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TERMS CASH:

## Our Foreign Letter.

NAZARETH, November, 1887.

Dear Baptist:  
From Tiberias to Nazareth is seven hours distant. Our way lay across a rocky, hilly country. The sun was hot. The heat seemed to have positive weight. After five and a-half hours in this scorching sun, we halted for lunch at Cana. This is now a ruined village of only a few hundred inhabitants, but it is not without interest to the Christian traveler. I read in John 1:1-2: "And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there; and both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage." During

the night, one sees scores and scores of women and children, with jugs and goat skins, crowding around this spring for water.  
It is a great privilege to be here and see these things that were once so familiar to the Savior; to mingle and talk with these people who live and dress and think now just as their ancestors did in the time of Christ. It is almost like being introduced into the family, and becoming acquainted with the home life of Jesus.  
At present Nazareth has 10,000, of 12,000 inhabitants. The houses are small, ugly and ancient. The streets are narrow, crooked and filthy. When one views this aspect of the city, one is naturally reminded of Nathanael's

out of Nazareth? John 1:46.  
The English and Presbyterian churches here have missions here; the former is in a flourishing condition, but the latter is at a standstill because of some trouble with the Turkish government. The English have an orphan's home here, in which they feed, clothe and educate one hundred orphan girls; as some go out, others come in. Some of these girls are bright and beautiful. By invitation of the lady manager, I made them a ten minutes talk, and sang some for them. In turn they sang the following song, which touched me deeply:

"We are little Nazareth children,  
And our Father placed our home  
Mid the olive trees and vineyards,  
Of his earthly childhood's home.  
For the Lord, who loves the children,  
And was glad to hear their praise,  
Cares that Nazareth children know him,  
Do his will and choose his ways.  
Cares that they should keep in memory  
All that sacred life spent here;  
Try in heart to walk beside him,  
Safe and happy in his fear.  
And we know that he is coming,  
Every knee to him shall bow,  
And the joyful shout to meet him  
Shall begin to Nazareth now.  
Jesus, Savior, dwell within us;  
Make a temple of each heart,  
Pure and loving, true and holy,  
For thy service set apart."  
W. A. WHITTE.

**District Meeting.**  
The district meeting of first district of Canaan Association will be held with Salem church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1888, at 10 a. m.

Again, Luke 11:39, 40, "And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned unto Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him." (verses 51 and 52.) And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them; but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." So these valleys were spread out to these hills were lifted up to form a play ground for the royal child. Here, no doubt, he, in childish glee, played with other children, and like other children. Here he studied nature in all its loneliness and manifold variety. One who visits Nazareth can well imagine that in spring-time Jesus would pluck the rosebuds and orange blossoms and weave them into bouquets for his mother. We know he loved flowers. It was he who said: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not neither do they spin; and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Matt. 6:29.

Of course the youthful Christ would often climb to the top of the hill back behind the city.  
From here his view of the country would be something like the catechism definition of infinitude, "without bounds or limits." Looking toward the west he could see Mt. Carmel, the Mediterranean; northward he could see Mt. Hermon, where a few years later he was to meet Moses and Elias from the other world; and there he was transfused before his disciples; towards the rising sun he could see Mt. Tabor and the hills jutting up beyond the Sea of Galilee; turning from the east he could see almost as far south as Jerusalem itself. When I stood on this hill myself, and looked around me, I said: "Truly this is a great place to be 'brought up.'" Afterwards, when Christ preached in Nazareth, they that heard him "were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust him out of the city, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might cast him down, headlong. But he, passing through the midst of them, went his way." Luke 4:29, 30.

I visited the place where, tradition says, Joseph and Mary lived. It was a plain grotto hewn in the rock near the centre of the city. The "Virgin's Fountain," the only water supply these people have, is named for Mary. During all hours of the day, and far

## Reminiscences.

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Among the Baptist preachers, in my early years, I remember no had or "cranky" men. They were sound in doctrine, and fair examples in practice. I once passed by a meeting house, perhaps in Lancaster or Chester District, called "Free Will Baptist," but I never met with any of the people that I know of. "Primitives" or "Hardshells" were only heard of, and "Campbellites" were unknown. The memory of Rollins, Thomas Mason, and Campbell Stubbs is revered, as in their lives they were beloved as faithful ministers.

bro District, on the northern side of the Pee Dee. Wm. Q. Beattie, of that District, was peculiar in becoming one of the "peculiar people" of Christ. He was raised in Pennsylvania, away from large towns, and where Baptists were very scarce or unknown. As our Bro. Diaz recently did, he had to resort to the New Testament alone for Baptist doctrine. What a slim dependence! Nothing but the New Testament; no learned treatises at hand, nor well versed Baptist preacher or "walking library" to enlighten him. But so it came to pass, the New Testament, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, made him a Baptist, as it makes everybody else who follows that, and that alone, in humble simplicity of faith. It seems well that there are some white Baptists as deficient in one kind of sense as those that a negro preacher told of. When asked how it was that he and so many of his people were Baptists, he replied: "We have not sense enough to pervert the Scriptures." Bro. Beattie was highly esteemed as a minister and a Christian.

