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brother who thinks as he does of the "helpfulness" of the A. S. P. S. would subscribe to the *Journal and Messenger* Cincinnati, Ohio, for one year. The level headed, long-eyed brother who

show us the various methods of the Society, using their own reports, in which they make the claim that Southern Society have no more to do with that Society than I have with the Baptist Union of England. There is no other Baptist paper published than that same *Journal and Messenger*. It is now as fair and kind as any the Southern or Northern Baptists put out, and I have no objection to private conversation and correspondence between Society, if none will be published in the *Journal*. The Southern Baptist Society has never uttered one word of public apology.

ring to that. In these days modern martyrs are too easily made. If society kicks a people for fifteen years after braver men had thrown that people down, and then instead of staying on its own side of the line, persists in thrusting itself upon those whom it has abused, and they remind it that it has neither faken back nor apologized for its abusive ways, immediately that society is "persecuted." We hope earnestly, if ever Dr. Tichenor or Dr. Jones or Dr. Tupper take to running around among the associations and conventions of the Northernists, and attempting to interfere with Northern societies in their territory, that if they ever have their friends publish articles in the Northern Baptist paper trying to induce Northern churches to use our Southern Sunday school publications, then I hope the Northern Baptists will give them to understand

Of course if any Northern Baptist editor, not liking the doctrines of the Baptist Teacher or the peculiar methods of the A. B. P. S., advises his readers to adopt the Kind Word series, that is all right. But we hope and feel confident that none of them will ever advise the Northern Baptists to quit publishing Sunday school papers for their own children on the ground that there are so many more Baptists in the South than in the North, and there is no use of so many publications. A. S. FROST.

### The Shelby Association

Met with Liberty church, Shelby county, September 28th and 6th, in session of the association, as follows:—  
Leaf, W. C. Cleveland, C.  
O'Hara, H. Clay Reynolds, former moderator, clerk, and treasurer, elected by acclamation—a worthy tribute to very superior officers.  
Contributions and pledges not large, but thorough patience in hearing applications in this behalf pressed to the utmost a spirit greatly in advance of former years; indeed a high order of enthusiasm, on the subject of benevolence in every direction. A noble young beneficiary, at the How-

Laymen participated in the discussions, on almost every subject, discussions unsurpassed in ability and vigor by any the writer ever heard of any association.

The introductory and mission sermons, mainly on account of the indisposition of the preachers, were dispensed with, and an unusual amount of business done, in a most satisfactory manner, in two days, largely due to the consummate ability and energy of the honored moderators and efficient clerk. The people crowded the house intent to the end on seeing and hearing everything, hearing more and better than former preaching.

Lavish provision was made, for association and everybody else, and the rapidly improving people of the community.

Neighboring associations will have to look to their laurels, even the most Coosa River.

A gracious spirit characterized every word act; the brethren labored in love, leaving their benediction on the whole community.

E. B. T.

Rev. W. A. Montgomery, D. D., president of Thomson College, at McKean Creek, Tenn.

Burke County, Georgia, where negroes outnumber the whites. To come, went for prohibition election held last month, by a margin of 1,255. The vote stood for sale 501; against the sale, 1,756.

DIED, at East Lake, Aug. 26th, 1888, Elizabeth, aged 15 months.

Rest, sweet rest, with God above  
Rest, sweet rest, 'neath God's eternal love.

Returned from mother's throbbing  
On Jesus' faithful bosom, rest!

E. B. FARGAS.

**Elder F. H. Moss.**

Departed this life at Jackson's Gap, July 17th, 1888, Elder F. H. Moss, 68 years, a citizen, 19 days. Bro. Moss converted during the year 1841 in Fike county, Ga. and was baptized by Eld. Mathews into the fellowship of Fike church in 1842. He was married to Jane R. Montague, of Abbeville Dist. S. C., in 1843; was licensed to preach in 1844, and was called to the pastorate at Silas church in Fike county, in 1849. Bro. Moss was an earnest preacher and very much attached to the work of the gospel, an affectionate father and kind husband. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his departure. There is a large number of friends and remembrance will be manifested and secured by a faithful pen. Blessings be sent to die in the Lord."

