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A NUMBER of our Baptist brethren have paid us visits in our new quarters. Thanks for kind words, brethren. Come again.

WELCOME to Dr. Hiden, of New Bedford, Mass. He will close his work in this city on the 27th inst. and commence in Eufrata on the 3rd of November. All Alabama will welcome him.

The total amount of aid granted by the American Baptist Publication Society in Alabama, from 1863 to 1888, was \$13,820.98. This Society is an institution of which all Baptists may well be proud.

Dr. PURSER continues to receive good contributions and large pledges for Howard College. He needs dollars more, we believe, and it is said that he is in a good way to get that amount at an early day.

A NUMBER of editors met in Jackson, Miss., on Oct. 4th and declared for prohibition. They will accept no half-way ground, no low nor high license, but demand prohibition for the entire state. They will not rest until the state is under prohibitory laws.

We would urge all delegates to the State Convention at Selma to send in their names to Bro. J. W. Stillwell. It is very important that this should be done at once, so that homes may be provided for them. Read his notice and send your name before the 25th inst.

For the second time in its history the large tabernacle of Dr. Talmage in Brooklyn has been destroyed by fire. The fire occurred on the 13th inst. The dispatches state that the loss on the building, including the organ, which was one of the finest in the country, is \$150,000. It is said to be covered by insurance in a number of companies.

The burning of a portion of a large warehouse (Messrs. Marks & Gayle) in Montgomery on last Sunday night should be the means of caution to others to be well insured. About seven or eight hundred bales of cotton were damaged or burned. There was insurance amounting to \$64,500 on the same. It will be some time before an accurate estimate of the loss can be arrived at.

GEN. H. D. CLAYTON, president of the State University at Tuscaloosa, died on Sunday last. He had been ill several weeks, but it was thought nothing serious would come of his sickness until a few days previous to his death. He was a prominent candidate for gubernatorial honors a few years ago, and was a prominent man in state affairs. He was president of the University about three years.

When the capital of Georgia was completed, a few months ago, the question was before the senate, whether or not dancing should be allowed in the new building. One senator, honor be to his name, said: "I am not prepared to say that a great many elegant people don't dance, but when you go down to the solid church people of Georgia they don't approve of it. Why should we turn the capital over to these frivolous? The idea of turning over the capital of Georgia and making a dancing room of it, I think it should be commiserated to the vote of the people."

We observe in the *Kutaw Mirror* an advertisement of the *Police Gazette*, one of the filthiest and most corrupt sheets in the United States; and, further, the proprietor calls attention to the sheet in a local and would this increase its circulation in the South. Such papers teach nothing but immorality, and a heavy penalty should be visited upon those who pass it through the mails. The proprietor, Richard K. Fox, was the man at the bottom of the Sullivan-Kilrain fight, and offered a large amount of money to the winner.

The czar of Russia has been on a visit to Emperor William, of Germany. At these visits of the crowned heads of Europe nothing occurs but a huge parade, where the host endeavors to entertain the visitor with a gorgeous display of military, and thus endeavors to show his strength and resources in the event of a clash of arms. Truly, the American people are the happiest people on the globe, and they are just far enough from other nations to enjoy full and free liberty and grow prosperous all the time.

The First church, on October 6th, gave over \$200 for missions. This was done in its characteristic manner, quietly and cheerfully, and the membership are, no doubt, rejoicing that they are able at this early season to make a liberal contribution to the Master's work.

On Wednesday night, the 9th inst., brethren Michael Cody and D. M. Bayne were elected deacons. These are worthy young men and will do effective work for the First church. Their ordination will occur at an early date.

With their usual promptness to respond to an appeal for contributions to denominational enterprises, the Adams Street brethren were prepared on last Sabbath to give Pastor Thompson over sixty dollars when he asked for fifty, for missions. The pastor is now wearing a broad smile, and the brethren are rejoiced that they have been enabled to meet the requirements of the association of which their church is a member, and to meet the obligations resting upon them as supporters of the State Mission Board and of its work.

