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A Letter from London.

Spurgeon, His Tabernacle, His Work.

LONDON, Oct. 2nd, 1887.
Brethren: "Big Ben," the huge clock in the great tower of Parliament house, has just struck nine at night. But for London this is quite early. The usual time for retiring is from eleven to one. Parliament does much of her business after this hour. So I have thought I might not have a better time to fulfil a promise made to myself to write you a letter, to let you know that you and the great interests you represent are not forgotten.

I regret ever so much not being able to meet with the brethren at Union Springs, and it seems that it continues so to happen year after year, from one cause and other, I am deprived of the pleasure of attending our Conventions. I was specially anxious to be present this year, it was so near my home, and some of the brethren had kindly written, specially inviting me to attend. I fully intended it, and regret exceedingly my inability to do so. This, however, is not what I started to write, but "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

I have just returned from my second service to-day in the great Metropolitan Tabernacle.

"Spurgeon's Church."

As everybody here and elsewhere call it, and I thought you and some of your readers would like to hear from another eye witness of the great preacher and his wonderful work. For if we are to judge by the size of his audiences Spurgeon is probably the greatest living preacher. In his sermon to-night he alluded to the fact that there were present "in the great congregation six thousand immortal souls." He preaches twice every Sunday and on Thursday nights, and this is his usual audience, and it is about the capacity of the Tabernacle. The ushers and some of the members to whom I have spoken tell me it is always so, that they have never known it to fail, the crowds are always there at all seasons, and in all kinds of weather. It is really wonderful. If you go early, as I have often done, you will wonder if the vast building can ever be filled. But by the time the first hymn, usually a long one, is finished not only every pew but all the aisles are filled, and the steps in the galleries leading down to the lower seats. Long before the sermon begins you'll not see a vacant space in all the house. You can readily see that his preaching alone is a great work and wonderful, but this is only a part, I was about to say only a small part, of what he is doing. There are missions at home and abroad, Sunday-schools, not one but many, the Mathews Mission, Bible classes, open air meetings, the pastors' college, and I know not how many other Christian agencies, and Mr. Spurgeon not only gives to them his personal attention, supervision and direction, but he it is that gives to them life and spirit and efficiency. Truly he is not only a great preacher, but an indefatigable worker, and a great and good man, and wonderful indeed is the work he is accomplishing. Long may he be spared to do it.

THE BUILDING.

You all have heard of this, a large stone structure, with little or no attempt at ornament. But it is a model of architectural symmetry and harmony outside, and in and on account of its ample width and commanding height presents quite an imposing appearance. A huge portico extends across the entire front, the roof being supported by the massive Corinthian columns. Numerous entrances lead into the vestibule. To the right and left double flights of stairs lead to the lower and upper galleries. Entering the auditorium on the main floor, which slopes downward towards the pulpit, you are astonished at its vast proportions, the immense area which it covers, and this astonishment is increased as you look up and see two broad galleries, one above the other, sweeping in elliptical circles round the entire building, with seats rising amphitheatrically up to the ceiling and far up to the vaulted dome.

THE PULPIT AN OPEN PLATFORM.

With a light railing around it, is on a level with the first gallery, about fourteen feet above the main floor, the same distance below the upper gallery, and thus about midway up the building. It stands far out from its back wall and well in front of the gallery from which it projects. The acoustics of the building seem to be perfect. It is evidently made to speak in, and standing far out on this open platform, with only a small table to his left, every one in that vast audience can both plainly see and hear

the great preacher. If Mr. Spurgeon had been hid all these years behind a pulpit I doubt if he had held so long and so firmly his hold upon the masses. No preacher should hide behind a Bible board. It may do for a priest, who, relies upon ritual and liturgy, but not for a preacher. There is no instrumental music, no choir. A leader stands out on the platform and conducts the music. Mr. Spurgeon often "lines out the hymns" in good old fashioned style, with occasional comments on the sentiment. Every one is furnished with "Our Own Hymn Book" and urged to sing, and all do sing, and always standing. And it is indeed a grand sight when all those six thousand persons rise and join in the singing. As I witnessed it to-night in the soft blended light of a thousand burners it seemed to me more impressive than ever before, and the more so, it may be, because it was probably the last time I ever expected to witness it. I sat, as usual, in the first gallery near the speaker, where I had a fine view of the entire audience, and as I gazed upon that vast multitude, packed to the farthest extremity of that immense structure, standing on the floor and the galleries, where they rose round above tier, and swept round and round in vast circles far up to the arched roofs and then the swelling tide of song rolling over all like sound of many waters, it was indeed a most wonderful scene, and one not soon or willingly forgotten. And shall I tell you what I thought as I looked down and up and around upon that vast multitude of devoutly worshipping thousands? I thought of the slanders, shall I say? I have often heard uttered against the people, that they will go to the theatres and operas, and places of amusement, but shun the house of God and the place of prayer; and I thought, where is the prima donna, or star, the world has ever produced that ever gathered in theatre or opera house such an audience as this that has now been coming twice, thrice a week for ten, twenty, or thirty years to hear this plain, simple, but earnest preacher. If other places are preferred to the house of worship should we not ask ourselves, is not the fault elsewhere and not with the people?

In listening to this great preacher, and witnessing the constant attendance and devout earnestness of the vast crowds that wait upon his ministry I have asked, why this wonderful success? what is

THE SECRET OF HIS POWER?

There is certainly no display of learning, no attempt at oratory, nothing of the sensational, either in manner or matter, none of the arts or appearance of the so-called popular preacher. Nor does he deal in what some would term pulpit or theological novelties. His whole style, manner, matter, all is the farthest possible remove from anything of the kind. Close your eyes, listen to the "lining out of the hymns," the hymns themselves, and then the music, and you might readily imagine yourself in some good old fashioned country church of the last generation. I have never yet heard, either in Sunday-school prayer meeting, or public worship, a single modern hymn or tune. Mr. Spurgeon, too, as is well known, is most decidedly Calvinistic in his preaching, a style that by many is not considered popular. This, however, is Mr. Spurgeon's explanation of the inexplicable and after having thrown off the explanation he is no longer trammelled by it. Another thing that is often spoken against in churches, the services are protracted and uniformly so—long hymns, long chapters, long prayers, long sermons, and still, notwithstanding all this, Mr. Spurgeon is the most popular preacher in London, and probably in the world. Do you not naturally ask, wherein, then, is the secret of his power? This is the question that I have asked, and this is my answer,

HIS EARNESTNESS, ZEAL AND ENTHUSIASM.

