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Already inquiries are made as to what the programme for the present year will be, and when it will be ready, etc. The intention is to do everything possible to make this the great day of the year in all the Baptist Sunday-schools of our land. Our material is ready for delivery and will be furnished free to any school, on the single condition that, at the time named, a contribution be taken for and promptly forwarded to the American Baptist Publication Society, for the extension of its Sunday-school work, and for no other purposes.

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Send your orders at once, to C. C. Birting, D. D., Missionary Secretary, 1470 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, stating the usual attendance upon your school. Be sure to give name, *postoffice*, and *State*, *clearly written*. Your order will be filled promptly. Nearly 2,500 schools responded last year. We expect to supply double that number this year, and hope that their offerings will not fall below \$35,000.

May the blessing of God rest richly upon this effort, both upon the givers and the gifts.

B. GRIFFITH, Secretary.

East Lake.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the East Lake Land Co. recently, without a dissenting vote the Board directed that boats should not be run on the lake on Sabbath days.

This is high ground; Christian ground, and had to be assumed in the face of much popular opposition.

The friends of Howard College are much pleased with the action of the Company. This action of the company should be known by those in

terested in our college, and hence
 this notice of the fact. East Lake
 from the first, was intended as a home
 for smooth people; and, step by step,
 it is making itself a desirable place
 for residences. JNO. P. SHAFER,

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On the basis of one hundred dol-
 lars for each delegate the States are
 entitled, on the funds sent to the For-
 eign Mission Board to March 17th
 delegates, as follows: Alabama, 2;
 Arkansas, 12; Florida, 2; Georgia,

Two Cars, 56; Mississippi, 25; Missouri, 59; North Carolina, 56; South Carolina, 61; Tennessee, 20; Texas, 64; Virginia, 64; New York, 1; American Baptist Publication Society, 10.
H. A. TUPPER, Cor. Sec.

Tuskegee District Meeting.

Will be held with Loachapoka Baptist church, commencing Friday before the fifth Sabbath in April.

Friday, Introductory sermon by W. E. Lloyd, I. D.

Address by Z. D. Roby, D. D.
The Tuskegee Association, what
was, what it is and what it can be
again.

Saturday, Address, "Is it any more
the duty of ministers than of laymen
to labor for our denominational enter-
prises." Bro. Rutherford, of Society
Hill.

Address, "How can we secure the
active co-operation of our sisters in
church work?" Dr. Love, of Salem.

Address, "One of the greatest
wants of the church is better informed
deacons; how shall we have them?"
Prof. Fonville.

Address, "It is the duty of each member, in one way or another, to help the church meet its financial obligations." W. T. B. Lynch.

Address, "Why do you think St. Paul was a Baptist? Eld. E. F. Barber.

Sunday services will be arranged later.

Ministers, deacon and laymen are begged to be present and help to make the meeting a success.

J. J. CLOUD.

District Meeting.

The next district meeting of Antioch Association will convene with our home church, Chicago.

First subject: How can churches
 best promote the interest of Christ
 in the world? Led by Geo. W. Fagan and Geo. W.
 Zitterow.

Second subject: The duties of pas-
 tors to churches and churches to pas-
 tors. Led by G. A. Davis.

Third subject: The necessity of en-
 listening every Christian in the work of
 our Master. Led by E. R. Vaughan
 and Alex. Jackson.

Four subjects: The qualifications and duties of deacons. Led by T. E. Tucker.

Sermon at 11 a. m. Sunday morning by W. H. DeWitt. Suggested theme. Has the Christian sufficient means for the development of perfect Christian character and manhood? Come, brethren, well prepared for your respective duties.

S. M. TUCKER,
C. T. COOPER,
W. H. ELMORE,
Com. on Programme.

Alabama Baptist

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By some recent purchases our Job Office has now a sufficiency of type for any and all classes of work our readers may need. We will try to arrange to give work at short notice. Don't forget to help us when you can.

SEND US 500 new subscribers during April, and we can go to Richmond and learn better how to edit a Baptist paper than we now under stand. Unless considerable help along this line is given us, we don't see how we can go.

BRO. SHAFER has called you to consider a very feasible and speedy plan for endowing Howard College. Read his article carefully and then go to work to raise money to help in building these cottages. Howard College must not die. Let us away with jealousy and littleness in dealing with the Lord's work. Of course some men won't act manly, honest and fair; won't do just as we think they should do; but the cause is God's and he can manage all men, and when we would inquire as to what others are going to do let us remember the Master's words, "what is that to thee, follow thou me."