We find the following words in a speech of Gen. Rosecrans, delivered in Chattanooga at the meeting of the veterans of the Union and Confederate armies, several weeks ago: "To me there is another feature of peculiar interest, and that is that there has been no time since the war when the people of the South, through noble

deeds by all for the men who fought and fell in their cause, could systematically undertake the deeds they performed, and to keep alive their memories by the erection of a monument, without incurring the complaint of the newspaper press that they were keeping up the memories of war and feelings of hatred, which ought to perish as peace returns."

The pope of Rome is out of sympathy with at least two crowned heads of Europe. King Humbert, of Italy, is very popular with his subjects, who are anti-Catholic (largely), and the emperor of Germany is not doing obedience to the "old prisoner" in the Vatican. It is an inevitable law of the universe, that times change, things change, and we change with them. The church of Rome, notwithstanding the boast that it shall survive all others and see the day when it shall place its foot upon the neck of every Protestant, and crush every Protestant enterprise, is feeling its influence weakening and its foundation of "rock" giving way to quakes. It may rally for a season, but its doom is fixed. The close of the next decade will tell wonderful things concerning Protestant missions in Europe.

SPEAKING of the superiority of Baptist schools over all others, a writer in an exchange recently said, and the words are well worth remembering: "Dr. G. R. Graves has had a standing offer—a \$1,000 premium—for a graduate of any Catholic school in America, who, on a strict examination, can enter the junior class of Mary Sharpe College. Mary Sharpe is a female college—and to enter the junior is to be just half way over the course. But here is a premium of \$1,000 to any graduate of any Catholic school in America who can enter the junior. And as no one has gained that premium, which could be done easily by one sufficiently advanced, it is pretty clear that half the course in this Baptist female school is more than equal to the full course in any Catholic school in America." And yet there are Baptist fathers and mothers who are sending their children to Catholic schools for superior(?) training. It is a reflection upon the intelligence of any Baptist to send his child to a school that promises so much and gives so little. Some of the most earnest Catholics in the country are children of Baptist parents who were won to the hierarchy through the Catholic school or convent. Those who observe the signs of the times will see the truthfulness of this statement. The Catholic schools are dangerous.

SOME time ago the report went abroad that Mrs. Heron, wife of Dr. Heron, of Tennessee, had been sentenced to death by the king of Corea for teaching Christianity. Under date of October 11th she asserts, in a Boston paper, that the king of Corea would not do what has been charged against him, and adds: "He is a man of great strength of character, kindness of heart and noble ambitions. Moreover, this king and queen have been most cordial and generous in their treatment of Dr. Heron and myself. They will do all in their power to protect us. Our danger is from the ignorant and superstitious lower classes, who, if aroused, might kill us before the king could interfere. But Dr. Heron has with his own hands treated about 30,000 sick Coreans, who are very grateful, and it is not likely they will rise up against him, whatever they may do to others."

The senior paid us a pleasant visit of two weeks recently, but he is now in the field again. We all know that he possesses the name, if not the swiftness, of a very familiar species of the animal creation, and it was a source of pleasure to realize how nobly he could put aside the association chicken for a few days and superintend in moving the heavy weights of a large printing establishment. But fearing the chicken may get too cold, and the associations may need some one to relieve them of their surplus money, we again turn him loose in the state at large and ask the brethren to treat him well, as they have done in the past. There are hundreds of readers whose subscriptions are now due, and these small favors will be thankfully received by him when he is in your midst. Watch for him and see him smile when you renew. The smile alone is nearly worth the subscription price.

It is strange, yet true, that Christian people in Montgomery will patronize and throw the cloak of respectability around such institutions as a brewery or bar-room. The fact has been stated in our hearing that a certain member of another church recently visited the brewery with his family and all returned home with their breath laden with the fumes of the infernal brood of the devil—sour beer. And more than this, it was plainly perceptible that each was under the influence of the "innocent stuff," and with glaring eyes and unsteady steps loomed and walked more like drunkards than "respectable" people. It would not seem so strange did this man not move in his church as a shining light and wear a dignified title of the church. He is thus acting traitor