He is certainly "present in spirit," and that power never forsakes or fails him, it matters not how long the services. After the sermon to-night he had what he styled "our great communion," (other communion services are often held in a large lecture room in the rear,) and it was indeed a great communion, at which not less than 4,000 sat down to the table of our Lord. He also gave the right hand of fellowship to thirty-seven new members, and had an appropriate word for each one, and through it all there was that same unflinching zeal and earnest enthusiasm, and he seems by his very presence and style and manner, to infuse this same spirit into his audiences, and his whole church in all their worship and work. To night

as the crowd was dispersing, speaking to one of his most intelligent deacons I said, "Isn't this wonderful? How do you account for it?" and he replied "It is his fidelity." His preaching and work are with him a consuming passion, he throws himself soul, body and spirit into it with a fidelity and fervor that charms and wins and carries all before it. And if this is indeed the key of his success, the secret of his power, it should be a matter of rejoicing that it is one that is not beyond the reach of others.

I have attended the services in Westminster Abbey, where all is pomp and splendor, surpliced choir prayers intoned, the psalms from the great organ reverberating through the vast building, the light struggling through the stained glass, and the members of England's departed greatness—heroes, statesmen, orators, poets, all around you. I have listened to Canon, now Archdeacon Farrar, in St. Margaret's under the shadow of the "Abbey," this mausoleum of England's glory. I have heard Dr. Parker, whose fame has carried him across the Atlantic, and who is now in America. I have listened to Canon Liddon beneath the vast dome of St. Paul's, that immortal monument to Sir Christopher Wren, the noblest, grandest structure in London or in all England, as the grand diapason of the huge organ rolled and reverberated far up and around in that matchless dome, amid those massive columns, and through the long wonderful arches of that truly wonderful pile; it was indeed grand and impressive. But notwithstanding all these surroundings and the great power of the State Church, as all but Dr. Parker have, they are never so popular or draw like Spurgeon in his plain Tabernacle. In St. Paul's I asked two ushers how many were present, it looked like a huge audience, and it was, but not for such a cathedral, one said, "Probably 3,000," the other said, "Not less than 2,500," and yet not less than 6,000 go to hear Spurgeon from week to week, and from day to day, and I have heard it said if the Tabernacle was twice as large it would be filled. I need not add what everybody knows, that Mr. Spurgeon is though

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and uniformly invites "all who are members of any church of our Lord Jesus Christ" to partake with them.

But I must close lest I exhaust your space and the patience of your readers. I will remember, however, my over curiosity about Spurgeon's church, his manner of conducting his services, style of preaching, &c., and supposing others shared this curiosity with me I have tried to gratify it. I have endeavored hurriedly to give a true picture of this great preacher whose fame has gone out into all the world. If all who preach "the glorious gospel of the ever blessed God" could share his zeal and enthusiasm in their work, might they not also share his success, and other places be filled as is the great "Metropolitan Tabernacle" of London?

Truly and fraternally,

W. N. REEVES.

London, Eng., Oct. 2, '87.

Ending of a Pastorate.

On the third Sabbath in this month I closed my pastoral labors with Shiloh church, Dallas county. I took charge of the church eleven years ago; at the end of one year, entered into the State ministry work, and continued in it for two years. During this time Bro. Hare, father of one of the editors of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, preached for the church, as his health permitted. At the end of the year my pastorate there was resumed, and has continued for eight consecutive years. Our labor together has been very pleasant, and the Lord's work has prospered in our hands. The parting was one of the most trying events of my life. My removal to this place put me too far away, and it was better that another pastor be called. They are a good and true people, and I pray that the Lord may give them a good pastor.

Thus was brought to an end a connection, begun twelve years ago, with churches in the contiguous portions of Lowndes and Dallas counties. I have nothing of which to complain; much to regret that I did not know better how to do my work, and many pleasant memories of the dozen eventful years. I feel sure of having many good friends in that field of labor. If any enemies, I forgive them and commend them to the Lord.

E. F. BAKER.

Notasulga.

Nature is too thin a screen. The glory of the one breaks in everywhere. —Emerson.

The Fire.

Narrow Escape of the Family—Its Origin—Losses—Neighborly Sympathy—Assistance—Reimbursements—Provisional Indications—Gratitude—Above even Discomfort.

Dear Baptist: I trust it will not be regarded by any as vanity in me to write an article for publication in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, in regard to my recent apparent misfortune. I have written private letters—myself and family—by the scores, and yet we have not been able to notice in this way numbers whom we knew to be contributors to our necessities. Several have desired letters stating particulars, who have not seen even the *Advertiser's* report of it.

On Friday night, the 16th of September last, about nine o'clock, near one half hour after retirement of the family, earlier with myself than usual because of fatigue from a meeting I had just left, we were all aroused and shocked by the fierce, sudden and unexpected scream of two of my daughters, from an upper stairs room, just over the kitchen, joined to the dwelling by an eight foot shed, and due south of it. Don S. Crum, my nephew, Miss Eliza M. Rice, our town female presiding teacher, and a member of my family most generally for about twelve years past, myself and sick wife, all rushed to the top and foot of the stairway, to behold the entire kitchen, inside and roof, in a great blaze, and ever anon, rushing through cracks of the same and into windows and doors of the dwelling, like fiery serpent tongues. There was a strong south wind, which blew up the then raging storm. There was no time to flinger. The rain was pouring; but the fire was growing. All rushed, after arousing the rest of the sleeping ones, to the front with some blankets and quilts, gathered as we went, for the protection of all the unclad ones.

NARROW ESCAPE.

In two minutes more, I think, both of my daughters and younger children immediately below, and next the kitchen also, would have suffocated and screamed in suffering and terror, but to crush parental hearts and minds their wails of woe. Miss Rice's child had been consumed, or must have thrown herself upon the ground only to have broken a limb; and, perhaps, at last, have perished in the flames. The rest might have escaped from these fiercer flames. Oh, God! accept our heartfelt thanks for the Father's smiles.

ITS ORIGIN.

It must have been from lightning. Five minutes before the alarm, Mr. Crum, just in from a drill, drank water by the kitchen door, and I went and shut a south window next to the same, and neither of us saw any sign of fire nor snuffed the odor of smoke. Mr. C. says the loud thunder clap was about a minute after he reached his room; and in three minutes or so, the scream was heard, and the flames were kissing the dwelling roof. It shocked one of my girls up stairs. I thought it about fifty yards, or nearer, but no tree as yet has been found struck.

LOSSES.

The entire loss was about three thousand dollars, embracing the dwelling. Miss Rice's was five hundred dollars; my nephew's about one hundred, or one hundred and fifty dollars; the dwelling, worth one thousand dollars, I had bought; but had not paid for it yet, and no titles had I obtained; the balance, sixteen hundred dollars, I lost, my library included. It would not have sold for that, but would cost that to replace it. So I think could not have been bought.

THE NEIGHBOHOOD.

Irrespective of denominational lines, had we all comfortable in twelve hours; opened their doors, and so soon as we entered our rented house, had two rooms neatly furnished. The church bought and paid for, in forty-eight hours, a parsonage, once previously bought, but from which the seller backed. It would ultimately have been bought, but my burning stimulated the purchase.