Bro. R. Napier, a young man then, I knew as a pious, devoted, intelligent preacher. Elder Joseph B. Cook was a venerable and well known minister, and the author of one or more well known hymns. John Calpepper, Jr. (son of the Member of Congress who was also a Baptist preacher), and McDaniel, (two young Boanerges), visited us from North Carolina, and did good preaching. Stanton Ste-

vens Burdett, a young minister from somewhere North, preached acceptably for our church occasionally, and assisted materially in procuring subscriptions for the new church building in Cheraw. He afterwards, I think, removed Southwest; and he was the compiler of a Baptist hymn book.

Jas. Thomas was, I believe, a native of Marlboro District. He was full of simple, energetic piety, and like several I have named, of limited education. He was a lively preacher and exhorter, zealous, unobtrusive, and very popular. "The common people heard him gladly." He was pastor, first, after his ordination, I think, and then missionary, and was in constant demand. He baptized a great many Methodists, indeed, I understood, many hundred. A story was told of his having, on one occasion, baptized a whole "class," leader and all—I think this was in Marlboro District—it was not very long till they had before them a case of discipline; and this young church, recently from Methodism, having no preacher with them, and the case in their judgment warranted exclusion, earnestly discussed the question, what to do with the delinquent. Their conclusion was, that it would be best to "put him back six months." This humane suggestion lacked but one element to make it admirably practical; the question was, "Where should they put him?"

William T. Hurd, a young man of education, raised, I think, in Charleston, or near that city, preached to us much to the satisfaction of the church a few years later. I believe he was afterwards pastor of a church in Augusta, Ga.; and my impression is that he was the author of one or more Sunday-school books.

In those days came on an occasion a visit to Cheraw my friend Alex. W. Chambliss, in the bloom and energy of his young manhood. He was of Darlington District, had been recently licensed to preach, and was full of zeal in the holy calling of his choice. A few years before this time, among the school girls attending our town Academy while I was a pupil there, was Miss Rebecca Ellerbe, whose home was a few miles from town. If there was in any way a better pupil in that large school than she, such a thought never occurred to my mind; and I cannot now think in what point she could have been excelled by any other pupil in that school. Afterwards, Bro. Chambliss made her acquaintance. In the course of time they were married, and my impression is, that he might have searched long before

he could have found her equal for a minister's wife. A few years ago, a sad letter from Bro. Chambliss informed me of the death of his wife—his companion and comforter, and by far his most valued earthly support in cross-bearing for many, many years—the model school girl of my boyhood's acquaintance.—"Shall we know each other there?" Yes, and more good will be known of some, in our Father's mansions, than we dream of here.

The reminiscences of half a century hence may tell some little of the labors and sacrifices of Bro. Chambliss and his sainted wife, and of their sons, following him in the ministry, and all so well and widely known, especially to Baptists.

**Letter from Mrs. M. F. Crawford.**  
TUNG CHOW, CHINA,  
Dec. 30th, 1887.  
Dear Brethren: Last spring I requested my nephew, Rev. L. S. Foster, of Carrollton, Miss., to pay for a year's subscription to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. In due time the paper came, but its visits are very irregular. I cannot account for this, as it was always regular when sent from Selma, and our other papers seldom fail. Would you kindly inquire into the matter at your end of the line. All the address necessary is "Mrs. T. P. Crawford, Cheloo, China, via San Francisco." Postmasters sometimes, instead of sending "via San Francisco," post them through Europe, and they are often lost. I highly appreciate the paper of my own Alabama, and am unwilling to do without it. When the subscription runs out I will try to re-inquire.

Mr. Davault's death and the return to America of Mr. and Mrs. Joiner have greatly weakened our already small band of Baptist workers here. In this, Shan Tung Province, containing twenty-nine millions of people, we have now but two men and three women. Tung Chow was occupied before the interior of China was thrown open to foreigners, when we were confined to a few open posts on the coast. Now, when we have here a native church, and a good deal of mission property it would seem un-

wise to desert the place, though often other fields are far more promising. Miss Moon has been laboring for two years at Pingtu, a city one hundred miles southwest of Tung Chow, where she has greatly won upon the people. Mr. Pruitt has also been visiting this city every spring and autumn for several years, and we deem it very desirable to have a strong mission there as soon as practicable.

The general awakening on the subject of missions—which is urging forward other denominations seems not yet to have touched our Southern Baptists. The China Inland Mission has added a hundred new laborers to its force this year. The Presbyterians have in this province alone thirty workers, and have asked for about forty more. The English Baptists and the American Congregationalists also have large missions; yet the great mass of the people are untouched. We do not realize the meaning of twenty-nine millions in a province about the size of the State of Georgia. There are other provinces just as populous, and we have missions in only three of the eighteen provinces. The law is inexorable, that he that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly. All the missionaries in Shan Tung are located in six cities; from these centers cultivating the adjacent regions. Yet how many towns, villages, nay, cities, have never yet heard the joyful sound! May God speedily arouse us to sense of our obligations, and our glorious privilege.

