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WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

The author of the tract, "Why I am a Baptist," asks these questions, which we wish every one of our Perio-baptist readers would read over several times: "Whoever heard of a Baptist becoming convinced that immersion was wrong, and requesting to have water sprinkled upon him in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost?" "Whoever heard of a Baptist being led to renounce immersion by reading the Bible?" Reader, did you ever hear of either of these things? Did you ever hear of any one who had heard of any such occurrence? If so, please write us.

AFTER being in Birmingham and other mining and manufacturing towns surrounding it, we felt relieved to visit a town free from smoke and dust. Springville is what its name indicates, a village of springs. All around the foot and on top of the hills the people of this community live. At the foot of a large hill a bold spring breaks forth and its musical and sparkling waters add enjoyment and comfort to the people. No chills or malaria seem able to find a lurking place about this lovely place, and no matter how hot, the summer breezes will come, gently and sometimes briskly blowing from many a cool retreat. Summer parties from our more Southern towns spend a few months here. They find board cheap and every health-giving influence that more expensive places present. Necessarily, as Birmingham grows, Springville will be more desired as a summer home. We were the guest of the Wilson House. This hotel is kept by Mr. J. H. Smith, and if the fare and attention he gave us is a sample of what he gives all of his customers, it would be delightful to spend a long season with him. Two of the leading spirits of this church, whom we met, are brethren G. M. Truss and J. W. Inzer, Jr. They are both young men, working on a salary, but they are liberal towards the needs of the church. Bro. Glenn, the pastor, is greatly helped by them. Brethren Hill and Keith are among the oldest members. They are cheerful and bright and seem to enjoy religion. Most of the members live in the country, which forbade our meeting them. Under the leadership of their present pastor, this church is moving upward. Some other day we hope to meet the people on their monthly appointment.

TRUSSVILLE.

WHILE en route to Collinsville we dropped off for a few hours at Trussville. Bro. Adams is pastor of the church here, and keeps our subscription list up so well that we only needed to drop off and make the acquaintance of the brethren. It was a bleak day and very few people came to town. Brethren Tally, Henderson, McDonald and Hambricht were found. These all take deep interest in the church and are Aarons and Hurs to the pastor. Bro. Hambricht is a preacher and is doing acceptable work for a church in the country. We found sister Emma McClung to be one of the earnest workers among the ladies. They are repairing their church, a belfry is being erected, an iron furnace has just gone into blast, and they expect a bigger population pretty soon, so they are making ready to receive them with a well organized church and an attractive building. The members of this church encourage us in our fight against all forms of sin, whether it be against rum, Romanism, Mormonism, or the other sins we are attacking. They believe a Baptist paper ought to be run by men of nerve and as brain. We were sorry to find Bro. Tally a great sufferer with neuralgia.

BLOCTON.

Who that visits the mining portions of Alabama can in a few short articles adequately write them up? Often have we traveled over north Alabama, daily do we read of her strides in various developments, and yet each trip we make to Birmingham and surrounding country more wonderful does it still appear to us. New mines are being opened, furnaces erected, railroads built, and towns established, each month in the year. We had heard of Blocton and of the Birmingham Mineral Railroad, so we boarded a train on this road and ran down to Blocton Tuesday, the 6th. With the sagacity which has ever marked the managers of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, this mineral road has been built so as to run along the edge of the mountains, so as to touch nearly every coal and iron mine about the Magic City or in the country surrounding it. Going south, we pass the iron mine at Brock's Gap, and near the furnaces at Oxonier, Redding & Smith's

mines, several of which lie all about Red Mountain. Its branches reach the four furnaces of Bessemer. Dashing along the edge of a bold stream, it passes through "Blue Creek" coal mines, where three or four shafts have been sunk. A little further on and it sends a line off to the coal mines at Connellville. In a few years dozens of shafts will be sunk in various places along this road and dozens of towns will dot the now uninhabited places. On we go, only stopping now and then to put off a miner with a happy countenance, but, oh! so drunk. Woodstock, with her iron furnaces, is passed; nine miles further, and Blocton, a town of 4,000 inhabitants, is reached. The sable curtains of night have fallen, and as we alight no one can tell where Bro. Lowrey lives. Soon the familiar face of Edwin K. Huey, a Marion boy, a Howard boy, is discovered, and by his aid the Baptist church is found.

Rev. G. S. Daugherty, a noble, good brother, from Adams, Ala., is here helping Bro. Lowrey in a meeting. He used to be a machinist, and is finding it easy to get at these hard working but honest hearted people. He visits their homes, addresses them familiarly, and then preaches plainly and earnestly, and there was every indication of a good meeting when we left. Already several had professed faith in Christ. Bro. Lowrey is a true missionary. His educational advantages have not been great, but he is learned in the Scriptures. His great heart realizes the worth of immortal souls, and he is studying as best he can how to lead souls to Christ.

Dear reader, do you ever wonder if giving money to state missions pays? We wish every Baptist in Alabama could have been with us at Blocton. Here was a great mining town of 4,000 souls. Dwellers from Germany were here, also from Wales, and other foreign countries. But amid all this people there was no Baptist church. The State Board sent Bro. Lowrey to this place, and told him to go to work. He found Baptists, but they were weak and dispirited. He cheered them, and, with his own hands, helped the brethren to erect a neat and commodious church house on a beautiful eminence overlooking the central part of the town. They have a good Sunday-school, and everything is hopeful. Souls are being converted, and if the board can sustain the missionary one or two years longer, he will have a membership that will soon pay back to the board every dollar and more, too, of the amount received. The work is paying. The preacher is not afraid to work at tent making when money gets scarce. He ought to be supported, so that all his time could be given to the work of the ministry. Time and space here forbid our speaking of the people, the place and the works as we desired. Later we shall say more. Bro. Lowrey is getting the people to read the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Bro. Daugherty's visit to this people, we think, will prove a blessing, and here we must say this. Bro. D. is doing excellent work for the paper. He is fully identified with our people.

Rev. G. A. Nunnally, D. D., of Anniston, came out to Davisville to assist our pastor, Rev. J. Q. Stockman, in the ordination of Bro. W. H. Davis to the office of deacon. Rev. J. Scott joined with them in constituting the presbytery. During the sermon by Dr. Nunnally he emphasized the need we had for a house of worship. Since then we have commenced work, and by united effort we hope to get into an elegant brick church by fall. Dr. Nunnally thinks every Baptist church should have a good meeting house—a house in all respects as good as any occupied by the brethren for dwellings. This young church is in a growing town, and our pastor is an earnest, progressive man. He has the support of a noble band of women, without whom church improvement is almost an impossibility.—H. B.

The Twelfth Street Baptist church has been organized about eighteen months, with Rev. G. A. Nunnally pastor. During that time there have been accessions nearly every Sunday, and the membership has grown from 40 to 175. The enrollment of scholars in the Sunday-school equals the membership of the church, and its contributions average three cents per capita every Sunday, with W. A. Davis as superintendent. The contributions of the church have averaged above two hundred dollars every Sunday. They have bought a lot, built a "pastor's home" and the lecture room to their church, and are out of debt. The women have contributed about sixteen hundred dollars. Strangers visiting the city are always delighted with the church building, which is of pink sand stone, and they remark, "It is an ornament to the city," "A monument to the body which built it," "A poem in stone," "A benediction in architecture," "A psalm in silent song."—Correspondent.

