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Prohibition and its Relation to other Questions.

The following editorial, from the *Alabama Advocate*, so nearly expresses our sentiments that we publish it in full. Its exhortation to the Methodists is equally applicable to Baptists.

"It is safe to say that the Methodist Church, South, is solid, not only for temperance, but for prohibition. We do not mean that it is solid for the prohibition party. On the contrary, we believe that the thoughtful men of the church, the men of cool heads, whose judgment is sound enough not to be warped and misled by something that, under the guise of reform, conceals grave dangers, are solid against any third party movement. The Methodist Church, South, has always refused, as a church, to take part in politics, and one element of her strength has been that, amid the wildest storms of political excitement, her pulpit has sounded out a pure gospel, unmixed with party politics. It is no time now to surrender this crowning glory of her past history. What the world wants and expects from the church is a pure gospel. What it demands is that she be true to her God-given commission, and leave political questions to political parties.

Prohibition is a great moral question which comes legitimately within the sphere of her work, and the pulpit has given no uncertain sound on this question. But when political hucksters seize upon this vital question as a stepping stone to office, when political parties, to advance their own ends, sugar coat their objectionable tenets with prohibition, when the effort is made to smuggle in woman's suffrage and other evils under the covering of prohibition, and when zealous, good men, are misled into the belief that they are bound to stand by everything that professes a worthy aim, it is time for the religious press to speak out, and we write this to warn the brethren of the ministry to beware of political entanglements, and to let all third party movements alone. There are several reasons for this advice. In the first place, to weld prohibition on to political measures, and to identify it with any political party, is the surest way to defeat it. Men have learned, like the Trojans of old, to fear the Greeks, even bearing gifts." The men who vote are too much accustomed to the tricks of office seekers to be humbugged by their loud professions of zeal for temperance. And just so long as prohibition listens to the wooing of political parties, so long will it fail.

But another and better reason is, that the good results to be accomplished by prohibition are more than counterbalanced by the evils that will result from converting the pulpit into hustings, and the church of God into a political party. The church has a higher mission in this world than the discussion of political issues. She stands related to universal humanity, and must keep herself where she can reach all parties and bless all classes. It is hers to move on a higher plane than political partisanship and to soothe, not stir, the wild passions of men. We set it down as a fixed principle, that no minister can identify himself officially with any political party or issue without sacrificing his usefulness in proportion to his political zeal. Of course, as a citizen, he has a right to hold and express political opinions at the polls and elsewhere. The less active he is, as a man merely, in politics, the better for his ministry. But when he identifies himself officially with any political party or measure, when he uses his pulpit as a position from which to promulgate the gospel of party politics, he degrades his ministry and breaks down his usefulness. That a strong pressure should be brought to bear upon him to this end, is natural and to be expected. But with the good of the church, the glory of God and the elevation of the race at heart, we earnestly exhort the brethren not to be beguiled by it. Stick to your business, and let political aspirants climb into office by some other means, rather than on the ruins of your usefulness. Even prohibition may be bought at too high a price, if it costs the usefulness of the ministry and the purity of the church. Christ said, "My kingdom is not of this world." Simply because a party platform has some good in it, it is no reason why you should swallow it, if it is combined with grave evils. Sick to the gospel, brethren, and let politics and parties alone.

There is not a weakness, there is not a sorrow, there is not a grievance, for which the love of God, as seen in the life and death of Christ, does not offer some remedy.—Dean Stanley.

"Shine, like the sun, in every corner."

Trip Notes.

THE SELMA ASSOCIATION.

At Old Town was one of the most enjoyable meetings I have attended in a long while. It was held in one of the best communities in the State. I expect they have the largest church house in the state outside the cities. It was built in the times when people had fine carriages and came long distances to church, and when the negroes had part of the house assigned them. In those days the country churches seldom had Sunday-schools, often they were opposed to them. Nothing was more common than for families to go ten or twelve miles to preaching, especially during the protracted meeting season. But the olden times, with all their glory, have passed away. In the old graveyard near the church the remains of some fine people lie ever last.

While the congregations are smaller, and the list of members is cut down by deaths and removals, there is a good church here yet, with a live Sunday school and Bro. J. M. Fortune as the loving pastor. The introductory sermon by Bro. Sidney Catts was an earnest exhortation to work for Christ and be more consecrated to his service.

Brother Curry, Anderson, Chambliss, B. H. Crumpton, and the writer were the visiting preachers present. Every interest of the denomination received proper attention. There seemed no disposition on the part of the delegates to get away. Three days were given to the work. I have seldom heard better speeches. The churches of the association are getting up an enthusiasm over their work, the young men are taking an interest, and only one thing is needed to make this the banner association. If it was the Selma pastor could attend, and if the Selma church would send more of their working members, it would add greatly to the interest of the meetings.

ORDAINED DEACONS.

I went across the Cahaba river into east Perry and assisted Bro. Bradley in the ordination of deacons at Pine Flat church. Two earnest men were set apart to this office. All the churches in Alabama could have such deacons, as these brethren will make the problem of our future in Alabama would be soon solved. If deacons who are doing nothing would resign and help the church in the choice of men who are willing to work, and then if they were started right in the work, we would see an immediate change for the better. The indifference way in which deacons are generally treated is the cause of their inefficiency. An old brother once told me he had helped in the ordination of near a hundred deacons and had never taken more than ten minutes to finish the work. Whenever the ordination is rushed through with in that style both the church and the deacon is impressed with the idea that the office is of no moment at all. I beg the brethren who are called to the ordination of deacons to study well what is said in the New Testament of the qualifications for the office, and faithfully counsel the brethren. The Scripture is very plain and anybody can talk for one hour about it. Every preacher ought to have a sermon on the subject, and preach it first to the deacons in his own churches and keep it up on future occasions.

Rev. T. M. Bradley, the pastor of Pine Flat church, is a noble fellow in a field where he is greatly loved and is very useful. To be a number one preacher he needs only one thing, and from what I could hear he was likely to supply that need before very long.

THE CONEUCH ASSOCIATION.

This is a new association formed along the Montgomery & Mobile railroad from Greenville to Brewton. We had a delightful session at Georgiana. The Baptists there are led by Bro. Waite, and he has the support of Bro. Bell and other ministers who live in the community. When they get their large house they contemplate building, they will be well fixed, with a good preacher, a choir equal to the best, a strong church, a fine Sunday-school, all in a healthy town, and a splendid day school presided over by Prof. J. M. Thigpen. What more do they need to make them happy? Brethren Riley, Anderson, Plaster, Fortune and the scribe were visiting preachers. Brethren Bass, Bell, Taylor, Sims, Waite, B. H. Crumpton, and maybe others, make a strong ministerial force in the association. Then they have a talented laity who stand ready to aid the preachers. Bro. Farnham, president of the laymen's association, is a member of this body. At each of these associations the subject of missions was made prominent and all the time given the secretary he wished, and after the missionary sermon, as should always be the case, good collections were taken for missions.

THE SCHOOLS.

This association is blessed with good schools. At probably half a dozen points they have first class institutions, and most, if not all of them, presided over by Baptists. If our Baptist people would patronize them and their children are ready to send away, and then send them to finish at our denominational schools, it would be best for the child and the denomination. But here, as elsewhere, I found and heard of Baptist parents who were getting their girls ready to send out of the state, and in some instances to Pseudo-baptist schools. Surely our people do not know what we have at the Judson. When Dr. Averett's name was read in the minutes of the association as representing

"The Judson" I suggested to amend by adding "Female Institute of Marion, Ala." A brother remarked, "Surely there is no Baptist in Alabama who does not know where the Judson is." And the response came from a knowing brother present: "About 25,000 Baptists in the State never heard of the name." Brethren, it is so, and you have no idea the number of intelligent Baptists who look on it as a sort of second or third rate school. I make bold to say a finer school for girls cannot be found in the South, and I very much doubt its being found anywhere. The surroundings in the school and in the town are everything a parent could wish for his daughter. I live in the town. Every day when I am at home, I pass the school, frequently visit it sometimes take a meal, often attend the public receptions, and I can with all my heart recommend it to parents who wish to send their girls away from home to school. With present schedules Marion is easy of access, having four trains daily—only four hours' run from Montgomery. As to prices: I was appointed on a committee to examine the charges and compare with other schools. We found the Judson as low, and in most cases lower in its charges than any other school of the same grade. The health of the town is equal to any in Alabama. Finally, it is owned and controlled by Baptists, the school belonging to the convention.

The night after I left Georgiana there was to be a mass-meeting in behalf of education, at which Drs. Riley, Averett and others were to speak.

AUGUST ASSOCIATIONS.

There are three of these. If the brethren wish to put their associations at a time when the people have most leisure to attend and when they are most likely to have the presence and assistance of visiting preachers, July and August is the best time. As it is our associations are crowded into September and October.