Yours sincerely,  
M. F. CRAWFORD.

## History of the Deed of Dedication of the Howard College Property at Marion, Ala.

Brethren: Thinking it may interest your readers, I send you for publication a copy of the deed of dedication of these buildings and grounds. The following is a history of the transaction:

In the dedication of Howard College property to the Alabama Baptist State Convention it was the purpose of Dr. W. W. Wilkerson and Mr. J. B. Lovelace to have it so done that the property could never again be encumbered with debt, or by any means have its perpetuity for college uses jeopardized.

The action of the convention at Union Springs abandoned the property and caused it to revert to them. It has been their intention since then to make such disposition of it as to accomplish the greatest amount of good.

Dr. W. W. Wilkerson stated on the floor of the convention immediately after the removal question was decided, that while they were not then prepared to say what disposition they intended to make of it, that it was their purpose that it should be used in the way it was intended when built so far as they were able, and that they would see to it that no institution should be established in the buildings that it would be inimicable to the good society of Marion or the best interests of the Judson.

In order to carry out their purposes and make the wisest disposition of the property it has required time and thought as well as test of ability to establish a school of the character desired. It now having been demonstrated that a school of high grade could be maintained, they have dedicated the property to a self-perpetuating board of trustees for educational purposes, and in such a manner as in their judgment the greatest amount of good may result from the property; and at the same time they have endeavored to keep as close to the nomination as they could, without appearing to establish what might be considered a rival interest.

To me the deed gave power to appoint six trustees. I had the deed recorded, and appointed—T. G. Balf, of Mobile; C. M. Reynolds, of Talledega Co.; B. F. Ellis, of Dallas Co.; J. B. Lovelace, W. W. Wilkerson, and J. H. Lee, of Marion.

These, with myself, now constitute the board of trustees of the Marion Military Institute. Fraternally,  
J. T. MURKIN.

State of Alabama, Perry County. Its Indenture made the 3rd of January A. D. 1888, between Wilkerson and his wife Sarah Wilkerson and Jesse B. Lovelace wife Mary A. Lovelace parties of the first part, and James T. Lee party of the second part, witness: Whereas the said W. W. Wilkerson and J. B. Lovelace heretofore and being the owners of the lots and hereinafter described and the same, which buildings are commonly called Howard College, the said parties of the first part by a deed of dedication executed to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a corporation, dedicated said lots of land and the buildings thereon for use as a college and connected therewith and for

the purpose of educating white children and for no other purpose, and the said parties of the first part, by the said deed of dedication, dedicated said lots of land and the buildings thereon to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a corporation, for use as a college and connected therewith and for no other purpose, and the said parties of the first part, by the said deed of dedication, dedicated said lots of land and the buildings thereon to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a corporation, for use as a college and connected therewith and for no other purpose, and the said parties of the first part, by the said deed of dedication, dedicated said lots of land and the buildings thereon to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a corporation, for use as a college and connected therewith and for no other purpose, and the said parties of the first part, by the said deed of dedication, dedicated said lots of land and the buildings thereon to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a 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The Senior is in North Alabama on a visit to his family.

The members of Eld. W. G. Curry's Verbera church are enlarging his house.

Rev. W. P. HARVEY, of Louisville, Ky., preached in the First church, Birmingham, on the 4th inst.

Bro. J. P. HUNTER is a helpful friend. He sends a list of renewals. How easy every preacher could do this.

Rev. J. C. HUDSON, of Birmingham, has accepted a call to the church at...

Our Greenville friends are moving things right ahead. The Aid Society of the church, seems from all reports, to make \$40 or \$50 per month.

BRETHREN Gilbert Carter and Douglass were ordained deacons of Avon Dale church on the 1st Sabbath. Elds. Holman, Purser, Faggard, and Shafter officiated.

PROHIBITIONISTS are beginning to test the constitutionality of the license laws. Each time we fight for a point we gain higher ground, and find that all just and common sense laws favor our cause.

THE Junior has made arrangements by which he can sell the patrons of the BAPTIST a piano, an organ, or a sewing machine, at good figures. Parties who can pay only \$10 per month on a purchase would do well to correspond with him. Every instrument is guaranteed. Church organs a specialty.

DR. C. C. JONES, who has been doing an extensive practice at Durham, has recently gone to New York to attend a course of lectures in order to keep himself abreast with his profession. Dr. Jones is distinguished alike for his medical skill and his zeal and effectiveness as a church worker. Should he determine to leave Durham, the community will be fortunate that secures his services.

The first number of the Seminary Bulletin has been received. It is a most attractive. Every friend of the Theological Seminary should send \$1 and get this Magazine. Drs. Manly, Broadus, Whitsett, and Sampson, will contribute articles of much value. Rev. L. O. Dawson is the Alabama editor and treasurer. Rev. J. H. Foster is president of the company. Much success to them.