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Came in from every direction in money and goods; but especially from my old charges. I have received from various sources five hundred dollars in money, besides some valuable goods. I must thank churches and communities, to whom I have not yet written; and some to whom I have, of whom I have written. Pleasant Hill church, Dallas county, sent over fifty-six dollars; Old Town church, I think, about ten dollars; Providence, Dallas county, nine dollars and eighty-five cents; Greenville, Dallas county, one hundred and twenty dollars; Alabama Association, twenty-three dollars; St. Francis Street church,

Mobile, fifty dollars; and Palmetto Street church, Mobile, twenty-five dollars; Mt. Gilead, Lowndes county, eighteen dollars; Brewton, fifty dollars; and many smaller contributions from friends, many of whom requested that I give no publicity to it. Many persons have gathered me some books, and the prospects are that I will yet recover even a better library than I had before. If I receive no more, the knowledge of such friendship and the recollection of an old absent pastor, on the part of my churches, will shed a fragrance about my pathway hereafter, which will more than reimburse me and mine.

PROVIDENTIAL INDICATIONS.

It almost seems as if providence does not will for me to dwell in this country, yet I may be mistaken. Mr. Wm. Flowers, near Greenville, gave me eight thousand feet of lumber, and the church four thousand feet for parsonage, and it was burned up, with much of Bro. Flowers' mill property, in four or five hours after he gave it to us. Providence is hard to understand; but I am willing to work anywhere, and in any way I can, for my Master's glory.

GRATITUDE.

How else could I be but grateful for such favors? I asked nothing; could have recovered by and by without any help; yet, my friends have shown me much regard in preserving us from even serious privations. I am grateful until I am happy.

ABOVE DISCOMFORT.

I am happy to state to my friends that I am now in a condition to be as comfortable—not perhaps as solid, financially, as before the fire; but so much better off than I had a right to ask, that I request that no person will send me anything at a serious sacrifice.

Pardon such intrusion.

B. H. CRUMPTON.

P. S. Miss E. M. Rice requests me to return, herein, thanks to friends in Lowndes county, Greenville, Pine Apple, Ft. Deposit and Evergreen, for favors to herself.

B. H. C.

"These Follows."

Misses Editors: When Dr. Wilkerson's second outlay appeared in the *Age*, for reasons which I need not mention, I decided to let it pass without rejoinder, though I regarded it as unjust to myself and to sundry brethren, whom he is pleased to characterize as "these fellows," "malicious fellows;" and although now it has gone before the Baptists of the State in the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, I will still do nothing more than to let the reader know that it has not escaped my attention. I notice that silence on my part as touching anything said by him he construes into evidence that he has convinced me. In this he is mistaken. I do not concede any position assumed by him on the real issues; to the contrary, after investigation I re-affirm the correctness of everything that I said in the *Age* article, to which he so seriously objected. It was true to the letter in all points except one, and that proved to be correct in purport and effect, and therefore I do not care to say more about it.

It was not kind to attempt to make the impression that I was ignorant of the things about which I had written, and that I only acted as acted upon by certain "malicious fellows." My brethren are innocent concerning all my writing. I write on my own responsibility, and the Baptists of Alabama know that, if pressed, as I often am, I generally sustain what I have said.

J. J. D. RENFROE.

From Bro. S. A. Kirksey.

Dear Baptist: I will try to tell you what we are doing as a church. We have never done much for our denomination. We have been anti on the subject of missions, but through God we are a live church to-day. Our association ask us to pay \$25, but we thought we were too poor to pay anything, but God put it in the heart of one of our brethren to spring the subject of a lay members' meeting, the result of which will never be told by us until we meet you, my brother, in that meeting which never closes. We paid our \$25, as you will see in my minutes. We organized our lay members meeting Saturday night before the third Sunday in March, the next Saturday night the young men began a prayer meeting known as the young men's prayer meeting, which meets every Saturday night. There were young men who never prayed before the organization of this meeting who are now able in prayer. The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

S. A. KIRKSEY.

Some Questions.

Dear Baptist: In reading in your paper of last week of the proceedings of an associational meeting, I noticed that a brother was ordained to preach the gospel by the association, at the request of a church belonging to the association, and several questions came spontaneous to my mind, and to which I would like to have answered:

1st. What ecclesiastical power has a Baptist Association?

2nd. If none, can a sovereign church delegate its ecclesiastical powers to any body not having equal ecclesiastical powers?

3rd. If the brother's credentials show he was ordained to preach the gospel by the association (which appears to be the fact) would his credentials pass with the Baptist brotherhood?

4th. If his credentials show the act of ordination was done by the association at the request of the church, where may we find the authority of a sovereign church being able to delegate its ecclesiastical powers?

5th. If his credentials be in the usual form, as coming from the sovereign church making the request, would it not be imposing an illegitimate child into the Baptist family?

Will some of the brethren who officiated in the ordination, or some one else, answer these questions for an old Evergreen, Ala. BAPTIST?

Sin of Pride.

What a brood of sins there are! Who can begin to number them? They nestle in many places, where we least suspect that they lie. Hundreds of people—Christian people, too—who are of the opinion that they are free from pride, are constantly indulging in pride in some form. It may not be in the form of dress; and yet it may be, even though they despise fine clothes. They may take pride in wearing very plain clothes. A wealthy person may wear very plain apparel, just to show how independent he is of the demands of fashion and popular expectation. He knows that many people expect that

he will dress fashionably and richly, because he has the means to do so. And yet he goes to the other extreme, and practically says: "I am independent of your opinion. I am superior to the fashions of the day. I will not humiliate the expectations of society. I am too independent to be the subject of the fift styles of life." This is the pride of independency. And yet such people would feel quite insulted if we were to tell them that they are proud, with respect to their dress. But, really, it is true. Then there is the pride of character, in a very subtle form, oftentimes. Look at that person who disdains any display of fine looks and glittering show of wealth. He seems to be the very essence of meekness. He seems to do a mean thing. No one hears him deride his neighbors, nor ridicule the unfortunate. He is generous to the poor and attentive to the wants of the sick and sorrowful. In fact, he is quite generally regarded as a model man. But, can it be said that he is not proud of his character? Has he not sometimes said to himself something like this: "I am a better person than that man, who, though he be, doubtless, a Christian, yet is a very imperfect one. I am not so slack in business as he is. I am more attentive to the wants of my family and the welfare of my neighbors. I am not so negligent of my obligations to the church and to society. I always promptly pay my debts, and render an equivalent for all that I get." Now we may believe that this is substantially what some very good sort of people think of themselves too frequently.