A SPECIAL from Fort Worth, Texas, announces that a murder was committed in a Catholic convent in Marionfield, and the crime has been successfully covered up till the 11th of October inst. The two priests, who preside over the convent, hanged a young man named Lorenzo Lessends in August last. The story of the crime was told by one of the students, who says other murders have been committed. "He was taught," says the special, "that the priests had the right to commit murder, and he escaped for fear his time would come next. The body was secretly buried at night by the priests and four students, and the grave concealed by burning brush over it. Soon after the murder, Father Peters and four students left for parts unknown. Justice of the Peace Coon held a private inquest as to his death, and found the boy had killed himself by hanging. Coon never mentioned the affair until Gross made his statement. Coon is a strong Catholic. Coon, claims Lessends was found hanging in his cell."

INGERSOLL may be considered a very brilliant man, but a great deal is lacking when he is in the presence of the dead, and Christian people can but feel sorry for a man with such a soul. He is considered an entertaining speaker, as bright as a spark from the anvil or a flash of lightning across the skies; but his life is illusory and fanciful, and his speeches at the graves of his friends and relatives bear no message freighted with love nor a word of hope to the sorrowing soul. The Philadelphia Press, a secular newspaper, has the following to say of one of his speeches: "Colonel Ingersoll's address at the funeral of his friend, the late Horace Seavie, was eloquent and beautiful, but there was no perfume in the flowers of its rhetoric, no warmth in the rays of its brilliancy, no comfort in its awkward philosophy. It was an apotheosis of the doctrine of Doubt, an exaltation of the creed of nothingness, containing neither sympathy nor hope, promising nothing, believing nothing, hoping for nothing to the dead or living. It was a fervid rhetorical outline of the strange, empty religion which began with an If and ended with a But—the religion of self-loathing ignorance and indifference, which has doubt for its spirit and intellectual husks for its sustenance." Don't accept the fallacies that are being perpetrated on the Gospel today.—Rev. G. S. Anderson.

ENCOURAGEMENTS BY THE WAY.

Sometimes God's people, in comparing the present low condition of spiritual affairs in their church with what it was when every member was alive to the God's interests, grow very despondent and feel like giving up the fight. To all such we would commend a prayerful reading of the second chapter of Haggai, especially where, through the prophet, God speaks thus: "Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedeck, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work for I am with you, saith the Lord of Hosts; * * * fear ye not." Should mortal man need more encouragement than this? Children of God, if left to ourselves, we could do nothing. No, the dry bones of our organization could not even be made to rattle; but, laboring faithfully, with God's help, the members now inactive will catch the inspiration of our own enthusiasm and join with us in repairing the breaches and building up the waste places in Zion. Work! work! in what we need. There are to be in our state hundreds of doing nothing churches. Do we not now address one man or one woman in such churches who will obey God's command and go to work to rally those who are wasting their energies and opportunities?

LET JUSTICE BE DONE.

If the *Advertiser* is not unfriendly to Commissioner Kolb's becoming a candidate for governor, the friends of that gentleman are in a quandary to know how it is that the unfavorable comments of the state press are given such a large amount of space in its columns to the exclusion of notes favorable to him. Granting that strictures are passed upon Commissioner Kolb (and they are not confined to him alone) by some of the local papers of the state, yet those things should not influence or prejudice a journal that claims to be a loyal democratic paper and frequently airs itself in its popular expression: "The nominee of the party is the *Advertiser's* candidate." The clearest record is oftentimes made to appear the dirtiest by politicians, and a man needs only to have his name suggested for office to encounter a tirade of abuse from sources he had never dreamed of. And very often the paper that abuses this or that candidate is run in the interest of a local politician whose hand is unseen and whose counsel is kept to himself, but whose selfish, narrow views are given expression through a paper that would barter away its good name for a mess of party pottage. We have an opportunity to stand in the light in the dark. We believe in fair play, we believe in all men being weighed in balances that are accurate, and have no patience with any man or newspaper that appeals to the public from a selfish motive, or who, to gratify some petty ambition or desire, would "throw mud" at a man because others were in the field. True citizenship demands that we should, as voters, place in positions of trust and honor only those who will reflect credit upon our entire state, and the one who is so fortunate as to secure the nomination we hope will be a man of clean record and alive to the interests of the state at large. Whether there shall be one or more candidates, let the secular press preserve its self-respect by treating all men fairly. We are all Alabamians, and we doubt not the right man will be found at the right time and will be elevated to the right place.