T. B. FARGAS.



# Alabama Baptist.

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Many of our subscribers very soon unless they pay up or make satisfactory arrangements with us to pay soon. We don't want to part company with you and beg you to help us at once. If we drop your account will be placed in the hands of a collector.

The *Kind Words* series of lesson helps, by our home board, for the fourth quarter are out, and we commend them. They are not only cheap, but well illustrated, excellent as helps and very cheap. Counting the *Teacher*, there are four grades. Send orders to *Kind Words*, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Montgomery *Advertiser* announces that it will soon come out in a new dress and will be one of the nearest printed dailies in the South. New machinery in its stereotyping department will be one of the improvements added. We congratulate our neighbor in anticipation of its new outfit and wish it a long season of prosperity.

The *Religious Herald* tells of a preacher who proposed to a church to preach for \$10 a year. The church was paying \$200 and concluded to accept his offer and thus save \$180. They soon found he was more costly than their old pastor. Cheap preachers are like other shoddy goods—“got mighty little wear in them.”

Do you ever find it needful to pray as did David? “Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.” Ah! friend, if you are bowed down by sin, read the 51st Psalm, learn how, when under the load of a great sin, the psalmist prayed, and go thou and do likewise, and the peace that passeth understanding shall possess your soul.

Read the minutes of your association and see what your brethren did in their meeting. Examine what your church reported for our denominational interests. Think if you helped do even what was done. And now, after you have thus read and reflected, don't you think your church ought to take a livelier view of its responsibility before God? Do you not feel that God would be more greatly honored by your increased love and activity? God help you to do your duty.

More catechisms should be used in our Sunday-schools. The experience of our fathers and mothers, as well as our own, tell us that the children can learn more of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible from the catechisms than from any other lesson cards or book.

ELD. W. H. ANDERSON, in a communication to the *Alabama Christian Advocate*, gives, as one of the danger signals now seen along the church's path, “too great prominence to human agencies in their association with the offices of truth and the Holy Spirit.” It is a fact, apparent at least, that in all our revival efforts we lose sight of the fact that the Holy Spirit must do the work and not the visiting minister alone. In reporting the successes of meetings too often great stress is laid on who did the work. When we begin fully to realize that it is God alone who gives success, then can we hope for spiritual growth.

AT THE last convention Bro. Farnham was appointed state statistician, but resigned as soon as he learned of the appointment, assigning reasons good and sufficient. Bro. Haralson, president, has requested Secretary Crumpton to perform the work until the next convention, and he has kindly consented to do so. Considering what he has already to do, this work imposes a heavy burden on Bro. Crumpton. He is a hard worker, and one of the very best men in the denomination. His hands were already full, but above all is one of the few instances which have characterized his actions in his work for the denomination. He is a generous, kind-hearted Christian brother.

“MAN'S inhumanity to man” while “making countless millions mourn,” has helped to bring into existence the very things needed to overthrow the power which led on the oppression. Great combinations of men and money have bought up all the factories making certain fabrics and forcing the trade of the world into their hands. This outrage has awakened in some man's bosom a genius which has brought forth a substitute which not only greatly blessed the world, but smashed into atoms the oppressor's power. Such a result, it is hoped, will come of the cruel “bagging trust” which now has its secured hand upon the throats of our Southern farmers. The “very necessities of the hour demand that the minds of men be brought to light several kinds of material, either one of which, or all, could be used to cover our cotton for the market, so that never more should we be caught in such a predicament.

PASTOR WATTS, of Georgia, told his people that the fourth page of the *Alabama Baptist* helped him often to prepare a sermon. And other brother Brown, the Methodist pastor, who is a regular reader of the paper, said he also found great help from its columns. Doubtless other pastors could give similar testimony. Speak to your congregation, brother, and tell them of this good paper and beg them to try it.

AN EXCHANGE says: “The *Free Baptist* has on its list of subscribers the name of a minister who has taken the paper since it started, and will not pay for it. The editor says, ‘We have decided to leave his name on the list as an experiment to decide the question of total depravity.’ There are several ministers' names on this list that have not paid of late, but of course they won't be long about it now since they see what terrible experiments editors sometimes make.”