And what is this but pride of character? Oh, the sins of pride! How slyly and certainly they lurk in our hearts! How they tend to unduly exalt us in our vain imaginations! How they lead us to boast of our talents and attainments! Christian reader, we are not so near perfect as we sometimes fancy that we are. We find, on closely analyzing the condition of our hearts, that the mystery of sin is very great in its practical relation to our lives. It works a many sided ministry, in a variety of relationships, with a deceptiveness which we are not competent to justly conceive of. —C. H. WELTHEKE, in *Journal and Messenger*.

Talladega Items.

Sunday morning, Oct. 16th, Dr. G. A. Lofton preached his first anniversary as pastor of the Talladega Baptist church. In giving a summary of the year's work, he said that sixty members had been added, \$2,500 had been contributed for all purposes, and the church edifice and

premises had been repaired and beautified. The attendance at prayer meeting, during the year, had averaged thirty per cent of the membership; and the young element of the church had largely developed in work and usefulness, through their weekly meetings. The Sunday-school had averaged about one hundred; and all the services during the week and on Sundays averaged about eight hundred attendance, weekly. The blackboard lectures had been largely attended. The pastor had preached over three hundred sermons, including lectures and addresses to the prayer meeting, Sunday-school, and to afternoon audiences; and had made five hundred visits to the congregation. He had been absent eight Sundays at conventions and associations, and at protracted meetings, where many souls had been converted under his co-operative ministry with brother pastors. He thanked, especially, the women of the church for their most earnest and efficient co-operation; and he congratulated the church upon the promising outlook of its Sunday-prayer meeting work. No church was ever more united, or harmonious; and while the knife of discipline had been employed vigorously, the piety and activity of the body was indicated by the fact that but one member had been excluded during the year. Dr. Lofton said that his pastorate at Talladega, during the last year, was the pleasantest and happiest pastoral year of his life; and it had been the most productive and profitable, considering the resources upon hand and the elements upon which to work; which, while more abundant in other places, sometimes had not turned out so well.

LINCOLN.

On Saturday, the 15th inst., at Lincoln, in this county, located on the Georgia Pacific railroad, and quite a flourishing town, a new Baptist church was constituted with thirty members, of excellent character and resources. The visiting council of constitution consisted of Rev. T. K. Trotter, M. H. Lane, D.D. and G. A. Lofton, D.D. Dr. Lofton was elected chairman of the council; and after devotional exercises delivered

an address to the body to be organized upon the "Three O's," which express Baptist polity—organization, office and ordinance, New Testament church organism, rites, officers and government were discussed in a simple manner and by a simple analysis; and, after the address, the letters of dismission to the constituting membership, from other churches, were read; and based upon the adoption of an orthodox confession of faith, the body was organized by a vote of constitution. Dr. Lane was to have delivered the charge to the church, but had to leave before the time, in order to reach one of his appointments by train. Bro. Trotter was clerk of the council; and he was unanimously elected pastor of the new church. Two deacons and a clerk were also elected, as follows: Bro. A. M. Bell and Burton, deacons; and Bro. Sisson, clerk of the church.

This step upon the part of the Lincoln Baptists, is timely and needed, and the movement was decided upon at the recent session of the Coosa River Association, at Refuge. A grand opening is here for a good church, as Baptists largely occupy this section of country. A new church building is soon to be constructed.

A. B. C.

Talladega county.

"Mission Work in Alabama."

Under this heading, in your issue of Oct. 13th, my esteemed brother, Eld. Geo. E. Brewer, offers a general criticism on the missionary conduct of the Baptists of Alabama; and, with all, the State Board.

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Our communications with our base of operations must be kept intact, whether we storm the outposts or not. It is possible for us to dwarf Alabama for future action by neglecting to conquer first our own field. I do not hesitate to say that our first duty is to Alabama, and I most earnestly pray that we may discharge it well, and discharge it first. If what Bro. Brewer says about our people having the gospel within convenient reach, and the poor heathen being in midnight darkness, means anything, it means in its last analysis to put an end to home expenditures.

Believe very strongly in Foreign Missions, and I am sure that Alabama is not giving half as much as she should give, and I hope that she will improve; but, as to the division of funds, which Bro. Brewer complains, I beg leave to decide that he is wrong and very wrong.

I was State Secretary I would ask for \$25,000 for State Missions, and I would exert myself, in the fear of God, to raise the money. There is no State in the South that is in a more formative condition than the new State of affairs has made Alabama.

New and powerful lines of railways are piercing her territory in various directions; hundreds of new towns are springing up like magic; vast mineral wealth is attracting a large population from various quarters of the globe, and they are bringing various isms and false notions of life with them, and all these new conditions and new forces must be met with the power of this gospel. I wish to repeat, that under these peculiar circumstances, the first and highest and largest duty of Alabama Baptists is to Alabama.

JNO. P. SHAFFER.

Died.

At Los Angeles, Cal., July 10th, 1887, Mrs. Mary McAlister, of Marietta, Ala. At the earnest solicitation of friends she went to California more than a year ago, hoping thereby to prolong her life, but it was not to be so. The Lord had need of her and took her to himself. She was an earnest and faithful Christian, having professed faith in Christ in her girlhood, and through all the years of trial and sorrow which were hers she sustained a beautiful submission to the Lord's will. As a teacher in the Judson, and as a member of Siloam church her influence will long live. The Lord comfort and sustained the bereaved.

A. C. DAVIDSON.

James L. Raily.

Died at the residence of his mother, near Harpersville, Shelby county, Ala., on the 10th of October, 1887. He was a pious, faithful and devoted Christian; a member of Spring Creek Baptist church; secretary of the Sunday-school, as well as teacher in same. The church has lost a bright jewel; the mother a most affectionate and dutiful son, and the county one of her best and most promising young men. But the Lord knows what is best. He hath taken him unto himself.

HIS PASTOR.

H. N. CHAPIN.

Died at his residence, near Gaston, Senter county, Ala., on the 8th inst., after a short illness, in the 80th year of his age. Bro. Chapin was a native of Mass., came to Alabama in early life, embraced Christ as his Savior, united with the M. E. church, of which he lived and died a consistent member. At his request, on his death bed, the writer preached his funeral in the cemetery before the burial. Bro. Chapin lived to a ripe old age, and died a triumphant death. He leaves one son and one daughter, together with a large circle of friends to mourn his death; but not without hope.

J. K. RYAN.

Died.

At her home in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on the 12th day of October, 1887, Mrs. Elizabeth Tervell Prince, daughter of Edmond and Lavina Prince. Many loving hearts are called to mourn the sad death we here chronicle. Truly and faithfully had this dear sister committed her life to the Savior. With a spirit naturally sweet and gentle, under the influence of a Savior's love and the principles of his holy religion, there was developed a character of rare fragrance and beauty. The trials of life did not embitter, but mellowed her life.

There is a sad vacancy in the houses of her friends, in the church and in her own home. But God knows best. "Our times are in his hand." In tender sympathy for the bereaved family, we earnestly pray that "even from this stony grief a Bethel may rise." —J. S. DILL.