NOT A CHURCH AFFAIR.

Last year the management of the state fair prohibited whisky and pool selling on the fair grounds. The sporting element boycotted it and laughed about the "prayer meeting." The Southern Exposition comes into life closely nurtured by the atmosphere that surrounded the Montgomery *Dispatch* in its latter days, when it was manipulated by gamblers and in the interest of gamblers. The management of this exposition determine to have everything that will bring rights to run cocking main, gambling rooms, whisky shops, etc., are advertised for sale. Somebody criticizes these features and this is the reply we get from the general manager: "The Southern Exposition Company have no connection with the cocking main, but have simply granted certain parties the privilege. * * * A corporation such as the Southern Exposition Company cannot undertake to regulate the morals of the public, and it may as well be stated here, once for all, that the Southern Exposition Company will prohibit nothing that is not prohibited by the criminal statutes of Alabama."

Now, then, let us analyze the manager's remarks. Surely the gentleman is too good a lawyer to claim that because his Exposition Company, instead of appointing him or some other member of said corporation to look after the details of the cock fighting, leases, for so much money, this privilege to other parties, that they are to be regarded as the moralization and barbarism is thrown from the shoulders of the Exposition

Company. We would like to see the argument by which Mr. Burke would prove the innocence of his company.

Again, his company "cannot undertake to regulate the morals of the public." No one asks him to regulate the morals of the public, but he is asked to aid in regulating the morals of the Exposition to which so many people are invited. Instead of attempting to regulate morals, its efforts are to aid the cause of sin in every possible way. The gamblers and saloon men are deeply interested in the Southern Exposition, because they expect to reap a big harvest out of the crowds that come. The financial strength gotten from such things, as Manager Burke says will not be prohibited, cannot take for the shame and sin that will be committed in our city in consequence of such privileges. Let Mr. Burke say what he may, the Southern Exposition will be partners to every vice allowed by his Company.

Shall we advise Christian men and women to stay away from the Exposition? Why, the president of the company is a class leader, several members of the corporation are leading lights in the different churches, and we hear that a Baptist has bought, for a handsome amount, the whisky privilege. If we advise our people against giving it their patronage, some will charge unfriendliness to the well-being of Montgomery; others, that we endanger the interests of the Christian men interested in said business. To such we reply, that if Christian men, for the sake of a few dollars, will engage in some undertaking whose influence is to degrade humanity and hinder the progress of the cause of Christ, they must suffer the consequences. Until Christian people have the manhood to enter their protest against such immorality as Mr. Burke feels called upon to champion, so long must we be outraged by scenes and acts that will result from the vices protected by the Southern Exposition Company.

NOT ON THE DECLINE.

Notwithstanding the statements of whisky men in regard to the seemingly decreased interest of Christians in the state in the cause of prohibition, we are safe in saying that the faithful followers of the Master have an abiding interest in the temperance work. The temperance organizations are at work quietly, but effectively, and the work is progressing; not as much as we would like to see, however, but we are not retrograding. Wherever prohibition has had a fair trial, there the law is a success. We do not claim, like some, that drinking and drunkenness, but we do claim that wherever it has been given a fair trial, crime has decreased a large per cent and the people are in a better condition morally and financially. To claim that prohibition will entirely prohibit is to claim what the laws against theft, and adultery, and murder, have never accomplished. The state laws say, "Thou shalt not commit murder," and yet never a day passes by but we hear of read of murders, in one form or another. Men will lose their reason and fight, and they will lose their reason and drink whisky, if it has to be smuggled in. The "blind tiger" is the curse of the prohibition district, and through this agency the whisky men endeavor to break down the effect of prohibition laws, and cry out, "Prohibition doesn't prohibit," and "Why vote for prohibition when you have a living illustration that it is a failure?" To such we question, if prohibition doesn't prohibit, why the opposition to such a measure? And no sane man will deny the fact that it is necessary only to mention prohibition in order to make the whisky men tremble, and shake, and writhe. To make a worm experience agony pour on it a few hot embers, and to make the whisky men groan in agony and refuse to be comforted poor on their heads a few prohibition coils.