BRO. SKIPPER proposes to have his church help in raising the money needed to send our Cor. Secretary, Bro. W. B. Crumpton, to the Southern Baptist Convention at Richmond. This is right; our Secretary ought to go, contact and conference with the leading workers of the Convention will help him to be more efficient in pushing our State work. Let every church help in this matter; don't be afraid he will receive too much, he will be sure to put to good account all he gets, even if he has to pay the expenses of this editor to the same Convention.

OUR Alabama brethren are often picked up. They think the interests of other States better than those of their own. Many of them won't take their Alabama paper, which is always trying to build up her interests, but are ready to take hold of outside papers. A certain editor from another State came through and secured several readers, and when his next paper came out there was more said to injure a certain portion of Alabama than has been said by any editor that ever visited the State, so far as our knowledge extends.

BRO. SHAFER made us feel good by his note last week, telling how welcome we were to visit his home at Roanoke. He is at Birmingham, and we presume what he further says applies to brethren of that vicinity. "I hear brethren frequently of late say the paper is growing stronger and stronger with each issue as an exponent of Baptist interests in Alabama, and I say so too; God bless our paper." If all the preachers would stand by us like this good brother the Baptist would continue to grow stronger.

It was a great privation for us to lose the Messrs. Nunnalees as neighbors, but circumstances were such that they felt justified in taking the steps that they did. A week prior to their departure from the city they had bought the material of the *Evening Star* and intended publishing the *Evening Capital*, but after thoroughly canvassing the field they concluded that business in this city would not justify their attempt, so preferring to lose something on their purchase rather than lose a larger amount by an attempt at running for six months or a year, they decided to withdraw at once. These gentlemen are noble Christian workers, and we trust success may attend them in whatever else they undertake.

CORRECTION.

In Bro. Lyon's Reminiscences, No. VIII., published in our paper of April 5th, near the beginning, for "Many more in the habit of drinking to excess," &c., read, "Many were in the habit," &c. Two-thirds down the same column, for "I saw them plowing up of corn knee high," &c., read, "I saw the plowing up of corn" &c.

THE PIONEER BAPTIST PREACHERS OF NORTH ALABAMA.

Dr. G. W. Jarman, President of the Southwestern University at Jackson, desires to secure materials for the history of the pioneer Baptist preachers of north Alabama. If any of our readers have any information with regard to the birth, education, conversion, baptism, ordination, pastoral work, character and death of the following preachers, they will please send the same to Prof. G. W. Jarman, I. I. D. Jackson, Tenn.

Rev. Jeremiah Burns, Rev. Bennett Woods, Rev. Sylvanus Gibson, Rev. John L. Forney, Rev. Jesse Seale, Rev. Daniel T. Bestor, Rev. John H. Edmondson, Rev. Absalom Stovall, Rev. George D. Russell, Rev. Abner Smith, Rev. William Byrd.

FRIENDS sometimes think strangely of us because we charge for the publication of obituaries and resolutions of respect, which is, of course, the same thing. Sometimes they write, "Our county paper made no charge." "Your paper is the paper only for one county, and would not, possibly, be burdened by many such requests, while ours is the organ of the entire State, and only newspaper men know with what ease one could run an obituary paper, if he were rich enough. It is usually easy enough to raise the small amount needed to pay for these things, if one will take the trouble on himself."

WHISKY SELLING ON THE ALABAMA RIVER.

A few years since the good citizens of Wilcox county determined to break up whisky selling on the river as the boats passed through their county. Several Bills were found against passenger and trading boats. So healthy was the moral sentiment of the judge, jury and solicitor that the violators were fined, and made to promise in open court to cease that traffic at least in the bounds of said county. Now the same prohibition law that holds in Wilcox county is equally binding in Dallas, Lowndes and Montgomery counties. It is true some of the boats have discarded bars altogether, but those that still retain them make very little effort to conceal their make Parties who travel by boat during the week or on the Sabbath, as many are compelled sometimes to do, can verify what we say. These steamboat bars are doing all they can to break down the temperance sentiment in Alabama, and it becomes our Christian and temperance people to make their protests against such deeds known. If people would have the manhood to testify against evil doers, as is the duty of all good citizens, evil would not so boldly go moving on.