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MISS EMMA ABBOTT, the "plucky
actress" is threatened with a suit for
disturbing public worship.

When grand juries begin to im-
peach county officers for drunken-
ness the signs are hopeful.

STANLEY, the African explorer has
advanced 780 miles since last heard
from. He is in good health.

THE L. & N. railroad has a very
able defender in the person of Mr.
Theo. Welch, general freight agent.
He is intelligent, and has the courage
of his convictions.

REV. PRESTON BROWN is our au-
thorized agent for the ALABAMA BAP-
TIST in the Tennessee River Associa-
tion. He will receive subscriptions
for the paper and receipt for the same.

SEVERAL young cigarette smokers
in Detroit, Mich., have been sent to
the insane asylum of late. Parents
wonder at the imbecility of their sons
and yet fail to see that they are
spoiling their life away by constantly
smoking.

It affords us great pleasure to re-
commend to the teachers of Alabama
The Alabama Teachers' Journal, pub-
lished in Montgomery by Prof. J. M.
Dewberry. This young brother is an
able and enthusiastic teacher, and is
laboring to raise to a higher plane
this noble profession, and teachers
can do nothing better for themselves
than to send him \$1.00 and take the
Journal for twelve months.

NO MAN ever left our State who
was more beloved according to his
acquaintance than Rev. A. C. Da-
vidson, of Marion. He has been
with us only a few years, yet he has
done a grand work. Howard boys
and Judson girls will ever remember
with sweetest pleasure this Godly man
who went among them as an angel of
love. Bro. Davidson goes to Covington
Ky., where he has been twice
called. We part with him sadly, and
bid him remember the door is open
whenever he will come back.

THE Religious Herald of the 27th
brings the startling news of the im-
prisonment of Bro. Powell in the jail
at Monterey, Mexico. He was rid-
ing in a sulky made in Monterey, but
was arrested on the charge of bring-
ing into Mexico a vehicle made some-
where else. He writes a letter fully
setting forth his grievance. We pre-
sume ere this he has been released,
and it is necessary that our Mission
Board take steps to have him procure
damages from the Mexican authori-
ties or these abuses will be repeated.
The Romanists are thoroughly aroused,
and will not scruple at anything
which they hope will retard the pro-
gress of Baptists. Bro. Powell is
brave and full of hope and faith, let
us redouble our prayers and contri-
butions.

READ THIS, YOUNG MINISTERS.

It is supposed, when a young man
asks the denomination for help to go
through college, that he will ask no
more than he can barely get through
on, that he will exhaust every drop
he has before touching a cent of the
beneficiary amount, and that he will
be so appreciative of the aid as to
practice the most rigid economy, but
various college boys have spoken to
us of certain young preachers of their
acquaintance, and said, "Why he
seems to have plenty of money to
spend, he buys more candy and nuts,
&c., than any of us." Boys, be care-
ful of your actions, lest good men
hesitate to give of their means for this
cause.

DR KELLY, a distinguished Metho-
dist divine of Tennessee, joins issue
with Dr. Candler on the theatre ques-
tion, which was raised by the sermon
of Dr. Candler and the interruption
of Emma Abbott. It promises to be a
warm discussion. Emma Abbott did
two things that Sunday—she adver-
tised herself and raised a row in the
Methodist church. We are glad to
see since our article last week that
some of the secular papers have con-
demned Miss Abbott's course.

On the fourth Sabbath in October
the senior visited Clanton and preached
for Bro. Burns, the pastor of the
Baptist church. We had good con-
gregations, both at 11 o'clock and at
night. The Clanton church has taken
a forward step. They have em-
ployed Bro. Burns for two Sabbaths
instead of one, as heretofore. This
is a move in the right direction. We
hope more of our churches will be
thus. Monthly preaching is better
than none, yet it is a starving busi-
ness. There are many of our
churches that can do better, and they
ought to do so.

IS AMERICA to lose her Sabbaths,
the sanctity of her homes and other
inalienable and sacred blessings pro-
cured by our forefathers? It really
looks like it. A minister can hardly
denounce Sabbath breakers.
Some years since, when publishing
our first paper, a communication, very
mild and kind, concerning the im-
migration meetings held on Sunday by
the Germans, was published. Only
a few days passed when an enraged
German wanted to head others in do-
ing violence. Now the news
comes that Sam Small denounced the
German Anti-Sunday League, of New
Orleans, and the Germans are threat-
ening to mob him. Americans must
be manly and keep their eyes open.

In our brethren have traveled over
this State as the junior has done this
year, and seen the great dearth of
wide awake, consecrated preachers,
their constant prayer would be for
God to send forth more laborers into
the harvest. Brethren, God has put
it into the hearts of about forty young
men to go to Howard College in order
to prepare themselves better to do
good in the ministry, now we can all
help answer our own prayers by giv-
ing our money to aid in the education
of these boys. Send your contribu-
tions to G. W. Ellis, Montgomery,
and let your prayers go up for God's
blessing upon the young preachers at
East Lake.

SOME brethren seem to make a mis-
take about the price of subscription to
the ALABAMA BAPTIST. The price is

\$1.00 and 25 cents. All reliable Bat-
tist preachers and active laymen and
sisters are invited to act as agents.
For their services we give them twenty
five per cent of all new subscrip-
tions, and twelve and a half per cent
of all renewals, that is 50 cents out of
every yearly new subscription and 25
cents out every yearly renewal. Now
if these agents desire to give their
commissions to parties in order to in-
duce them to take the paper that is
all good and well, but they must spe-
cifically state that they give them this
benefit, and the paper has one price.

THE Troy Messenger speaks of Rev.
E. A. Stone as State evangelist.
Where did he get his appointment as
such? We don't know that Mr.
Stone is responsible for that term, but
we do know that there is no such ap-
pointment by the State Board. If he
calls himself State evangelist, why
not as well say U. S. evangelist. Any
preacher can, if he choose, go and
preach to any and every church that
invites him, and this he can keep up
until churches decide he is an un-
worthy or unprofitable servant, but
such preachers have no right to give
it out that they are State evangelists.
Our Boards have often been greatly
injured by representation from self-
appointed agents. Whenever the
Board appoints an evangelist, or an
agent, or endorses one the readers of
the ALABAMA BAPTIST will be so in-
formed.

EVERYBODY READ THIS.

In a few weeks we will begin to
publish a series of letters from Rev.
W. A. Whitte, concerning his travels
in Egypt and the Holy Land. Our
desire is that a much larger number
of people read these letters than are
now taking the paper, hence we are
looking to make this proposition, to
hold good through November and De-
cember. This is, that any one of our
readers may take new subscribers at
\$1.50 a year. This proposition should
bring in 1,000 new names in a few
weeks. Who will be the first to lead
off? Every subscriber can be a spe-
cial agent, and give his neighbor the
benefit of his or her commission.

