro thinks in 25 or 30 years there will be no church bells.

Bro. W. D. Powell baptized 81 Mexican converts during the month of July.

The Baptists of Pleasant Grove, Chilton county, have their new church nearly completed.

W. C. D. Burke, a very useful member of the Calera Baptist church, is dead. His bereaved ones have our condolence.

Miss Lizzie Elliott, of Coatspa, has gone to Centerville to conduct her brother's school while he spends another session in college.

Eld. F. T. Hudson is one of the preachers who can't work long among people before they know something of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The young laymen are working for their beloved paper. J. F. Cogdell, of Inverness sends a club.

Missionary McCormick is succeeding well at Zacatecas, Mexico. But he is meeting insults and hardships. He deserves our prayers.

Deacon B. B. Davis, of Eufula, the efficient Secretary of the State Convention, was among our recent visitors. He is an enterprising friend of the BAPTIST.

The Calhoun county grand jury did fewer true bills than usual, and attribute the diminution of crime to the prohibition law which has been in force since May.

Those wishing copies of the Minutes of the State Convention, can get them by addressing W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala., and sending postage stamp for 5 cts.

The Revenue officers are going to the men who in prohibition districts sell whisky under the guise of Jamaica Ginger. A couple of parties have been made to pay for their trick.

We are very anxious to continue sending the paper to all our subscribers; don't wish to drop a single one. We have been very patient, and now as the cotton is being marketed, don't forget us.

Sister S. G. Young, of Washington county, writes of the ill health of Bro. W. M. Young. She also tells of what great blessings they are expecting a Red Bud church, where Bro. W. H. DeWitt will have the aid of several good brethren.

We have great many subscribers, who are farmers, and now as the fleecy staple is being taken to market, we hope they will get good prices, not forget their small dues to us, who have been working for them on a long credit, most cheerfully.

"Work is being pushed rapidly" at the college at East Lake, and the company have sold more than one hundred lots since. Baptists are flocking to their college, and they are bid most hearty welcome. So writes Bro. J. B. Kilpatrick.

Misses Maria and Maggie Lide, of Birmingham, have recently spent a month visiting relatives and friends in Marion. These ladies are graduates of the Judson. Their proficiency as artists is so fully appreciated that they are kept busy filling orders and teaching.

Union Association meets with Beulah church, 14 miles north of Etowah, September 24th. Parties expecting to attend by railroad will please be at Etowah by 8 o'clock on the morning of the 24th. Be sure to notify me of your coming. —M. M. Wood, Knoxville, Ala.

Dr. Hardy Brown, one of the most prominent and useful Methodist preachers in Alabama, died in Birmingham on the 25th. We have known Dr. Brown for several years, both as a teacher and preacher, and have always loved him for his true worth and Christian manhood.

Bro. Burns, of Jemison, assures us the ALABAMA BAPTIST shall not be neglected at the Mulberry Association, which meets with Pleasant Grove church, Chilton county, on the 24th inst. If we possibly can shall be with you. See announcement of the association in another column.

Bishop T. H. Stout received into Shiloh church, Pike county, 33 members, and in Prospect church Barbour county, five additions by baptism. We met some of Bro. Stout's members at the Troy Association, and they all read the ALABAMA BAPTIST and love their pastor.

The glorious news of revival meetings are coming to us from all quarters of the State, and we have a number of interesting accounts of the many times of rejoicings at the conversion of scores. Will duly publish them as fast as we can. Brethren, read them all and thank God for his abundant mercy and love.

Ex-President Davis has made many hearts ache on account of his anti-prohibition letter. No man was ever loved more than Jeff. Davis; we have all followed his fortune wherever it went, but we must condemn his letter as a production unworthy such a patriot as he.

We are receipt of a note from the widow of a good Baptist preacher, formerly of Alabama, who from inability to pay for the paper asks us to discontinue it, but we did not, and hope some generous brother or sister will pay for it for her. We carry many subscribers gratuitously, and hope brethren will sometime help us to do good.

Judson girls make their mark in whatever station they are placed, whether as teachers, or wives and mothers. It was our pleasure to be entertained at Newbern by Sister Ben Pollard some weeks ago, and she shows what kind of a practical training our girls get in this institute. The Judson is meeting the demands of the age.

Bro. B. F. Riley made us a call on his return from the mountains of Virginia, looking as fresh as a rose and in excellent spirit for a vigorous prosecution of his pastoral labors. Also Bro. Crumpton, our efficient State Secretary, who is indefatigable in his never ending work; and well did the brother call him a regular "wheel horse;" he takes no vacation and knows no flagging.