The "money season" ought to have nothing to do with it. The money ought to be collected all through the year and sent up to the board, not to the association. And so far as the Lord's money is concerned, brethren, it is about as plentiful one time as another. His cause will never get as much as it deserves till the millennium dawns. If twenty of our associations would agree to meet in July and August, it would greatly help things.

REV. F. C. PLASTER

will probably visit some associations where the secretary cannot go in September and October. He will come to serve the brethren and help on the cause. I beg the same kind treatment for him which has been accorded me wherever I have been.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Marion, Ala.

From Bro. Dewberry.

Dear Baptist: We arrived at this place very early last Saturday morning on a visit to my father and family. To our great delight we found a good meeting in progress at Salem Baptist church, of which Bro. N. C. Underwood is pastor. The meeting had been in progress for two weeks and the church was greatly revived. We were perhaps better capable of judging of the warmth of the people than they themselves, for having been situated as we had been for several weeks our hearts were not especially warm above the natural warmth of gratitude to God for his goodness. It did our souls good to be among the children of God and to witness so much deep feeling and to see that feeling spring into action as young and old would take the sinner's hand and lead him to God.

Brother Underwood seems possessed of the best judgment concerning a meeting of this kind. In his own eloquent and impressive style he avoided the simple arousing of emotion, and stirred the mind and soul by living truths from the Word of God. Yesterday morning he baptized ten new converts and followed this by an able sermon on Christian duty, which service closed the series of meetings.

This is a very strong church for the country, numbering more than two hundred members, and never was more prosperous than at present. The people generally are in good condition. No one has better advantages of good society, schools and churches than the citizens of Brundidge. There are four churches for white people and the prospects for a fine school are flattering. Prof. T. J. Carlisle, who is well known in agricultural and political circles all over the state, has been elected principal of the Brundidge male and Female High School. The school building is an elegant structure and well adapted to school work, and with the assistance of an able corps of teachers in the departments of music, art and literary culture we predict much success for the school. This is a fine locality in which to educate children. If they are sent here to board they find homes in the very best families where every precaution is taken for their good. Boys have good influences thrown around them. Brundidge is a prohibition town in the true sense of the word and the rowdiness with which most places are acquainted has not been known here for years.

For farming this is the banner beat in this banner county of the state.

J. M. DEWBERRY.

Brundidge, Ala., Aug. 20th.

A child of God should be a visible attitude for joy and happiness, and a living doxology for gratitude and adoration.—Spurgeon.

From Miss Lottie Moon.

A GROWING WORK.

PINGTU, May 25, 1888.

I mentioned in a former letter that there seemed to be an advance in the work here. It takes heathen people a good while to learn the real object of a missionary's coming among them. There is a great rush in the first stage, from mere idle curiosity to see the foreigner. I trust we have passed that stage here to a large extent, and that the time has come when we may expect fruit from the labor expended. Mrs. Crawford came out in April and we have been engaged in incessant teaching, either at home or in the houses of the people. We are beset with invitations, and sometimes have to make engagements days in advance. We are invited to social places, each of which becomes for the time a centre of teaching. The neighbors flock in, and many of them set to work earnestly to learn.

In a letter recently published in the *Foreign Mission Journal*, Mr. Pruitt mentions a village where some were "fully persuaded," and only needed further instruction. We returned a few days ago from a visit to this village. Of fifty families in the village, I was told that about twenty were interested in the gospel. We worked at the rate of twelve hours a day. I never saw such hungering and thirsting to be taught the way of life. Mrs. Crawford, who is not strong in health, instructed the men, besides taking a share, as she could command the time, with the women and children. It was simply impossible to meet the urgent necessities of the case. Four workers would have found their hands full, and we were only two. Old women and their little grand children would be learning from the same page. Mothers of families were there eager to be taught. Bright, lovely young girls would pore all day and half the night over the hymns and prayers we were teaching them. Before we were through with breakfast, numbers of girls and women would be awaiting permission to enter, and would work steadily at their books until time for dinner; after a noonday rest, we would again admit them, and only cease work in time for a walk before dark. Then, after supper, came another spell of teaching which lasted till midnight. Many of the girls laid aside their straw plaiting, or sewing or spinning, that they might devote themselves entirely to learning. There were crowds of visitors from neighboring villages for whom we could do almost nothing, although many of them were eager to be taught.

On Sunday, I was filled with wonder, as I saw an orderly assembly of at least twenty-five persons sitting quietly through a Christian service, and themselves taking an intelligent part in the worship. The singing was spirited and good. During the prayer there was perfect quiet, and as Mrs. Crawford read and commented on the third chapter of John's gospel, there was earnest, thoughtful attention. These people belong to a sect known as the "Venerable Heaven Sect." Their leader is a man of great force of character and fine natural ability. Their doctrines are propagated orally. Any one who has learned them is permitted to write them down for his own use, but the book is not allowed to be copied, and when worn out is to be burned. From all that we can learn, we have come to believe that this religion has been handed down orally and secretly, with many corruptions in the transmission, from early Nestorian teachings. The difference between members of this sect and ordinary Chinese is most marked. They have deep spiritual desires, and earnest aspirations for salvation from sin and its penalty. There is a gentleness and sweetness in the women and girls, and a kindness and sincerity in the men that I have seen nowhere else. Seeing the eagerness with which they accepted our teaching, we could only compare them in our minds to Jewish proselytes of apostolic times. If they seemed as if they could not give us up. Whenever we spoke of leaving they would entreat us to stay longer. When finally we felt ourselves breaking down, we tore ourselves away, amid the regrets and the tears of those we had been teaching. They urged us to return as soon as possible and arrange for a longer stay. None but a heart of stone could turn away from such urgent pleadings. I had previously planned to leave immediately for a return to America, after an absence of more than ten years. Instead, I have promised these people to return here in August and teach them. One of the men, after hearing of this decision, spoke very feelingly of the sacrifice involved, and especially of the disappointment to those who were expecting me "at home," and then he buried his face in his hands and wept. His brother, the leader, came up to the city to visit us on the day of our return, and wept at the thought of parting with us for even a few months. We leave in a few days for the coast, Mrs. Crawford to work in the country near Tunchow, and I for a season of rest and change. Mrs. Crawford has given time and labor here in Pingtu which she could ill afford to spare from her own large field west of Tunchow, stretching half way to Whangheing. As I saw her last week instructing patiently for hours the men who eagerly gather around her, my memory was haunted by the words of Scripture: "That no man take thy crown." It seemed to me that there was a woman doing the work of some young man among Southern Baptists in America who ought to be here, and that when the harvest should be garnered in heaven and the laborers re-

ceive their reward, the Master would place on her head the crown that should have been his! As was remarked in an editorial in the *Journal*, women are doing their own work and much of that which properly belongs to men. It was also stated elsewhere that no trained young men are offering for China. More and more of us on the field are beginning to think that there is great need here of earnest lay workers. Consecrated, godly laymen, of sound practical sense and good education, would find a magnificent field for all their energies. The China Inland Mission is largely made up of the lay element. The head of the English Baptist mission at Chingchow, one of the most successful in China, objects to having the title "Rev." prefixed to his name. He said here in Pingtu seems to be a question for a great harvest. The question is, shall we reap it? Or shall others come in and reap the benefit of labors already expended? The calls upon us are more than we have time or strength to meet and the field is constantly widening. Some have taken down their kitchen gods; others have ceased to worship at the temples. Books and leaflets are begged and many learn in their own homes. In the village mentioned above, the more advanced teach those who have made less progress. It is simply wonderful that Christian hymns are sung in so many heathen homes. There are, in the city and the country, perhaps twenty who might be classified as inquirers. It would be utterly impossible to state the number who are learning or have been taught hymns and prayers. While I would be exceedingly cautious of raising unfounded expectations, it is impossible to exaggerate the readiness of the people to receive us. This does not mean an immediate ingathering of converts, but it is a very loud demand for more workers.

There was one, who for "his sinners and our salvation," left the glories of heaven and sojourned upon this earth in weariness and woe, amid those who hated him and finally took his life. There was another, his chosen missionary, who preached the gospel "in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things." The Son of God and his humble disciple, the apostle to the Gentiles! "Who follows in their train?" Will not you who read these lines say, "Here am I, send me?" L. MOON.

East Liberty Notes.

The revival spirit has prevailed in many of our churches this summer. Good meetings have been held at Antioch, Providence, Fredonia, Milltown, Lebanon, Rock Springs, County Line, Roanoke, and perhaps with other churches which I have not heard. The meeting at LaFayette begins on Friday, the 24th inst. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. J. E. Chambliss, D. D.