Meeting of State Mission Board
On Tuesday, Nov. 8th, in Selma, at
the Baptist church 7 p. m.

This will be the annual meeting,
and it is very important that a full at-
tendance be had. The commission
of all appointees expire on the 30th
of October. Churches wishing aid
should make application in regular
form by action of conference, giving
number of members, condition of the
church, the amount the church can
pay, and every matter of interest to
the Board. W. B. CRUMPTON,
Cor. Secretary.

COMMITTEE ON THE FORMATION OF AMERICAN BAPTIST EDU- CATION SOCIETY.

At the last meeting of the Ameri-
can Baptist Home Mission Society,
the president of that Society was in-
structed to appoint a committee of
seven, with power to increase it to
twelve, to consider the advisability of
an organization to be known as the
American Baptist Education Society.
The president, Samuel Colgate, has
appointed the following brethren as
that committee: Rev. Jesse B. Thom-
as, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev.
Justin A. Smith, D. D., Chicago, Ill.;
Prof. W. R. Harper, New Haven,
Conn.; Rev. T. T. Easton, D. D.,
Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Franklin John-
son, D. D., Cambridge, Mass.; Joshua
Levering, Esq., Baltimore, Md.; J.
B. Thresher, Esq., Dayton, O.

A WORD ABOUT RESOLUTIONS.

Brethren sometimes think strange
that we do not publish the resolutions
they send. They think we intend a
slight on them or the person concern-
ing whom the resolutions were passed.
This is not so. Every week several
sets of resolutions are received, some
about pastors who have resigned, or
members who have moved away, or
other matters. These usually have
several "whereases" and "resolved
ist, 2nd," &c., a mere form, until,
were they all published, nothing else
could be given the reader. Our cus-
tom is, usually, to state to the public
the facts set forth in said resolutions,
unless persons or churches desire to
pay for the publication of such matter
as personal reading.

IMPURITIES OF THE SEC- ULAR PRESS.

A letter, in this issue, from Bro.
Crumpton, opens a very important in-
quiry regarding newspapers; and his
criticism on the *Advertiser* is just.
The editors of the *Advertiser* are well
known to us, so far as we are in-
formed they are all Christian gentle-
men; and it was a sad surprise to see
the article to which Bro. Crumpton
refers. The said editors know that
their paper has always been our favor-
ite. State paper, and hence will not
consider a criticism from us as a cruel
attack. The patrons of the ALABAMA
BAPTIST need a good political and
newspaper published in our State,
and so long as the *Advertiser* will main-
tain its present status as a news
medium, and will exclude from its
columns such poisonous matter as the
article referred to, we are ready to
continue our commendations; but if
such mistakes are to be repeated, we
must warn our readers to beware how
they are misled by such intellectual
poison.

ATTACKS OF SECULAR PAPERS ON MINISTERS.

Many of our secular papers seem to
feel that their mission is to pick flaws
in the lives and characters of minis-
ters, and other good men, they tacitly
signify that they are the allies of Satan
and sin. Saloonists, and other un-
godly men do a thousand inconsistent
things, and often this class of papers
applaud them; but let there appear
the shadow of inconsistency on the
part of the ministry, and blood hounds
never seized more eagerly the scent of
fleeing prisoners. Why is this? Are
preachers dangerous to civilization
and to the material development of a
community. Surely none who have
common sense, and have at all ob-
served or thought, can say any such
thing. There are no class of men
who take so deep an interest in all
that pertains to build up a city or
community than the ministry. They
sacrifice their time, their money and
their health, if need be, to minister to
the necessities of those around them.
They are men who, according to their
temptations, have fewer faults than any
other profession. It is unmanly in
public journals to keep up such ac-
cuses as we have suggested. Preach-
ers need sympathy, help and words
of friendship, and Christian readers
should see that papers treat the men
of God with at least common respect,
or lose their patronage.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

President Cleveland has issued his
proclamation, designating Thursday,
the 24th of November, as a day of
thanksgiving and prayer, in view of
"the goodness and mercy of God
which has followed the American
people during all the days of the past
year." These claim their grateful
recognition and humble acknowledgment.
"To the end that we may with
for all these blessings. He requests
that all secular work and employment
be suspended, and all the people as-
semble in their accustomed places of
worship, and with prayer and songs of
praise give thanks to our Heavenly
Father for all that he has done for us,
while we humbly implore forgiveness
of our sins, and a continuance of his
mercy. Let families and kindred be
reunited on that day, and let their
affectionate remembrance, be turned
in thankfulness to the source of all
their pleasures, and giver of all that
makes the day glad and joyous, and
in the midst of our worship and our

happiness, let us remember the poor,
the needy and the unfortunate, and
by our gifts of charity and ready be-
nevolence let us increase the number
of those who, with grateful hearts,
shall join in our thanksgiving."

EUFULA ASSOCIATION.

If we had been inclined to forget
the time for the annual meeting of
this association brother Wm. Jordan's
constant invitations would have pre-
vented such a thing.

While at Howard College we learn-
ed to know and love Proctor Johns,
who often spoke of his home at Mid-
way, and during all these years we
have desired to know his friends,
hence the opportunity of such a meet-
ing was gladly embraced.

On the way we fell in with such
pleasant companions as Breth. Cham-
bliss and Hixon, of Union Springs,
and Underwood, of Brundidge. Bro.
Chambliss was cautious not to slight
a delegate, hence he gave a presiding
elder, who looked pretty baptistic,
a good Baptist grip, and we, seeing a
minute sticking out of his pocket, told
him that all first class Baptists were
sure to subscribe for the paper,
whereon we were given to understand
that our hearer was a pretty fair
Methodist and took the *Advocate*.

Reaching the church we found a
good delegation, who were just
closing some discussion of interest.
Bro. T. H. Stout, than whom no
lovelier character lives, insisted that
it was a good time for your scribe to
be heard in behalf of our paper. The
association agreed to this, and we
made a short speech, which was
strongly augmented by brethren
Stout, Hixon, Patterson, Chambliss
and others. The first three speakers
had been in Mercer University with
the senior, and in the strongest terms
endorsed him as a wise and true
brother, in whose hands the conduct
of our paper will be safe. Bro. Stout
made a good argument regarding the
difference in prices of religious and
secular papers. Bro. Chambliss
thought we should support our paper
regardless of the men connected with
it, maintain it as an indispensable in-
terest. Thought we should cease
crying down the paper, for it was
a good one, and numbered
among its contributors some of the
choicest writers of the South. Rev.
W. L. Pickard is a new man among
us, having but recently come in from
Georgia to serve the saints at Eufaula,
but he comes to be a thorough Ala-
bamian, working for all her interests,
and he bids us consider him an un-
paid agent for the paper. We ex-
pect great things from him, by the
way, the brethren and sisters of his
association are to be in the city.

