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THE NORTH RIVER ASSOCIATION.

A change of programme, caused by missing connection, gave us an opportunity of visiting this association, held with Jasper church on the 24th, 25th and 26th.

Taking the Georgia Pacific train we dashed through North Birmingham, on through cuts and over creeks until Cordova had been reached. Our information was that hacks would be in waiting to quickly convey visitors over the nine miles to Jasper, but the last of the hacks was filled before we reached it, and no hope was in sight but a freight wagon; this wagon failing to get off in time, we made bold to run our editor's face on the man who managed the coal and rail car over the Kansas City & Memphis road, which runs directly by Jasper. "Fortune favored the brave," and we were soon cutting the air over the splendidly built road which is soon to be actively operated between Kansas City and Birmingham. When the church was reached Bro. Harbin was in full sway with his introductory sermon. He was giving a plain talk. He gave utterance to a thought that our preachers and churches should consider, and that was this: If there were licensed or ordained preachers who would not preach, their church should recall the license and other credentials. We have no right to clothe a man with the honors that come to a faithful minister unless he by work show himself worthy. The church has no right to let the county and State be deprived of a citizen, as is the case when a man is ordained, for then he is excused from jury and road duty. It is a sad fact that in every association there are numbers of men claiming to be called of God to preach the glorious gospel who rarely ever preach.

So far as destitution in our rural districts is concerned, there are usually plenty of men to meet the demand, if they would only go to work, but they are waiting. But this is a little diversion from the association.

Rev. L. B. Harbin was elected moderator, S. Lacy was elected clerk, and Rev. J. W. Rogers corresponding secretary. Brethren from sister associations were welcomed, and correspondents appointed to visit other bodies. We were welcomed as a representative of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and Bro. Harbin never lost an opportunity to advise his brethren to take the paper. He said to his brother preachers, "Take the paper and it will make you missionaries, if you are not that already." Rev. J. B. Huckabee was exceedingly anxious that good brethren go to the Clear Creek Association, as he feared an effort would be made to split the body on the mission subject. This brother is very earnest about preaching to the people of those mountain counties, and if some rich Baptist could feel it in his heart to furnish the money to pay a part or all of his salary for one year great good could be accomplished. It is important that we act promptly and wisely in developing this field. The Kansas City, the G. & P. and the Sheffield and Birmingham roads running through these hills and valleys will work mighty changes in a short while. Already we find young men from Virginia, the Carolinas, and from other States scattered along the new roads, building houses, painting and doing various kinds of work. We must utilize this material for good, or Satan will outrun us.

Bro. Crumpton preached his missionary sermon Sabbath morning to a large and attentive concourse. Bro. Harbin was very particular to have every preacher on the platform in full hearing of the preacher. He remarked that preachers must lead their people, and that they must be in front. The mission collection amounted to nearly fifty dollars. In the afternoon the Secretary preached a sermon to the children, which was greatly enjoyed. Dr. Shackelford reached the town on Sunday and preached at night.

Deacon W. B. Appling gave us a home the two days and nights we were in Jasper. He, like all other citizens of the town, did his part toward making strangers feel at home.

Prof. Edwin B. Foster has charge of the Jasper High School, and is well pleased at the treatment of his patrons. He is a son of Dr. Joshua Foster, and is a young man of splendid education and superior moral character. The patrons are of the impression that they have a choice teacher. Dr. S. Henderson has been called to preach to the Jasper church. He will have the hearty co-operation from his membership, and we expect, under God, to see them move up higher for another year.

Deacon J. H. McGuire, his wife,

and Sister Roberson, of Fayette C. H., were among the visitors who took great interest in the work of the meeting. They are warm supporters of the Baptist, and we owe our increased circulation in their town largely to their work. Several preachers and laymen gave their subscriptions to the writer, and promised to help in their churches.

News from Sulphur Springs Association.

Dear Baptist: I have just returned from the Sulphur Springs Association, which was held with the church at Arkadelphia, September 24th. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Trotter. He said the churches had not honored God with their substance; had forgotten that Christ, who was rich, had become poor for our sakes. In his knowledge there was one man who had lived on bread and water for the past year, and yet had preached to four or five churches. He proved that Jesus was a missionary. Bro. Holcom closed the service with good remarks. His opinion was that the ministry was largely to blame for the lethargy among the churches on the mission cause.

The association was organized by the election of Eld. McCreary, moderator, and J. M. James clerk.

The letters gave good reports from the churches, except that for missions, or for ministerial education and for pastor's salary occurred too often. Peace seemed to pervade all the churches except one, to which an excluded minister had been preaching. The usual committees were appointed and correspondents received; and the writer was received as a representative of the State Mission Board and the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and it was agreed that he should have opportunity during the meeting to present their claims. I announced that I was ready to take money for new and for old subscribers. Bro. Blake was announced to preach at the Baptist church on Saturday night; and other brethren were sent to the different churches. That good man, G. S. Sloan, pastor of the church, made everybody feel at home. I was one of his guests. He has a lovely home and family, and he is a success, you mark that; you will hear of him on the field for Christ if he lives.

The Sabbath dawned upon us in all of its beauty. At nine o'clock we met to discuss the Sunday-school work. Speeches were made by C. A. Burns, G. S. Sloan and the writer. The order was that two missionary sermons should be preached at 11 o'clock, Dr. P. M. Musgrave at the Baptist, and your correspondent at the Methodist church. Collections in my congregation amounted to \$25.55, and I believe much good was done for missions. Sunday night found me preaching to a large crowd at Bremen, where a collection of \$5.95 was taken.

Monday morning the report on missions was freely discussed. At the close of my speech it was proposed that we take pledges and cash for the support of missions; result about \$15. So you see we raised about twice as much as the State Board asked of us. The association voted to give the State Board \$40, to help in the good work of the State. Some subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST were also procured.

The association meets next year with a church five miles west of Warrior.

May your paper succeed until it shall find a place in every home in the land is the prayer of

Yours most truly,

W. B. CARTER.

Protracted Meeting at Collinsville.