Wise Suggestion.

Messrs. Editors: I am in receipt of a letter from a distinguished brother, suggesting that the Baptists of the several States South, hold "primary elections" for President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and that we call a "nominating convention" to settle on a candidate for Dr. Mell's successor. Really it seems to me to be the shortest way out of the perplexities of that difficult problem. What have you to say to it?

Very respectfully,

J. J. D. RENFROE.

Alabama don't need a nominating convention. She is solid for Judge Jonathan Haralson.—Ed.

Alabama and the Home Board.

Eds. Ala. Baptist: Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to ask the Baptists of Alabama to do several things for their Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta?

1. Let every church that has not taken a collection for this Board of the Convention do so at once, and let the churches which have taken collections which fell below their quotas try again.

2. Let all money for the Board be forwarded in time to reach A. D. Adair, our efficient Treasurer, on or before the 30th day of April, as his books for the Conventional year close on that day, and funds sent after that will be too late to go in this year's report.

3. Let the Sunday-schools generally take the Kind Words Series of Sunday-school papers and Lesson Helps which the Southern Baptist Convention ordered our Board to prepare, which are equal (if not superior) to any others, in every issue of which the Board is peculiarly interested, and which our Southern schools ought to sustain because they are our own.

J. Wm. Jones, Asst. Sec. Home Miss. Board S. B. C.

Rev. A. C. Dixon, pastor of Immanuel Street church, Baltimore is giving his people some strong preaching concerning Roman Catholicism.

FIELD NOTES.

Bro. Murphy, your words and cash did us good.

S. E. Loftin, of Kingston, N. C., sends renewal and good words.

Is your pastor going to the Southern Baptist Convention? If not, why not?

Bro. J. F. Bruner appreciates our efforts and comes to our rescue. Thank you.

A letter from Eld. Lofton, of Garden, has cast a silver lining over our cloudy way.

The First Baptist church of Chattanooga is building a stone house to cost \$60,000.

Bro. Cowles, we are coming to see you at Alexander City ere long. Your favor fully appreciated.

Eld. W. C. Bledsoe, the wide awake bishop of LaFayette, helps us by a list of renewals from his church.

Oh! these hard times, how we wish people could see the importance of paying their subscriptions promptly.

You will find the first page full of interest; read every article. Now, there is real soul food on the fourth page.

Bro. Catt Smith has our best bow for the aid he has just given us. Will be glad to meet him at Jacksonville if we can.

Eld. Mit McCord had a good time at Ebenezer last meeting. He received a noble sister, Mrs. Prichard, for baptism.

The senior writes from his mountain home that they have had much rain up there. He ought to have seen our river.

Rev. H. M. Wharton is holding a meeting with pastor McDonald, of the Second church. A growing interest is reported.

Alabama is entitled to 29 delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention on funds sent to the Foreign Mission Board to March 17th.

An anonymous writer has sent us an obituary from Eden, but, fails to send money for its publication. Send us your name and stamps.

Dr. Manley, and the other able men who are writing for the Kind Words Series, are making them quite popular among the people.

A note from Bro. S. D. Andrews, of Newtow Academy, brings five dollars. This dear brother has been quite sick. Happy to hear of his improvement.

Eld. W. D. Hubbard comes to our help with money for new subscribers and a renewal at Blockton. He thinks the outlook is good for our cause there.

Dr. Frost is correct when he says, referring to the John A. Broadus Professorship, "I believe in honoring our great and good men while they are yet with us."

Dr. Lee, a valuable Christian gentleman, editor of the *Evergreen Star*, is announced for the Legislature. No better man can be found in that county than Dr. Lee.

Prof. Jas. D. Dickson was, on last Sabbath, united in marriage to Miss Jessie J. Thomas. Both of Alexander City. May God's brightest blessings attend their way.

How happy we would be if every delinquent would do as Bro. P. Crenshaw, of Marvin, has done, send \$5 to pay a year back and two ahead. Help us to the extent of your ability.

A brother sends money and says, this is for a paper I hardly ever see; stop my paper. If brethren would read the paper more there would be so many demands for us to drop.

The *Record* says Bro. John Purser has become pastor at Decatur. Mistake, brother, bishop Purser is still holding the fort at Troy, and building one of the best churches in the South.