Consistency is a jewel, but it is a stranger to the advocates of whisky. While boasting that prohibition does not prohibit, they break the backbone of their argument by voting against it. The whisky interest is a child of the evil one, whose features are distorted, whose form is bent with the weight of crime, and whose steps are along the broad road to destruction of bright hopes, of noble purposes, and of pure lives. Let the Christian people of Alabama stand by their colors and God will give them strength and courage to go out and slay this monster that blights and crushes the fondest hopes of the parent and would transform a paradise of love into a living hell of misery. Again, we say, watch and pray.

In this age, when every man is working to become rich, we oftentimes forget our duties as Christians and the cause we have espoused suffers. Church members too often join in the eager chase for wealth, and in their mad rush are frequently led into ways and paths that are not those of pleasantness and of peace. Carlyle truly says: "The race of life has become intense; the runners are treading upon each other's heels; woe be to him who stops to tie his shoe strings."

FIELD NOTES.

An interesting meeting has been in progress in Clanton for some days. A new mission school has been started in the western portion of Birmingham.

Rev. W. G. Hubbard recently baptized three converts in the church at Mt. Carmel.

God's positive commands are given only to those who serve him.—Rev. G. S. Anderson.

Don't forget to read what J. Beverly Carter has to say. Who can tell anything about him?

Rev. E. Stillwell, of Tennessee, will conduct meetings in north Alabama during this month.

Rev. W. A. Whittle recently lectured to an audience of 1,500 people in Dr. McArthur's church, New York.

The Unity association regrets very much to give up Bro. M. Ford, but the Selma association will be the richer.

Rev. L. M. Bradley recently preached for the church at Wetumpka. The sermon is spoken of as a very fine one.

Thanks to the brethren who have sent us their minutes to print. We are at work on them and will have them out early.

Bro. O. W. Shaver, of Independence, has our *Advertiser* in his hands in behalf of this paper. He is a brother full of good works.

The sermon preached by Bro. Anderson at the Unity association was highly appreciated by all who had the pleasure of hearing it.

What will it profit me to associate with God's children on earth if I am driven out of his congregation in Heaven?—Rev. G. S. Anderson.

Send in your contribution for ministerial education. The cause is in need of your support at present, and all who can should send a contribution.

Alfred Parsons has chosen Wordsworth's sonnet, "The River Duddon—the Stepping Stones," to illustrate for the November number of Harper's Magazine.

The ladies of the Baptist church at Fort Deposit are preparing a box of bed clothing for Howard College. Let others be heard from who are enlisted in this good work.

Bro. L. M. Bradley, of Perryville, has our thanks for a good list of subscribers. Thanks, brother, for your offer to do other work for us among your people and churches.

The *Evening News*, of Birmingham, recently alluded to Dr. J. M. Frost, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Selma, as belonging to the Methodist faith. Such a mistake is at least amusing.

Messrs. Fowles & Myatt, of Birmingham, did the handsome part by the Baptist Printing Co. Thanks for orders for printing. We are glad to know that they are doing a splendid business.

Bro. Hucklebee wanted the brethren at the Unity association to remember that we are but men, while Bro. Cleveland wanted them to remember that we are men. Each expressed a great truth.

Prof. Geo. W. Thomas assumed charge of the Sunday-school of Adams Street church on last Sabbath. He is not only one of the best teachers in the land, but is a splendid singer and a live superintendent.

Our congratulations to Dr. Jno. H. Gautier and Miss Flora V. Campbell, who were married in Tuskegee on October 9th. Rev. G. A. Hornady officiating. May their future be full of success and may their every hope be realized.

Last Sabbath was Bro. Carter's first anniversary with the Brownville church. A sermon was preached appropriate to the occasion and short speeches were made by several brethren. We are glad to report the work progressing in these churches.