Dear Baptist: We began a protracted meeting at Collinsville Saturday before the third Sabbath in August, and continued through the next week, which resulted in twelve additions to the church; eight by baptism and four by letter. These accessions have added considerable strength to the church. Among the baptized were a husband, wife and lovely daughter, just blooming into womanhood; one other man, the head of a family; and another lately bereft of his wife. Those by letter: Bro. J. R. Ramsey, an ordained minister, his wife and two sons. We had just completed the ceiling of our house, which added very much to the comfort of the congregation. I would send you an outline of the proceedings of the Cherokee Association, but I was called away in the midst of the business to attend the burial of Dr. W. F. Petty, one of our most promising young men; but, thank the Lord, he was prepared to obey the summons. I will add that Rev. W. J. Hodgins was chosen evangelist of the Cherokee.

I hereby extend my heartfelt sympathy to Bro. Renfro.

J. B. A.

Tennessee River Association.

Bro. Editor: The Tennessee River Association met with Fackler church, Jackson county, Ala., on Tuesday, September 27th, 1887. The moderator and clerk were present, but very few of the delegates or visitors, as the heavens bowed and poured out a copious rain. The rain was much needed, and so were the delegates, but the rain most.

Bro. P. Brown preached the associational sermon. He presented the Baptist view of the kingdom with much ability. After the sermon and some preliminary work the association adjourned until next day without organizing. At night a young Bro. Frost preached us a very good practical sermon. Wednesday, 28th, the association met, as per adjournment, and proceeded with its works. Many of the delegates had come in during the preceding evening and this morning. There were 34 churches represented. The election of the officers followed, and resulted in the election of Eld. P. Brown moderator, and the reelection of Rev. L. C. Coulson clerk. The usual routine work was proceeded with until the hour of 11 o'clock a. m. had arrived, when the editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, Dr. Shackelford, was called upon to preach to the people. He had a large crowd to preach to, and they paid earnest attention to what he said. Bro. Shackelford preached us a good, practical sermon. After the sermon the association proceeded with the work before it. At this juncture Bro. Crumpton presented the claims of the several boards, and especially the Home Mission and State work. He made a good impression, and raised \$21.00 cash for his work. Bro. Crumpton preached us one of his very best sermons Wednesday night; and then he, with Bro. Shackelford, left us for other "pastures," and we hope, better. The brethren were highly pleased with the visit of these good brethren, and say to them: come again. Thursday the crowd had materially increased, and we had a very interesting time, especially on temperance and foreign missions. At the conclusion of Bro. Benson's speech a collection was taken up for the foreign board, and \$8.80 was the result. There were two votes against the temperance report. The work of the association being well advanced, at 11 a. m., Bro. A. J. Willis, of the anti's, by invitation, preached us a good sermon, with which all were pleased. The association finished its work and adjourned to meet with Centerville church, two miles from Scottsboro, Jackson county, Ala. We will be glad to see as many of our visiting brethren next year as can come. They will be splendidly entertained. Bro. Editor, please answer: Is not the preaching done at the association, done under its direction, part of the work?

L. C. COULSON.

Scottsboro, Ala.

District Meeting.

The next district meeting of the Shelby Association will convene with the Baptist church at Calera on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October.

Propositions for discussion:

1. Public prayer. G. T. Lee, F. C. Randall and N. T. Lucas.

2. The design of churches. H. C. Taul, J. C. Lyon and W. W. Brame.

3. What are the chief duties of pastors to churches and churches to pastors. C. W. O'Hara, F. M. Woods and I. N. Walker.

4. Are modern revival meetings as held by some of our churches in keeping with the teaching of the Scriptures. W. C. Cleveland, M. B. Jones and N. J. Jarvis.

We earnestly desire that every church in the Shelby Association be represented in this meeting.

W. J. ELLIOTT, Sec'y.

A Good Meeting at Pine Apple.

Dear Baptist: I have been reading of so many revivals in our paper, I will tell you and our readers of our good meeting. We should have told you sooner, but kept thinking some one would write and tell you of our good time.

On the 9th of August our beloved pastor, Dr. W. Ramsey, commenced a meeting, which continued for thirteen days. He was assisted by brethren R. M. Hunter, of Camden, and L. D. Bass, of Greenville. Bro. Hunter being present at the commencement of the meeting did the preaching until Wednesday, when he was assisted by Bro. Bass, both preaching able and soul stirring sermons. The church was much revived and made to rejoice greatly in the love of Christ. Prudigals were brought back to the father and sinners were constrained

to believe in Christ, and accept him as their personal Savior. There were added to the church twenty-nine by restoration and baptism. Many of whom were heads of families, who will be a host within themselves working for the Master. It was Bro. Bass' privilege to baptize a brother fifty-six years of age, who for many years had been a faithful attendant at church, also a Sunday-school worker, but not until now did he take up the cross and follow Jesus. Our baptismal services were both solemn and impressive. Being performed at night, buried with Christ at the close of the day, was emblematic of our temporal burial at the close of this life. We bless those dear brethren as we believe he has blessed their labors among us, for they are indeed great workers for the Master's cause.

Your sister,

A. F. FORE.

Added Unto Them.

Dear Baptist: On the 3rd inst. the writer arrived at Mt. Zion church, Madison county, Ala., where a meeting was carried on for ten days, in which time the Lord added unto them about 53 precious souls, of which 41 were buried with Christ by baptism, and others are approved for baptism. The church was greatly revived; and God's people did realize what it was to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Their pastor, Bro. J. W. Hilliard, is truly a consecrated minister of the gospel; and his devoted wife is a power for good. May they move grandly on for God. They may always expect a victory for Christ, while surrounded by such zealous members as the Walls, Petuses, Hilliards, Balches, Brumleys, Adkins, Vaughns, and a host of others. May God bless them all, and add unto them daily the saved.

J. SPEER.

Trinity Sta., Ala.

Mission Work in Alabama.

Dear Baptist: I feel sad when looking over the receipts of the Foreign Board since the first of May, that Alabama has contributed but \$565.50. Is this the measure of duty from the prosperous, booming State of Alabama, so widely advertised for God's bounty poured into her lap? Is this all we owe to Christ in making him known to a world to which he came in flesh, to die for its redemption because he loved it? Is this a compliance with his command to "go into all the world and preach his gospel?" It would not support one missionary, if somebody else paid the expense of sending him. Is that enough for eighty thousand Baptists to do? At that rate, how many missionaries would the three million five hundred thousand of them maintain; and how long would it take the "corporal's guard" of missionaries to reach all the world? Are other Baptists or Christians under more obligations than Alabamians? If so, why?