Rev. Z. A. Parker is a Methodist preacher, and an esteemed friend of ours, and writing a personal letter he says of the BAPTIST: "I think it one of the best religious papers in the South."

The present session of the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., will close early in May. Churches that want pastors may be able to secure them by writing to Prof. W. H. Whitsett, D. D., Louisville, Ky.

Rev. A. S. Worrell has been quite ill at his home in Paris, Texas. He wishes the prayers of his old friends for his recovery. Many of our readers know Bro. Worrell. We humbly pray that his life may be spared.

Col. James Stanley, of the *Greenview Advocate*, made us a pleasant call last week. Bro. Stanley is a candidate for Secretary of State. He is in every way qualified for the office, and is worthy such a gift by the people.

Sister E. J. Watson, of Furman, sending her renewal, says: "I have been a constant reader of your paper and find it better every year. May God bless you and the BAPTIST, Howard College, and the dear old Judson, too."

A letter from Eld. W. B. Carter, of Hartwell, tells of the improvement of the Mt. Pleasant church at Leighton. Grand people and happy pastor. He says God bless the BAPTIST, and sends his benediction with a new subscription.

The friends of Hon. T. J. Carlisle, of Brundidge, announce him as a candidate for State Superintendent of Education. He is an ex-teacher of experience, and is a worthy Christian gentleman. No doubt his strength will be considerable.

W. D. Powell, our missionary in Mexico, says he visits four churches and some mission stations, which are 250 miles from his home, once a month. It is their only chance for preaching. Surely we need more missionaries in Mexico.

Chung Yong, a Chinaman, was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist church, Augusta, Ga., a short time since. He is said to be "the first of his race in the State, possibly in the South, to come out and ally himself with the Christian religion."

A good sister from Huntsville tells of their late meeting, but as we had already one in type from the same place had to decline publishing. Thank you, all the same, sister. Can't you send us a large club of subscribers? Huntsville gets only a few papers each week.

Rev. H. A. Tupper, Jr., of Louisville, Ky., has been engaged to preach of meetings with Dr. Hawthorne's church, Atlanta, for several weeks. Up to the first Sunday in this month 102 have professed conversion and 61 additions to the church, 13 by letter and 48 by baptism.

The Pearl of Days for April is laden with many precious gems calling attention to the proper observance of the Sabbath. Christian people more and more are having their minds and hearts turned to this subject. Ten cents sent to Wilbur B. Ketcham, N. Y., will get a sample copy.

"Bro. Hare, I am a candid man, and if I had made such promises to help you as have some brethren, I would fulfill my promise better than some are doing." This, in substance, is what a good brother said to us in speaking of the opposition a certain friend was showing for the paper.

A brother writes that in getting subscribers for us he has to meet the opposition from an Alabama preacher who is agent for a paper in another State. The only way to meet this is to impress that as Alabama Baptists our State pride should make us support a home paper. We have in some way to inspire our people to believe in and love our interests.

Bro. C. T. Cooper is a live deacon from Pushmataha. He sends quite a large list of Baptists that ought to be taking the paper. It is a wonder to him how Baptists can be without it.

Bro. DeWitt induced him to try it, and he would not do without it, and he loves the preacher more. It is his heart. Elders DeWitt and Freeman have monthly appointments at his church.

The *Index* says: "A gentleman assures us that two thirds of the patronage extended to DeGives Opera House, Atlanta, Ga., comes from members of the various churches." If it is so, whose fault is it? There must be a failure upon the part of the ministry and churches to take a decided stand against Christians visiting such places. The discipline of the churches is too lax.

When Bro. E. C. Milner, of Georgia, died the people of the entire community were bereaved. It was a common loss felt by all. His brethren of the Masonic Lodge passed commendable resolutions concerning him who had stood in so lofty a position with them while living. It was Bro. Milner who so kindly introduced us to the brethren and citizens of that town during our late visit there.

The Supreme Court of the United States has recently decided that one State cannot forbid or prevent the importation of intoxicating liquors through its borders. This may be good law, but we don't believe it. How about diseased Texas cattle, cannot one State prevent them being brought into its borders, on the ground that they bring disease with them. Intoxicating liquors are worse than diseased cattle.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor and Bro. Diaz, of Cuba, spent last Saturday and Sunday at the home of the Baptist small company, enjoyed their talks about the work. They need a new church in keeping with the character of the public buildings of Havana, and their object is to raise \$50,000 from the Southern States for this work. Sunday at 11 o'clock these brethren preached to a full house and spoke on this subject. The amount of contributions is not known.