What My Correspondents Say.

Many, many things my correspondents say, but I cannot report them all. Here are a few choice bits.

Bro. Nunnally, of the Twelfth Street church, Anniston, writes: "We have been running an artisan well ever since I came, and now as the water sinks a little we are putting in a force pump with five handle; State, Home, Foreign, Judson and Howard. You must work the handles, and if the pump gets dry in the throat it may be necessary for you to pour some out of your pitcher to get it to take hold." He reports a collection taken, which will soon be forwarded. Our pitchers are large enough, but they have but little in them. If it doesn't take too much we will occasionally moisten the pump; but, brother, can't you fix the pump so that it won't be necessary? They tell me that pumps usually keep in good order where they are in constant use. First class pumps keep the pump a-going. We have no fears about this church coming up with all that is asked of it.

A good letter from Bro. J. R. Lloyd, missionary, posted at Oxanna, reports a meeting in progress, and some success in raising funds to complete their church. With a little assistance last year and this, the Oxanna church will take its place among the established churches of that growing section. Bro. Lloyd has done a good work.

THE ENVELOPE'S WORK. "Some who have never paid a cent, I find by using the envelopes will pay at least ten cents a quarter. By using them I have many more opportunities to answer questions in reference to the board and missions." The above is from the pine country of south Alabama.

Here is one from the mountains of North Alabama: "I am requested to say to you, in response to your circular, that we have been using your envelopes for a year, with success, and now want a new supply." Another North Alabama brother sends ten dollars, and says: "This is the result of our quarterly collection at New Hope through the envelopes. Brethren are well pleased with their work."

Bro. P. T. Hale, of South Side church, writes for 1,000 envelopes to be used in Birmingham. So great has been the demand that 20,000 envelopes printed in August are all gone, and I have sent on another order. Wherever faithfully tried, they are doing great good. They must have some one to work them or they will not do.

TROUBLE-SOME QUESTIONS.

An earnest pastor, whose heart is in the mission work, writes: "The little information I have been able to impart concerning our work as a denomination is doing some good, for a few are becoming interested. But there are many Hardshells about here who are very bitter, and are doing all they can to kill out the spirit of missions, and cripple me in my work. They originate many hard questions that I have to answer in some way." Some of these hard questions are about boards, conventions, etc. Well, brother, if you will turn to 3rd John you will find that Diotrephes is the father of all such. He would not receive the missionaries who went forth to preach to the Gentiles, but "prating against them with malicious words, and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren and casteth them out of the church." The best answer to all such is to present the facts. I sent him the little book, "The Great Value" and Success of Foreign Missions," which every preacher ought to have. No man who loves the Savior can be a skeptic about the success of present methods after reading it. But our Hardshell brethren have allies. The brother continues, "Some Baptists give me much trouble, and they are not the ignorant, either, but good, intelligent, Christian men, who are true men, yet opposed to some things the Baptists are doing. They talk much, and as the most of the people whom I serve are opposed to giving, they lay hold to these arguments and give me no little trouble at times. However, I would not have you believe that I am discouraged in the least, for I have never been more encouraged, or really more delighted, with my work. It is so unfortunate that 'some Baptists' will do so, but we can't help it. I, too, am opposed to several things our people are doing, but I know if I go to opposing them, I will never win them to my way of thinking. If there was any principle involved, of course it would be right to oppose; but opposition to trifling differences only gives aid and comfort to those who are wishing us to fail and who are 'prating against us with malicious words.' May it not be that like Diotrephes of old, all these opposers 'love to have the pre-eminence'?"

The greatest fault among Baptists which I know anything about is, *Do nothingism*; it is a glowing sin before God. With all the energy of our being, let us oppose this. Let us all work somewhere. If we can't work in harmony with our brethren, let us missionary in a foreign field, independent of the Board, let them do it. If any among us are opposed to giving, and are determined not to give, let them draw out peaceably, and organize another church by another name, but for the Master's sake don't stay in a missionary church to hinder those who want to give. We need the spirit which will

TAKE THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.

A brother, in sending a contribution, says: "We are fearfully strained with

our building and pastor's salary, but I cannot allow the little missionary interest we have to go down." So many things are allowed to interfere with regular mission collections; it is refreshing to find some pastors who see this great question as it is—the *biggest* in the world. The world would soon be taken for Christ if all pastors felt and acted like this brother.

A GROWING CHURCH.

A pastor closes a good letter with: "We have more people reading, listening, praying and giving, than we had one year ago." There's growth for you; the Lord will add "the saved" to that church.

Second the Motion.

In an able article published in the *Religious Herald* Dr. A. Broadus says: "At the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention the Home Board should be instructed to dispose of, on the best terms they can make, the interest of the convention in the *Kind Words* concern." Referring to the same subject, one of the most useful members of the Home Board says: "I am going to believe there is dignity and religion enough in the convention to unload *Kind Words* without a squabble." And now that the motion has been made and seconded, the question may be considered fairly open for discussion.

With the light I now have on the subject, I heartily endorse Dr. Broadus' proposal. The arrangement which it contemplates would, I think, be better for the papers themselves, better for the convention, and better for the work of the board. Without entering into an elaborate explanation here, I call attention to a point or two.

The convention is not prepared to do a publication work. It has no capital, no presses, no facilities whatever for such a work. Years ago it had a Sunday-school Board, but that organization collapsed. The wreck was turned over to the Home Mission Board, which was not designed as a medium of publication. At the Montgomery convention the board proposed to undertake a series of Sunday-school supplies, with the endorsement of the convention. The endorsement was given, and the next year at Louisville the board called for help, and an additional secretary was to be appointed. This does not help the matter much. Two secretaries can't control the publications, the "circulars" escape clearly demonstrated. And now it is officially stated that the convention itself can't control the publications without the risk of "expensive litigation." Yet we are asked to stand by these publications because they are *ours*!

The favorite plea for the present arrangement is that it brings one thousand dollars into the treasury of the board. What do we give for the thousand dollars? Our votes in the convention? Our influence out of the convention? Are these commodities of commerce among Baptists? If we have anything to farm out for a thousand dollars a year, why not convert it into capital and do our own publishing and thus escape "circulars" and the risk of "expensive litigation"? The Baltimore Baptist says the profits on the Southern Methodist Sunday-school publications amount to about forty thousand dollars a year. There are as many Baptist Sunday-schools in the South as there are Methodist schools. And any enterprising business firm could well afford to pay ten thousand dollars to have the Southern Baptist convention crack the whip and drive in the patronage of all the Baptist Sunday-schools in the South. There is just one serious drawback to such an arrangement: There are a good many Baptists to whom a thousand dollars is not the biggest thing in the world and who decline to be driven.

J. J. TAYLOR.

Mobile, Ala.

Good News.

Eds. Ala. Baptist. We are at work and our people are animated with notions of an onward move, the like of which has not been known in these regions for years. I hear plans are outlined for this year which, if carried out, would be a successful termination, will redound in no small degree to the Master's glory.