MR. HARRIS, while he is not now connected with the publication of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, owns the paper, and manifests a deep interest in its success. He has often expressed a willingness to do whatever is for the best for the success of the paper. He has purchased a Campbell press which will give him more power. So now we have a new outfit, and are independent of the press firms. We do all our work in our own office. We wish it understood that Bro. Harris, while a prudent, thoughtful business man, is always ready to aid in any of our cause, and the address of our cause, and the address of our cause, and the address of our cause.

A HEATHEN official once said to a missionary on meeting him: "I have not heard your doctrine, but I have seen it. I have a servant who was a perfect devil, but since he received your doctrine he is another man, and I can now trust him." A religion that can't be seen is not genuine.

In Dr. Tupper's report of Jan. 16, 1888, he gives the amount he has received from Alabama Baptists for Foreign Missions up to date as \$2,580.94. The Board asked us for \$5,000. This leaves a balance of \$2,419.06. We have only two months in which to raise this amount. What shall we do about it? Can we give it? Certainly we can. If every pastor would move among his people at once, tell them of the need of their contributions, and of the blessedness which comes to those who lend a helping hand to the Master, the money can soon be gotten.

THE meetings in the First church here, under Elder H. M. Wharton, are progressing finely. His simple recital of Bible truths reach the hardest hearted. His songs melt icy natures where spoken truths make no impression. The details of a business like ours prevents much attendance on these meetings, but each visit is one of soul profit. Hearing him and noting the effect of his preaching has impressed us more strongly of the need of Bible preaching. And why should we ever doubt its efficiency, when God has said "my word shall not return unto me void?" Over 30 have been added to the church, and we think there will yet be many more.

SOME people look upon missionaries as adventurers, who, having their expenses paid and a living guaranteed, are willing to go to far off fields as much for seeing the world as for leading souls into the gospel light; but did we know more of the spirit that moves these men and women, and could we see the privations suffered by them, we would change our opinion. The Journal tells us of Rev. J. N. Forman, a Presbyterian missionary, whose support is provided by the students of Princeton, who lately sailed to India. Instead of taking cabin passage he took steerage, or as we say "deck" passage, so as to be able to pay the way of another missionary. Ah! reader, well may we ask "Do I make any sacrifice?"

THE Christian Inquirer is the name of a new Baptist paper which takes the place of the Baptist Weekly and the Gospel Age of New York.

The Rev. J. B. Colwell bought the Baptist Weekly and united with the Gospel Age, published by Dr. R. T. Middlefield. The Inquirer is published by an incorporated company...

Our friends of J. B. Colwell, R. T. Middlefield, Rev. R. S. McArthur, D. D., Rev. L. A. Crandall, and Rev. John Hemphre, D. D.

This is a strong company and we have no doubt they will make a good paper. May success attend their efforts. The Baptist Weekly, under the management of Dr. Patton, was a most excellent paper. We hope its successor will be a better one.

HIGH license is cried up by many people as the best way to manage the saloon business, the quickest way to reduce drunkenness. We have always contended that this high license plea was a snare and a delusion. Pennsylvania has some very stringent laws, sure enough high license, but how about getting around the law? Are the stakes high enough? Listen! Wealthy business men have formed a syndicate with \$1,000,000 to back them, to furnish bondsmen for men who desire to sell whisky. This will enable any man, be he honorable (?) or vile, to open a grocery. Prohibition, clear cut and sharp fitting, is the only sure help. Let us all plant ourselves there and fight it out on that line, believing that after awhile success will come.

## "PURSUING MEN."

While in conversation with brethren Crumpton and Skipper, the former told us of Bro. J. B. Gambrell's habit of pursuing men, as he called it, that is taking hold of a man, praying that God would help him to gain the confidence of said character and lead him to Jesus. Those best acquainted with Bro. Gambrell know something of the success that has attended his work as a "fisher of men." But we have continuously thought of that term, "pursuing men," also of the Secretary's further remark that he believed we were in the habit of giving up men and women and saying they are "hard cases" and can't be reached, long before God gives them up. There is much in this thought worthy the consideration of every child of God. Do you not now recall some unconverted persons in your acquaintance who have been by yourself and others given up? In your prayers and Christian endeavors some how or other you rather regard these parties as not being embraced in the plan of salvation, or having outlived their day of grace. May it not be presumptuous in us to say God has given up anybody? He says to us "go preach my gospel to every creature," and our business is to pursue unendingly and never give them up so long as God lets them live. Let us learn better the work of pursuing men.

## WILLIAM THE BAPTIST'S AUNT.

The American Baptist Publication Society has published a very interesting little book called "William the Baptist's Aunt," price ten cents.

The circumstances that produced this little book are about these, according to the Courier-Journal. During the progress of the late Moody meetings at Louisville, the Pedo-baptists supplied some of the inquirers with a book called "William the Baptist's Aunt," and its circulation among them was considered a good joke on the "bigotted Baptists." The laugh was on the other side a few days later, when some zealous Baptist quietly handed around a small pamphlet entitled, "William the Baptist's Aunt." We have read this little book and like it very much. If you want good Baptist doctrine in a small space, to circulate among your friends, send for it.