Here comes Bro. J. A. Glenn, from Asheville again, a list of new names and renewals he bears, and says his people all appreciate the paper very much when they begin to read it. Springville church is encouraged. Her debts are discharged and house painted inside and out, Sunday-school and congregation good. Two candidates approved for baptism.

Church and pastor feel that the signs are good. Brethren and sisters all ways ready to co-operate with the pastor. Springville has a young brother who has decided to give one-tenth of his income to the Lord. We venture to say that the Lord has great things in store for Bro. Glenn's churches this year. Mark the prediction.

T. B. CRAIGHEAD.

Tallassee will entertain the Tallapoosa River Association on the fifth Sabbath, commencing Friday before. W. G. Gregory will preach the introductory sermon. W. G. Gregory and T. B. Pruett will tell what kind of preaching and preachers the churches need. Breth. J. D. Uphaw, J. M. Woods, and others, will show what gospel discipline is, and how to enforce it accordingly. W. H. Booth, J. H. Norton, E. F. Baber, and others, will show how the good of the human family can be promoted by any or all of her members belonging to a secret organization. Sunday-school address by Bro. Vicas, 3 p. m., lecture, "David and Absalom," by Maj. J. G. Harris. Everybody is invited.

Presbyterians are changing ground on the question of baptism. Not many years ago none of their ministers would immerse a candidate for baptism. Now some of their most prominent ministers will immerse rather than lose a member. Dr. Talmage, perhaps the most prominent Presbyterian minister in the United States has a baptistry in his church in Brooklyn where people are immersed.

The *Western Recorder* says: "We have reliable information that a Presbyterian minister in Kentucky did, not long ago, immerse a prominent Judge secretly." It also says: "Dr. McKee immersed some parties in Louisville not many years ago." If immersion is not scriptural why do Presbyterian churches receive immersed members from other denominations upon their baptism?

Mission work is the glory of our century. It needs greatly to be increased. How can means be obtained to do this? Let all of our ministers practice the two practice plan. Let all of us practice taking our congregations with us to heaven, so that our people can see the heathen in their ruinous superstitions, and also see them after they have put on Christ. Then let us practice personal effort throughout our churches to enlarge our mission offering for the salvation of men and the glory of God, and in many cases our offering will be more than doubled. We speak from experience. This practice costs work, but we need to work. God's plans will surely prevail, but may we not deny ourselves great happiness by failing to do what God earnestly wishes us to do? When our churches see they will respond.—W. L. Pickard, Eufaula.

Trip Notes.

That there is a "don't care" disposition among many church members is apparent to all, but the sacrifices of the pure in heart shine the brighter for it. There are a thousand influences to keep down Christian hope and courage, but the meek spirits we meet sometimes, who love to talk and hear of Zion, give a silver lining to the cloud. How precious is that faith which manifests itself by love and good works!

If ever any of our readers are detained at Pike Roads, on the Montgomery & Eufaula railroad by an accident or a washout, for they will hardly stop there, otherwise they must go to see the two bears kept chained at the station, and put up with Bro. Dennis, who keeps the hotel. He and Bro. Blackman are about the only Baptist standard bearers for miles around.

They took your representative up at Union Springs as if he were a very important person, and helped him work for new subscribers. Meeting men like the Pierces, the Eleys, and brethren Slaughter and Beverly is a joy and comfort. The pastor elect, young Bro. Foster of the Seminary, is to take charge in June. May the Lord consecrate him.

Midway was the terminus of the Montgomery & Eufaula railroad when I arrived there Thursday. Two passenger trains presently were awaiting orders, and knots of passengers, devising plans to get out of the "box" they were in.

The prayer meeting at night was well attended, and conducted by Col. Hendon. By the bye, he is the principal of the Midway Baptist High School. He is brim full of an enthusiasm in his work, and if the Baptist parents of Southeast Alabama, in particular, are wise they will inquire about his school. For a sign-board he has an hundred or more scholars and a wife who would make a good principal herself. Your field agent got out of the "box" at Midway by going across the country in a buggy to Clayton. He met here his old school-mate, Seth Mabry, who, with others, gave him a right royal reception. The church is strong in the quality of its membership, if not in money, and is sorely in need of a consecrated pastor. I am astonished that men like brethren Foster, Davis, Perkins and Borders have not gone to work to build a new meeting house. And why shouldn't they have regular preaching if they will with their might to have it. Rev. C. M. Thompson has declined their call.