We suppose a negative answer will be given to all these questions by every one who reads them. If so, somebody is at fault. Let each reader ask himself or herself if I am the one. If so, do not continue in the fault; but rise up and say, "as for me and my house we will do better, and at once."

While on this subject, suffer a little criticism on our State Board. We have committed the whole work of missions in the State into their hands, and have asked the two boards of the Convention to not come into the field, and we will look after your interests through our board. In looking at the recommendations of the State Board for the work of the ensuing year, they recommend \$7,250 for State work, \$200 for Home Missions, and \$500 for Foreign Missions. Is that right, \$7,250 to give the gospel to a people, most of whom have it in their reach conveniently, and only a few whose worse condition is being in a shadow, while only \$500 is recommended for giving the word of light and life to nearly a billion of people who are dwelling in the depths of spiritual midnight darkness and death? Surely it cannot be right. Too many of our people already say, "I am for home missions first; let us first try to convert our own people, and when we have succeeded, then let us send abroad." That is not the spirit of Christ. Every one who needs our help is our neighbor, no matter though he be a stranger, or of a different people, or a Christ taught. He did not say "go into all the world, after you have taught all your own people," but "go ye into all the world." The apostles and first churches so interpreted his command, and sent and carried the word into all the then known world, while as yet the great mass of Jews were strangers to the saving grace of Christ, and bitter opposition prevailed. I fear the recom-

mendations of the board will have a tendency to educate our people, still further in the selfish spirit, already too pre-eminent.

Is not the best way for an individual Christian to grow in grace, and become more thoroughly Christianized, to go to work and lead somebody else to Christ; or, if he wishes to get nearer to Christ, is it not to take some one by the hand and lead that one up to Christ? You say yes. Well, is it not equally true if we would make Christianity lovely in the eyes of the people among whom we dwell, the best way to do so would be to go to those who have it not, and make an effort to lead them into its enjoyment. The Christlike spirit prompting us to deep personal sacrifice to aid in the salvation of those who have no claim upon us, except such as Christ our Redeemer, and theirs, laid upon us, would be the loudest missionary preaching that could reach their hearts.

I do not say that the amount recommended by the board is more than ought to be expended in Alabama, but if that is all Alabama can do, the division is wrong, and education in the wrong way.

GEO. E. BREWER.

Opelika, Ala.

Winning Souls.

[A paper read by Mrs. B. M. Stillman before the Sunday-school Convention at Mt. Lebanon on Sunday, 31st of July, 1887, and published by request of the Convention.]

Now in some way we can work and live and act for Christ. We can all of us be true soldiers under the great Captain of our salvation, and we can all of us in some way win souls to the Master. Oh, how can one who professes to follow Christ sit down with folded hands and say there is nothing I can do when souls are perishing and the Master calling for us. It does seem that the one passage of scripture is enough, "Let him know that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." What a work! ah, if we cannot speak like angels, if we cannot speak like Paul, we can tell them of Jesus, we can say that he died for all, and it may be that the children we have led with timid hands will be found among our jewels when we reach that glorious, happy land. What majesty, what interest, what value does this give to our souls? O, how much pertinency there was in the question of the Savior, "What shall I profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Now if our own salvation be so precious and important the salvation of poor sinners that we see around us, in as much as they share this nature, is of equal moment. It may be that some of them are not cultured, perhaps as we are. They may not be as happy in their condition, their social state as well as their personal character is unlike ours, and yet this immensity is in them, this capacity for bearing the image of God and enjoying the beatitudes of eternity is in them; consequently their souls are as precious as ours, and their salvation just as important as ours, and besides this Jesus has died for them as well as he died for us.

They are just as much the purchase of his blood, and they are as much redeemed of his love as we are. If we should succeed in acquiring the whole world and lose our own souls, then it is a legitimate inference that their salvation is of more importance than all this world. It is the greatest enterprise, it is a sublime result to save a human soul through the mediation of Jesus, than to make a world.

No wonder, then, that the inspired writer said he that saves a soul is wise. It is the very highest of human wisdom because we choose the greatest interest, the sublimest and most sacred result; we choose the highest sphere of usefulness to accomplish the greatest and grandest of all results; and if we seek to do this as Christians, by teaching men as God teaches us by his word; by influencing them as God influences us by his truth; by influencing them as God permits us in invoking upon them the divine power and operation of the Holy Spirit. O, if we choose this greatest object of ambition, of effort, of aspiration, and pursue it according to the teachings of the Bible, looking to God to crown our efforts with success, I repeat it, we are exercising the very highest of human wisdom. There is nothing to compare with it. Let none, then, be heard idly saying there is nothing I can do when the fields are white and the harvest waiting and the Master calling for us. Oh! what a bright star we add to our

crowd when we lead some poor lost soul to the Savior. Oh! how can Christians sit down, as many of them do, and see their friends, their loved ones, going to destruction and say there is nothing I can do.

Baptist Book Depository at Marion.

I notice that Secretary Crumpton, in compliance with the instructions of the Convention at its last session, has established a Baptist Book Depository at Marion, and that Rev. John L. West has been placed in charge of the work by the Board.

Bro. West is a man of fine clerical ability, and will discharge his duties promptly.

I am, with thousands of brethren, much pleased with this arrangement. First, it relieves our Secretary of so much office work, and gives him more time for work on the field. Second, we need the depository.

This department of the work of our State Board is very important, and has long been underrated, or at least underworked. If the Baptists of Alabama will not read religious literature, and the literature of their own church, their history is written.

Now that we have a depository let our brethren patronize it liberally, if they have not a colporteur to bring the books to this own doors.

If all the Sunday schools in the State will order their literature through the Depository it will not cost them a cent more than they are paying, and will give a nice little sum to the colporteur work. All the profits from the business of the Depository go at once into the colporteur fund, which belongs permanently to the denomination.

This is not a small matter. The old way of working our book business was gradually losing the capital stock; but our new plan bids fair to actually increase it. This is very desirable.