The ladies of Mount Gilead church have been laboring for some time in order to acquire enough money to purchase an organ. They now have a handsome instrument. The ladies of Shiloh church have done likewise, and now the choir of both churches are becoming quite efficient. Come down, brother Editor, and hear them. Some of the new members received last year are such fine soldiers—not like recruits. I might tell you of the usefulness of Bro. Joe May, but I am afraid to do so. And then there is Bro. Emmett Bostwick, of Benton, but he is so timid he might not like to see in print how much he helps us in our work. And Bro. Stewart Morgan, so stalwart and strong for his Master; and then there comes up so many more, both of brethren and sisters, who have proved such a blessing to their pastor and to the church, that I will have to desist for the present. Suffice it to say that we are stronger down here than we once were, and if it is the Lord's will we are not through getting strong yet. Bro. Anderson is where we can touch elbows with him once in a while, and you know the companionship of such a soldier gives strength and renewed courage.

SIDNEY CATTS.

Pleasant Hill, April 1st.

A Boyce Memorial.

Dr. Boyce, the master of many a pupil, is in heaven. The grandest occasion of my life was not when I graduated under him, but when on his visit last spring my church gave nearly one thousand dollars to encourage his heart. I loved Dr. Boyce. I love his memory. We, "his boys," can honor it. I will be one of five hundred of "his boys" to give one hundred dollars as a Boyce memorial fund, to be paid in four annual payments, the first to be due on the hour when the Southern Baptist convention meets in Memphis in May. The gratitude of "his boys" should place in his vacant chair, means sufficient to erect an enduring monument to a illustrious name, which shall aid in carrying out the plans for which he sacrificed his life.

Will the Baptist press please copy, and "the boys" respond?—W. L. EICHARD, in Western Recorder.

Howard College.

Rev. D. I. Purser has accepted the financial secretaryship of Howard College, and in entering upon the work makes the following announcement to the trustees:

1. Not one dollar, nor one cent, contributed by any one, either in or out of Birmingham, will be applied to the payment of his salary, but will go directly into the building, provided a sufficient sum is secured to finish the building.

2. Not one dollar given by any one will be used unless the full amount of \$40,000 is provided, which amount is necessary to complete the building. In the event that the above sum is not raised, every cent will be returned to those who have contributed, and the secretary will dissolve his connection with the board.

3. Sixty or ninety days as long as the secretary expects to be engaged in settling the question as to whether or not he can build the house, during which time he hopes every one willing to help will do so without delay.

4. Therefore we call upon the Baptists of the state to remember their solemn promise made in convention assembled at Talladega, that they would provide funds to meet any deficit which might occur, in salaries of the faculty during this session, for the local board and community cannot help, and will not attempt anything that is calculated to interfere with the effort being made to complete the main building.

W. C. WARD.

Pres. Board Trustees.

Birmingham, Ala., April 6th.

Reminiscences.

NO. XVI.

As I had said, before leaving my home in South Carolina, that I never would attend another circus in that town (Cheraw), so I never did; but in Washington City I once went to a place called "Brown's Amphitheatre," a mixture of circus riding and stage playing. Of the play I remember only a woman jumping out of a window screaming, "It was I, it was I!" and not the slightest doubt of the truth of her assertion, as to her high screaming identity. I was attracted by a little girl dancing to something—perhaps it was called "Fisher's Hornpipe," if there be such a thing. I did not know that anything human could move as rapidly as that child's feet did, as they seemed barely to touch the floor. Some one said that the child's mother was there, aside, intensely overseeing the performance. Poor slaves to the stage must be more wretched than even the cotton mill victims. They begin no doubt some earlier in life, drill to exhaustion, work harder, and die sooner, probably, than most of the young "opera" slaves in this land of liberty; for they have the adjuncts of luxury and vice to hasten their steps to the grave. How cruel that monster, the wicked world, to require such sacrifices of eternal ruin to immortal souls for their amusement! How far more cruel are theatre-going Christians, who make that world, by their sinful example, much more cruel and wicked than it would otherwise be.

I did not patronize the theatre; the only thing in that line I once attended, was an amateur performance, of a production, I understand, of one of the "Cassidy" family. Time: When the city of New Orleans was making history, with the aid of Packham. Scenery: A log cabin, a soldier recruit, a weeping family, some military—well, it was a failure.

I went one night to the "Old Foundry" Methodist church, in Washington, and heard a young preacher from Kentucky. His name was Durbin, and he was eloquent. He made impressive a point on the doctrine of plurality in the godhead, by quoting with emphasis the words of the Creator, "Let us make man." I think he was afterwards Bishop or Dr. Durbin, and I grieved in Europe.

Late in the summer, or in the early fall, of 1850, I was one of a party in some sort of conveyance, and went about fifteen miles into Maryland, and attended a large Methodist camp-meeting. I heard several good speakers, among them one named French Evans, who had some eloquence, and whose name reminded me of the famous Welsh-Baptist preacher, Christmas Evans. There was a revival, and the most conspicuously blessed was a colored woman from Alexandria, Va. I learned her locality, as well as her occupation, from her shouting. She just went "tearing" under a tent, exclaiming as she ran, "O happy Alexander cook! O happy Alexander cook!" A few may have thought she was deranged, as some talked of Paul and his companions; but he said, "We are fools for Christ's

sake." After about three days I wished to return, but there was no conveyance nor would be till the meeting should break up several days afterwards, so I resolved unanimously, and footed those fifteen miles back to the city. I have done some walking since then, at times, and thank the Lord, I can still walk.

At a show of animals, one day, I heard a stylish lady, who was looking at some savage little animal, inquire of the showman, "If that thing should get out, wouldn't it be very curious?" "Yes ma'am, very curious," was the curt reply. At another time I heard a man inquiring, and seeming intent on paying his "seventence" to get a good look at the "rhino-ceros." It was said to be a fact, that when Congressman David Crockett once stepped into a menagerie, and looked at a wildcat, it happened that the animal instantly fell over in a fit and died. Yet I did not hear that any one believed that this catastrophe resulted from a fatal glance of the Colonel's eye.

MAT. LYON.

Moulton, Ala., March, 1889.

Help for the Clayton Church.

Eds. Ala. Baptist: Will you allow me to tell in your columns how we are progressing with the work of rebuilding our church?

Well, our old house is torn down, and for the first time in nearly a half century it can be said that Clayton has no Baptist house of worship. It was with deep reluctance we watched the workmen complete their task, from the old leaky roof to the crumbling sills underneath it. But it is done, and we would be like the military chieftain who rejoiced when told that his ships had been burned behind him and retreat was impossible, because the only alternative was victory or death.

But God has raised up friends in our need, and while as yet we see not the end, and are far short of a sufficiency of funds, still his guiding hand has been too often and too plainly revealed for us to doubt his ultimate blessing.

Our Presbyterian brethren have given us a temporary home, where, with Bro. Ayres to go in and out before us, we continue to pray and plan for this all absorbing work. God has touched alike the heart of the highest in authority, and the poor day laborer, who can only give us his earnings from the sweat of his brow. He has loosed the purse strings of men we never saw, and from far away beyond the lines of state or section their kindly donations have come to our assistance.

But it is of the most precious and highly prized of all the contributions which yet have reached us I now would speak. I refer to donations made us so far by the Sunday schools of this and other states, and how far behind the example of my noble and Christ-like brethren I feel that I have fallen as superintendent of a Baptist Sunday-school. But the matter comes home to me now as I never saw it before, and more and better than ever do I love "the brethren, the work, and the world," and I now desire to go on record, that so long as God and my brethren honor me with this or a like position, I will never allow an appeal for financial succor in this greatest of causes to go unheeded from our door.