Dr. Cleveland said that he once heard of a preacher who did not want his people to take the ALABAMA BAPTIST, as he was afraid they would know as much as he did, and he would be deprived of the liberty of preaching them a sermon out of the paper.

I closed a meeting last night of five days at Stokes' school house. Received six by baptism. Was assisted by Elds. W. H. DeWitt and J. I. Taylor. D. D. All my work is in a prosperous condition.—D. R. Cooper, missionary pastor Mobile association, Oct. 10.

The Sheffield *Enterprise* of a recent date says: Just before his departure for Louisville the ladies' aid society of the Baptist church handed Rev. J. M. Thomas, their former pastor, a most substantial token of their appreciation of his services and their interest in his welfare.

The next session of this body will be held at Clayton, beginning at eleven o'clock, Thursday Oct. 24th. The introductory sermon will be preached by Rev. J. I. Ayres. Those coming by railroad will come to Eufrata, and thence on the E. & O. R.—T. H. Stout, Clerk Eufrata Association.

The railroads have granted the usual rate of four cents per mile for the round trip for the Selma Convention, except one which has not yet reported. I expect to furnish full information in next issue, covering all the leading lines.—Wm. A. Smith, Secretary Alabama Baptist State Convention.

The farewell service, which was to have been held at Adams Street church on last Thursday night, was prevented by a telegram from Dr. Tupper requesting the missionaries to be in Kansas City on the 11th. It was a source of disappointment to a great many who had intended being present.

The brethren of the Ebenezer church at Stanton have good reasons for being proud of their great improvement so materially and spiritually during the past two years. We never knew a church regret the loss of the pastor more than this one. Bro. McCord has done a good work, which will tell.

Bro. Andrews, of Burnsville, told us how a good preacher, at the Montgomery association several years ago, approached him and requested him to subscribe for the ALABAMA BAPTIST. "Why," said Bro. Andrews, "I gave twenty-five dollars to help start the paper, and have been taking it and working for it ever since."

The Judson Institute opens to-day (October 9th) and the indications are that the school will be such as to do credit to the grand new building. The *Standard* congratulates the Baptists of Alabama upon the completion of one of the best school buildings in the South and hopes that the building will be filled to its utmost capacity.—*Marion Standard*.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST has purchased the printing material of the late Montgomery *Dispatch*, and now the BAPTIST has one of the best equipped printing establishments of any religious paper in the South. Messrs. Hare & Pope are publishing a good paper, and the *Citizen* is glad to learn of the BAPTIST's prosperity.—*Scottdale Citizen*.

Last year the Marion Military Institute closed its first week with forty-seven boarders and sixty-three matriculates. At the close of its first week this session it had thirty-three boarders and 101 matriculates, and with a promise of enough more to raise the number of boarders to 125 and twenty-five or thirty more matriculates.—*Marion Standard*.

On last Sabbath morning brethren E. R. Rushion and Jack Abercrombie were elected secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, of the Adams Street Sunday-school. A vote of thanks was given Bro. W. J. Phocor for the faithful manner in which he has performed his duties in the past. He resigns to take charge of a class of boys in the school.

The *True Citizen*, of Hayneville, says that the new Baptist church building at that place is being pushed to completion. "The structure is a credit to the town and to those who have invested their means in it. The windows have been changed from the square to the gothic form and give the building a decidedly more pleasing and artistic appearance."

Dr. McLaren never uttered a more commendable thought than the following: "If God thought it well while to give us a Book, surely we should give its truths the meaning which he designed." Too many people want to interpret the Bible their way, or according to some pet theory, or the way they have been raised, instead of taking God at his word.—*Ex*.

Prof. E. H. Foster has resigned his position as superintendent of the Baptist Sunday-school at this place, and Mr. J. F. Appling has been appointed by the church to fill his place. Mr. Appling is a Christian gentleman, and in every way fitted for the position, and we hope that the school will be as successful under his management as it has been under Prof. Foster's.—*Jasper Eagle*.