A Montevideo writer well says: “Who now dare talk of enforcing discipline—except in heathen lands? Quietly there has grown up in our churches a laxity in discipline. We seldom hear of church discipline. Is there no call for the exercise of this health-giving tonic in our churches of today? Is the human heart less inclined to evil than in former years? Every thoughtful child of God must confess that Satan still leads us captive at his will. The pruning knife must be used to keep healthy the tree. We must help our brethren in every possible way to keep in the path of right, and many times discipline is the best way.”

“If you would only charge one dollar a year for your paper, you could get so many more subscribers.” This is a common greeting even from Baptists who ought to know better, and who ought to have more denominational pride, if nothing more, than to want to starve out a grand interest like a religious paper. If the price was one dollar these same people would want it for half the amount.

Any thoughtful reader can get enough religious information and spiritual food from one copy of their church paper to more than pay them for the year's subscription. Then, fathers and mothers should remember that many times sons and daughters are led to Christ by reading their denominational paper. Reader, “buy the truth and sell it not,” let no trifle keep you from reading the *ALABAMA BAPTIST*. We are doing the best we can and still hardly keep our heads above water.

## FOR WHOSE SAKE?

The minister leaves his family, neglects his farm, or other personal interests, rides over hills and valleys through rain and sunshine, to preach the gospel to perishing men and women. Why does he do this? Is it for popular applause? Men of the ability of the average preacher could certainly win more of this world's laurels in other pursuits. Is it for money? Ask the self-denying wife and the ill clad children if this be the motive power. Is it because he is not fond of remaining at home with his loved ones? No, the same strong love burns in his bosom as that which animates other husbands and fathers. The great apostle sounded the key note when he exclaimed, “The love of Christ constraineth us.” Yes, it is for Christ's sake that these devoted men thus live and labor. By and by the Master shall say, “It is enough; come up higher.” Tell us, dear reader, for whose sake are you living? You sometimes give your time and your money, for whose sake do you give it?

BAPTISTS have often criticised their Methodist brethren for an undue ambition for, and activity in, getting additions to their membership. They have said this counting heads by M. E. preachers was a help when conference assembled. It advertised them as successful pastors, and they were given more prominent charges. Are we sure, brethren, that Baptist preachers are not leaning a little too far that way? Not that we recommend and invite unconverted people into our fold, oh, no, but then we are mighty anxious, some of us, to report names, especially if we are wanting to change pastorate. The principal feature that would recommend a pastor to us would be to know, not so much the additions received, as the manner of development among the flock. To know where most the young men do congregate, whether near or in the saloon, the club room, or at prayer meeting, to learn that the membership was at work for Jesus, even though weakly, would be among the greatest recommendations of a pastor. The following from the *Advocate* is appropriate:

“Another ‘danger signal’ is seen in the spirit of desire for ‘additions’ to the church, rather than for the conversion of sinners, reclaiming of backsliders and the sanctification of believers. Is it a benefit to get persons into the church whose only conversion and regeneration are in baptismal vows and the ritual service for reception of members? May it not be a mutual, dual injury to the church and those who receive into it? What a dark future, blacker than Egyptian midnight, is there for the church with the mass of its membership—and the ministry chosen by them—ignorant of the work and offices of the Holy Ghost, in high, holy Christian experience. Flowers may be bright and beautiful, but it is sad if they bloom in the cemetery. Of what value are ‘additions’ to a church devoid of spiritual life? A graveyard does not lose its character because of the number of the dead added to it.”

## Attention, Howard College Students.

Students coming to Howard College are requested to check their trunks direct to Birmingham. Hold your checks until you reach the college, where you will turn them over to Mr. S. J. Strock, the commissary, who will have the trunks transferred to the dormitory building.

To the new students who will attend it is necessary, perhaps, to say that they will take the East Lake dummy line to Reba station.

## OUR ANSWER.

These questions are respectfully submitted to those who owe us, will not pay, and do not give their reason for same. Life being short, we make haste to answer some queries propounded by an “appreciative” reader.