Brethren superintendents, there are many of you from whom, as yet, we have not heard in response to our appeal. As hinted above, we have been, spiritually, very greatly blessed in receiving; but the Book teaches us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Let, then, this greater blessing be yours; put our appeal before your schools at once and send us your donations, however small, and in your united efforts, rather than in the value of individual school contributions, shall we be enabled to send heavenward another grand old Baptist church.

Let us remember, brethren, that it is oftentimes our Savior's custom to identify himself with his struggling servants in needy Christian causes to test his people, whether or not they will recognize him in the habiliments of distress and destitution.

I beg to acknowledge, and that with tender and loving gratitude, the following contributions from the brethren and schools below named—the list being a complete one to date:

Geo. B. Davis, Sec., Eufaula,	\$31.05
T. H. Buxton, Oxford,	5.00
L. S. Skinner, Suplt., Furman,	5.00
L. S. Merrill, "Onancock, Va.,	4.50
Jno. B. Nokes, "Orlando, Fla.,	4.30
D. W. Gaddie, ch. cl., Bartow, Fla.,	3.74
Harry Henderson, Sec., Brewton,	3.65
C. G. Lytle, Suplt., Moulton,	3.30
T. J. Carlisle, "Brundidge,	2.01
T. W. Stevens, "Durant, Miss.,	2.60
J. W. Cook, "Helena, Ark.,	1.75
T. W. Moore, "Aberdeen, Miss.,	1.00
H. L. Kirby, "Lioness, Mo.,	1.00
R. L. Brown, pas. Marble Hill, Mo.,	1.00
L. W. Neeth, Sec., Koscusko, Miss.,	1.00
R. W. Webb, Suplt., Hertford, N. C.,	.75

Total \$73.45

B. DAVIS.

Clayton, Ala., March 24, 1889.

Bro. A. J. Waldrop tells that while the sainted Bro. Wm. McCaid was baptizing in a creek, six young men walked out and sat down on a log, which reached across the creek. At the close of the services, as the youths were to go ashore, the log broke and plunged them into the water. Great confusion ensued, but the situation was somewhat relieved when the preacher said: "We beat the devil this time; we got seven and he only got six."

The Scriptures teach us the best way of living the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.—Flavel.

"Honor to Whom Honor is Due."

Editors Ala. Baptist: When the members of other denominations are guilty of illegal, immoral, irreligious, unchristian acts—acts, too, which burden the poor and unfortunate, and cause distress and sorrow all over the land—ought not such people to be held up to the scorn which such conduct so richly merits? And if Baptists be conspicuous for their freedom from such immoralities, is it not right and proper that mention be made of it? If there be individual exceptions, why, the whole denomination must not be condemned.

All the country around me (and it may be so in other communities) is suffering from usury and extortion. Why, I have known men to charge as much as fifty per cent for the use of money, and for the use of goods as much as five hundred per cent. Those who do these things were not members of the church, I wouldn't hesitate to call such acts downright wickedness, especially when I find that usury and extortion are condemned alike by prophet and apostle.

It is very gratifying to find that Baptists are not guilty of these errors. It is a matter to be proud of. Did you ever stop to inquire why Baptists, who have money to lend, never demand above legal rates of interest? Or why Baptist merchants who sell goods "on time" are so just and reasonable in their charges? I have been pondering the question for some time and have arrived at, no doubt, the proper solution. It must be because the pastors of our town and city churches are faithful and bold to warn their flocks against these very errors, and the country pastors follow the example of the town pastors, and thus in town and country the membership of Baptist churches are kept free from this evil.

Too much cannot be said in praise of these "grand" men, who, in our religious centers, not only instruct in the way of godliness, but have been able, so far, to guide their flocks clear of errors and immoralities that burden the poor with so much distress. I'm glad I am a Baptist.

J. CULPEPER.

Davenport, Ala.

A Good Pastor and a Good Church.

At his last appointment, Rev. W. J. Elliot, pastor of Allenton Baptist church, preached a most excellent sermon on the "Tongue." The evils of slandering, tattling, back-biting, etc., were forcibly presented. Whether churches or communities are addicted to these evils, or not, it is well that they be presented occasionally, from which much good, no doubt, would result.

Though we have preaching "once a month and Saturday before," we worship every Sabbath. Our church meets "the first day" in every week, to worship and study God's word, which, to my mind, is the true intent of a Sabbath school. As we have no prayer meeting at any other time, you might call our meeting a half prayer and half Sabbath school meeting. One or more of the brethren alternates with the superintendent in opening or closing the meeting every Sabbath with prayer. Whether churches have preaching or not, they ought to meet every Sabbath for worship. It is urged sometimes, that on account of distance, bad roads, inclement weather, etc., it is impracticable to do so; yet distance, bad roads or weather don't keep people from visiting on Sunday, if they feel like it. It is also claimed that many of our churches haven't members capable of conducting worship. I doubt this, as there is no church but what have members who can, if they will, read God's word and lead in prayer. Where this is not done, they can at least meet, sing, read God's word, and, if nothing else, which is enough, if done in the right spirit, pray the Lord's prayer. There is no excuse for churches failing to meet every Sabbath for worship.

J. F. L.

The Critical Hearer.

I do not now propose to analyze his state of mind further than to say that one of his chief impulses is self-conceit. Nor is it necessary to enumerate the varieties of this species of human nature. Suffer me to ask a few questions. Have you, brother preacher, ever noticed one or more persons in your audience, either after the utterance of your first sentence or at some stage of your discourse, giggle and whisper, or perchance write some criticism to one sitting near? What effect did it have on you? On a little child that sat just behind the disorderly critic? On the soul of that critic? And of that companion whose mind he was corruptly dominating in the sanctuary of God? Answers are not asked for—only think! D. W. G.

It will doubtless be gratifying to the friends of the Judson to know that as far as I have canvassed the state, all Baptists, and some who are not Baptists, and all our pastors and Sunday-school superintendents, promise co-operation, and as liberal contributions as possible. I appeal earnestly to all our pastors and Sunday-school superintendents in the state to take as liberal collections as possible. To the Baptist ladies of Alabama, and friends of the Judson everywhere, I appeal for aid in this grand work. Remit J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer, Marion, Ala., or the undersigned at Oxford, Ala. Friends who are willing to aid, but have not the money now, can make notes in favor of J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer, payable on the 1st of October next, at any bank or business house to suit their convenience, and enclose me at Oxford, Ala.—Abner Williams, Agent Judson Female Institute.

Resolutions.

Relative to the Death of Rev. J. C. HAND, Adopted by Jemison Lodge, No. 411 A., and No. March 28, 1889.

Whereas, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom, has seen fit to call from the walks of life our beloved brother, Rev. James Cornelius Hand, that he might put off this mortality for an immortality beyond the grave, therefore, be it

Resolved 1st. That in the death of our departed brother, our loss is his gain, and we bow in submission to that divine summons which called him from us and his spirit back to God who gave it.

Resolved 2nd. That in the death of Bro. Hand, we lose a good citizen, a kind friend, a true mason, a faithful minister of the Gospel, and above all, an exemplary follower of the meek and lowly Jesus. For forty five long years the best energies of his life were expended in proclaiming the gospel of peace and love to dying men and women.

Resolved 3rd. That his unswerving faith in God, his pure life and his devotion to the principles of Free Masonry should inspire us to higher, holier effort to attain that divine life which will surely gain us admission into that celestial Lodge above where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides.

