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The Baptist cause in Alabama is prospering. About \$75,000 for our schools (\$10,000 for the Judson and \$15,000 for the Howard) tells the story of a united denomination. Ministerial education was pledged \$20,000. Other interests will be liberally supported.

The preachers of north Alabama must be developed before their people will ever become the power for good which they ought to be. We have begun a fund with which to send the ALABAMA BAPTIST to every poor preacher in our bounds. Will not our readers aid in this enterprise? Send \$1 or \$2 to add to our preachers' fund.

LAST Wednesday, after a ride on the cars of three hundred and fifty miles, and a buggy ride of sixty-five miles, the senior closed his associational trips for this season. His last visit was to the Marshall association, near Guntersville. The meeting was a success, but the hard weather encountered rather put the traveler hors de combat. However, "Richard is himself again."

THE CANAAN ASSOCIATION.

Only a day was spent attending this body, which met at Ruhama church, East Lake. We heard the educational question discussed by brethren A. B. Johnson, B. F. Riley, D. L. Purser, W. B. Crumpton and others. It was a question in the minds of brethren just how far we should go in aiding young men. Some thought to aid a young man was calculated to dwarf his independence; others, that it would but further stimulate a man to make the more of himself, especially if he had the manhood in him to begin with. A collection of over \$300 was secured for ministerial education.

The introductory sermon, by Dr. Riley, was one of his most masterly efforts.

The old officers were re-elected; Rev. A. J. Waldrop, moderator, and R. W. Beck, clerk.

After shaking hands with the brethren we were away for Carrollton. Others have told you of the efforts of this body for the Judson and for missions.

Birmingham Churches.

THIRD CHURCH.—The meetings continue with increasing interest. Four joined during the week by letter.

One profession. Bro. Douglas is preaching some splendid sermons.

SECOND CHURCH.—The pastor was sick during the week. Rev. J. E. Cox, of Fayette C. H., made a good prayer meeting last Wednesday night. Two joined by letter at the morning service.

RUHAMA.—Three joined by letter in the morning and four at night. Pastor McGaha preached morning and night.

FIRST CHURCH.—Pastor Pickard preached at both services to a full house. Subject at 11 a. m.—"Terrible Sin and Terrible Punishment." At night preached to the ladies.

The Sunday-school, prayer meeting, Ladies Aid Society and all the organizations for church work are taking on new life.

M. M. Wood, Sec'y.

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Following Bro. Smith's remarks Dr. Frost spoke of what brother and Bro. Fitzgerald had done in building the Judson, and their liberality in getting up the excursion. It was unanimously agreed to go to Marion and spend one day.

PROCEEDINGS.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