Rev. A. B. McCarty, of Cape May, New Jersey, is now looked to fill this pastorate.

At this writing I am nine miles from the nearest railroad, at the town of Louisville. To-morrow I shall be off for Ozark with praises and thanksgiving for the fellowship of the saints whom I have left behind.

T. B. CRAIGHEAD.

The Laymen's Missionary Work.

Eds. Ala. Baptist: Some weeks ago at the suggestion of Bro. W. B. Crumpton, our Secretary, I consented to undertake the organization of the laymen's missionary work in this State. I did not do this without serious consideration and earnest prayer, and I now feel that I can enter upon it with joy and confident assurance that my humble efforts will be appreciated by my brethren and blessed of God, to the glory of his name and the extension of his kingdom.

I believe with all my heart that when God has a work to do, and finds a willing hearted servant to undertake its performance there can be no failure. I believe further, that in order to do the work in the best way and the shortest time, there should be consecration of heart and service and substance. That is the true scriptural idea of devotedness to God, and that is what we want in the beginning.

When David was gathering gold, silver, precious stones, brass and iron for the house of God, the people rejoiced, "because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the Lord; and David, the king, also rejoiced with great joy."

I suggest that we have a week of prayer and consecration beginning Sunday, the 22d of this month, with a missionary sermon, and continue the services every night through the week, up to and including Friday night, observing the following programme, or one similar, as may be most convenient to the particular congregation, to-wit:

Sunday, April 22, missionary sermon, followed by general collection.

Sunday and Monday nights, Music, Reading of appropriate Scripture and short talks on Foreign Mission Work (assigning portions of the field to separate speakers beforehand) followed by collection.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights, Home Missions, assigned same way.

Thursday and Friday nights, State Missions, each meeting to be followed by collections for the respective missions named.

On Saturday after the meetings have closed remit the money to Bro. Crumpton, our Secretary at Marion, so that it can be incorporated in his report of our work to the Southern Baptist Convention. Let every Baptist church in Alabama observe this week of consecrated giving and praying, and where there is no church let every neighborhood family and individual observe it, and when the result is known we can say with David in his thanksgiving, "Now therefore, our God, we thank thee and praise thy glorious name."

Now, dear brethren, I can say with all sincerity, "As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart," I have offered these suggestions, and the success of the plan depends upon you. God has done and will do his part. Will you do yours? May God help and bless you.

Yours in the work,
G. R. FARNHAM,
Evergreen, Ala., April 7th.

What Must Be Done?

Last year the Foreign Mission Board was criticised because of the vigorous efforts it was compelled to put forth, near the close of the conventional year, to raise money to meet the deficits of the churches in the support of their missionaries. The money necessary to meet the obligations of the Board to the missionaries had been secured by loans from the banks, and it was absolutely necessary for the Corresponding Secretary to spend several weeks among the churches in several States, urging large general collections and securing large individual gifts in order that the debt thus incurred could be met. All felt that it was an emergency which called forth these extra efforts, and while many responded promptly and liberally to the appeals of this officer of the Board, all hoped that such pressing appeals would not soon have to be repeated, and none cherished this hope more sincerely than Dr. Tupper himself.

But we are nearing the close of another conventional year, and while the Board is not as heavily burdened as it was last year, there is still a heavy burden on it. Up to March 17th, when the accounts for the Journal closed, only \$58,499.33 of the \$100,000 asked and needed by the Board for the current year had been received, and since that date the receipts have been small. What must the Board do? Do the churches say that there must be no special canvassing of them this year? Then, will the churches send up the necessary funds? If they fail what must the Board do? The time is short, and the responses to the efforts of last year must be put forth again. Up to date, March 26th, the deficits of the States are: Alabama, \$18,845 71; Arkansas, \$26,902 90; Florida, \$6,644 32; Georgia, \$29,832 82; Kentucky, \$6,838 60; Louisiana, \$6,660 55; Maryland, \$3,322 07; Mississippi, \$5,448 28; Missouri, \$2,071 77; North Carolina, \$2,353 47; South Carolina, \$18,271 16; Tennessee, \$29,144 39; Texas, \$5,537 71; Virginia, \$5,074 03; West Virginia, \$1,538 38.