You want a better paper. Do you support it at present?

You don't want so many advertisements. Are we living off your subscription?

You think we are growing rich. Is it off your bounty?

You want more sermons. Do you remember the text, As ye would that others do unto you, do ye even also unto them?

You don't see why so much money is needed in printing a paper and running the expense account every week. Do you see how the seven wonders were made?

You want more religion in the press. Are you right sure that the hinges of your own closet door are not rusty?

You don't believe in missions. Have you an idea where this verse found—“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature”—or who uttered the command?

You don't believe in temperance. Had you rather see your friend sober and moral or groveling in the gutter?

You think that “everybody is rushing for money, and the rush has reached the church.” Are you quite sure that for this reason you have decided to hold yourself aloof from God's people and walk the way alone?

You don't believe in a better and more thorough education of our people. Well, our space is valuable.

## SOME FACTS.

We would be very thankful to the brethren who owe us for subscriptions to forward the money at once. During the summer season we have indulged you, knowing that money was scarce and appreciating the fact that you possibly needed all you could get to prepare your crop for the market.

Now the dull season is about over and you are disposing of your products at very fair rates. We have been carrying you on our books for months past, sending the paper every week, rain or shine, money or no money (principally the latter), and now we ask,

Is it strange that we beg you to forward the amount due us?

At all times and on all occasions we have assisted you in every way possible and think it not strange now to ask a prompt settlement. Some brethren are prompt in remitting to the paper, while others are getting it for nothing, not even so much as replying to our statements of accounts mailed them. Wonder if these brethren ever think of the expense we incur every week in giving them a paper for which they have not even returned thanks?

## THE LAYMEN'S MEETING.

The executive committee of the Baptist laymen's association met in the First Baptist church, Montgomery, on the 11th inst., with the following members present: Brethren G. R. Farnham, J. D. Godwin, J. G. Harris, W. B. Davidson and J. B. Gerald. The following are the proceedings of the meeting:

The executive committee of the Alabama Baptist laymen's association met at the First Baptist church at 10 o'clock a. m.

Present—G. R. Farnham, president; J. D. Godwin, Major J. G. Harris, Wm. B. Davidson and J. B. Gerald.

Bro. Farnham opened the meeting by reading a portion of the 29th chapter of 1st Chronicles and with prayer.

The secretary read letters from brethren Crook, Little and Pearce, regretting their inability to be present.

Bro. Pearce requested that an account of pressing business engagements which required his entire time at Mobile, that his resignation be accepted, and that some one be appointed in his place who could give that time and attention to the work which is so richly deserved. On motion of Bro. Harris the resignation was accepted, and the president was authorized to fill the vacancy.

## PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION.

A recent session of this body was held with the church at Monterey in Butler county. Through the kindness of Mr. Traywick we were conveyed from Greenville to the place of meeting. We found this kind gentleman a most pleasant companion.

Monterey and Forest Home are situated in a lovely section of country. The farmers are enterprising, living in good houses, fertilizing their lands and making money.

The first night good brother Little gave us entertainment. The second night of our stay we had the privilege of sharing the hospitality of Dr. C. J. Knight and his lovely family. When we were a child Dr. Knight was our family physician and we learned then to love him. He has just been honored by his fellow citizens by being elected treasurer of Butler county, and will soon remove to Greenville.

The association was called to order by Dr. Ramsey, former moderator. The organization was perfected by the unanimous re-election of Dr. Ramsey as moderator, Judge John Purifoy, clerk, and Capt. J. W. Purifoy treasurer. These brethren have been faithful officers for several years and their re-election was but a deserved compliment.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. G. Curry from H. b. 13: 16.

Judge Purifoy read the Sunday-school report. In 1881 there were three Sunday-schools in this association and one of them was a union school, now there are but fifteen reported and one of them a union school. Short speeches were made by brethren Crumpton, Riley, Giles, and Letcher.