Brethren Smith and Hamner, the first from Howard College, the other from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, have been spending the summer helping pastors in the East Liberty. They have done and are yet doing good work. This is their home, and they are both much loved by our people. Bro. Hamner is ready for work, and will doubtless be settled somewhere in our bounds.

We are glad to know that Bro. Dr. Hill, of Troy, will be with us soon, as he has been elected and has accepted the presidency of LaFayette College.

Let me again remind your readers that our association meets on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, with the Rock Spring church, six miles northwest of LaFayette. Visiting brethren will come by rail to LaFayette on Tuesday evening and will be provided comfortable conveyances to the place of meeting. We hope many brethren outside of our bounds will come. We especially desire that a representative of each of the boards of our state convention shall be present, and we surely look for the Baptist man.

C. BLEDSOE.

[The BAPTIST man will be his utmost to be there.]

Tidings From our Foreign Fields.

AFRICA.

Rev. C. E. Smith and wife left Lagos, May 5th, for a temporary sojourn in the Grand Canary Islands, which they reached on the 29th. Bro. Smith is enthusiastic in his description of the scenery and climate, and believes that this is the true sanitarium for our African missionaries. One hot season in every three or four spent there would enable our missionaries to spend ten years in Africa before a return to America. Writing July 10th, Bro. Smith says: "We hope to return to Lagos in a week or two."

BRAZIL.

Rev. E. A. Puthuff, Santa Barbara, has organized a native church of seven members, and proposes working up into the interior.

Rev. J. A. Barker and wife will sail from Newport News, Va., for Bahia, September 1st, to work with Bro. Z. C. Taylor in that mission.

Rev. A. T. Hawthorne announces in the *Texas Baptist and Herald* that the Texas Baptists will furnish the \$4,000 needed by Bro. Taylor to purchase a mission house in Bahia.

The latest reports from Rio de Janeiro were of a very encouraging nature. Congregations large and attentive, and quite a number seeking the truth. Rev. E. H. Soper has removed to St. Christopher, a suburb of Rio, and begun work, where "results have been above our expectations." He says: "The bill for equal freedom to all religions has passed its first reading in the senate, and we hope soon to be able to go forth and preach Christ in the streets and public places of this city." More than half a dozen are awaiting baptism in Rio, and several at Santa Barbara.

CHINA.

Miss Lottie Moon reports a condition of things in and around Pingtu which seems to indicate a considerable turning to the Lord on the part of many people in the near future. The people—men, women and children—crowd about Mrs. Crawford and herself, seeking instruction, all day and late into the night, and weep at the mention of their departure. Miss Moon had received permission to come home on a visit, after over ten years of service; but so interesting and important is the work, that she has decided not to leave. How loud-

ly does this state of things call for men and women to help her! Where are they?

Rev. W. J. Hunnex, with his family, will return to Chingking in September, and Bro. Bryan will no longer be alone.

From Canton come most cheering reports of the progress of the work. Last year thirty-two baptisms were reported. In six months of this year, there have been thirty, and other candidates are awaiting the ordinance. Bro. Simmons writes, begging for helpers, and says: "We want some help also. The time has come for reaping here." "I have never seen our mission in such a hopeful condition; but the more hopeful, the more work there is to be done."

Miss North, who went out to China with Mrs. Crawford as a self-supporting missionary, has connected herself with our mission, and is doing good service. Would that we had others of like spirit.

Young men and women who have felt called of God to go to China, and have been trying to disregard the call, had better not read the September number of the *Foreign Mission Journal*. The earnest plea it contains from the workers in that land will surely disturb their consciences.

ITALY.

Dr. George B. Taylor was much pleased with the condition of our work in Venice. Signor Bellondi, the evangelist, is not only doing an excellent work there, but has opened a new station at Mestre, a town of 11,000 inhabitants. Here crowds attend his services, while persecutions have been so bitter as to call forth strong articles from two of the leading papers of Venice, condemning the priests as the instigators of the violence, one of them going further and commending evangelical work.

The municipality of Carpi has conceded a cemetery for the use of the evangelicals—"a great triumph for our little flock." The three baptisms reported, with two persons awaiting baptism. Dr. Taylor's health has greatly improved since his return.

Rev. J. H. Eager is much encouraged in the effort he is making to raise \$10,000 for chapels for Italy from the children, by means of brick books.

MEXICO.

Ere these "tidings" are published, Rev. H. R. Mosley and Miss Fannie E. Russell will have reached Saltillo, and Bro. Powell's heart will be glad. Bro. Powell writes, August 7th: "Am just ready to mount my horse and leave for Galena and the ranches."

San Felipe, the coal mines, I arranged to organize a church.

Bro. McCormick is having frequent additions to his church in Zacatecas. Read his letter in the *Journal*, and help him build his house of worship.

Bro. Wilson reports nine baptisms in Guadalajara, and other persons applying for baptism. God is working mightily with us in Mexico.

Miss Addie Barton is in Texas on a short vacation, and while there is doing what she can to raise money for the church building in Zacatecas. This house should be built at once. Who will help?

A Warning.

The devil is a cunning angler; he cannot land his trout by hook, he will take to tickling. As the sensation is grateful, comforting, he seldom fails. Who does not like to be sought after? Who does not appreciate the golden opinions of his fellows? A young man, rather than be considered strait-laced, accepts an invitation into questionable society. A complement has been paid him, and he does not quite like to say "No," but when it is borne in mind that his presence at one midnight carnival, besides jeopardizing his earthly prospects and putting his own soul in peril, will label the whole proceedings as respectable, and be referred to with pride as a precedent for others equally respectable, the profound importance of the step will be at once apparent.

There is current to-day a devilish maxim that every young man must have his fling. No stone will be left unturned to convert you to the same opinion. You will be urged to add to your knowledge by seeing life in all its phases at theatres, music-halls, dancing saloons, gambling-hells and gin palaces. You will be wheeled into these white-washed charnhouses, these gilded slot-traps, these vile manufactories where the raw and loathsome material of vice is worked up into captivating and marketable shape. For God's sake, beware! Give heed to the warnings of Scripture, and the danger-signals standing at every inch of the way. These pure-minded, high-principled young men—these young men who tell you they know what's what—only just in to see, that's all—go in pure, come out corrupted—go in rich, come out beggared—go in in the prime of health and manhood, come out sapped of their vigor, shorn of all nobility, bearing away the undying germs of death. Then the old home, once a place of joy, becomes the abode of lamentation.

Get, then, where the heavenly voices can reach you, and be swift to act upon their blest communications. Wait but a little while, and the other voices will all be hushed. In a few short years these flash young men will be no more. They tread a path beset with fading flowers, but which is but a short cut to the grave. Not many years since, I knew a young fellow, respectably connected, who heartily subscribed to this maxim that every young man must have his fling. He was very consistent, and practiced what he preached. He swore well, drank well, was a good

hand at cards and billiards. He could crack a foul joke, and boast most truthfully of his numerous excesses. Yes, he was a very hero, a kind of planet, round which large clusters of minor satellites revolved. His light burned brilliantly, evoked applause; but lacking power of continuity, suddenly went out. A virulent disease, with bull-dog ferocity, fastened upon his body, seized his very vitals, and would not leave go till its fangs had met; then it flung its mangled victim into a dishonored grave, and left it there for decent folks to bury. Yet he was deemed a good natured, generous-hearted young man, and a jolly good sort of fellow; but he cracked his last joke at thirty!

The Quiver for September.

The Quiver for September is before us. The Rev. T. F. Thistleton Dyer, "tells the number with an interesting 'Story of the Spanish Armada,' which will never cease to be one of most romantic events in English History. 'Out of a Horrible Pit' is a thrilling tale told at a miner's 'Class Meeting.' 'Hemikranism' is the striking title of a story by Rev. B. Power which is followed by a paper, 'Help to Doubters Through the Faith of Others,' by Rev. Boyd Carpenter. A paper on 'Companionships,' is a fervid appeal to young men to keep to the straight path and avoid questionable companions. 'The Tragedies of Madagascar,' is Prof. Blaikie's contribution to the serial 'In Perils Oft.' 'Pastoral Life in Cities,' describes the work of Rev. F. B. Meyer in London. There are other stories and articles than those mentioned, poetry, plenty of pictures, and a good stock of 'Short Reads.'—Cassell & Co., New York, 15 cents a number, \$1.50 a year in advance.

Sunday School Resolutions.

Whereas, our much loved brother, Dr. C. J. Jones, has, on account of his contemplated removal from our midst, tendered his school his resignation as superintendent, which position of trust and honor he has filled acceptably for the past fourteen years; and, whereas, we feel that in accepting his resignation, it is meet that we tender him this slight token of our appreciation of his labors and the affection of his co-workers and pupils; therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That we feel that for the past fourteen years, Dr. Jones has labored faithfully and zealously for the good of our school, exerting all his powers for the furtherance of Christ's cause and the leading of our children to the Savior; that we feel that in his resignation we lose a faithful, earnest, and sincere Christian leader, who has been weighed in the balance and not found wanting; and whose place will not be easily nor readily filled.