Bro. Pickard is a young man, a gra-
duate of Mercer and of the Seminary,
and he captured us all as he spoke on
this interesting theme. He said it
was not brains that ruled, but culti-
vated intellect; the hog has more
brains than man; nine-tenths of our
female colleges are but brass foundries,
where girls are simply fitted for
commencement. Teach a boy that
the way to make a good preacher is
to work well his mathematics. He
loved Bro. Stout, for he it was who
baptized him. People speak of easy
places in the ministry, the country
pastorate is the easiest. There are
few men in the Seminary who have
an easy time, and they are rarely
heard from afterwards. Somebody
said Seminary boys could go where
they pleased when they graduated,
that is a mistake, they want to come
home, yearn to come South, but they
can't come, because the churches
won't invite them. He had seen an
Alabama boy sit down and weep be-
cause his home churches did not ask
him to come back. Dr. Broadus is
the greatest man of the 19th century.
You ought to have heard him speak
of Broadus and Boyce.

The moderator hoped to see the
day when every Baptist church would
have a school connected with it.
Thinks our colleges graduate babies
instead of men. His eulogy on the
Midway High School and its faculty
was calculated to arouse enthusiasm
among the students.

We can't now speak of the good
sermons and speeches that filled out
the remainder of this most pleasant
session, but will give an additional re-
port soon.
The hospitality of Midway is warm
enough to make a man wish to pay
frequent visits. Breth. Ira and Wm.
Jordan and Dr. May gave us the best
at their homes. The Midway church
is a model of neatness and comfort.
If we mistake not the ladies deserve
credit for new carpets, stoves and
chandeliers. This church has Bro.
Patterson as pastor, and he is greatly
loved. Their Sunday-school is led
by Bpl. Hendon, and in numbers and
contributions makes an irrepro-
achable show.

Rev. J. E. McClerkin spent last
summer in the Pine Barren Associa-
tion. He held some glorious meetings
at New Bethlehem, Corinth, church,
Berry, and Mount Moriah, besides
leading in a number of others. The
dear and blessed his labors. This
year is now at Howard College
and will be ready for stronger work
in summer.

past year among their ranks during the
offseason. A prayer of gratitude was
read.

Rev. J. A. Wynne submitted the
necessity of education, which urged the
necessity of a thorough education,
son Howard College, Jud-
scholastic and the Midway High
a representative Col. Hendon, of which
whereas notice will be given edu-
cated. In his speech he said an el-
derly man is better fitted to serve
good else to teach our children; a
mini wife is worth a million dollars a
who he, he could prove it by any man
that had one. It is taken for granted
Semany man who goes through the
scholastic, or any other first class
legible as a man. People talk of col-
leged preachers being fools, a col-
at a higher grade a fool, if he is a fool
sent to be some church's fool who
tion there. He believes educa-
tion to be the highest order of mission-
ary work.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton had some
good words to say about the Howard
and Judson, and then followed a pas-
sionate address on education in general,
and ministerial education especially,
by Bro. Chambliss. Dear readers, we
all know by Dr. C.'s modesty,
his articles would read well. He
thinks many children go to college
before they should, they ought to get
a better foundation from the academy.
Thinks there is danger of churches do-
ing wrong in trying to help men de-
cide whether or not they have been
called to the ministry. God will back
any man who can't quit preaching,
but if a preacher can quit, he ought to
do so. He remarked on the habit of
churches wanting to make all their
converted members preach; we need
converted men in the pew. We must
not try to make a preacher, let God
make him, and then we must try to
make a better preacher of him. He
advanced an idea worthy of thought,
and that is, that the thoroughly edu-
cated men have not been the erratic
ones, filled with vagaries. We want
educated men that they may be sim-
ple, having full confidence in God.
Ordinary men are used for ordinary
work, but extraordinary occasions
call for extraordinary men. What
would the world have done for mar-
tyrs and missionaries had it not been
for educated men, such as Paul, Ba-
ther, Melancthon, Carey, Judson,
Rice, and others, to be sufficient for
the hour. And it has taken the
learned Broadus and Boyce to save to
the Baptists the grandest Seminary of
the land. If we want a man to die
and keep dying for a thing you must
get a man who has studied. (The
old way you can get the full benefit

of the Bible.)

Every one desiring to purchase a
home near Montgomery, or elsewhere
in Alabama, would do well to corre-
spond with Hare, Pearson & McCoy,
real estate dealers, 43 1/2 Commerce
Street.

The junior left home yesterday for
a trip to the Pea River Association.
Bro. Underwood conveys him from
Troy to White Springs church, Col-
fee county. This winds up his work
with the Associations.

Renfro church was dedicated on
the 24th and Sabbath in October. Sermon
by J. J. D. Renfro, D.D. The build-
ing neatly finished and fully paid for,
is a monument to the energy and lib-
erality of the brethren, pastor, and
community.—W. Wilkes.

St. Nicholas, for November, has
come to us with its pages full of pleas-
ing and instructive illustrations. The
old anecdote of Bonaparte at the

bed is worth the price of the
book, all our booksellers have it; get
the November issue and be delighted.

We have on our table from the
American Baptist Publication Society
a copy of a beautiful book, "Mrs.
Bloodworth's Charity," written by
May F. McKean, author of several
most charming works. Write to the
Society at Philadelphia and get the
book for your library.

Bro. Crumpton's map lecture on
State Missions which he delivered at
the Harris Association presented the
subject of State Missions in a new
light. With that map he is going to
rally the Baptists of Alabama as they
never have been. We must not, we
dare not, neglect to take the new
towns of Alabama for Christ and the
Baptists.

Our columns contain a notice of
the Planter's Hotel, 102 Bibb Street.
This house is kept by Bro. C. B.
Wade, who is a member of the First
Baptist church. We have eaten at his
table, and can assure our readers of
good attention. The low price of
meals and lodging is quite an item to
those who have to travel.

Eld. W. B. Carter, of Hartselle,
writes of his call to Mt. Pleasant
chute, near Leighton. This is a
church with a noble history, the Jar-
mans, Stanleys, Bales, and other
devoted men and women have given
her a good record. She has ever given
for missions and ministerial educa-
tion. Bro. John Speer has ably ser-
ved her for years.

"The Illustrated London News," is
probably the most elaborate, as it is
the oldest of all illustrated weeklies
and is noted for its correct deline-
ations of scenes and events as they ex-
ist, and we take pleasure in recom-
mending it to our readers. The price
of the number being only ten cents,
places it within the reach of all. Ev-
ery newsdealer has it. Publication
office, Potter Building, New York,
(American Edition).

We have received from the publish-
ing house of Funk & Wagnalls, of
New-York, a singular book, named
"Letters from Heaven," it is intended
as a companion book to "Letters from
Hell." The work is full of beautiful
conceptions, and in no overdrawn
pictures, gives very logical conclu-
sions of the climax of a well spent
Christian life in this world. We do
not think any one can read it and not
be benefited. Price is only \$1.00.