Resolved 4th. That we tender to his bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, and point them one and all to the lowly Nazarene, whom our departed brother loved and served, and who is able to comfort the afflicted, heal the broken hearted, and lead them to Pisgah's heights, from whence they can "look out far beyond the dark portals of the tomb, and be gladdened with a vision of the beautiful gates ajar!" and more—he will give them an abundant entrance into that everlasting habitation—that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Resolved 5th. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes; that a copy be furnished our departed brother's family; that a copy be sent each to the *Clifton View* and *ALABAMA BAPTIST* for publication; that a page of the records of the proceedings of this lodge be set apart sacred to the memory of our beloved brother, Rev. James Cornelius Hand; and that the usual badge of mourning be worn by the craft for thirty days.

A. E. BURNS, W. M.

H. T. CAFFEY, Sec'y.

Mrs. A. M. Garrison

was born in Greenville, S. C., June 16, 1813; married to E. W. Garrison, March 26, 1833; moved to Alabama in 1837, and located in Perry county, where she lived until the 3rd day of February, 1889, when the messenger, Death, visited their happy home near Perryville, Ala., and laid his icy hand on her, and placed her spirit in charge of angels, who gently bore her across the river to the mansions of the blest.

She enjoyed good health during her entire life, till about three months before her death, when

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BRO. MAT LYON, in his Reminiscences, takes us to scenes of other days.

BRO. SIDNEY CATTS gives us good news. He is a true soldier, and we hear he is growing as a preacher. Read what he says.

READ what Bro. Davis says about Clayton; don't pass him by. He tells how they are building a church. Send him a contribution.

IS THE BAPTIST worthy of support? If so send us your renewal and all the new subscribers you can get. Send us your job printing also. Every little helps.

READ everything you find on the first page. The notes concerning our trip has been a little slow in coming out, but read what we say of the points visited.

We give our schools an immense amount of free advertising. Is it unreasonable that we expect of them at least a share of their job printing? We can now do as fine work and do it as cheaply as any office in the state.

BRETHREN, the Home and Foreign Mission Boards close their books April 30th. Take your collections promptly and forward to the secretaries. If you have no preaching day, go around and make a personal canvass.

WE congratulate the LaFayette Sun on the life and spirit thrown into its entire make up. This paper is on the moral side of all questions, and is also working vigorously for the upbuilding of the town of LaFayette and Chambers county.

THE Catholic Church is nothing if not political. Who ever heard of the Baptist vote, the Methodist vote, or the Presbyterian vote, in this country? But the Catholic vote determines the fate of many an election.

BRO. W. C. WARD, President of the board of trustees of Howard College, speaks. Hear him. Send your contribution to Dr. Riley. He needs \$5,000 more. Talladega church has recently sent \$75 and expects, no doubt, to make it \$100.

THE citizens of Montgomery are pulling together for a great exposition next fall. Maj. M. C. Burke has been chosen manager. Montgomery is in the central part of Alabama, and there is no reason why her exposition should not be a paying enterprise.

ONE of the best editors in Alabama said that our ventilation of the Catholic question had been worth a vast deal to him. It got him to thinking and looking up the facts, and he is sure we are correct in all we have said concerning the dangers of Roman Catholicism in America.

ONE of the leading teachers of the state informed us that our discussion of the Catholic question had helped to open his eyes to the dangers of Catholicism. We learn of a mother who had her daughter ready to enter a Catholic convent. She read our editorials and selections on Catholicism and decided her daughter might grow up in ignorance before she would send her to a Catholic school. The Dispatch will style her "intolerant." We say she is simply sensible.

WE would not hesitate to patronize the Kind Words series of Sunday school papers, even if they were printed on Confederate paper and with Confederate ink. May it not be possible that all this muddle has arisen because of too much sectional feeling?

ARCHBISHOP RYAN, of Philadelphia, throws his official influence against the prohibitory amendment now being labored for in Pennsylvania. His opinion and statement, of course, is worth no more than those of any other man, but thousands of Catholics will do his bidding.

HON. E. A. GRAHAM was nominated for mayor of Montgomery at the primary election on last Friday. The total number of votes cast was 1,546. Of this number Mr. Graham received 882, and Mr. Carr, 664. There being no opposition to City Clerk R. B. Snodgrass, he was given a large vote and re-nominated.

A VERY intelligent lawyer said to us a few days since that the Dispatch never got a worse drubbing than the ALABAMA BAPTIST had given it. He furthermore said that all we have published concerning Roman Catholicism is true. He has seen Romanism gone to seed. This lawyer is not a Baptist.

A LEADING business man from east Alabama, member of another church, handed us his subscription a few days since, saying: "The thanks of all the Protestants of the state are due your paper for its manly fight against Roman Catholicism. Every right-thinking Christian, no matter to what church he belongs, condemns the belittling efforts of the Dispatch."

THE corresponding secretary of our State Mission Board was in our office last week. He stated that at the last meeting of the State Board it was decided that there was not money enough on hand to pay missionaries now employed, hence they were compelled to deny the applications for help to several other needy points. Brethren, won't you help the board as promptly as possible?

ON the first page of this paper you will find a communication from Rev. J. J. Taylor. He seconds the motion that the next meeting of the convention instruct the Home Board to dispose of Kind Words Sunday-school literature to the best advantage, etc. If there is as much profit, as is suggested by some, in this publication business, why would it not be best for our convention to do its own publishing—say have a publishing committee, and hire a man of ability to be general manager? At any rate, let's do something to make our future course both pleasant and profitable.

WHILE we do not deal in politics, yet we shall ever give place to such thoughts as is expressed in the following by Dr. J. L. Gaskins, of Florida, when taking his seat recently as speaker of the house of that State: "I cannot believe it was ever the intention of Jefferson that any man receiving the majority of the votes of the whole people should not take the position of president of the United States; yet the startling fact is confronted that Cleveland received 98,000 more votes than his opponent, and still is not president." Reform is needed, and needed sadly, when the majority must submit to the minority. So much do we lose by the present electoral college system.

FOR a man to be a true Christian citizen, he must be informed; and to be informed it is not necessary for him to go into politics and lower the standard of Christianity. We think that when members of the church vote they should vote for men who will represent them intelligently and conscientiously, and not vote for men who will be factors and instruments in the hands of politicians and corruptors to further their own selfish and ignoble interests. Let our people inform themselves upon every subject before they lend their influence to men and their measures. Do not be duped. Do not vote for men who at some time in the future you will regret, and who will work against the best interests of your section. Investigate all matters concerning your town, city, or section, and vote always as intelligent men, and for men who will represent you intelligently.

SIGNING PETITIONS.

The following, from the Evergreen Star is worthy of a careful reading by intelligent voters, especially by those who profess to be Christians. It is a painful truth that influential members of our churches often exercise very little judgment in such matters:

"Men frequently sign recommendations, asking the appointment of applicants for office, when, in an election, they would not cast their ballots for the same candidates. People, when approached in behalf of applicants for office filled by appointment, dislike to give offense by declining to sign, and they do not in every instance recollect that their signatures to such papers are far more potent factors in producing results than their votes because the applicants, not knowing the signers, are forced to rely upon the recommendations of the signers."

MARION MILITARY INSTITUTE.

The people of Marion are proud of the above named college. Col. Murfee and his enthusiastic young professors are meeting with wonderful success. Nearly one hundred boarders fill the old Howard buildings. Boys and young men are there from every section of Alabama, and some from other states. Rooms for next year are being engaged. Parents are delighted with the progress being made by their sons.