The sixth anniversary of the South Bethel association closed yesterday a very pleasant session. The usual business was attended to. Representation tolerably good. The churches raised more money for missions the past year than the year before.—Dr. R. L. President of Howard College, was with us, and rendered good service in a sermon and several earnest speeches.—J. H. Creighton, *Horsham*, Oct. 7th.

I have resigned the care of Harmony church, to take effect in November. Harmony is an old church, and has been led by some of the best ministers in the country. Its membership is composed of some of the most zealous and consecrated men and women I have ever known, and will work for the Master under their future shepherd, Bro. Mills. The Lord bless them.—W. N. Hucklebee, *Millton*, Oct. 7.

The district meeting of the Bethel association met with Goose Creek church, Sept. 28th. Rev. I. A. White preached the introductory sermon from Eph. 5:14. Elds. I. A. White and brethren F. M. Dunaway and G. W. Barkley were appointed to select subjects to be discussed at our next meeting. Adjourned to meet with Hill church, on 25th Sunday in December, 1889. Elds. W. F. Hie, Mod., Jos. Lambert, Sec'y, Prairie Bluff.

On the first Sunday in October I held my first service in East Florence at 9:30 a. m., and had a very encouraging beginning. I have a large, neat upper room, in a brick building, more central than the one occupied by the other denominations. The Presbyterians were first on the ground, then the Methodists, so that we are third in the race. At eleven o'clock the second day, I preached at the old stand in the court room, to the dear people of my first love, in Florence, as they are yet without a shepherd.—J. C. Hudson.

On the 4th Sabbath ult., Bro. Jos. Shackelford and the writer met with a company of brethren and sisters at Leighton, who presented to church letters, abstract of principles, and church covenant, asking to be constituted into a Baptist church. Finding all orderly and orthodox, we declared them a church of Christ. The church called Bro. Shackelford for its pastor, and prepared letter and appointed messengers to the Muscle Shoals Baptist association. Leighton now has a Baptist church. To God be all the glory.—J. B. Hucklebee, *Leighton, Ala.*

I've enjoyed some good meetings this summer. At Post Oak and Mt. Zion I was with Bro. Griffin. At the former place there were a large number baptized by Bro. G. At Oak Bowery we had a soul-stirring time, and I baptized eight at the close. Bro. Macon, of the Howard, came and made a fine speech upon the erection of our splendid school building, and I have opened with encouraging prophecies. Sister Browning, the great sufferer, still bears her affliction with Christian fortitude. Christian givers, there is not a more worthy object of charity. Take collections for the indigent minister and family. Send collections to Mr. Sam Peace, Peaceburgh, Ala.—J. Bunyan Kirkpatrick, *Alexandria, Ala.*

Have just returned from Hollins, on the Columbus Western road, about seventy miles from Opelika, where I preached for several nights and on Sunday. Our church was partially organized some months since, and now it is complete. During my stay four were received by letter, one of whom was a deacon, and I was called to the pastorate, so that the church is now ready for work. I numbers nineteen members. I think, with good material among them, I expect it to do good work. We have yet to build a church house.—E. F. Baker, *Hollinsville*.

The *Christian Herald* says: Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D., of New Bedford, Mass., is said to bear a close resemblance to Dr. J. B. Broadus in tones of voice and methods of thought. Says the *Christian Inquirer*: Dr. Hiden was once reminded of this resemblance at the close of a sermon in New York; a brother expressed great interest in the sermon, because it was so much after Dr. Broadus' method of preaching. Dr. Hiden turned the matter most happily for himself, saying: "Yes, perhaps Dr. Broadus does speak and preach very much as I do. You know I was his pastor for several years."

The Judson Institute opened yesterday with one hundred and five pupils present, seventy of whom board in the college. If I am not mistaken this is by far the best opening at this institution for many years. The buildings are incomparably the best in the state for a female school, and the faculty, to say the least, are equal to the best. We greatly need money now to finish paying for the new buildings, which will be entirely completed by the time this article appears, and I again earnestly request all our pastors and Sunday-school superintendents to take liberal collections at once and remit me to Oxford, Ala.—*Anner Williams, Agent Judson Institute, October 10th*.