When you order your next lot of Sunday-school literature do so through the Depository at Marion. Send your orders and money to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala., and you will receive your literature as if you had sent direct to the publishers. No more cost the same to a cent. Do not say I forgot it. It is not hard to remember, and it is actually important that you should order through the Depository.

Well, you say, it is such "a roundabout way." It does not matter how "roundabout" it is, so you get the literature at the same cost to you.

It may consume a day, or two or three days, as the case may be, to reach Marion with your order, but we can afford the time, and this may not be admitted as an objection.

JNO. P. SHAFFER.

Sunday School Convention.

The Sunday-school Convention of the New River Association for the 5th Sunday in July, 1887, was held at Mt. Lebanon church, beginning on Saturday the 29th day of July.

J. B. Huckabee called the meeting to order, and J. F. Willis, in behalf of Mt. Lebanon church, delivered an address of welcome, which was responded to by Eld. J. E. Cox in behalf of the delegates.

J. E. Cox, in the absence of W. G. Baker, then delivered the introductory sermon, after which D. G. Kirkland was chosen chairman, and Benj. L. Stanley, secretary of the meeting. The letters were read and seventeen delegates enrolled.

The following schools were represented: Fayetteville; Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant, Sulphur Springs, Newville, Shady Grove, and Concord. These schools have more than 255 pupils and 13 teachers. They use the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society and *Kind Words*. The attendance was large, both on Saturday and Sunday, and great pains was taken by the neighborhood to entertain the meeting pleasantly, and to make the Convention a success. We note, for instance, the well trained choir, that never failed, being ready with fresh, sparkling and delightful music, which they interspersed with great taste and skill throughout the proceedings.

The essay read by Mrs. Stillman on Sunday morning, "Winning Souls," (published elsewhere by special request of the Convention) is a gem, and should be given more than a passing hint, but space forbids. The Sunday-school exercises, at 9 o'clock on Sunday morning, conducted by J. H. McQuire, from Matt. 4:11, was one of the most interesting features of the Convention, and elicited much gratifying comment.

The beautiful and cordial hospitality, the pleasant greeting of friends meeting friends, the undivided attention on the part of hearers, and the sweet music, all conspired to make this one of the best and most profitable Sunday-school Conventions that the New River Association has had under its present Sunday-school management. After the usual resolution of thanks, the Convention at 3 o'clock p. m., Sunday, adjourned to meet again on Saturday before the 5th Sunday in October, 1887, at Mt. Pleasant church, 8 miles southeast of Fayette C. H. D. G. KIRKLAND, Mod. B. L. STANLEY, Sec'y.

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Death of Mrs. Renfro.

Mrs. Elsie Lee Renfro, wife of Rev. Dr. J. J. D. Renfro, died in Birmingham on the 14th inst., and was buried in our city cemetery on the 16th. Mrs. Renfro resided in Talladega more than a quarter of a century—walking side by side with her noble and distinguished husband—and the profound sensation produced by the announcement of her death last Thursday morning attests, feelingly and fully, the high opinion entertained of her by our entire community. The sad and unwelcome intelligence spread rapidly, and the expressions of sorrow at her death, and sympathy for her bereaved family were genuine and universal—all classes and conditions were deeply and profoundly affected.

Mrs. Renfro was a native of Washington county, Ga. She sprung from a high toned and honorable family. Her father was a skillful and accomplished physician, and was eminent in his profession. In early life she moved to Cherokee county, Ala., where she met and was married to her now bereaved and devoted husband—then a young and struggling minister of the gospel. This occurred thirty or more years ago. Soon thereafter the twain moved to Talladega, and our people were their people, until one year ago, an overruling providence directed their steps elsewhere.

Mrs. Renfro was a lady of great intelligence, rare virtues, strong convictions and striking peculiarities. She was at all times a perfect lady—sternly graceful and dignified in her manners, elegant and choice in her conversation, and the very essence of gentility, modesty and refinement.

We never knew or conversed with a person who possessed these rare and womanly gifts to a greater degree. It was always a pleasure to meet her, and one rarely left her presence without a feeling that he or she had been in contact with a woman of superior merits and uncommon gifts.

At home—around the fireside Mrs. Renfro reigned supreme. She was peculiarly fitted and qualified to fill and adorn the high position of mistress there; and she did it with remarkable ease, grace, dignity and refinement. Her strong minded and cultured husband always leaned upon her for counsel and advice, and he, more than all others, will miss her gentle, gracious and loving ministrations. As a wife she was devoted and tender, as a friend true and faithful, as a mother everything that that sacred word implies, and as a Christian firm and steadfast; and when the dying hour came she had a bright and glorious assurance of a glorious and blessed immortality beyond the skies. This is a termination of a long, well spent and useful life. What more can be said of any one? "She died in the faith."

In addition to her stricken husband, Mrs. R. leaves one daughter, Mrs. Annie Sampey; a son, John J. D. Jr.; a sister, Mrs. Eliza Lee Wood; and a number of relatives in Georgia and Texas. In good old Talladega there are very many who mourn and weep because she has gone. She had many loving and warm friends here whose heads are bowed low and hearts are sore over the great loss that they know that husband, family and friends have sustained.—Talladega Mountain Home.

Sunbeams.

Good News All Along the Line.—The Interest Grows.

Virginia has one hundred Sunbeam societies organized, and in the other States there are seventy-one societies. Less has been done in children's societies in Virginia than in some of the other States. The First Baptist church of Richmond has just fallen into line with over sixty members. Very soon the Sunbeams hope to cross the Potomac and have a society in Washington. Alexandria has a good society. From all the Southern States requests for constitutions are coming in. Instead of going on a "trip to Brazil in September," the leaders will have a home made programme, and we shall see Brazil at another time.

After September 15th address all mail for "Cousin George" to Chapel Hill, N. C. GEO. BRAXTON TAYLOR.

Letter from Bro. Bean.