FREE FOR ONE MONTH!

Several parties are getting the ALABAMA BAPTIST one month on trial. We send you the paper to allow you to become acquainted with its merits, hoping thereby to induce you to become a permanent patron. Please think soberly of what blessings the paper will bring to your home during one year, and then send us the money—\$2.00 for one year, \$1.00 for six months, or 50 cents for three months.

It was our pleasure on Sunday, the 7th, to dine with the president of the Judson Female Institute. He reported everything working in perfect harmony. The young ladies and teachers are in superb health. While some of the pupils left about Christmas and before, still new ones came in, so that their net loss, caused by the burning of the Judson, is only about four. This is indeed remarkable. Hardly another school in the South could have survived like the Judson has. The girls visit the (soon to be) new Judson almost every day. Work is progressing rapidly on this building, and we have little doubt but what commencement exercises will be held in it. Friends from many places are sending contributions to hurry on the work.

SPECIAL READ!

To increase the circulation of the ALABAMA BAPTIST we will send the paper one month free to persons who are not now taking it. Pastors, please send us the names and postoffice addresses of those whom you have reason to think would become subscribers if they only knew the worth of the paper. Of course there are some who could not pay for a paper, and some who would not read any kind of a paper, but you know several who can pay and who will read. These are the kind we wish. Please help us and you will be astonished to know how you will be recompensed.

THE Dispatch headed an article for our consideration the other day with two words, "Petering Out," which we hurl over on the table of the Agnostic with these facts on hand: Not only Mr. Martin, of Greenville, but numbers of Baptists—one at Loachapoka, another in Wilcox county, and others in Talladega county, besides others who were being persuaded to take the paper, and told that no more Roman Catholicism would be preached through its columns, and that "the new concern" had nothing to do with the old one—have said that they want no such visitor at their homes. Further, it must be a very sad thought to the Dispatch to note the remarkably small demand for it on the trains throughout the state. We have just read that the Dispatch arrives at a point in Wilcox county five days late. It seems that such things as these would cause the Dispatch to quit shaking its gory locks at us for awhile and decide who is really and truthfully "petering out."

FACTS AND FIGURES.

The following figures are submitted for the careful consideration of the Montgomery Dispatch. They have been made out since the "sixteenth" century, indeed they are the figures of 1889:

The Statistische Monatschrift gives the figures of illiteracy in the various countries of Europe as follows: In Russia, Roumania and Servia, 80 per cent of the population cannot read and write. In Spain, 63 per cent; Italy 48; Hungary, 43; Austria, 39; Ireland, 21; France and Belgium, 15; England, 13; Holland, 10; United States (white population) 8; Scotland, 7; Switzerland, 3 1/2; Germany, 1; Sweden, Denmark, and Bavaria practically none.

It will be seen, says the Western Recorder, that ours is among the most intelligent countries of the globe. The reader will note the great excess of illiteracy in Catholic over that in Protestant countries. Compare Spain 63, Italy 48, Hungary 43, and Austria 39, where Romanism is supreme, with England 13, United States 8, Scotland 7, Germany 1, and Sweden and Denmark none. Catholicism flourishes best amid ignorance.

MARION.

Last week we made a trip to Marion. Sabbath it was our pleasure to hear a sermon from Bro. Straton. He showed how Christians were to tarry for the same candidates. People, when approached in behalf of applicants for office filled by appointment, dislike to give offense by declining to sign, and they do not in every instance recollect that their signatures to such papers are far more potent factors in producing results than their votes because the applicants, not knowing the signers, are forced to rely upon the recommendations of the signers.

upright lives and will ably fill the positions to which their brethren have called them. Judge Porter King is superintendent of the Sunday-school. He had been absent several Sabbaths, and it was a real pleasure to see him before the school. His very presence seemed to put new life into pupils and teachers. Bro. Hudson will lose a great deal, if he doesn't work Bro. King into the Sunday-school at Florence. It is known to most of our readers that Judge King is vice president and treasurer of the Florence Educational and Development Co., and spends most of his time in that city. He says fine success is crowning their efforts and a magnificent college at an early day is an assured success.

ENDORSE BROTHER PLASTER'S WORK.

The following letter from Bro. Tyler, president of the Alabama Colored Baptist Convention, speaks for itself:

Rev. W. B. Crumpton—

DEAR BRO.—I write to let you know that the arrangement of holding institute meetings among the colored people meets with our hearty approval. It is a very good plan. We like Bro. Plaster, who has been appointed to conduct them. I believe he is the right man in the right place. He held an institute meeting with us at this place, lasting six days. His meetings were appreciated and well attended. It is impossible for me to estimate the good accomplished by him as an instrument in God's hand, appointed by your board. I hope you will be able to continue such a work among us.

Your brother in the work, M. TYLER.

Lowndesboro, Ala.

THE following note is from Mr. Gates, one of the secretaries of the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of this country. We ask for it a careful reading: "The eleventh annual convention of the associations of this state will be held in Huntsville, April 18th to 21st. Several of the best workers in this country will be in attendance, among them Mr. Thomas C. Cree, of the International Committee, who has studied association work in every portion of this country and Europe; Mr. J. R. Matte, the traveling college secretary, whose breezy addresses win friends everywhere; Mr. Geo. A. Hall, state secretary of New York, well known in many places in the South as an aggressive worker; Mr. W. A. Wynne, of Macon, Ga., the most successful general secretary in that state, with the old time workers of this state and many new ones, whose hands have given energy and whose brains have contributed to the definite and systematized work of this time. This will be the largest association meeting ever held in our state, and it is hoped that everyone interested in the young men of the South at large, and of Alabama in particular, will be present and add to the interest."

NOT THE RULE.

The following from the Advance is a remarkable piece of information. The position of the Catholic bishop of Michigan is a rare exception of a Catholic's supporting any measure favorable to our public school system. There is no reason, but the unreason of the priests and others equally as ignorant who belong to the pope, why Catholics should not support our schools and endeavor to maintain the form of government which has been handed down to us by our fathers, and through which we have become the most prosperous nation in the world. Read the note from the above paper:

The Roman Catholic bishop of Michigan, Rev. John Foley, comes out squarely and explicitly in favor of our public school system, and insists that it is the duty of the state to foster unsectarian schools and colleges, and also to keep them non-political. The public school system he believes to be an important element in the progress and civilization of the people, and says that it is right that Catholics should bear their share in the burden of its support. This bishop Foley appears to be more American than Roman Catholic. The objections to our system of public schools are purely rather than popular.

HELP FOR HOWARD COLLEGE.

We learn that help for the college is slowly coming in. The president has written numerous letters to the pastors throughout the state, to many of which he has received no response. Many noble brethren and sisters, noticing the appeals, have promptly enclosed such assistance as they could send. Some have given quite liberally, and we earnestly ask every reader of this article not to lay aside the paper until he resolves to help the college.

Here are a few plain statements for the benefit of our readers: Some seem to infer from the acceptance of the financial secretaryship by Dr. Purser that the necessity for sending aid to the college has ceased. This is a mistake. Dr. Purser is to raise money in Birmingham to build the house, and not for any other purpose. If he should raise \$100,000, not a cent could be used for the benefit of the college this session.

The deficit has been reduced to \$2,000. Aid from every one who can help will relieve the college of

all embarrassment and give it a fresh start next year.