In another place you are told of our large press purchased by Bro. Harris, and now we tell you that the editors at their own charge have bought a small engine to run the press. This will enable us to hold open our columns at least six or ten hours later and will get the paper out on time. All matters of special moment received on Tuesday can be gotten in the paper the same week. Wednesday is given to printing, addressing and mailing the paper, so our readers, in most parts of the State, can get their copy on Thursday. We have also hired an extra type-setter so as to get more matter in the paper. All this is making our expenses greater, but we hope our friends will appreciate our efforts enough to come to our rescue. Our printing office is now on the corner of Washington and Perry streets, but the business room remains at the same place, corner Bibb and Commerce streets. And now for a greater forward move.

## CIGARETTE PICTURES AND THE GIRLS.

Mention has before been made of the demoralizing effects of the many unclean pictures that accompany packages of cigarettes. To a thoughtful mind it is evident that the boys are having scars burned into their characters which time will never efface; by gazing upon these photographs. They are carefully preserve these virtue destroying things as we would the mementoes of the departed. Who can measure the extent of corruption sown in a young boy's character by the constant meditations upon the suggestions from such pictures? But our boys are not the only ones reaping evil from that foully laid plot. A young man named to the Huntsville Independent that many girls and...

believe in missions explain their position to the glorified Redeemer, they reach the kingdom of glory. Dr. Tupper says a harder question answer is "how will those who believe in missions, and yet little or nothing to forward these, plain their conduct to our Lord?"

The Birmingham Chronicle said of the Howard boys, in a recent issue, was an argument against wing convicts which, from a human point of view, cannot be answered. "I said we had no right to degrade war by making it a punishment for crime. It seems that the Chronicle overlooked the fact that it was the commission of crime that drove Adam and Eve from Eden."

Rev. H. G. Whitley died on the foreign field; he laid down his life for the Master and the people of the Congo region. Resolutions of condolence were sent his parents in England. The grief stricken father replied that, while greatly sorrowing they would erect no monument to that far off land, but he enclosed a check of sufficient worth, the offering of the entire family, to equip another missionary and send him across the waters to step in the gap made vacant by his son, and carry on the fight.

Bro. G. A. Williams, of Gbavely Springs, Lauderdale county, Ala., writes us a letter, and says they have many good Baptists in that county. He is preaching at three points regularly, and at desolate places as opportunity presents. Thinks an improvement in church houses will soon be made. They have recently been treated to several sermons from Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, who also preached at Florence. His churches belong to the Indian Creek Association, Tennessee, but will become an Alabama Baptist next fall. We thank him for his offer to help the paper.

J. S. M. Smith is superintendent of the Baptist Sunday-school at Greenville, Ala. The list of pupils of the school enrolled is 130; average attendance about 70. The school is growing. "The prayer meetings of the church are the most interesting services we have," says Miss Long. "There the soul can best hold communion with its God, in prayer and thanksgiving." This is true; many of our church members lose a great deal by not attending their prayer meetings. Any church that has a good the prayer meeting will be a live church.

The tenth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association...

## FIELD NOTES.

Bro. Jackson Gunn writes us of a successful meeting at Grand. Greatly blesses the labors of this servant.

A sample of the Sunday-school literature of the American Baptist Publication Society for the next quarter have been received.

The 18th and 19th of April is the date for the prohibition meeting at Decatur. The chairman says they propose putting out a ticket.

Greenville is to build a \$10,000 church, and Bro. Bass, the pastor, heads the list with \$1,000. Hurrah for such a church and such a pastor.

We are informed that the Decatur church has called the Rev. John Purser as pastor. He has not as yet notified them whether he will accept or not.

The Baptist Reporter, hitherto published at Excelsior, Ga., is removed to Guerryton, in the same State. Correspondents will please note the change.

Rev. J. A. Howard, of Columbia, called upon us last week. He is everything moving along smoothly in his section. He says they soon have a railroad to his town.

We exceedingly regret to hear that Bro. A. P. Smith & Co., of Knoxville, Ala., lost their store house and entire stock of goods by fire on the night of March 2nd. There are no better men in the State than these brethren, and we hope to see them on their feet again soon.

Dr. Chambliss called on us as he passed through from his appointment at Pleasant Hill to Union Springs. He told us he expected to move his family to Furman very soon. The doctor seemed to be well pleased with his new field of labor. We trust that the Lord may bless him and his people.

We thank Rev. W. H. Patterson, of Euflava, for a list of subscribers, and the money. If every pastor in the State would thus do, we would soon swell up our list to 10,000 subscribers. What say you, brethren? Each pastor strive to send us ten subscribers. A little talk and active work will do it.

Misses A. and M. Barnes, of Pleasant Hill church, Dallas county, have brought us under many obligations by their work for the paper. We hope they will continue. They write us that the church at Pleasant Hill are delighted with Dr. Chambliss, their new pastor. "The whole town is perfectly delighted with him as far as we have heard."