Dear Baptist: It has been three months since I left my churches. My health had been failing for twelve months, and at last the time came that I must give up my work for a while. During my absence, I spent about five weeks in Newton, Dale county, at the home of Rev. P. M. Calloway. This venerable brother, and true Baptist, enjoys remarkable strength and health for his age, has a mind clear and active, and is found always true to every Baptist interest. While here I received great benefit from the use of the Newton mineral waters. These springs, one half mile west of the town, owned by Rev. P. M. Calloway, are, perhaps, as good as the best in the State for those in need of fine mineral waters. Twenty-five or thirty years ago these waters had more notoriety than at present, but of late are receiving more attention, and are proving to be valuable aid in restoring health.

This church at Newton is looking forward to a prosperous year under the preaching of Rev. N. Underwood, of Brundidge, whom they have called, and who, it is sincerely hoped, will accept. Here the Newton Association meets on the 8th of Oct.

Newton is a growing town, and as the country around is fast coming into note as desirable farming lands, this is destined to be one of the most prosperous sections of the State. It is now all on a boom, even without the Alabama Midland, and when this road passes through nothing will be wanting to add to her prosperity.

But I must close; I hope to be able to resume work with my churches in October. During the coming year I expect to serve Perote, Liberty, Siloam and Greenwood churches, all in the Centennial Association.

B. M. BEAN.

Mrs. V. A. Perry.

Sister V. A. Perry died on Monday, Sept. 5th, 1887. She was the daughter of Bro. C. Cosbie; she was born in 1857, and was converted and joined the church under the ministry of Dr. T. T. Winkler, while she was a student at the Judson. In 1886 she married Bro. W. O. Perry. As a wife she was kind and affectionate, and a devoted Christian; her life was a living demonstration of the teachings of Christ; her death a triumph of faith; she was gifted and conscientious; true to parents and sister, and courteous to all; to do right, and act well her part, with impartiality, characterized the whole of her life. As a school girl she invariably bore off the honors of her class; and was beloved for her sweetness of disposition. She had all the elements of a perfect Christian; she delighted to do good, and when the time of her departure was at hand she was ready to go, and bidding all a sweet good-by, she fell "asleep in Jesus," and the angel band bore her away on their "snowy pinions" to the home of the blest.

Pinetucky, Ala.

Resolutions.

Whereas, God in his wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Hon. A. W. Lacy, Judge of Probate of St. Clair Co. Ala.

Resolved 1st. That in the death of Bro. Lacy the church has lost one of its most exemplary members, and the county one of its best citizens.

Resolved 2nd. That although it is hard to give him up, that we humbly submit to the will of our Heavenly Father, and remember he doeth all things well.

Resolved 3rd. That we tender to his family our deepest sympathy, and pray that God may sustain them in their grief, and may they find sweet rest in death.

Resolved 4th. That as a testimony to our departed brother, A. W. Lacy, these resolutions be entered on the minutes of our church, and a copy be sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication, and one be sent to the bereaved family.

Adopted by New Hope church Sept. 4, 1887. C. C. HARLESS.

Faith and Grace.

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The connection between Adam's Street church, Montgomery, and Rev. E. A. Stone has been severed. At his resignation the members present adopted a set of resolutions touching his work among them, etc.

NO MORE bad news have we ever heard than that Bro. Jno. F. Bledsoe was dead. Just a few days ago we were with him and learned to love him more for his earnest interest in the Master's work. He was busy for Christ, seeking to get men and women to read religious books, Baptist books, that they might be better informed and grow more useful. But he has fallen, dropped with the harness on, yet thank God his work will not cease, some other men inspired by the devotion and activity of this man of God will gather up the cause and redouble their efforts, and prove the truth of Scripture, that "the being dead, yet speaketh," and "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them." To the bereaved we offer our Christian sympathy and rejoice that they sorrow not as others who have no hope.

The editors of the *Jasper Headlight* touch off the ALABAMA BAPTIST and its manager in the following business like way: "The ALABAMA BAPTIST is a business enterprise. It is run for the money that is in it. Last Sunday Mr. Hare, one of its proprietors, arose in the church and 'drummed up' subscribers for the paper. If this is not transcending secular business on Sunday, and in the house of God, where people had congregated to worship, what is it?" etc. etc. We presume our friends of the *Headlight* do not know that this paper was originated solely with a view to develop the great Baptist host of this State. Its work is to furnish religious reading, such as sermons, notes on the condition of our churches, &c. The greatest amount of good is done when the largest number of people are reached, hence Sunday crowds are urged to take, pay for and read the paper, that they may grow more in love with the Bible when they learn afresh each week what the principles of this book are accomplishing. If a preacher tells his people on Sunday that he needs money for a support, &c., would the *Headlight* call that secular business? Don't head your readers backward, but be true to your sign.

PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY.

The necessity for a theological chair in Howard College has been urged from time to time. Since we have so many young ministers who go there, and who will never go to the Seminary, it is indeed highly necessary that some special attention be paid to their theological training more than an unpaid and otherwise busy professor could give. The Trustees, acting on this idea, have created a chair of theology and elected Rev. D. L. Purser D. D., professor of the same. Bro. Purser has a great, sympathetic heart that will take hold of the needs of the young ministers, and render them valuable assistance. He will impress them to be men in every relation of life, acting well their part, and doing faithfully what God has committed to their care.

Bro. Purser was very strongly urged for the presidency, but his members, while granting his fitness for any position he might accept, urged that he be nothing more nor less than pastor of the First Baptist church. He has done a great work as pastor at Birmingham, and this renewed expres-

sion of the love and confidence of his membership will but serve to give him further encouragement. May God bless him in his new duties, and help him to lead our boys to be useful soldiers of Christ.

THE PRESIDENT OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

The Baptists have been eagerly awaiting the action of the Board of Trustees of Howard College in regard to the election of a president. Great anxiety was felt, because we all knew that the success of the college was largely dependent upon the man who was selected to be president. Of course many of held slightly different ideas as to what sort of a man the president should be, and who he should be, but we were all anxious to secure the best man possible, determined, at all events, to stand by the decision of the Board. The lot has been cast and it has fallen upon a worthy man, a scholarly, polished, successful, Christian educator, Prof. Robert Frazer, L. L. D. He needs no introduction from our pencil. For several years he has been the successful president of the Judson Female Institute at Marion, his success in the conduct of the affairs of that college is a sufficient guarantee that he is the right man for Howard College. He not only knows how to teach, and what should be taught, but he understands the value of money, how to make it and how to save it. No nobler specimen of manhood could be found to lead our boys. Let us all rally to President Frazer and Howard College.

THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

On Friday, the 30th ult., President Cleveland and his wife started from Washington, accompanied by his private secretary, Col. Lamont, his former law partner, Mr. Bissell, and a few others, on his Western and Southern tour. He had a special train, so that he might not interfere with the regular trains. The President's party reached Baltimore at 11:30 a. m., and Harrisburg about 2 p. m. All along the route crowds gathered at the depots and stations and cheered him. He stopped about twenty minutes at Pittsburgh. His train arrived at Altoona, Pa., at 6:23; about 12,000 people crowded the depot to see him. Indianapolis was the first place where the President and his party stopped. Gov. Gray introduced the President to the people and the President replied in a short and appropriate speech. The next stopping place was Terre Haute. The President was received here by Senator Voorhees and ex-Secretary Thompson. Thompson made the welcoming speech and was replied to by the President. The number of people present was estimated at 20,000.

NOTES FROM THE COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

The senior has made his report of the meeting of this body, but as the junior was also present for a couple of days he submits a few lines.

Bro. McKane, pastor of Refuge church, took care of us at his home, where brethren O'Hara, Law, Clements and McDonald, and sister Peace, her daughter and Miss Clements also stopped. It was a sweet privilege to talk with these Christians concerning our Master's kingdom, and to hear the sweet songs they sang. This preacher has a musical family, consisting of his wife, four boys and one girl, who constitute a complete choir. Sister McKane was always busy endeavoring to add to our comfort.

Eld. O'Hara believes in forming his members, young and old, into committees, and he delighted our soul by speaking of their efficiency. A wise pastor will give his members some work to do, if he would help them grow. Bro. Law is a quiet brother, not having much to say, but he is a man whose judgment is good and his friendship worth a great deal. He is useful in his church and community. "Thinks the paper increasing in usefulness and promises to help in its circulation." Bro. Clements is the only subscriber at Peaceburg, but we hope he will make a *branch* of the peace or send us some more subscribers. The ladies in our company were all enthusiastic lovers of the paper and will make good agents in their communities.

Drs. Lofton of Talladega, and Lane of Cave Springs, added much interest to the meeting by their sermons and speeches.

At 11 o'clock Sunday Bro. Lofton preached a powerful sermon from the first part of the text, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinners appear?"

He showed that while the child of God was fully saved yet it was with the greatest difficulty he got through. We have the manuscript of this sermon, and will ere long publish it.

At 2 o'clock Dr. Lane thrilled the hearts of a vast audience by telling of Christ's love, the power of his gospel, and the crowning time for the redeemed of God. Breth. Robertson and O'Hara preached to large congregations in the school house and Dr. Shackelford in the Methodist church at Lincoln. We are satisfied these sermons were all good, but not hearing them nothing special can be said here.

Deacons Abner Williams and Law have long been the faithful moderator and clerk of this body. S. W. Welch is a useful layman, who holds the cash. He was a college mate of ours and was a warm-hearted friend, but when he was converted the work was thorough, and we are glad to see him so active. A. W. Bell is the layman who has charge of the fund for aged and infirm ministers. This fund amounts in cash, property and notes to about twenty-five hundred dollars. The fund has been rather mixed, but this business man is working it straight again. The idea of this association was never to use anything more than the interest accruing from the fund and constantly add to the principle. The example of this association is worthy the imitation of every similar body in the State. The worn out laborers of God should not be allowed to suffer. Speeches on missions were limited to fifteen minutes.

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When the Lord opens his mouth, we should open our ears and hearts.—Schaff.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. J. P. Hunter is at the Howard.

Don't you need a first-class clerk or book-keeper?

Prof. J. B. Little's Male Institute at Greenville is flourishing.

The Alabama Intelligence agency still has several good teachers.

G. S. Anderson's articles on Baptist failure are worthy of careful thought.

"Billy" Wiggins, an old Howard boy has entered the Marion Military Academy.

The South Alabama Female Institute at Greenville, has 145 pupils in attendance.

Rev. J. E. White of Marengo, has been called to the care of Grove Hill church for next year.

Sorry to hear of the sickness of Rev. W. E. Lloyd, of Auburn. Hope he will be before this.

Bro. T. F. Thompson will assist Bro. Skipper at Prattville, beginning the fourth Sabbath of October.

Several subscribers have promised to send us some money this month. Don't forget it. What you owe us is a debt of honor.

Parties wishing to buy or sell property anywhere in Alabama would find it profitable to write to Hare, Pearson and McCoy, of Montgomery.

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Received of Mrs. Emily Scott, of Prattville, Ala., \$5.00, to assist in building our new church. May God bless the dear sister. And now, dear reader, please do likewise.—D. R. Cooper, Pastor, *Bethany Ch. Whistler, Ala.*

On Oct. 4th the Prudential committee of Howard College met in Birmingham to transact some business relating to the college. They determined on beginning immediately the erection of the permanent buildings for the college.

Mrs. Ivie will board visitors to the Fair at \$1.50 per day. She keeps a good boarding house on the corner of Perry and Jefferson streets. This location is convenient to the business part of the city as well as to the depot and street cars.

A very handsome notice of Dr. B. F. Riley and his Alabama Guide Book recently appeared in the *Reformed Presbyterian*, of South Carolina. Dr. Riley is a graduate of Due West College and this paper speaks with pride of his useful life.

The Board of Trustees of Howard College at their late meeting conferred on Rev. D. L. Purser, pastor of the First church, Birmingham, the degree of D. D. This added honor is but another evidence to show in what esteem his brethren hold him.

Education in various phases has been largely discussed during the past eight months, and the result has been a general awakening all along the line. The high schools and academies, as well as our colleges are full of ambitious boys and girls.

Bro. J. Bunyan Kilpatrick has accepted the school at Randolph. He is a fine teacher and a conscientious Christian gentleman, and we believe he will be greatly appreciated by the citizens. He expects to do some preaching as well as teaching.