Let it be remembered that this incidental support of an institution of learning is, by no means, uncommon. There is not a Baptist college in the South that has not appealed to the denomination for help just as our own college is now doing.

Dr. Ryland kept Richmond College alive for years by this means. The Baptist colleges of both North and South Carolina were supported in the same way for years together. And who that does not remember the tearful appeals of that grand man, Dr. Boyce, for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary? For a long, long time after the close of the war, and until the removal to Louisville, the Seminary was seriously embarrassed at Greenville, South Carolina. It was saved repeatedly from disaster by the contributions from the churches. These colleges are now self-supporting.

Who would not be willing to relieve the Howard when its prospects are so favorable? A faculty of devoted men are standing at their posts at the college, conducting its affairs with as much success as if their salaries were already paid. Don't hesitate to send help because you cannot do but little. The deficit can be raised in a single Sunday in the churches if every Baptist will only do what he can. This can be done and should be done at once. Nobody will be, in the least, crippled by it and the college will have permanent relief.

ON THE ROAD.

COLLINSVILLE.

Since our return from north Alabama we have been so busy that we have neglected to write up Collinsville and Ft. Payne. The good people of Collinsville were unstinted in their hospitality. Bro. S. R. C. Adams was in the town, holding a meeting, during our visit, and we made headquarters with him at the home of brother and sister Reeves. This was a real Christian home, and the worthy couple, with their children, did us kindnesses that will not soon be forgotten. Would that we could tell of the hospitality of each. Collinsville is a desirable place to live. The citizens are sober, intelligent and industrious church-going folks. The farms in the beautiful valley surrounding the place are well cultivated and very productive. Little Will's valley is separated from Big Will's valley by a mountain range, but near this town is a gap through the mountain, which enables the citizens of Big Will's valley to attend preaching at Collinsville. Bro. J. B. Appleton is the pastor of Collinsville Baptist church. He is much esteemed by all who know him. His family of eight children are all professors of religion, and take an active interest in Sunday-school and church work. We expect soon to hear that his daughters have moved off in organizing a Sunbeam Society. The Sunday-school has just taken on new life, and with such men as brethren Marsh, Allen, Reeves and Appleton good work will be done. A dozen new homes will be visited from now on by this paper. Bro. Marsh led the list by subscribing the minute we landed from the train. Bro. Adams preached some soul-stirring sermons for the people. His great earnest words cannot fail in the accomplishment of much good. Bro. Appleton will from time to time tell our readers of the doings of the churches in his section. Bro. Wilbanks spent one day with us in Collinsville. He has several churches further out from the railroad. No truer minister lives than this sacrificing brother. He will tell you before long how the battle is waging with him.

Collinsville is soon to be on a boom, and we trust the Baptists will see that the Master's work is not overshadowed by material prosperity.

FT. PAYNE.

is the capital of DeKalb county. Recently a great syndicate bought up the lands, the mountains and the valleys, and worked like beavers to let the world know of the wonders of this hitherto unknown place. Thousands of capital has poured from the North and found investment in all sorts of enterprises. We spent a half day there, and despite the constant rain, saw a large number of the citizens, new as well as old. They are there from many of the Northern and Eastern states. We never saw a finer looking set of men anywhere. Many of them, we learned, are Christian men, who are living factors in their home churches, and we think some of them are anxious to go to work for Jesus even in their new homes. Bro. Pendleton, of Philadelphia, a wide awake business man, is a Baptist preacher. For some years he was in bad health, and was forced to give up active work in the ministry. If he concludes to remain in Ft. Payne, he will greatly aid the church. Bro. Monroe, one of the members of the church, is county treasurer. He is a noble Christian, and is doing his best to meet the strangers and get them in sympathy with our church work. Bro. J. H. Glazner, whose home is at Rising Fawn, preaches for the Ft.

Payne church once a month. The brethren should move to have preaching every Sabbath. Prompt action now will be of great worth to the cause. We have a neat little church, only built last year, but it will soon be too small for the population. The State Mission Board could do a great deal toward helping all the new towns of north Alabama if it had the money. Brother, sister, if you ever intend giving for the Lord's cause in Alabama, and can possibly do it, give now. "He gives twice who gives quickly."

THE DEPARTED ROCKET.

The primary election has come and gone, "and with it many a glorious thought of happy dreams." It is said that the Dispatch defeated its candidate because it championed him. Can this be true? We cannot tell. But one thing is certain: We observe that a great many things the Montgomery Dispatch pleads for take their flight in the opposite direction. It fought against the appropriation to our public schools, and it fought with all its little manhood, but the money was appropriated and our schools are over one hundred thousand dollars better off; it fought desperately for its candidate for mayor, it hurled its thunderbolts of anger at the ALABAMA BAPTIST, it said that this was the "nineteenth century," that we were "intolerant," that our articles condemning the popular vices of gamblers and whisky men of its candidate were full of nothingness, that the people would not be influenced by this paper, that "before the next issue of the BAPTIST occurs there will be no more aspirants to help by silly and insensate abuse, none to ruin by foolish praise; that 'there will be no one outside the BAPTIST's immediate constituency' of a 'proud but lonesome circle of chronic readers who will care to read it;' but the Dispatch has now bathed its fevered brow and is resting on the laurels won—for the other candidate. 'Twas ever thus from childhood's hours—to see its fondest hopes depart.

The Agnostic of the Dispatch doesn't 'boast' of a concern which needs a 'boost' more urgently than the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and says that "it would have comforted" his "declining years to feel that" he "had set the little toddler on its feet." This is said, we suppose, in response to our paragraph of thanks in our last issue. But we didn't say that it was the favorable notices which the Dispatch had given to that caused our friends to come to our rescue. O no, Mr. Agnostic, don't start at advocating our cause. If you have any intention of doing so, please don't. Our prospects for a long life are very favorable, so please don't ruin "the concern" by praising us. Remember your record in the past, we beg you to desist.

Since last Friday the Dispatch and its candidate must be sad, sad, very sad. They are evidently waiting for the coming down of the rocket. It is another instance of the rashly impetuous, gone to a dismal grave. Wonder if it isn't "a time for memory and for tears?" If so, the tune of the Whangdoodle might not be so grating to the ears of the mourners this week. But we have no desire to join in a song with an Agnostic who boasts of an "intellectual bias in the direction of Theosophy."

Many moons will wax and wane ere we see his like again.

Southern Baptist Convention.

Meeting at Memphis, Tenn., May 10, 1889.

All who expect to attend, as delegates, the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 10th, will please forward their names as early as possible to J. M. Steen, 38 Madison street, Memphis, Tenn., that homes may be assigned them. The committee will not be responsible for homes for any whose names are not forwarded by May 1st.

Those who desire information as to reduced rates of travel will please write to Rev. O. F. Gregory, transportation secretary, 1120 Homewood avenue, Baltimore, enclosing stamped envelope. Information as to reduced rates at hotels and boarding houses will be given as early as possible for the accommodation of all who prefer to stop at a hotel at their own expense.

R. G. CRAIG, Chairman.

J. M. STEEN, Cor. Sec'y.

R. A. VENABLE, Pastor.

Local Committee.

It is said that at the battle of Waterloo a French soldier was fatally wounded and the doctor was probing for the bullet. "Go deeper, doctor," said the dying man, "and you will find the image of the emperor." So, my hearers, the image of our Lord Jesus Christ is hidden deep down in many a Christian's heart, and nothing but death can remove it.—Dr. M. B. Wharton, in sermon Sunday night.