Some one asks, "How will those Christians who say that they...

of Alabama will be held in Montgomery April 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th. The meeting for organization will be held on Thursday, April 12th, at 7:30 p. m. Every association, church, college or school, is requested to be represented by a delegation of their most active young men. The number of delegates is not limited. Number of delegates should be sent to the general secretary of the Montgomery Association before April 5th. Credentials will be furnished by the committee. These, signed by secretaries of associations, or pastors, where no association exist, must be presented at the Convention. Circulars regarding rates, entertainment, &c., will be issued by the Montgomery Association.

Miss Nellie Long, of Greenville, speaks encouragingly of our church at that place. The church is growing in numbers, and the membership are infused with new life, under the pastoral charge of Rev. L. D. Bass. They are considering the propriety of building a new house or repairing the old one. On this subject she says: "The erection of a new building would be a noble life work, and nothing could better express our love for Him; nothing could better tell the stranger and sinner how much Christ was honored and worshipped by the people who aided in so glorious a cause."

We have a very interesting letter from Miss Nellie Long, of Greenville, written some week's ago, and as some of the things mentioned by her have already been noticed, we give some extracts from her letter. We hope she will pardon us for condensing it, but the press of matter compels us to do so. Will be pleased to hear from her any time. In speaking of Dr. Wharton's visit to Greenville she says: "Greenville has seldom, if ever, had the pleasure of listening to a more fluent or gifted speaker, and I but express the sentiments of all, when I say that he will always be warmly welcomed by the people of Greenville. Our thanks are due to Prof. J. B. Little, President of the South Alabama Institute, for this rare literary treat. Speaking of this school, she says: "Though the opening did not gratify expectations, the school has since been steadily increasing till the pupils now enrolled number 175. New ones are daily coming in. This school with its able faculty, its superior advantages, bids fair, in the near future, to equal any in the State. The paper, the Butler Journal, is now being edited by the school boys, and the spicy articles show much talent."

A Short Note.

On the third Sunday in February, and Saturday before, I had the pleasure of meeting with our church at Society Hill, a pleasant little village in this (Macon) county. The church was organized many years ago, and in other days enjoyed the ministry of some of our best preachers. But since the war its history has been similar to that of many other churches situated at a distance from railroads. A small membership, with frequent removals, and to have a pastor only now and then; and too far from centers of influence to feel the throbs of the great Baptist heart of the State. But there have always been a faithful few—sometimes only five or six to hold up the banner, who, when they had no pastor, would do what they could to keep life in the church through the instrumentality of a Sabbath school.

I have accepted the pastorate of Society Hill church, and from a brief sojourn among the members, was impressed that they are an intelligent body of Christians, who are willing to rise up and do something in the Lord's service.

My time is now engaged, and I am praying for and expecting a prosperous year in the Master's vineyard. But there is the disadvantage that my churches are so widely scattered—Natusuga and Society Hill, in Macon; Farmville in Lee, and Antioch in Chambers. No two of them are less than twelve miles apart. Sometimes or other—but I do not know when—my country and willow churches will be pastor settled between them, and within easy reach. This could not be done by any of them, if they would only make up their minds, hearts and purses to it. It would result in a more settled and more consecrated ministry, better work, and great property for the Lord's cause.

Natusuga. E. F. BARBER.

## Monthly Reports.

Reports appear monthly in the ALABAMA BAPTIST of all money received for the Board for the various objects fostered by it. This will be interesting and profitable. Permit me in this connection, also, to call our attention to the importance of placing the ALABAMA BAPTIST in the hands of all your people. By doing so you will help the paper and every object fostered by our Board. I wish, specially, to urge that every employee of the Board circulate the ALABAMA BAPTIST on his field. To neglect this is to neglect a great and indispensable agency for good.

W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor. Sec. State Mis. Board.

## "In the Sloughs."

The following article from Dr. Lofton has the genuine ring about it, and we beg a prayerful reading for this letter. Brethren we can't afford to quarrel and make insinuations; let us "up and forward."—[Ed.]

In a letter to the Index, last week, Bro. H. D. D. Statton, of Marion, speaks in complimentary strain of his new pastorate and of his locality. He, no doubt, speaks justly; but in referring to an Index correspondent he uses the following language:

"So you see we are not exactly 'in the woods'; but, on the contrary, we are 'a city set on a hill, which cannot be hid.' If Howard College was 'in the woods,' six months ago, as one of your correspondents hinted last week, all we have to say is, that we hope it has not now got into the sloughs." The good brother further adds: "If it has, we will try to help it out with that beautiful magnanimity which misfortune lights in every Christian soul."

I do not believe in striking at Marion as a town "in the woods," nor do I believe in the insinuation that Howard College has gotten "into the sloughs." East Lake is six miles from Birmingham—a beautiful, attractive, healthy and moral locality. This suburb of Birmingham is rapidly developing in wealth and population and some of the best Christian people of the State are moving to this point for educational and religious advantages. If it were a "slough" either by despond or inquiry, it would not be likely to draw the character of population which begins to gravitate towards it; and it is evident from the morale and prosperity of Howard College, in its present locality and under its present administration, that it is not affected by any but surrounding influences. Never had such an institution a happier location, a more auspicious beginning, or a more hopeful future.