Resolved 2nd, That we truly and sincerely appreciate the self-sacrificing spirit shown by our brother in his work in our midst during all these years, for notwithstanding the fact that in reason of his profession his time was demanded by the nation, and his place was seldom, very seldom, vacant on the Sabbath; that we commend his example and thank our Father above that our children have been brought under such Christian leadership; that we shall hold in fond memory the loving Christian manner always exhibited toward us—his co-workers and pupils.

Resolved 3rd, That while we truly deplore and regret our severe loss in the removal of our true and tried leader from our midst, yet from our hearts we will ever pray earnestly for him and his family in their future home; that the almighty and watchful Father who said, "Let all that he do shall prosper," will ever hold him in his arms, even unto the end of the world, may ever protect, guide and bless them, singly and collectively, will ever be our prayer; that he may continue to honor that cause for which he has so bravely and earnestly battled while one of us is our firm belief.

Resolved 4th, That these resolutions be spread on the record book of the school; that the secretary be instructed to send a copy to Dr. Jones, asking him to request the ALABAMA BAPTIST to publish them.

J. L. SKINNER, Secretary.

John W. Oxford.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep!"

From which none ever wake to weep."

Our entire community put on the habiliments of mourning last Saturday morning, upon the death of our dear young friend and brother, John W. Oxford.

Day and night, for weeks past, he has been the object of prayerful solicitude—of watching and waiting, in painful anxiety upon the part of his friends and relatives, in doling the fond hope of the death of the all-wise Dispenser of life and death to spare him to the church, to the community, and to the bosom of his dear young wife and two little ones.

But to our earth bound and circumscribed vision, the foot steps of the great God are in the deep. And although we know that the Lord of the earth will do right in the end—that he cannot mistake as to what is good or evil, right or wrong, the eye of faith can only trust him here where we cannot see him.

We feel that the omniscient One had a purpose to accomplish by taking away our brother, but he has only crossed over the river; only passed over into the Paradise of God, and is standing on the shore. These things, however, we cannot see. Bro. Oxford was born in Clarke county, Ala., May 30, 1857, and died at Central Mills, Aug. 2, 1888. He professed faith in Christ about one year ago, and was baptized into the fellowship of Concord church by Rev. John W. Stewart. He was just entering into the active service of the church, and bid fair to become a very useful member. He possessed a lovable character, and a disinterested love for the good of the church, and unto others as you would have them do unto you.

"None knew him but to love him, None named him but to praise."

He died in the faith. The writer heard him say in the quiet hour of the night, "Lord, is this the way I am to die? Well, it is all right, things work together for good to them that love the Lord." And then after a short pause he said with unusual emphasis, "I believe that I believe it." The loving son, the devoted husband, the kind father, the faithful friend, now rests in peace.

"We shall sleep, but not forever, There will be a glorious dawn; We shall meet to part, no, never, On the resurrection morn."

His friends.

There are more churches dying for want of working pastors than there are pastors dying through excessive work for their churches.

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THE SENIOR'S account of the Troy association will appear next week.

BARNESVILLE, GA., has had prohibition since 1884 and she is still satisfied. She won a new victory on the 28th.

Do not forget Howard College, brethren, at your associations; come up grandly with your money, so that we can have the needed buildings erected.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to brother and sister A. L. Haralson, of Verbena, in the death of their little daughter, Abbie. May the Father, who is all-wise, enable them to bear this affliction.

THE SENIOR is off for the Bigbee association. He will meet with as many of these bodies as possible. Won't somebody in each association write us the nearest railroad station to the meeting place.

BRO. G. A. HORNADY, of Tuskegee, preached at the First church on Sunday night last. The weather in the morning prevented his preaching as was announced. However, the brethren and sisters heard a splendid sermon at night.

FORT DEPOSIT is happy. Prof. J. P. Downer, a distinguished educator from Kentucky, and his sister, Miss Louise, a most cultivated and lovely young lady, will conduct the Baptist school for the next year. We welcome them to Alabama.

TO THE many friends who are enquiring of the health of our mother, Mrs. M. A. Hare, we are glad to report her able to sit up. The kind neighbors of Dixie, where she is at present, have our profoundest appreciation for their attentions to her. May our Heavenly Father bless them all.

BRO. D. W. GWIN, of Decatur, will furnish us with an article now and then, written in words of one syllable. We are glad to publish one in this issue, which is most excellent reading. A child can understand it, yet there is in it food for the Christian man and woman. Be sure to read his article.

MARRIED, at Verbena, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, Dr. B. Walne Watson, of Furman, to Miss Lola, daughter of Rev. W. G. Curry. This was one of the happiest marriages we have ever attended. The bride and groom are choice spirits and have the best wishes of many friends. May God bless them all their days and give them a reunion in heaven.

THE FRIENDS of the Judson are working hand and hand with President Averett to fill the rooms of the college with more girls than they have ever had. If no one connected with the college is present at your association see that some one is appointed to speak for the institute. If parents wish their daughters well trained, both in heart and brain, no better place in the land can be found than the Judson Female Institute.

THE RAILROAD connections into Marion have been made so convenient that little or no delay is occasioned in reaching that town from any point of Alabama. The friends of the Judson coming from east and south Alabama make close connections morning and night at Montgomery, and go directly through to Marion. From north Alabama below or above Birmingham, connection is made at Cahaba with the E. T. V. & G. railroad, which allows only a short stop in Selma. From west Alabama, passengers coming on the A. & A. connect with the C. & S. M. at Akron.

We have on our table a copy of a splendid work, "The Lives and official Services of President Cleveland, and Hon. Allen G. Thurman," written by Hon. W. U. Hensel, a gentleman of national reputation and well qualified for a work he has so well accomplished. The book is handsomely illustrated, and contains nearly 600 pages. It should be read by every one who would be well informed concerning the two greatest living statesmen of the age, as well as the great principles of the democratic party. Sold by the Standard Publishing Co., Atlanta, Ga.; E. C. Spinney, manager.

THE Christian Advocate favors our suggestion for a genuine temperance meeting in Montgomery some week this fall. Let us hear from our temperance workers. If the meeting is well planned much good might be accomplished by a temperance meeting during the sitting of the legislature. Several essays and addresses by our best and most thoughtful men would do a great deal in making clear the convictions even of members of the legislature. We must make no mistakes; everything that can be accomplished should be done to strengthen public opinion. As has been said, "The rum traffic must be outlawed before many people can think of it as it really exists." A coloring of respectability is given the saloon keeper and his work by our license laws. We must impress our law makers with the desire to make the way of the transgressor as hard as possible, and to lend its aid to virtue.

IT GIVES us pleasure to note the growth of interest regarding our "laymen's movement." Earnest brethren were not at the convention are asking about it. Many of them have long felt the need of greater activity on the part of the brethren of our churches, but they have hesitated because of timidity and lack of sympathy, and now they hail with delight this move that puts the entire brotherhood in sympathy. What is called in Virginia the "Borum movement" quickened into life hundreds of men who had before felt unable to be anything more than nominal church members. It stimulated Christians to develop themselves as church workers, helpers of the pastors. Men hitherto slow of tongue learned to pray in public and lead prayer meetings. God grant that our laymen's move may arouse Christians to greater activity all along the line. If it develops in each church one or two active workers per year it will have done great good.

DR. B. F. RILEY is hard at work for Howard College. He is doing everything in his power to enlist the interest of the entire brotherhood in this great work. He has written to many of our pastors asking their help, and he has every assurance of sympathy. To show the character of the men who are supporting him both by promise and active work a few names are appended:

M. B. Wharton, T. G. Bush, G. R. Farnham, W. C. Bledsoe, Gen. L. W. Lawler, J. G. Harris, W. G. Curry, Hon. Jno. C. Cheney, Prof. Macon, L. D. Bass, Prof. J. B. Little, W. Wilkes, W. C. Cleveland, J. P. Shaffer, Hon. R. C. Jones, Col. S. A. Barnett, Col. J. M. McKleroy, Col. J. M. Crook and Hon. John Haralson.

These brethren are representatives of different portions of the state, and our readers can see the character of men who endorse our new president. In this connection we will state to our readers that Bro. Riley will live right on the edge of the college campus, and there will be no reason why he cannot have an almost perfect system of discipline. Young men should correspond with Dr. Riley before deciding as to the college they shall attend.