Inasmuch as our senior and the junior are both away attending the associations the brethren must not be too critical as to the make up of our several issues during their visits to us, as the "new man at the bellows" lacks the ripe experience of the editors in everything pertaining to newspaper management, but look, nevertheless for good things from the travelling brethren.

Persevere against discouragement.

Be early and be an economist of time.

From Brieffield we are pleased to acknowledge a list of new subscribers and also cash collections, from our good brother, W. J. Elliott, and truly thank him for his kind interest, and also to learn "that other denominations take a pride in our State paper," saying, "that the ALABAMA BAPTIST was about the best religious paper they read." We are doing all we can in the interest of truth, religion, and holiness.

A brother writes us from Woodlaw, Ala.: "Mr. Jamison, President of the East Lake Land Company, said to the Prudential Committee, 'If we can get the Baptists of East Lake and Birmingham for us, we are a success,' if we can get the college at East Lake the Baptists can take the State, for railroads branch out from Birmingham all over the State, like a wheel, or a spider's web." These are facts which the Baptist host appreciate.

From our exchanges and other sources of information, we learn of gracious revivals in many portions of the State. One church received 69 into its membership, and among the baptized were six grown brothers in the water at the one time. Also from Fort Deposit we learn 30 have been added, and many other churches are being highly favored. Brethren, send us accounts of your meetings, so we can tell everybody how the Master is being glorified.

From Abbeville, Henry county, Ala., a brother writes us: "We have not a preacher for the coming year. Will you send us a few names of preachers that you can fully recommend? we will be able to pay between four and five hundred dollars. We want him to live in our town." Here is a good opportunity for some created man to do much good in a pleasant and delightful town and thickly settled country. Write to John B. Ward, Abbeville, Ala.

Base ball playing is now getting to be a crying evil, leading to Sabbath desecration and dissipation; wasteful use of time and money, which could be employed to better use. We wonder how many good Christian men, are engaged in this frivolity, and who are the men, who compose these clubs? Appropos to the subject we clip the following from the Dispatch of the 2d: "There has been labor enough wasted in base ball playing, which utilized in factories, would have liquidated the entire debt of the United States, or directed in private interest, would have made every player independent, if not rich."

A good brother from Jefferson writes us as follows: "I find that my time has expired; I did not intend to let it expire. I am among the first subscribers; money matters are tight on the farmer; he only gets his money once a year; but I cannot afford to be without the paper, so I had to borrow the money to renew. It is useless for me to say how much I love the paper and pray for its success. It will prove a blessing to any church whose membership read it; I pay for two copies every year." Many thanks to the brother, and we hope his good deeds will not fall of their due reward.

Says Bro. T. P. Cranford: "Glorious meetings have been held at our church, (Goodwater,) and also sister churches; 52 accessions to our church during Bro. Thomason's stay with us. The most of those who joined our church were young men, and they have organized a young men's prayer meeting, and meet twice a week, having a large attendance. A spirit of earnestness is connected with these services; we have been blessed, and greatly blessed of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of these dear ones. Our Sunday-school is prosperous, interesting and largely attended, and we believe largely instrumental in bringing many of these young men and young ladies to Christ. Our association (Central) meets with Union church, in northwest corner of Coosa county, on Sept. 28th inst.; hope to see at least one of the editors of the BAPTIST there." We hope to be with you!

From another State we get news of the heroic life of a Judson girl. She was beautiful and tender, and at the age of 19, married the man of her choice. Shortly after marriage he died, and she was placed in jail, and moaned and wept for him. She grasped her bonnet, ran to the jail, placed herself between her husband and the mob, and her brave womanly speech led the men to disperse and secured for the murdered a fair trial. He was convicted and sentenced the penitentiary for life. Making no halt she procured the signature of every man in her county, including those of the judges, lawyers, and jurymen, for his pardon. The Governor refused her request. The husband was sent to the penitentiary, and the wife at once procured work in a family near by, and working and hoping against hope she planned for his pardon, and after five years of weary toiling and waiting, the devotion of the wife prevailed, and the Governor pardoned the criminal and rewarded the faithful woman.

Has your church a weekly prayer meeting? If not, why? Have you ever made an effort to have one? Has your pastor ever urged the church to have a prayer meeting? A weekly prayer meeting is very helpful to a church. It can't get along very well without one.

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## Briefs from Our Exchanges.

David Minge died near Louisville, Hale county on the 1st inst.

The Baptist Sun is the name of a new paper started at Gainesville, Ga.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention meets with Jonesboro, Tenn., Oct. 13th next.

Joe Hall, colored, killed Robert E. Lewis, of Cross Plains on the 3rd inst. The murderer escaped.