Of course, Birmingham, six miles away, has the faults and infirmities of all new and growing cities. It has its saloons, its Sabbath desecrations, its crimes, as all cities have; but it has its energy, thrift and enterprise—with the promise of unlimited outcome—in business, society, religion, education and in everything which makes a city great and influential for good. We can not judge of Birmingham and her surroundings fifty years from to-day, by her present young and vigorous features. The mature man seldom looks like the boy and the worst of boys, full of push and life, often turn out to be the greatest and mightiest of men. So Birmingham—with her score of beautiful and flourishing suburbs—has the promise of grandeur and glory in future growth and maturity. How short sighted and blind is that puerile prejudice which risks nothing for the future in the location of Howard College—already of good proportions—upon the broad and substantial foundations of that promise and outcome which her circumstances indicate and assure.

If Alabama Baptists would unite in building up Howard College, instead of dividing upon her locality, it would be a matter of no question whatever as to success. The fault of failure, if it should ever come, will not lie in the location. Our boys are doing just as well there, morally and intellectually, as anywhere. With proper support and influence, the youth of our country develops more rapidly and to grander proportions in our living and active centers than elsewhere. Macon Georgia reports about as much drunkenness and crime as any other city of its size; and yet Mercer University moves on with as grand a record for morality and discipline as she did at Penfield which was "in the woods," sure enough—and where there was not a saloon! It is not a question of locality with Alabama Baptists. For the future, at least, they have made the grandest choice which wisdom could conceive. It is a question of unity, of harmony, of co-operation. If Ephraim and Judah—if Marion and Birmingham—are going to smite each other, for the next quarter of a century, about the matter of the location of Howard College, yet for a serious retardation of progress. Marion and Birmingham now represent two ideas upon the college question among Alabama Baptists. These two ideas are crystallized, or are crystallizing, around two centers of influence. Prejudice and bitterness and alienation will color with variegated hues the crystallization going on—if we, as a great body of Christians, do not rise up in the majesty of the subject before us, and become oblivious to everything but success. Howard College has been moved; and no matter what the locality—however eligible the situation—in the mind of one half the Baptists of the State, success would be precarious, if we did not all unite to build up the institution.

Let us say that we cannot afford to divide. By the help of God, we intend to succeed; but division and alienation, at the hands of any respectable part of our denomination, is a serious obstruction to Howard College. Not only so, but it hurts in all other directions. It hurts the

Judson, it hurts our missionary enterprises, it hurts our general fellowship as brethren. Our convention is weakened; and our very churches and associations become affected. We become the prey of other institutions abroad; and we are at a disadvantage with other denominations. Let us think on these things; and whatever our private views or feelings in the matter of location and removal, let us plant ourselves upon the great democratic, Baptist principle, that we will go with the majority of our brethren. We are Christians; and deference, forbearance and forgiveness, even where we feel aggrieved, are the characteristics of those who follow the humble Nazarene. Besides this, and let me repeat it, we cannot afford to divide and stand apart, nor thrust at each other. For Christ's sake, for the good of a common cause, let us not get on the down grade, as has already been suggested of the Baptists of Alabama.

Let me say, in conclusion, that I have no idea that Bro. Statton had any animus in the statement made in the extract which heads this article. He naturally felt like defending Marion from the insinuation that she was "in the woods"; and he naturally caught up the current idea of many that, at Birmingham, Howard College might be "in the sloughs." He shows no bad spirit in this short but significant rejoinder. But, brethren, let us all quit throwing stones and mud, and let us unite upon all the interests of our State. Howard College is ours. She belongs to the Baptists of Alabama. GEO. A. LOFTON.

Talladega, Ala.

## Howard College.

Every thoughtful Baptist, in all Alabama, must have the future of Howard College prayerfully in mind. He must very earnestly desire the success of the school. We all say that we do. Heaven forbid that we should say otherwise; and not a man of us does say otherwise. Now, if we are in earnest, and how could we be hypocrites, the fruition of all we hope for is at hand. What do we need in order to success?

We need buildings and endowment. Give us these and the victory is ours. No mistake about it. How about a faculty, says one? Endowment will settle that question satisfactorily, and nothing else will. How about students, says another? Grand buildings and an able and pious faculty will settle that question. I repeat, that what we need in order to success is, buildings and endowment.

So far as the buildings are concerned, Birmingham has promised them. The State is looked to for the

endowment.

What says the State, is she ready to endow? If so, let us have the money, as soon as may be. Do you say that Birmingham is slow about the buildings, and you are not sure that she will build at all? Birmingham has promised the buildings, and I think of nothing but the fulfillment of her promise. Give yourselves no uneasiness about the buildings. The work may not be done as rapidly as was expected; but, will be done, and before long. Dr. Riley has spoken in quite a sensible and conservative manner about hinderances to the rapid execution of the Birmingham promise. I wish that I could be sure of \$250,000 endowment by the time that our buildings are completed.