Have you seen Harper's Magazine
for November? the leading magazine
of the age; its illustrations are simply
superb, and the reading contents are,
if possible, more interesting than usu-
al.

FIELD NOTES.

The senior spent a few days with us
during field week.
Cuba is still in terror over contin-
ous earthquakes. Let us pray for
Diaz and the brethren.

Our friends having goods of any
kind to purchase will save money by
sending their orders to this office.

WANTED.—A consecrated single
man as organist and singer to aid an
evangelist in revival work. Address
this paper.

Rev. J. A. White, of Brooklyn,
Ala., has removed to McKinley, Ala.,
and desires correspondents to address
him there.

So much work has crowded out a
report of the Harris Association, which
met at Hatchchubbee. It will
appear later.

The Alabama Purchasing Agency
will give personal attention to all or-
ders for merchandise. Send your or-
ders care ALABAMA BAPTIST.

In most classes of Job Printing we
can give as good work and figures as
any printing firm in the State. Bat-
tists ought to help us in this way.

Rev. J. T. Dickinson, pastor of the
First Baptist church, Orange, New
Jersey, was united in marriage to Miss
Stella DeLand, of Fairport, N. Y.,
Oct. 18th.

In the report of the Bethlehem As-
sociation by Bro. J. E. Bell, in our
issue of Oct. 20th, "brethren cannot
be excelled in hospitality," should
read "Brewton," not brethren.

Rev. G. W. Cox, of Clough's Store,
can be secured by churches who de-
sire an earnest young preacher. If
churches near him would give him
work, they would help develop a good
man.

Every one desiring to purchase a
home near Montgomery, or elsewhere
in Alabama, would do well to corre-
spond with Hare, Pearson & McCoy,
real estate dealers, 43 1/2 Commerce
Street.

The junior left home yesterday for
a trip to the Pea River Association.
Bro. Underwood conveys him from
Troy to White Springs church, Col-
fee county. This winds up his work
with the Associations.

Renfro church was dedicated on
the 24th and Sabbath in October. Sermon
by J. J. D. Renfro, D.D. The build-
ing neatly finished and fully paid for,
is a monument to the energy and lib-
erality of the brethren, pastor, and
community.—W. Wilkes.

St. Nicholas, for November, has
come to us with its pages full of pleas-
ing and instructive illustrations. The
old anecdote of Bonaparte at the

bed is worth the price of the
book, all our booksellers have it; get
the November issue and be delighted.

We have on our table from the
American Baptist Publication Society
a copy of a beautiful book, "Mrs.
Bloodworth's Charity," written by
May F. McKean, author of several
most charming works. Write to the
Society at Philadelphia and get the
book for your library.

Bro. Crumpton's map lecture on
State Missions which he delivered at
the Harris Association presented the
subject of State Missions in a new
light. With that map he is going to
rally the Baptists of Alabama as they
never have been. We must not, we
dare not, neglect to take the new
towns of Alabama for Christ and the
Baptists.

Our columns contain a notice of
the Planter's Hotel, 102 Bibb Street.
This house is kept by Bro. C. B.
Wade, who is a member of the First
Baptist church. We have eaten at his
table, and can assure our readers of
good attention. The low price of
meals and lodging is quite an item to
those who have to travel.

Eld. W. B. Carter, of Hartselle,
writes of his call to Mt. Pleasant
chute, near Leighton. This is a
church with a noble history, the Jar-
mans, Stanleys, Bales, and other
devoted men and women have given
her a good record. She has ever given
for missions and ministerial educa-
tion. Bro. John Speer has ably ser-
ved her for years.

"The Illustrated London News," is
probably the most elaborate, as it is
the oldest of all illustrated weeklies
and is noted for its correct deline-
ations of scenes and events as they ex-
ist, and we take pleasure in recom-
mending it to our readers. The price
of the number being only ten cents,
places it within the reach of all. Ev-
ery newsdealer has it. Publication
office, Potter Building, New York,
(American Edition).

We have received from the publish-
ing house of Funk & Wagnalls, of
New-York, a singular book, named
"Letters from Heaven," it is intended
as a companion book to "Letters from
Hell." The work is full of beautiful
conceptions, and in no overdrawn
pictures, gives very logical conclu-
sions of the climax of a well spent
Christian life in this world. We do
not think any one can read it and not
be benefited. Price is only \$1.00.

al. We have not space to name the
contents, but the article "Here and
there in the South," is well worth
reading, as also "The other end of
the Hemisphere." Its purchase is
money well invested. Published by
Harper & Brother, New York, and
sold at all the book stores.

We are more than gratified at re-
ceiving the following from a dear sis-
ter in Georgia. "Thanks for your
prompt attention in sending my pa-
per, I never enjoyed a number better,
it seemed like a visit from a friend. I
was born and raised in dear old Ala-
bama, and spend my summers there,
among those dear Baptists, and feel
an interest in all they say and do, but
I spend my winters in Augusta, Ga.,
and cannot afford to lose sight of
them, so send my paper. May you
have a thousand more subscribers in
1888."

The Sunday school at Sylvauga
does things in a handsome style, by
its superintendent as well as pastor.
Bro. G. S. Ham has, for eight years
been faithful in the discharge of his
duties as superintendent, during
which time he averaged a nearly at-
tendance of 48 Sabbaths out of 52.
Through his efficiency and practical-
ity, the school is said to be second to
none. He offered his resignation a
few days ago and with great reluc-
tance it was accepted. Immediately
resolutions were adopted thanking
him for his fidelity and usefulness.

On last Sunday morning at the Sun-
day school of the First Baptist church
of Montgomery, suitably feeling and
touching resolutions were passed upon
the recent death of Mrs. Martha A.
Hinkle, who had for many years been
an earnest teacher in the Sunday
school, and was noted for that emi-
nent adornment to woman's life and
character, a "meek and quiet spirit,"
by which all hearts were drawn to
her in love, she "fought a good fight,"
she "kept the faith." She has now
entered the haven of rest, from bear-
ing the cross to wearing the crown.

"Going to Texas," was what we
heard some one say of Bro. G. D.
Benton, of Crawford. It was hard to
believe such a report, but on inquiry
we learned that it was true. He has
been called to a nice little town of
1,200 inhabitants, for three-fourths of
his time. This may be better for him
to have his work more concentrated,
but our churches can ill spare such a
useful minister. We have known him
only a short while, but have learned
to love him, and part with him as we
would a brother in the flesh. May he
who directs his servants continue with
him.

The Secretary of the State Mission
Board passed through Montgomery

A close-up, horizontal view of a textured surface, possibly a book cover or endpaper. The surface is light-colored with a fine, vertical ribbed texture. A dark, irregular stain or mark is visible near the center, and there are some faint, darker spots scattered across the surface.