A GOOD SUGGESTION, PERHAPS. The Journal and Messenger suggests that "now would be a good time for our dissenting brethren to form another denomination." It alludes to those who have gone out from us on account of close communion, and those who, Dr. Dowling says, sympathize with him, and have so expressed themselves in letters to him. It does seem that, if close communion is the trouble with them, it would be better and more congenial for them either to organize a new denomination or join the open communion Baptists. But the facts in the case are, that when a Baptist quits his denomination on account of close communion and joins a Pedit-baptist society, he swallows infant sprinkling and all their other errors. See the case of Drs. Behrends, Howard, Malcome, and Rev. D. M. Reeves, and sometimes go further, as in the case of Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost, who is not very far from Bro. Ingersoll.

The Western Recorder thinks Dr. Dowling owes it to his brethren to tell who they are among Baptists who have written to him letters of sympathy. We think so, too. And moreover, we think if so many are Baptist ministers, pastors of churches who have written such letters they ought to follow Dr. Dowling.

Correspondents will address Bro. E. B. Teague, at Columbiana, Ala.

THE executive and central committee of the Alabama Baptist Laymen's Association are requested to meet in Montgomery Tuesday, September 11th, at the First Baptist church. Business of importance will claim their attention, and all members of the above committees are earnestly requested to be present. By order of the president, G. R. FARNHAM, Jno. B. GERALD, Sec'y.

FIELD NOTES.

Any church desiring a pastor, will correspond with elder D. L. James, Blount Springs, Ala.

Bro. L. M. Bradley is doing all he can for us at Felix, and we are always glad to hear from him.

Bro. John Gamble, Jr., of Troy, was married on the 2nd of August to Miss Alice Henderson, of that place.

There were twenty-three additions to the Baptist church at Midway, twenty-one being received on profession of faith.

Rev. Jean Vane has resigned the pastorate of the Calvary Baptist church, Meridian, Miss., and will remove to California.

We are glad to learn of the improved condition of Bro. Ponville's eyes. We wish him and his excellent school at Tuskegee much success.

Secretary Crumpton's annual circular will be sent out with the ALABAMA BAPTIST next week. Be sure and read every word in it when it comes.

Bro. A. T. Sims has removed from Stringfellow to Georgiana, and requests that correspondents address him at the latter place in the present.

Rev. D. L. Purser and family are visiting Niagara Falls. A correspondent from that place speaks highly of a sermon preached by Bro. Purser.

The friends of Dr. Thigpen and family, of Greenville, will be deeply grieved to learn of the death of sister Thigpen, after a severe spell of sickness.

Prof. J. M. Melver, of Orville, has our thanks for job work sent to our office. We are delighted to know his school promises so good an attendance.

Don't forget to say a good word for the ALABAMA BAPTIST at your meetings and associations. The ALABAMA BAPTIST has often said good ones about you.

Send in your postal cards and news letters, brethren. Something from every one is what we want. Let the brethren know what you are doing through your paper.

Rev. W. H. Bledsoe, of Waverly, very kindly remembers us with a good remittance, and has well set our example to those who are in arrears with us, and don't pay us.

A protracted meeting is going on this week at the Baptist church at Lineville. Pastor A. J. Preston is assisted by Rev. R. A. J. Cumbee. —Clay County Advocate.

It is said that our Bro. West had his life insured for \$18,000. He has been carrying this insurance for years, and now that he is dead he leaves his family in comfortable circumstances.

At a recent meeting at Enon church, Lawrence county, Rev. W. T. Cobbs, pastor, there were ten accessions to the church. Elders Holbrooks and Speer assisted the pastor.

It is announced that there will be no Sabbath-school convention in Bibb county this year. The announcement has greatly disappointed a large number of earnest supporters of the cause.

Bro. D. W. Gwin, of Decatur, writes us: I greatly enjoyed my visit to Hillsboro, where I found Dr. Shackelford, the pastor, to be warmly loved and highly honored and widely useful.

Rev. W. J. Ruddick, of Stanton, sends us three names and six dollars and we send him Dr. Frost's splendid work on "Pedit-baptism," as a premium. Now, brethren, who wants the next one?

Brethren B. F. Ellis and son, of Orville, are bringing us under closer obligations by patronizing our job office. These brethren are not only successful business men, but earnest Christian workers.

"Rejoice with those who do rejoice." Prof. Wm. M. Webb, and his lovely bride, miss Nettie Erwin, passed through the city last evening. Brother and sister Webb will make more than ever a success of the Perdue Hill High School.

News has reached us from Keachi, La., of the marriage of Prof. Geo. W. Thigpen to Miss Martha Farris. Both bride and groom are well known in Greenville and have many friends here, who wish them a long life of happiness. —Greenville Advocate.

Dr. G. A. Nunnally discoursed in Anniston recently on "Lessons to be drawn from the life of Samuel Noble." It was one of the doctor's best efforts, and the people of Anniston will long remember it as a very eloquent and soul-stirring discourse.

We are glad to learn of the improved condition of Bro. R. M. Hunter, who is now recovering from a serious spell of sickness at Bladon Springs. His churches gave him a vacation, and he was on a visit to his mother at the time. He hopes soon to be at work in Camden.

Rev. Mr. May, pastor, assisted by Rev. R. W. Inzer and Dr. Cole, is conducting a protracted meeting at the Baptist church at this place. Much interest has already been aroused in the services, and much good may result before the meeting closes. —Cor. Montgomery Dispatch.

Brethren, the associational month has come, and our senior, Bro. Hare, will attend every association possible. We need not bespeak for him a warm reception, for his good humor, accommodating spirit, and kind heart, are known to you all. Now, make him glad he has seen you by subscribing to your paper, and renewing and paying up all neglected dues.

Whatever may have been the cause of your dissatisfaction in the past in regard to the printing of your minutes, will endeavor to redeem the past and give you only the best work, clean proof reading, and neat minutes at the lowest possible figures.

We have quite a number of poor brethren and sisters who are not able to pay us for their paper, and we are unable to do so, long. One of these is the widow of a good and loved Baptist preacher. Cannot some brother help us to bear the burden?

Harper's Magazine, Harper's Illustrated Weekly, and Harper's Bazar, never fail to come to us regularly, and are always full of good reading and incomparable illustrations, and we are glad to say, they are sound on political problems of the day. We heartily recommend them to everybody.

A correspondent of the Dispatch, writing from Hartsville, says: "Miss Effie Purifoy, of Snow Hill, Ala., arrived in town yesterday. She is the newly elected music and art teacher of the Hartsville Male and Female College. She comes highly recommended as an efficient and accomplished teacher."

We sometimes get a note complaining of the price of subscription, but to be asked for the paper twelve months for one dollar by a Baptist who is able to pay, betrays a small conception of values. We are charging the very small subscription possible to enable us to live and work for you, dear brethren.

The meeting with Hillsboro church closed on the 29th of August. Three were received for baptism. Much interest was manifested by the unconverted during the meeting. Five conversions. Dr. D. W. Gwin, of Decatur, preached for a week with great acceptance to the church and the community.

We were much pleased by a visit from Rev. J. C. Porter, who is traveling through Alabama on a preaching tour. He has just closed a meeting with Bro. H. J. Patterson, at Midway church. Bro. Porter is now on his way to visit his brother, Rev. J. Porter, who is pastor of the Baptist church at Owensburg, Ky.

The protracted services at the Baptist church continue in interest. There have been three accessions to the church. The sermons are earnest, strong and convincing; the music soul-inspiring and adds much to the beauty and solemnity of the services. Congregations are large and attentive. —Edw. Whig and Observer.

Every Baptist at the late meeting of the Cisco association subscribed for the Texas Baptist and Herald except one, and he will subscribe. Can that be said of any of the Alabama associations touching the ALABAMA BAPTIST? Brethren of Alabama, can't you give your denominational paper the same support that the Texas Baptists give theirs?

Miss Lizzie Sullivan Gwaltney, daughter of President Gwaltney, of Shorter Female College, Rome, Ga., died recently in the 21st year of her age. We deeply sympathize with Bro. Gwaltney in his great affliction. May the Lord help him to bear it as a Christian. He has the profound sympathy of all of his old Alabama friends.

Hon. John C. Cheney, the handsome and efficient clerk of the Agricultural Department, has just returned to Montgomery from Columbus, Ga., with his bride. We extend to the captain our cordial congratulations, and welcome Mrs. Cheney to the Baptist circles of Montgomery. Her reputation as a zealous church worker has preceded her.

Prof. Edmund Hawley, a celebrated organist of the New England conservatory, has accepted the position of professor of music of the Judson Female Institute, of Marion. He will pass through Birmingham soon, and arrangements have already been made to have him give one of his organ recitals at the First Baptist church. —Birmingham Chronicle.

Under date of August 24th, Bro. J. F. Fore, of Pine Apple, writes: "We are having a good meeting at our church. We have Bro. Catt Smith with us. He certainly is a power in the hand of God to point out the way of salvation to sinners, and equally gifted in telling church members of their duties. O, that we had more Catt Smiths in the Master's vineyard!"