Some brethren are want to say that when you have your buildings finished then you may lift up your voice for endowment, and we will give you a grand audience. Why wait all that time? Where is the wisdom of such a course? I fail to see it, and so do you. The school is open now and has a remarkable attendance. One hundred and forty-five students have been matriculated. So far as I remember, this is the strongest attendance since the war, except during the administration of Dr. Freeman. Then the Republicans had control of the State schools, and political prejudice was in favor of Christian colleges.

Yes, we have the boys and the faculty. What must we do with them? We must better define. Ah, brethren, some of us act strangely, and not wisely! We cannot afford to neglect our college. We cannot afford to allow our prejudices to control us, hindering us from acting the part of Christian soldiers. If we do, we are not broad minded nor deep hearted. I call upon you in the name of God to endow, grandly endow your college, and to do it speedily. God help you to act, and to act now. Please do not say that you do not like the location; and that if it was in a village, or in a small town, or on top of a mountain in the country, you would do this, that or the other; you know, if you will let yourself know, that such talk is worse than nonsense. The college has been located, by the denomination, at East Lake; and it must be alive there or dead everywhere.

Dear brethren, let us heartily thank God for the honorable part which he has allowed our denomination to take in the world's civilization and christianization; and, as a thank offering, let us bequeath to our children and to generations to come, a great Christian school, to exert its conserving power in the years to come, in the center of the South.

Fraternally,  
JNO. P. SHAFFER,  
Financial Secretary.

E. S.—In sending money to pay endowment notes please say what association you belong to; when you do not mention your association I may have to look over hundreds of notes to find yours.  
J. P. S.

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## Prattville.

Editor Baptist: Knowing that you feel a deep interest in missionaries, I thought it might be of interest to you and the subscribers of the Baptist to hear what we are doing in this beautiful little city of magnolias. The Little Sunbeams, a missionary society recently organized by Bro. Skipper, held its regular monthly meeting on last Sunday evening, and although the day was dark and gloomy it did not prevent the little ones turning out in full force. Bro. Skipper, who is destined to be one of the most distinguished divines of Alabama, opened the meeting, and delivered a very appropriate lecture, in which he showed the necessity of missions, both foreign and domestic; after which the roll was called, and as the name of each member was called they would carry their contributions up to the altar. Quite a number of the children told how they had earned their offerings. Some had sold chickens, others eggs, while Master Charlie Ward, the bright little son of Bro. George W. Ward, the efficient Superintendent of the Sunday school, sold his goat, which bore the distinguished name of Mexico, for seventy-five cents, and although Master Charlie was not present he sent word for his contribution to be sent to Mexico. Bro. W. R. Ledbetter and Sister S. A. Smith donated a very fine lamp to be placed in front of the church, which has been placed in position, and is very useful as well as ornamental.

Hoping that the Little Sunbeams will not stop or falter in the noble work which they are now engaged in, and wishing for the BAPTIST a happy and prosperous year, I am yours fraternally,  
SUNBEAM.

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## The Orphanage Question.

I am glad that the orphanage question is attracting attention, and that our denomination now proposes to do what should have been done long ago. I do not know what can be done, but have assurances of help from private sources that give me encouragement to believe that the matter of establishing an orphanage can be effected by some honest, earnest work. I shall be glad to hear from you generous, but nameless contributors, either through the Baptist or through private letter. The appeal in behalf of such an institution would be such as to reach almost every heart.  
E. F. RILEY.

## Will the Brethren Meet Us.

Below will be found a list of places where Missionary Rallies will be held. If any brother has a suggestion to make let him say so. We want to meet all the preachers and church workers in reach of these points. Brethren, make a sacrifice to meet us. The meetings will be a blessing to you and the churches.  
W. B. CRUMPTON.

Marion, Ala.

Meeting at Natusuga, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The following brethren are expected to take part: W. E. Lloyd, G. A. Hornady, C. C. Cloud, W. Wilkes, G. A. Lofton.

Roanoke, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 16th, 17th and 18th: Z. D. Roby, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Shaffer.

## Lectures at Howard College.

The Board of Ministerial Education wishing to resume the course of lectures before the Ministerial Students of Howard College, has selected the following brethren as lecturers for the dates stated. These instructions must be regarded as a voluntary contribution to our young brethren. The Board already taxed beyond its means, is not able to pay expenses.  
J. P. Shaffer, D.D., " " " 16.  
Hon. T. G. Bush, " " " 10.  
Hon. J. Haralson, " " " 13.

If any of the appointees cannot accept, they will please notify me at once.  
M. B. WHARTON, Pres.

That we forget the evils of the past, and are ignorant of those of the future, is a merciful provision of Providence to keep us alike from sad and bitter recollections, and from overwhelming anxieties and fears.—Tyson Edwards.



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