Bro. I. O. McDaniel, father of ex-Governor McDaniel, of Georgia, died on the 28th of August in his eighty-first year.

It is estimated that the product of coal in Alabama for the past year will be about 3,000,000 tons, which is nearly as much as the product of the whole South in 1870.

In London, where there are five millions of people, there is no Sunday delivery of mails, and no mails are carried through the rural districts. Is there any more necessity for carrying the mails in this country than in England?

Dr. W. R. Maxwell, financial agent of Baylor Female College, Belton, Texas, has the promise of \$50,000 for that college, provided he can raise an additional \$25,000 by the 15th of November. It is a lady in Brooklyn, N. Y., that makes the offer of \$50,000.

George Reynolds, living near Carrollton, Ala., is in his 84th year. He is the father of 17 children. He has 206 grandchildren, 111 great-grandchildren, making a total of 334 descendants, most of whom are living. A reunion is proposed at Carrollton next Christmas.

Rev. G. W. Hyde, of Lexington, Mo., states that since the death of Dr. Buckner the Creek Indians have a Peto-baptist version of the Scriptures in which the word for baptism is translated to sprinkle. This matter ought to be investigated by our Home Mission Board, and if true, the authors exposed.

On Thursday of Fair Week, at Montgomery President Cleveland and Mrs. Cleveland will arrive in Montgomery and will leave on Friday.

The Montgomery Advertiser proposes to print a Cleveland issue on that morning, which will contain a thorough presentation of Alabama and Montgomery's resources.

The Theatre Royal, of London, was burned on the 5th inst., and 135 lives lost. There was a full house and all was right until the end of the third act, at half-past ten, when the drop scene fell, and in a moment the entire stage, was in a mass of flame.

A wild panic ensued, many were trodden under foot and suffocated; many injured, and several were badly injured.

The Reflector well says: "There is no business, legitimate, to be pursued by men into which they may not take their religious obligations, and observe them. Whatever business is inconsistent with the observance of religious principle while engaged in, that business is sinful. On the other hand there is no religious service acceptable to God which is divorced from business principles."

There was a riot in Decatur, Ga., on the 27th ult., on the occasion of a Sunday-school mass meeting by the negroes. A drunken negro was disturbing the meeting. At the request of the orderly members of the congregation the marshal of the town arrested him. A mob of negroes tried to rescue the arrested man. Result: the marshal and another white man and the negro prisoner were killed. Several arrests were afterwards made.

Chattanooga is trying to get the Mary Sharp College, now located at Winchester, Tenn., removed to that city. A meeting was held a short time since, and a committee of 13 appointed to secure donations. It was agreed to secure not less \$75,000 in cash. The question of removal is left with the president of the Board of Trustees. We suppose that there must be some hope that this board can be induced to remove the college provided enough money is offered.

The college has no endowment, but it has always been well patronized.

It has stood at the front as a female school, and well deserves its character.

Mulberry Association.

The sixtieth session of this association will convene with Pleasant Grove church, Chilton county, the 21st inst. Pleasant Grove is four miles west of Jemison, and eight miles east of Randolph. There will be conveyances at both the above named places for all visitors from a distance who notify us of their coming. Parties coming via Randolph are requested to address Z. J. Jones, Randolph, Ala., and those coming to Jemison address with us. Brethren, come and be with us. Come one, come all. Brethren Ed. Come one, come all. Brethren Ed. Come one, come all. "or send a hand."

E. A. BURNS, Pastor P. G. Ch.

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## A Suggestion.

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

Union, Friday before the 1st Sab. in Sept.

Tallahassee and Ten. Island, Saturday before 1st Sabbath in Sept.

Tuscaloosa, Tuesday before 2d Sab. in Sept.

Harmony East, West 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.

Belling Springs, Wed. before 3d Sab. in Sept.

Canawha, 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.

Savannah Springs, Tuesday before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Chilton, Wednesday before 4th Sab. in Sept.

North Liberty, Friday before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Union, Saturday before 4th Sab. in Sept.

North River, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Coosa River, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Rock Mills, Wed. before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Montgomery, Tue. before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Tennessee River, Wed. before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Arbuckle, Friday before 4th Sab. in Sept.

Canawha, Saturday before 4th Sabbath in Oct.

Wetumpka, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Oct.

Warrior River, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Oct.

Eufula, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Oct.

Central, Saturday before 2d Sab. in Oct.

Harmony West, Sat. before 2d Sab. in Oct.

North River, Sat. before 2d Sab. in Oct.

Zion, Tuesday before 3d Sab. in Oct.

Tallapoosa River, 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.

Etowah, Thurs. before 3d Sab. in Oct.

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