It is our pleasure to state that Bro. F. G. Caffey, who has been ill since Verbena, has recovered and will soon be fully into his school work. The Furman people are delighted to have him as principal of their school for another year. He will be aided by a splendid band of teachers. Our job printing office has recently finished for his school one of the neatest handbooks of catalogues.

Yesterday was a good day; my first year here closed; a year of blessing. Good many added; total membership 400; Sunday-school 250; ALABAMA BAPTIST taken, about 35, should be more; mission money paid in \$888, \$500. Two hundred young people at work; two added yesterday; salary increased \$200; church not involved at all; congregations fine. —W. L. Pickard, Eufrasia, Sept. 3rd.

Bro. Jao. M. Webb, president of the Moore Academy, Pine Apple, ran up to Opelika last week to see his brother married. He reports a glorious meeting at his home. We trust the friends of Wilcox and surrounding counties will give him a full school.

Bro. M. W. Wood writes from Knoxville, Ala.: "I have just closed a successful series of meetings with my church at Bethel. We had twenty accessions, eighteen by baptism and two restored. The members are strengthened in the faith. It was a genuine revival. Bro. Ramsey, Tuscaloosa, preached for us. His preaching is well known far and wide. While the children drank in the 'sweet story of old,' the hearts of matured, experienced men and women were fed on 'strong meat.' Fortunate is the church that can secure its services in such meetings."

"I have been with Bro. John Robinson during the past week in a meeting at Ferryville church, St. Clair county. There were twenty-four accessions to the church. Bro. Robinson is doing a grand work, and his churches are in the harness and work well. The good Lord was with us there, and blessed all who were engaged in the meeting." So writes our brother, S. P. Lindsey, who sends us a new subscriber, and promises more.

Should the various associations adopt the same constitution, by-laws and articles of faith, it would make it cheaper for them in having their minutes printed. If they will agree on some good set of rules, etc., the printer will set them up once for all, thereby reducing the expense in this department of the minutes. Can't the brethren of the associations agree on this matter and adopt the same set of rules, by-laws, etc? We think they can.

From week to week, and from month to month, there comes to us regularly the Sunday-school publications of the Southern Baptist convention. Kind Words, the best Baptist child's paper, and the Sunday school quarters and monthlies, are perfect. Brethren should get them for their Sunday-schools. There is no uncertain teaching of God's word in them, and you and your children will grow strong in the faith "delivered to the saints."

The printing press of the Eternal has turned out two books, each bearing the Author's seal: Nature and Revelation. Fortunate is he who reads them both. Majestic, inexhaustible volumes! Sages have studied them and philosophers have pondered on their fathomless chapters. Each age has shouted its Eureka as some full fledged truth has leaped from their mighty lips. Open where you will in either volume, and what supernatural luster shines from every page! —Ex.

The Alabama Mirror (Selma) says of Dr. Riley: "The election of Dr. B. F. Riley, of Livingston, as president of Howard College is perhaps the best selection that could have been made. Dr. Riley is a young man, full of energy, and a strong believer in the great future that awaits Howard College. His personal magnanimity is of a high order, and his influence over the young men with whom he comes in contact is remarkable. For executive ability he has no superior."

A correspondent of the Birmingham Age writes from Auburn: "The Baptists of this place have raised money enough to build them a handsome parsonage, and will begin work in a few days. Miss Hortie McElhany was the first to commence the enterprise, and by her labors nearly all the money was raised. Prof. Moll drew up the plan for the parsonage, and he will superintend the work." We are glad to learn the good news, and congratulate our brethren and sisters on their success.

"W." in the Clay county Advocate, gives a full account of the recent meeting at Ashland Baptist church. The correspondent says: "There were twenty-four accessions to the church—seventeen by experience, six by letter and one by profession of faith. This places the Ashland Baptist church upon a strong and solid footing. The church has certainly experienced well and satisfactorily the necessity of a proper standard of church membership, in connection with a good and well directed ministry."

Scriptural temperance is total abstinence from that which is hurtful and injurious to ourselves or that leads others into sin, and moderation in that which is good. Temperance is Christian. The preacher must deal with it—he must teach and practice that which is Christian. When he enters the political field he raises a barrier between himself and those who disagree with him, that prevents his reaching them with the gospel. Besides like Paul every true preacher of the gospel should determine to know only Christ and him crucified among those to whom he preaches. —Gospel Advocate.

Our annual meeting at Ramah closed yesterday with fine results. Six were baptized, and this is quite a good showing when the material is considered. The church members were revived and strengthened. The ladies aid society of this church presented the church on last conference day with a marble top table and the prettiest silver communion service that this scribe ever saw. This society is one of the finest working bodies of ladies in the state. —Z. T. Weaver, Harris, Ala., Sept. 1st.

The next session of the Mulberry association will convene on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, at Antioch church, six miles west of Randolph, on the E. T. V. and G. R. R., above Selma about 45 miles. Visiting brethren are invited and especially the editors of the ALABAMA BAPTIST and representatives of our various boards. I hope the pastor and brethren living near and in Randolph, will provide conveyances for visiting brethren and give a notice of announcement in our paper. All committees should be ready to report, and if the chairman can't be present he should report the same to others prepared. —J. M. Thomas, Mod., Tusculum, Aug. 31st.

I must tell you how gracious the Lord has been to us at Good Hope. At our monthly meeting in July, which was on the 2nd Sabbath, and Saturday before, we continued our meeting until the following Thursday. Our pastor, Rev. J. M. Johnson, was assisted by Rev. J. M. Norton. During the meeting Bro. Johnson baptized six with the Siloam church and pastor, Rev. J. Taylor, last week. We had a meeting of interest. Five baptisms, four of whom were from Harmony Grove meeting. The 2nd district meeting of the New River association has just closed; large delegation with much interest manifested. Our prospects here are cheering. —J. B. Huckabee, Fayette, C. H., August 27th.

We closed a very interesting and profitable meeting at Collinsville church, the 26th inst. Rev. S. M. Haun, of Monroe county, Tenn., was with us two days and did some good preaching. The remainder of the time I was alone as to ministerial aid, but the brethren and sisters rendered good service during the whole time. Sabbath morning we met at the water and the ordinance of baptism was administered to seven willing candidates, one other awaiting baptism. One was received by letter. Among the baptized was my eldest son. I can rejoice with Bro. Brethren in having all my children in the church but one, and he has made a profession.

Good Hope, Elmore county. Our brother says he trusts the above letter will not go into the waste basket. We promise that no letter like his shall ever find its way there.

Our meeting at Pine Apple closed Sunday, September 2nd, with nineteen additions. For the past two weeks we have been holding very profitable services at this place. The Holy Spirit has signally rejoiced and blessed our labors for the Master, by continually deepening the interest in the services, arousing Christians to zealous work, gathering together large congregations, and by the conviction and salvation of precious souls. Bro. Catt Smith, of Childersburg, assisted us, and before the first Sabbath had passed we felt that his labors were being richly blessed. His discourses were clear, convincing and well illustrated. During the two weeks of his service here his power seemed steadily increasing, and deep regret was widely felt when it was announced that on account of previously formed engagements, he would be no longer able to remain with us. —W. J. Elliott, Pine Apple, September 3d.

E. H. N., writing to the West Alabamaian, says: "I had the pleasure of attending a series of meetings at Ebenezer Baptist church, conducted by our much beloved pastor, J. G. Thornton, commencing on Thursday night August 16th, and continuing until Sunday night following. I don't think I have ever seen such interest manifested in the preaching of God's word, but the grand sermons were delivered with such power and zeal that no one could fail to be interested. The congregations increased from day to day, and from night to night till the house was full to overflowing. A great many were made to inquire the way of salvation and some were made to rejoice on account of their sins being forgiven. Christian people of all denominations that were present co-operated in the good work and all were graciously revived. There were seven additions to the church, some by letter and some by baptism. May the good work continue."

For some time Greene county has had prohibition. During that period the people have prospered and things in general are in better condition than when whiskey was sold in the county. Some of the friends of whiskey are endeavoring to have the law repealed. We hope they will fail in their efforts. Of the success of prohibition read what a correspondent of the Whig and Observer says: "For eight months we have enjoyed the benefits of prohibition in the county. This has been a source of gratification to every good man, and of happiness to every woman in the county. Town and country have been at peace, crops have been well worked, there have been few brawls and little thieving. Men, who formerly reeled home drunk, to the shame and dismay of their families, have returned 'clothed and in their right minds.' Money, which always before found its way into the saloon till, has been distributed among the dry goods and grocery merchants."