The advertisement of S. E. Hirsch's music emporium is in this issue of the BAPTIST, and we commend them to the confidence of the public. Their store is full of beautiful instruments of music of all kinds, and they will do the fair thing by patrons.

The President will be here on the 20th. He will arrive in his special car at 8 o'clock, go to the Exchange Hotel for breakfast, and then be driven through the city to the Fair Grounds and back to the city. He will remain in Montgomery only six hours.

Mrs. J. B. Jeter, relict of the late lamented J. B. Jeter, so well known in Baptist circles of the South, died at her home in Richmond, Va., two weeks since. She was a very remarkable woman, leaving her impress for good in whatever station she was placed.

Rev. J. W. Dickinson will not serve West Bend church for another year. The church in conference expressed by resolution its sorrow at losing so good a pastor, and cordially commended him to the love and confidence of brethren among whom he may go.

Thornton and Welborne, proprietors of "Oak Hall" clothing store, are advertised in this paper. Our readers can rely on getting the proper treatment when trading with these gentlemen. They are personally known to us, and we should be glad to send them trade.

Our proof reader or printers made hash of the name of Rev. M. H. Lane, of Alpine. In a communication from Bro. Welch it is made to appear that H. M. Lorne is pastor. It was intended for M. H. Lane, one of the most entertaining and instructive pastors in the State.

The Montgomery *Advertiser* is very rapidly growing in favor with the people as a news medium. Their new Goss perfecting press greatly facilitates their work, enabling them to give the very latest news and still come out on time. The daily is sent to preachers for \$5.00 a year.

You are thinking of closing your Sunday-school because the weather is getting cold and your church is uncomfortable. Would it not be much better to go to work and repair your school, than to discontinue to study and teach God's word? Try this and see if his blessings don't crown your labors.

At home you are a good church member, would not be seen about a bar room, but when you go to town it seems all proper enough that you should go into any kind of a sinful place. No matter where you are, you must be a faithful witness for Christ. Remember God sees you.

It becomes my sad duty to announce to the many friends of Capt. Jas. T. Smith, of Union, Ala., the death of his son Kirby, which occurred September 30th. A bright and promising young man, a dutiful son, a kind good brother, a true friend is gone.—M. M. Wood, Knoxville, Ala.

Bro. A. B. Starke and Sister Starke, who have long been members of the Baptist church at Harris, asked for their letters Sept. 25th, intending to join the church at Lake Weir, Fla., to which point they will move. By a vote the church passed resolutions testifying to the value of this brother and sister as church members, and commending them to the brotherhood of the Baptists in their new home.

Dr. M. B. Wharton, pastor of the First church, Montgomery, has returned from his vacation and is hard at work. The past two Sabbaths he gave his flock some magnificent sermons. The size of his audience is evidence of the appreciation bestowed upon him by the people of the capital.

A notice of our trip to the Alabama Association will appear next week, as will that of a few others. The brethren and friends gave us 42 new subscribers, plenty to edit and the best kind of entertainment in every respect. Everybody had a good time and were profited. Brotherly love swayed all the exercises.

Col. Murfee has selected young brother W. H. Caffey as one of his teachers for the Marion Military Institute. Bro. Caffey graduated at the Howard last June, and is thoroughly qualified for the position he is called to occupy. His firmness of character and moral qualities well suit him to be a leader of boys and young men.

Hon. John O. Hartselle, was in the city last week. This is one of the land marks of North Alabama. Good judgment, strong convictions, sincere piety, and a generous heart, have made him very useful as a citizen and a Christian. His fellow citizens have often honored him. The temperance cause has a strong champion in him.

Our congratulations go out to Bro. Hobson in the happiness that has recently come to him. At 7 o'clock p. m., Oct. 3rd, he was united in marriage to Miss Lou Cheek, of Birmingham. God gives no better gift to a true preacher than a noble wife, and we trust the greatest share of happiness and usefulness may fall to the lot of our young friends.

D. F. Weaver, of Calhoun county, makes a good yield of money from less than an acre of ground. He sold \$108 worth of watermelons, and since the watermelons gave out he has gathered three large loads of hay. There are two rows of sweet potatoes growing between the rows of watermelons, and it is thought the income from all these crops will be near \$175.

Murrah for Howard College! The first two days witnessed the matriculation of over a hundred boys. On with the procession. Let every Baptist father do his duty and we can send 200 before the first half session closes. If your boy has not entered college consider well the duty before you. You want him to be a Baptist, a Christian; then look well to his surroundings.

I have neglected to tell you that the Ladies' Aid Society of Notasulga church have bought an organ for the church and Sabbath-school, and also propose to add to the brightness of the church by the use of paint and better lights. I have still better news to tell you, viz: On last Sunday afternoon I baptized two young men and four girls into the fellowship of our church. Nine baptisms this year.—E. F. Baber, Notasulga.

An anonymous communication has been received, but since it speaks of Rev. N. M. Ely we vary our rule and notice its contents. The writer says that for six or eight years this brother has been the faithful pastor of said church, and that he has bound all classes of people to him. His preaching has always been marked by that dignity worthy the true gospel preacher. His social qualities enable him to reach many people. His members congratulate themselves upon holding such a useful man.

The fall has come, crops are being harvested and sold, your pastor has done a faithful year's work, you promise him that he should be paid. Now is the time to redeem that pledge. Don't forget how useful this man of God has been. Through rain, cold and heat he has met you; your heart has often been comforted; your child was led to Christ. How much was that worth to you? Think of the spiritual blessings you and your family have received, and then be liberal with God's servant.

The Prohibitionists of Tennessee did not carry the vote on the amendment to the constitution by about 15,000, but that does not mean that they failed in doing great good, no, for there has been a great amount of temperance education given to the masses. The saloonists have been led to see that they must respect the law, saloons of Chattanooga were closed on a recent Sabbath for the first time in many years. Let not discouragement come, but raise the temperance standard higher, make its colors brighter, and sing its blessings louder, and at last we must conquer.