The Canaan Baptist association did me the honor to suspend the regular order of business at 11 o'clock today, that I might have the most favorable hour of the session to present the claims of the Judson. At the close of my appeal, five hundred and fifty-five dollars and twenty-five cents were pledged, and a few days since one of the professors in Howard College had promised me twenty-five dollars, which aggregates \$585.25 from the friends of the Judson in the Canaan association. If half the Baptists in the state would contribute as liberally as these, I would soon have the pleasure of announcing the liabilities of the Judson liquidated.—*Anner Williams, Agent J. I., East Lake, October 12*.

The correspondent in *Marion of the Age-Herald* writes, under date of Oct. 8th: The Judson Institute opened its fifty-second session to day with 107 pupils. Seventy-one of them board in the house. Eighteen are art pupils, seventy-one are piano and vocal pupils, and, eighteen study the theory of music. The school received four new Fischer upright pianos to day bought in Birmingham. Mr. George C. Kelley, of Birmingham, has donated a three manual pipe organ as a memorial of his devotion to the cause, who was Miss Isolem Bates, a distinguished pupil of the Judson seventeen years ago. The alumnae association gave a banquet in the dining room to night, which was attended by 175 persons. They will furnish in beautiful style the parlors of the Judson. Many more pupils are expected, and great enthusiasm prevails among the friends of the school. A beautiful silk flag, presented by Mr. M. T. Richards, floated to the breeze from the flagstaff on the dome, 125 feet above the ground.

The Seventieth annual session of the Muscle Shoals association of the Baptist church was held at Danville, beginning Friday, October 4th. It was an interesting occasion and well attended by the members of the association and the people generally. Rev. J. Gunn was elected moderator and Rev. Dr. Shackelford was chosen secretary. Forty-five churches were represented and twenty-seven preachers answered to roll call. Reports from the various societies showed the churches throughout the bounds of the association to be numerically strong and constantly increasing. In a spiritual sense, the societies are healthy and rejoicing in their labor of love and soul-saving work. Financially the association has done well during the past year. More money for the support of the missionary, missionary purposes, building and improving church houses has been collected than at any previous period. One pleasing and interesting item of the meeting was the presence of Rev. D. I. Purser, agent of Howard College, at East Lake. In the interest of the college the Doctor raised a collection and secured \$1,042. The building at East Lake is now assured, we are glad to learn. The next session of the association will be held at Falkville.—*Declarator News*.

State Mission Board.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the State Mission Board will be held Wednesday, November 6th, at 4 p. m., in Selma.

All application for aid should be in the hands of the secretary by November 1st, and should be made out in regular form. To insure prompt attention and save correspondence and delay, applicants should write immediately to the secretary for a blank. This is the most important meeting of the year, and it is very important that all the members of the board attend. W. B. CUMMINS, Cor. Sec.

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Lv. Whitehall	10:40 am	5:39 pm		
Ar. Mont'g'ry	11:20 am	6:15 pm		
Lv. Mont'g'ry	11:35 am	1:10 am		
Ar. Cowles	12:35 pm	2:03 am		
Chickasaw	12:59 pm	2:27 am		
Auburn	3:25 pm	3:58 am		
Opelika	1:45 pm	3:10 am		
Columbus	6:50 pm			
Lv. Opelika	1:52 pm	3:13 am		
Ar. West Point	2:30 pm	3:51 am		
Lv. La Grange	3:08 pm	4:25 am		
Newnan	4:13 pm	5:27 am		
Ar. Atlanta	5:50 pm	6:50 am		
SOUTH BOUND.			No. 50.	No. 52.
Lv. Atlanta	1:25 pm	11:30 pm		
West Point	4:34 pm	3:53 am		
Opelika	5:17 pm	4:43 am		
Auburn	5:29 pm	5:00 am		
Chickasaw	6:07 pm	5:43 am		
Cowles	6:24 pm	6:10 am		
Ar. Mont'g'ry	7:20 pm	7:20 am		
Lv. Mont'g'ry	7:40 pm	7:40 am		
Low'sboro	8:21 pm	8:16 am		
Benton	8:47 pm	8:40 am		
Ar. Selma	9:30 pm	9:10 am		

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