About eighteen months ago I was appointed by the state board as missionary pastor at Autaugaville. I found only five members living in the community, which is composed almost entirely of Methodists. I saw that the church could not be increased in membership without patient, prayerful and earnest effort, relying on God's promises. During the first year one was added by letter. Some of the sisters were much discouraged. During this year two have been added by letter and one by baptism, which was the first in Autaugaville since October, 1870. We believed that God would bless us. I have just closed a few days' meeting there and two ladies came forward, related their Christian experience and were received for baptism. Our hearts are made to rejoice because our prayers are being answered. Our Methodist brethren and sisters have treated me very kindly and their homes have been open to us. Our dear brother, O. W. Sherrer, has held to Autaugaville under a great many adversities, and he is now rejoicing that God is blessing us. I ask the prayers of the brethren for Autaugaville and that our labors may be blessed. —W. J. Ruddick, Stanton, Aug. 31.

I have been in several interesting meetings. On the 1st inst., I met with Harmony Grove church and pastor Rev. J. P. Dickenson. There are three licentiates in this church. During the meeting we had some preaching by Rev. J. G. Hendon, J. E. Cox, and W. H. Blankenship, all of whom did efficient work. The meeting continued nine days, the interest increasing to the last. Results: the church greatly revived, one restored, four by letter, thirteen by baptism, and between twenty-five and thirty professions. We left at last fifty inquiring after salvation. Bro. J. L. McCaha and the writer went on Sabbath evening to Hopewell church to aid the pastor, Rev. Kece Colburn, in a meeting, which continued until Friday evening. Results: thirteen additions—three by baptism, nine by letter and one by restoration. I am assured that several others will be baptized at the next meeting, with Siloam church and pastor, Rev. J. Taylor, last week. We had a meeting of interest. Five baptisms, four of whom were from Harmony Grove meeting. The 2nd district meeting of the New River association has just closed; large delegation with much interest manifested. Our prospects here are cheering. —J. B. Huckabee, Fayette, C. H., August 27th.

We closed a very interesting and profitable meeting at Collinsville church, the 26th inst. Rev. S. M. Haun, of Monroe county, Tenn., was with us two days and did some good preaching. The remainder of the time I was alone as to ministerial aid, but the brethren and sisters rendered good service during the whole time. Sabbath morning we met at the water and the ordinance of baptism was administered to seven willing candidates, one other awaiting baptism. One was received by letter. Among the baptized was my eldest son. I can rejoice with Bro. Brethren in having all my children in the church but one, and he has made a profession.

There must be life. Life is the gift of God. All growth is still, not seen at the time, and quick or slow, as with a weed or tree, just as it has less or more of worth or force. "Be still, and know that I am God." To be still is to know God, to work as God, to be like God. God is in the calm, in the hush, with no noise, nor rush, nor stop, in the air of peace, and with a force that can not cease. Slow, still, sure, who love him must do his will. Haste makes waste. Look at that huge oak: no eye saw the seed as it fell from the lap of some stray breeze; years on years it grew; it struck its roots, tap and branch, in the ground; it shoved its form, trunk and branch, in the air. Not in an hour, but through the flight of years, it was done. Each hour seemed as the last, as the next would be. But, with a loud crash the oak should fall, the whole woods are quick to know it.

So it is with the cast and stamp of the soul, of the church, of the world. These grow step by step, stage by stage, from seed to blade, from blade to stalk, from stalk to the full ear on the stalk. The seed is the tree, the mind is the man, the warp and woof of which are his thoughts and affections. It comes to pass that a good man, like David, falls in sin. It is rare, if at all, that he falls so low when his loins are girt, and his lamp is trimmed, and he wears the whole coat of mail with which our Lord would clothe him. Rust eats the sword not in use, and rust comes by stealth. A heart, keen to what is true and good, is not apt to yield at once to a great sin; if it fall in the pit we can not but think that this was due to the waste or slight of the life of faith in the soul. This slight was out of sight; it may be that he did not note the first wrong step, and did not count how fast he walked in the foul path.

The source of this first wrong may be found in some thirst to please self, fed by ease, by bad thought, through long years, which brought forth a wish and a will not true nor pure. The fall in sin seems to start in sloth. If the mind be not fed and filled with pure thoughts, it will soon be ruled and stained by foul thoughts. There is an old saw in Spain, "Satan tempts all men, but the man not at work tempts Satan."

Mark the course of David. The word states, "at a time when kings do battle, he carried the ark to Jerusalem." He who was wont to be quick to share the toils and blows of the field yields to sloth, rests at home, peers in the home of one gone to fight for his throne, burns with lust, blights his soul, and drags it in the sloughs of sin. The word of God tells this sad tale with no gloom, with no twist of the facts. This tried saint, near two score and ten years of age, bound to God by ties which he with joy felt and owned, whose words have been the breath of praise for hearts of all times, stops his cries for grace, flings off the joys of a close walk with God, soils his soul, chokes his peace, cuts short his zeal, brings down on his head for life a storm of woes, and makes his name and faith the butt for the scoffs of each brood of God's foes. Each fence which grace and his own past had reared, one by sin sweeps quite off. Each bond of the king, each grace of the man is trod down in the dust by the wild beast in his breast.

Out of the pit, out of the mire, he must be raised. Months may pass ere he can feel as of old the calm joys of God; by and by he will hate his guilt, he will be weighed down by God's hand, his soul will be "sore vexed," and he will bathe his couch with tears. Till then, aye, for one and whole year, he dragged his sick soul skulked in his home from the sight of men. By and by "the man of God" tells him of his sin, "one deep, long sob, 'I have sinned,' bridged the chasm, the frost of those long, dark winter months, and from new tears fall as the good man tells him, 'The Lord also hath put away thy sin.'"

Nine out of ten now wear the liveliest of the Baptist church. Brethren, rejoice with me and give God glory. All received are good material of the church. Mr. Bruce Allen, assistant teacher in Collinsville High School, is a young man of fine promise. All in all, I think the old mother of churches did a good week's work. Cannot some of the editors of the BAPTIST attend the Cherokee association this year? We will give you a hearty welcome. —Jno. B. Appleton, pastor, Collinsville, Aug. 28th. Thanks, brother, we'll be there.

It is with a feeling of great rejoicing, that I write and tell you and the dear brethren throughout the state of our meeting at Lebanon, Tallapoosa county. We held a meeting of ten days' duration, which was blessed with glorious results. I was assisted some by Rev. Dr. Tucker, of Dadeville, and the Rev. T. B. Fargason, who is co-pastor of the East Liberty association. We had a gracious outpouring of the grace of God in our midst. The awakening of Christians to a sense of duty, the realization of the very great responsibility resting upon them, and a desire, with determined resolutions to enter more fully, actively and zealously into the work for the Master. We had twenty-two accessions to the church by baptism. We have received during the year thirty-five members by baptism and letter. On the 25th inst., we licensed Bro. George Beall to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ, and we do most heartily commend him to the brethren everywhere, and feel proud to have the pleasure of commending him to the confidence and co-operation of all the brethren with whom our Lord, in his infinite wisdom and providence, may call him to labor. Sometimes the promise of several new subscribers to the BAPTIST by the time of our (East Liberty) association, and I beg the brethren throughout the state to take an active part in the upbuilding of our paper by soliciting new subscribers among their congregations. —Jas. A. McCarty, LaFayette, Aug. 29th.

[In words of one syllable.]

Growth.

BY D. W. GWIN.

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Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., SEPT. 8, 1888.

LOG CABINS are fast going out of style as fashionable residences. Log cabins will, however, always have a place in American history, as they were the most prominent feature of our country's early social life. The pioneers were strong, rugged, healthy. Warner's Log Cabin Cough and Consumption Remedy is a reproduction of one of the best of the old time roots and herbs remedies, which kept them well. Every body praises "Tippecanoe" as a stomach tonic.

There are three things which the true Christian desires with respect to sin justification, that it may not condemn; sanctification, that it may not reign; and glorification, that it may not be ceased.

THURSDAY, Oct. 16, 1888. Messrs. A. T. SHELTON, Editor of the *Shelton's*, and G. A. GENT, Editor of the *Shelton's*, are the publishers of a long standing case of cholera and fever. I heard of Dr. J. B. HARRIS' *Huckleberry Cordial*, and I used one bottle and at once felt the improvement. The second made a final cure.

By adversity are wrought the greatest works of admiration, and all the fair examples of renown. Out of distress and misery are grown.

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Give me a roaring devil rather than a sleeping one, for sleeping devils make me slumber, but roaring ones provoke me to run to my Master—Rutherford.

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The world misrepresents our best deeds and tortures our best endeavors into something selfish, impugning our motives where they are pure.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate For the Tired Brain from over exertion. Try it.

Associations, Elect your Delegate!