These deficits ought to be met before April 30th, on which day the books are closed, May the Lord move his servants to do liberal things for his cause.

P. BELL,
Richmond, Va., Mar. 26, '88.

Christian living and Christian character without Christ are impossibilities; with Christ they have been a reality, before which the world has ever offered the homage of its admiration and respect.

Our Seminary Letter.

Dear Brethren: I think that I would have written sooner, but I have had bad health recently, so much so that I went to the country for several days to recuperate; I returned much better.

We are having fine weather and fine health. We all seem to be enjoying good health and are working accordingly. Our beloved and appreciated Dr. Broadus, who has been sick recently, is again discharging his duties very acceptably. His lecture the other morning in the homiletics class was very fine. His subject was "The preacher's private life."

Among other good things he said was this, "What a man is will always be more important than what he knows or what he has. What a power is his character!"

We are moving on smoothly and nicely in our "magnificent quarters."

Let us thank God and take courage for the rich and continued blessings upon the Seminary. God be praised for such a grand, such a noble man as Dr. Boyce! Dr. Boyce is, I think, one of the shining lights of the age. He is no less a God loving, a God-serving man; a true man in the full meaning of the word. Look at his labors, and see what he has done for the Seminary; he that hath eyes, let him only open them to see what he is doing for the Seminary at present!

Many of the brethren leave the city every Saturday to preach on Sunday; some Sundays it seems that nearly one half of them are absent. The remaining half are engaged every afternoon in mission work. We shall elect a superintendent (one of the "boys") for our "Boarding Hall" to-morrow. The one elected will serve next year.

Dr. T. T. Eaton took supper with us last night; he told us some of his experience, and presented to the students the original copy, nicely framed, of Spurgeon's reason for withdrawing from the "Baptist Union" of England.

We always appreciate Dr. Eaton's visits.

Dr. Bagby and Bro. French, (a former student,) both of this State, came in just before prayers. Dr. Bagby said, as he looked up at our new building, "Three cheers for Dr. Boyce."

Before closing let me give you another sentence, which struck me with much force, from Dr. Broadus' lecture the other day: "There is always a higher life; the day a man ceases trying to become better he ought to die, or the day before."

I may have something to say about our other professors in my next letter.

A. E. PINCKARD.

Brethren of Coosa River Association.

Having been requested to write you concerning our Ministers' and Deacons' meeting which will be held at Jacksonville to embrace the fifth Sabbath in this month. I do so with great pleasure, and with the confident feeling that you will miss some good things by failing to attend. I know of no stronger argument to present for your consideration, than the spirit and contents of a letter addressed to myself, and signed by a layman, from Oxford, which I insert here:—(The gist of this letter is a complaint that all new men in the association were placed on the programme for the past Ministers' and Deacons' meeting and that the committee appointed themselves &c. The writer is afraid a break will occur. Bro. Smith is right.—Ed.)

Now, brethren, this letter explains itself, and to my mind is the strongest argument in favor of our coming together, and talking together, until we shall know each other better, and until we shall become a help to each other. Our question box will serve a good purpose in bringing us close to gether. Let us all make free use of it to God's glory.

We want all the preachers, deacons and lay members that will, to come to Jacksonville. You will find a good Christian home to live in while there, and everything will be conducted so as to make you feel pleasant. Brethren come, won't you?

CATT. SMITH.

Little Joseph Fortune.

At the age of twelve years, after a painful illness of ten days, at his father's home, J. M. Fortune, near Pleasant Hill in this State, this youth of no ordinary promise, on the 14th inst., passed triumphantly to his early and final reward. He wanted to say but was willing to go. At the age of 6, in answer to prayer, his loved ones felt he was restored from a dangerous spell of eight weeks suffering. Fourteen days before his death he was happily converted, leaving this grateful testimony to comfort the smitten hearts. When six years of age, of his own accord, out of his own little private fund, procured in picking cotton, he contributed \$3 to the building of the brick church in Ft. Deposit, where his father was the pastor. Two years ago, after hearing an appeal for Howard College, he contributed, unsolicited \$5 to the endowment fund. Intellectually and morally he was splendidly endowed. His purposes were noble; his inspirations high; he laid up treasures in bags that wax not old. The Lord comfort the smitten hearts of the broken circle.

G. S. A.

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