Bro. J. W. Edmonds, of Fausdale, Ala., sends us the following encouraging note, with his renewal: "I expect to take the paper and pay for it just as long as I live. I think it is better now than it has been at any time since I have been a subscriber, eight years. I pray that God may give you health and patronage sufficient to continue to increase the paper's usefulness. I can select one article in any issue that is fully worth the year's subscription. I read, with a great deal of satisfaction, your discussion of Roman Catholicism and its evils."

FIELD NOTES.

We want to do your job printing.

We sell you books as cheap as any body.

The church at Ash Creek is now being rebuilt.

Rev. T. P. Gwin, of Oxford, is doing all he can for the paper.

Rev. J. B. Huckabee has moved from Town Creek to Leighton.

Dr. Wharton left on Monday for a short visit to relatives in Atlanta.

Rev. Fred D. Hale is in Birmingham aiding his brethren in a meeting.

There were forty-two additions to the Adams Street church during the first quarter ending March 31st.

Bro. J. E. Herring has been called to the church at Tusculum, and will take charge in June. Welcome.

Rev. D. C. Cull reath, of Six Mile, sends us some new names, and promises to let us hear from him again soon.

Dr. B. F. Riley will preach the commencement sermon for Prof. Rushton at Central Institute next Sunday.

Selma has selected Rev. E. S. Starr for its next mayor. He is a good man, morally, socially and intellectually.

Dr. Wharton baptized one convert at the First church on last Sabbath night week. He will preach a sermon to the Knights Templar in Birmingham on next Sunday.

We acknowledge an invitation from Dr. Averett to attend the piano recital for graduation of Miss Sallie G. Martin, April 19th, 1889, at the Judson Institute, Marion, Ala.

The First church, Montgomery, has adopted the Baptist Hymnal to be used in its services in the future. A large order has been placed with us and the books will arrive this week.

A brother writes: "I have been hard up, and thought several times I would have to let the dear old BAPTIST go. But I could not afford to do that, and so I economized in another direction."

Bro. W. T. Smith, Birmingham, Ala., writes: "When I was last at the Judson the work was progressing nicely, and we hope to have everything ready by the first of September for the school to open in the new building."

The Ladies' Aid Society of Adams Street church gave a bazaar last week, which netted over \$50. The money will be used in putting a reflector in the church, which will be a great improvement on the present system of gas jets.

Major J. G. Harris has been selected to deliver the baccalaureate address before the graduates of Howard College June 12th. Bro. Harris has always taken so much interest in educational matters that he is frequently thus honored.

We welcome the West Alabama Breeze to our office. This is a new paper started at North Port, by J. C. Lawrence. We know Mr. Lawrence to be a high-toned Christian gentleman, and we trust his paper will be well sustained.

A teachers' prayer meeting has been organized by the teachers of the First church Sunday-school, which meets fifteen minutes before school services every Sabbath. By this means a great deal of good, no doubt, will be accomplished.

Rev. W. B. Carter, Lively, Ala., writes: "My churches in Girard and Brownsville have advanced one hundred per cent all along the line since I came. We are at peace and working for the Master. The pastor is paid well and promptly."

We return thanks to the Ladies' Aid Society of Adams street church for the waiter of nice delicacies sent us on last Saturday. May they continue to succeed in all their undertakings. They are hard workers and success crowns their efforts.

Bro. Leonidas Jones, Roanoke, writes: "Our college is in good condition. Our average daily attendance is 120 pupils. More dwellings and business houses are under contract, and the town is still improving. Population and capital constantly increasing."

D. R. Cooper, missionary pastor for Mobile Association, writes: My work is in fine shape. I have eleven appointments each month. The work is growing all around, both financially and spiritually. I pray God to fire our people with a zeal for the mission work.

The brethren are coming forward with words of good cheer and encouragement. We have received numerous letters heartily endorsing our position against the sins we have been condemning. The ministry have spoken out and in language not to be misunderstood.

Dr. Averett, of the Judson, paid our office a pleasant visit on last Saturday. He reports work progressing finely on the Judson buildings. The joints have been put in for the first story, and a magnificent wall is rapidly going up. Here's our best wishes for the new Judson.

Bro. Crumpton, than whom we have no better worker, is pushing the mission work. Brethren, remember the State Mission Board and let your contributions come freely and fast. If you work for God and contribute to his cause, he will bless you and reward you in the great hereafter.—T. H. S.

Married, at Mt. Andrew, Barbour county, Ala., by Rev. T. H. Stout, on Thursday, April 11th, 1889, at 4 o'clock p. m., Mr. W. P. Gary to Miss N. E. Reeves, all of Mt. Andrew. May the blessings of Providence attend them through life, and conduct them into the home above.

One by one the friends of the Judson are stepping promptly to the front. One night recently our young sister, Miss May Bell Scott, gave an entertainment for the benefit of the new Judson at Marion. A very pleasant evening was spent by a number of friends, and a nice sum was realized for this worthy cause.

On the night of the 1st Sabbath in April, four brethren—Josiah Jernigan, J. O. Pearson, F. S. Wood and J. S. Carroll—were ordained to the deaconate of the Troy church, by a presbytery consisting of Dr. J. B. Hawthorne and Revs. N. C. Underwood, J. F. Purser, P. L. Moseley and J. L. Youngblood.

Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw, pastor of Eclectic, Central Institute and Salem churches, was in the city last week. He is suffering from weak eyes. His Salem church paid his way to the late congress. They also presented him with a nice quilt. These churches are in full sympathy with our denominational interests.

Bro. L. D. Bass writes us from Greenville, Mich., under date of April 5th: "I was able to be out last Sunday for the first time in two weeks. My father, Dr. T. R. Bass, of Marion, S. C., died Tuesday night, very suddenly. He was in his seventy-second year. My father, mother, a brother, sister and myself were baptized at the same time."

"The pope has ordered Roman Catholics in all parts of the world to maintain an increasing agitation in favor of the restoration of his temporal power. It is stated that the raising of five hundred recruits by Cardinal Lavigne for the suppression of the slave trade in Africa is a pretext for the restoration of the Pontifical Zouaves.—Christian Secretary.

Rev. W. L. Pickard, Eufula, under date of April 15, writes: "The meeting held in our church two weeks since, has produced great results. Thirty-seven have joined to date, with more to follow. The meeting is closed, but the revival continues. We have about twenty awaiting baptism; ten have joined since the meeting closed. Dr. McDonald will lecture for us on Monday night, 22nd."

In my sleepless hours at night while thinking of Dr. Renfro, I imagine I can see men and women who were converted through his instrumentalities, coming from all parts of the land, and placing a star in his rich, bright crown. Young and old are among the number—soldiers from the battlefield, and among the number are those who were hardened and steeped in sin, and almost doomed to everlasting perdition, but at last, by his earnest appeals, they were brought to the light and were saved, and here they come with a great bright star and ask for a conspicuous place in that crown.—A Friend.

Bro. J. S. Poole, Independence, April 3rd, writes: "The fifth Sunday meeting of the Unity association met according to appointment. In the absence of Elder W. J. Ruddick, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. N. Huckabee. The meeting was organized, by electing Bro. L. L. Caffee, moderator, and J. S. Poole, clerk. The subjects were ably discussed by the brethren present. Saturday night Elder J.