The changed constitution of the Southern Baptist convention gives to every district association one representative who must be chosen at the yearly meeting.

Print your order of business and be sure to make as one of its items this Election of one delegate to the Southern Baptist convention.

Prof. W. R. HARPER, Ph. D., of Yale University, Editor of *The Old Testament Student*, will commence a series of Inductive Studies on the Book of Judges, in the October BAPTIST TEACHER. Send to the Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, for a sample copy containing the first lessons. This will be an exceedingly valuable feature of THE TEACHER.

Wife: Where shall we put that clock? Husband: Well, I notice it is the style to put clocks at the head of the stairs. Wife: Yes, I have noticed that they are often put there, but I should think it a good place, I should think it was a temptation for them to run down.—*Yonker's Statesman*.

PARTIES having *Plantation or Timber Lands* to sell, can dispose of the same to emigrants by addressing the WESTERN LAND AND EMIGRATION CO., Indianapolis, Ind.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother, corner of Herron and Whitman streets, Montgomery, Ala., on the evening of Aug. 27th, by Rev. J. L. Thompson, Mr. W. H. Wade and Miss Lizzie Morris.

News Items.

Roanoke is on a boom.

Italy is growing warlike.

Dadeville is building a new M. E. church.

B. F. Dudley, of Roanoke, died on the 26th.

The farmers' alliance will build a warehouse in Ozark.

Mrs. Mollie Scott, of Carrollton, died in that place recently.

A teachers' institute was held at Fausdale on the 29th ult.

A strata of fine coal has been discovered near Columbia, Ala.

Sumter's new sheriff, Mr. Barnes, has entered upon his duties.

The Butler county fair will be held on the 11th and 12th of October.

Gen. Joseph Wheeler will return to congress from the eighth district.

The first bale of cotton received at Athens was wrapped in white domestic.

The historic bandanna is waving in most of the doubtful states at this season.

The town of Hoytsville, Ohio, was destroyed by fire on the 30th of August.

Insurance agents refuse to take risks on cotton covered with cotton cloth.

Chas. H. Litchman, general secretary of the knights of labor, has resigned.

The congressional convention of the fifth district met in Wetumpka on the 5th.

Cuthbert, Ga., has refused to quarantine against Jacksonville and other infected points.

Mrs. Alex. Scarborough died very suddenly at her home near Pleasant Ridge last week.

The Hebrew citizens of Decatur have organized a Hebrew benevolent society in that city.

The members of the farmers' alliance are planning to open an alliance exchange, or bank.

Ike Duncan, a negro, fell dead in the court room while on trial in Birmingham last week.

Rev. S. N. Waldrop and Miss Parolia Smith were married near Randolph on the 16th ult.

Mr. L. C. Hudgins, the newly elected sheriff of Pickens county, has entered upon his duties.

The Montgomery Real Estate Association are planning to build a fine hotel at Highland park.

A negro burglar shot and killed an Italian fruit dealer of Birmingham on the night of the 27th ult.

Mr. J. T. Sims, of Arcola, Miss., and Miss Annie D. Oliver were married at Boligee on the 28th.

The Southern members in congress have determined to work every plan feasible to put bagging on the free list.

It is stated that the headquarters of the Roman Catholic church will be removed from Rome to Madrid, Spain.

Bishop Harris, who died in London, was buried Sept. 4th, from St. Paul's (Episcopal) church, Detroit, Michigan.

Arkansas and Mississippi have been flooded by the recent rains, and a large amount of damage has been done in those parts.

China has refused to ratify the treaty with the United States restricting the admission of Chinese subjects into that country.

William Murphy, a farmer, was shot and killed near Owensboro, on the 30th ult., by James Hardesty, of West Louisville.

Lynn Holmes, mail transfer clerk in Birmingham, embezzled letters to the amount of several hundred dollars and then left the city.

A wreck occurred on the Mobile & Birmingham road near Lamerson's station, on the 30th of August. No serious damage was done.

Warner Miller, who was nominated by the republicans of New York for governor, is said to have grown rich at the expense of the men who use paper. It now looks like he will be compelled to use a large amount of his wealth in the coming campaign.

Judge Lancaster has resigned the office of judge of probate of Elmore county, and it is said there are a number of aspirants to the office.

A collision between freight trains on the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, near Clifton Forge, Va., resulted in the death of two brakemen and an engineer.

The Savannah, Florida, and Western railroads are receiving much abuse for their management of passenger trains. They refuse to carry passengers out of Jacksonville.

Birmingham has quarantined against Atlanta, Ga. The latter city has been receiving all the yellow fever refugees from Jacksonville, Fla., hence the quarantine.

All the money needed for the completion of the Muscle Shoals canal has been appropriated, and before many months the boats will be plying the waters of the Tennessee.

Mr. Robt. G. Hall, jr., of Bullock county, received the appointment to West Point recently, but declined to accept. W. T. Feagan, his alternate, accepted the appointment.

The mayor and police of Birmingham have raided all the houses of ill fame and arrested the inmates. They were very much surprised at their arrest as they had been so long unmolested.

Trouble is brewing with the Indians. The men are well armed and alone are a match for any women and children with them. "The poor Indian" is but hastening his extermination.

After a session of three days and balloting five hundred and ninety-five times, the convention at Selma nominated Mr. L. W. Turpin, of Hale, for congressman from the fourth district.

The second congressional district convention, which was held at Aiken, S. C., last week, adjourned until September 11th. One hundred and seventy-four ballots were taken without any change.

One of the most dastardly deeds that ever blackened the records of Alabama was committed in Birmingham on the 27th of August. John Williams, in cold blood, shot and killed S. Isaacs.

President Cleveland has contributed ten thousand dollars to the democratic campaign fund. The fund now amounts to \$120,000, and an exchange says more counties are to be heard from.

The melon growers of Georgia are demanding lower freight rates on their products to the markets. The railroad committee which was appointed to meet them took the matter under advisement.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller was nominated by the republicans of New York for governor, and Col. S. N. R. Cruger for lieutenant governor. Judge William Remsey was nominated for judge of the court of appeals.

A special from Little Rock to the *Post-Democrat* announces the death, under peculiar circumstances, of Rev. Jesse Pratt, the oldest Baptist minister in Arkansas. His son, J. R. Pratt, was on trial for a crime, and the father expressed the hope that he would die before the verdict was rendered. He expired five hours before the jury came in sentencing his son to five years' imprisonment. Grief and shame killed him.

Rev. Dr. Fordyce M. Hubbard was found dead at his bedside in Raleigh, N. C., on the morning of the 1st in the attitude of prayer. He was a native of Massachusetts, and was for forty years professor of Latin in the University of that state. He was later rector of the church at Martins, N. Y. He was a man of high culture, one of the best Latin scholars in the country, and had written many biographies. His age was 80 years.

Director P. H. Mell reports: There has been an excess of rainfall through out the state, doing considerable damage to cotton, causing the fruit to rot and intensifying the rust. It has been difficult also on account of the rains to successfully poison the cotton caterpillars, and this insect has rapidly increased in numbers, greatly destroying the chances for a good yield of the staple. The season has been favorable for potatoes, turnips and other similar crops. The temperature was about normal and the sunshine was below the average.

A telegram from the 31st from Atlanta says: The death of Mrs. A. B. Phelps in this city to day reveals a story of the attachment of mistress and slaves. The husband of Mrs. Phelps, now dead, was a planter in Greene county before the war, where he owned sixty slaves and 10,000 acres of land. The war freed the slaves, but left the land. The slaves still remained on the place, and worked faithfully for the old couple. Mrs. Phelps made a will just before she died, leaving her entire property to be divided equally between her former slaves.

A telegram from New Orleans, dated Aug. 28th, says: "Gratz, of St. Louis, the originator of the cotton bagging 'combine,' denies that there is anything resembling a trust in the combine. He says the Mills bill reducing the duty on jute made the combine possible, and that they took advantage of the circumstances. He also says that reducing the duty on jute will render bagging machinery useless, and that owners desire to get what they can out of the bagging 'squeeze'; that whatever they do must be done this season. He thinks the price of bagging will go to 15 cents per pound." It now remains to be seen what the farmers will do to rid themselves of such men as Gratz and his colleagues. If there ever was a trust against which the people should rise up against it, it is this bagging trust, and we hope it will fall through.

Lord, I have tried how this thing and that thing will fit my spirit. I can find nothing to rest on, for nothing here hath any rest itself. O, center and source of light and strength! O fulness of all things! I come back to join myself to thee.—A. H. Hallam.

It is the order of God's providence that the growth of the Christ within us shall be just in proportion to the decay of the Adams. And this evidence of our immortality, blessed be God, is perpetually and no unchange or money before us. It is no strange or unknown thing to see the spirit ripening in each in proportion to the decay of the body.—F. W. Robertson.

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