Bro. Philpot read the report on religious periodicals, which was amended so as not only to recommend the *ALABAMA BAPTIST*, but the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Field*, and Baptist Bible and Book Depository at Marion. Speeches were made by C. W. Hare, Dr. Lee, W. B. Crumpton and B. F. Riley, all urging not only that our papers need the support of Baptists, but that Baptists need the papers. Brethren Crumpton and Ramsey made sensible remarks regarding the apportionment of amounts to be collected from the churches. Bro. Crumpton explained that this was not taxation, but simply asking the churches to try to raise a stated amount.

Thursday Bro. W. J. Elliott read the report on home missions. Discussed by B. F. Riley. Eld. George Parker offered the report on state missions, which was ably discussed by different brethren.

Education and ministerial education occupied most of the evening session. Dr. Riley spoke on Howard College and raised some pledges and cash for the dormitory. Rev. G. S. Anderson, a member of the state board of ministerial education, addressed the association specially on ministerial education. C. W. Hare reviewed the past history of the association on this question as recorded in the minutes. Rev. F. C. Plaster offered some very earnest words on this important topic. He has had large experience in the ministry and is well able to give good advice. After the discussion of this question we found it necessary to leave the grounds, hence do not know what else was done, except that the next meeting of this association will be held with the church at Indian Springs, Monroe county.

Bro. D. E. Bead gave us pleasant conveyance to Pine Apple, where a delightful night was spent with Bro. Fore and family.

While at the association we met many old friends who reminded us of our childhood's days. The older men are gradually dropping away and younger ones taking their places. Some improvement in the churches is manifest and we hope for still greater growth.

Several new subscribers were added to our list and the brethren promise more to come. To all, young and old, who gave us attention, we return thanks.

COL. W. W. QUARLES, of the third regiment Alabama state troops (Selma), stopped over with us a short while on Monday on his way to Greenville and Mobile. Col. Q. is the youngest officer bearing that title in the state, if not in the United States. He graduated with high honors as senior captain at the State University two years ago, and is one of its most brilliant lights. He is about twenty-four years of age and has a splendid record as a rising lawyer. Some day we hope to see him in the senate of the United States.

IN ONE of our courts a negro went on the stand with the neck of a whiskey flask protruding from his hip pocket. The judge fined him \$2.50 for this offence. Pretty good, but when men who are half drunk sit on our juries and appear as witnesses, the judge not the right to fine them for “contempt of court?”

We had a good meeting at Union church, Barbour county, embracing the third Sabbath in August. Four were baptized and the church greatly revived.—T. H. Stout, pastor.

## FIELD NOTES.

Brethren L. G. Skipper and W. G. Curry are conducting a meeting at Wetumpka.

Dr. D. W. Gwin, of Decatur, has been aiding Bro. Chambliss in a meeting at Furman.

Elder J. F. Bruner, of Monterey, has been in feeble health for some time, but seems better now.

I baptized three yesterday as the fruits of our recent revival at Bethel.—M. M. Wood, Knoxville, Sept. 10th.

Any church desiring a pastor or supply, will address Rev. J. B. Kilpatrick, at Ohatchie, Calhoun county, Ala.

Sister Smith and son, two valuable members of the Prattville church, have returned from a trip to Massachusetts.

Brother, do you owe us for your subscription? If so, please remit us the amount due. We are in need of the money.

Rev. G. S. Anderson has ten deacons and five ordained ministers in his Ft. Deposit church, and yet he is making fine headway.

Last night's prayer meeting was a glorious one. House filled and nine additions. Two added last week.—W. L. Richards, Eufaula, Sept. 13th.

Bro. S. J. Strock, of Verbena, has been appointed to take charge of the commissary department of Howard College. This, we think, is a good selection.

Father Letcher, of Montgomery, is visiting his daughter in Monroe county, and while down there is working for the BAPTIST. He is one of God's precious ones.

Eld. P. M. Calloway and wife, of Newton, have been visiting in Montgomery. This dear brother has been a valiant soldier for many years. We rejoice in his good health.

Bro. Plaster said in his speech on ministerial education before the Pine Barren association: “They say the world is in advance of us, but we must keep up and hold the reins.”

The striking resemblance between Dr. B. F. Riley and Rev. J. F. Bruner in features, physical manner and voice, was quite striking and remarked upon at the Pine Barren association.