A Baptist girl recently joined a Pedit Baptist church, a few weeks after the death of her father, carrying along with her quite a fortune which the father had left her. Several had expressed their surprise and regret, when an old brother said: "What else had you to expect? She was not taught Baptist doctrines, and she was raised to believe that her mission in life was to have a good time. If she thinks she can have a better time and move in more fashionable circles, now that the old man is dead and gone and she has his money, he has no right to complain. He raised her that way." We give that for the benefit

of the many Baptist parents who are hurrying for the Baptists and laying up money for the Pedit Baptists.—*Religious Herald.*

It was our pleasure to worship with the good people of Clanton a few Sabbaths since. Pastor A. F. Burns and Rev. S. M. Adams had been holding a meeting, and the people all felt good. Several parties had professed Christ, and have since been baptized. Among the converts was our friend Jno. H. Lawrence, one of the editors of the *Clanton View*. He is a young man, who is very useful as a citizen and we know he will prove a true soldier for Christ. Pastor Burns has done good work at Clanton, and is appreciated by the people. They contemplate giving him a call for half of his time. It will be a fine thing for both pastor and people if this idea is carried out. This preacher believes it pays him to work for the BAPTIST, thinks it increases the efficiency of his members, and also leads him to be kinder to him. His Clanton little folks saw in the paper what somebody had done for another pastor and they forthwith raised the money and presented him with a nice suit of clothes. Prof. Hicks, a live Baptist has charge of the Academy. His school is quite prosperous. The *Clanton View*, edited by W. H. and Jno. H. Lawrence, has done a good part in making Clanton and Clanton county a prohibition district. Our visit was brief, but several subscribers were procured, and we expect soon to get more.

Howard College.

The first day for Howard College, on the new site at East Lake, was October 3rd, a balmy day of glorious sunlight. At the chapel hour, as the professors took their places, about sixty-five young hearts beat with worthy aspirations and the fond hope of success in student life. The selection read from the word of God brought out a great question, and its answer as found in the 19th Psalm: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word."

Prof. Giler offered the first invocation upon the worthy old college in the new home with the grand future possibilities, under the good hand of the Lord. Dr. Dill made a helpful and suggestive little address along the line of thought in the scripture selection, urging the young men to remember that the future success of the college depends in large measure upon their noble bearing and devotion to duty. During the day eighty-five names were enrolled upon the register, and many others are known to be coming.

Letter from Louisville.

Dear Baptist: The Seminary has had a fine opening. One hundred and twenty-five boys have arrived, and we confidently expect more than 150 before the close of the session. Alabama sends an increased "delegation" this year. Her boys are: Willis, Blackwelder, McCollum, Foster, Gay, Thompson, Pinkard, Hamner, Kallen, Herring, and the writer—in all. We have been looking for Bradley every day for a week. Why don't you send him on?

Dr. Sampey delivered the introductory lecture at Walnut Street church Monday night. Our new professor, Dr. Kerfoot, met his classes to-day. We are in the Standford Hotel now, instead of the Waverly. Farther from lecture room, but better place. Work on our new building is being rapidly pushed. We hope to move into it by Feb. 1st. It is a magnificent structure, of which our denomination may be justly proud. Every thing is moving on smoothly, and the boys are still coming in. Send us our paper.

Louisville, Ky.

Bethel Baptist Church.

On last Sabbath, October 1st, the neat and comfortable church house was dedicated to the worship of God. By ten o'clock there was a large congregation assembled in the house; prayer meeting was conducted by Bro. A. N. Jones for the space of half an hour, opened by reading the 100th Psalm. After prayer meeting the dedication services were opened by Eld. P. M. Calloway with reading the 10th Psalm, and singing the very appropriate hymn, "I love thy kingdom, Lord." Prayer was offered, after which the prayer that Solomon offered at the dedication of the temple was read with some appropriate remarks. The text was announced from Isaiah, the 56th chapter and a part of the 7th verse: "My home shall be called a house of prayer for all people." From this passage of scripture Eld. P. M. Calloway deduced some very able and practical thoughts which were timely and in place.

At the close of the preaching, the truths set in the sermon were unanimously adopted by the church. The services were concluded by Eld. P. M. Calloway presenting to the church a fine pulpit Bible, as coming through him from the American Baptist Publication Society, which was accepted by the church with profound gratitude. May our much beloved brother and father, in Israel, Eld. P. M. Calloway, be spared many days to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and may his last days be his brightest as the prayer of the church.

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 submit the suggestion, so that our various benevolent, enterprises and church work may be enabled to meet with each association in regular order. Subject to such corrections and arrangement as may be suggested.

Union, Friday before the 1st Sab. in Sept.
Tallahassee, Tuesday before 1st Sab. in Sept.
Tuscaloosa, Tuesday before 1st 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, Sunday before 2d Sab. in Sept.
Rolling Springs, Wed. before 3d Sab. in Sept.
Canton, Thursday before 3d Sab. in Sept.
Etowah, Friday before 3d Sab. in Sept.
Shelby, Friday before 3d Sab. in Sept.
Malheur, Sat. before 3d Sab. in Sept.
Sulphur Springs, Tuesday before 4th Sab. in Sept.
Cullman, Wednesday before 4th Sab. in Sept.
Muscle Shoals, Thursday before 4th Sab. in Sept.
North Liberty, Fri. before 4th Sab. in Sept.
Pine Bluff, Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sept.
East Liberty, Wed. before 4th Sab. in Sept.
Rock Mills, Friday before 4th Sab. in Sept.
Montgomery, Tues. before 1st Sab. in Oct.
Tennessee River, Wed. before 1st Sab. in Oct.
Mt. Carmel, Thurs. before 1st Sab. in Oct.
Arlacool, Friday before 1st Sab. in Oct.
Carey, Saturday before 1st Sab. in Oct.
Troy, Sunday before 1st Sab. in Oct.
Weogucka, Sat. before 2d Sab. in Oct.
Warrior River, Sat. before 2d Sab. in Oct.
Mad Creek, Friday before 2d Sab. in Oct.
Albama, Friday before 2d Sab. in Oct.
Central, Saturday before 2d Sab. in Oct.
Harmony, Sunday before 2d Sab. in Oct.
North River, Tues. 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, Thursday before 3d Sab. in Oct.
Clear Creek, Thurs. before 3d Sab. in Oct.
Bethlehem, Thurs. before 3d Sab. in Oct.
Harris, Friday before 3d Sab. in Oct.
River Friday before 3d

