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CHRISTIAN MEN AND THE SABBATH.

It is bad enough to have the Sabbath desecrated by ungodly men, but when church members, even leading church members, desecrate that day, little hope have we that it will long be revered. Rumor once told us of some Baptist preachers in other states who were interested in investments in this state, and who, to attend certain business meetings on Monday, would, after preaching at 11 o'clock Sunday, take the train and ride all that evening and night to save a day. Woe to such leaders and woe to their flocks! But rumor may have made a mistake. However, a few days ago we read a communication in an Alabama paper, written by a Baptist, on the Sabbath day from the grounds of a certain fair. This Baptist may have had a hotel at the fair ground, or may not have been well, so as not to be able to attend preaching, but he writes of the managers of said fair, who are strong Methodists, being very actively engaged running here and there getting things in readiness for Monday. And the ring of the ax and the hum of the saw was heard in the air. Brethren, we would call you back to the words of an ancient book which says: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

THE UNION ASSOCIATION.

Ten years ago, through Bro. Peter Kilpatrick and his family, we learned to love the Baptists of west Alabama; but not until recently has it been our privilege to visit them. Bro. Purser was our companion on several trips, and we found him exceedingly pleasant. He appreciates a joke, whether on himself or on others. We were advised to get off the railroad at Kennedy, which was represented to be sixteen miles distant from the association. We expected to have a lively ride out with a delegate, but that plan was abandoned. We were nearly thirty miles away from the coveted point, and had traveled nearly two hundred miles by rail; so the idea of turning back was out of the question. Bro. Skelton had a good dinner for us at his hotel and then hired us a buggy and a spotted horse. With Mr. Kilpatrick and his Texas pony to lead the way, we had no difficulty in reaching Carrollton soon after dark. A home was found with Judge Stone. That night we heard a sermon from Bro. Morris, of Mississippi. Bro. Johnson, a Scandinavian, has been called to the care of the Carrollton church. This brother was reared in Mississippi, graduated from Clifton College, and then attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is an earnest preacher and will have the co-operation of the brethren and sisters. Among the members of this church are Col. Stansell, Judge Stone, Rev. J. H. Curry, W. G. Robertson, and others, who are noble church workers. Bro. Robertson has, for many years, been superintendent of the Sunday-school, and his heart has many times been gladdened by seeing his pupils come out on the Lord's side.

SUNDAY MORNING.

The mission report was presented. Bro. Robertson stated that many of the foremost workers were away and the younger members must come to the front and take part in the discussions. Bro. H. G. Mitchell is a growing Christian. He thinks every one of us could easily give \$5 to missions. He read the covenant usually subscribed to by all Baptist churches, and showed that by that very covenant we promise to do all we can for the world's evangelization. Bro. Robertson thinks the 2,000 children of God in the Union association could pay \$1,000 for missions. If we study the Bible we can't fail to be aggressive missionaries. This brother thinks our Baptist men fail to give the women a chance to give. The father gives for the whole family. He greatly extolled

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for their great liberality. Even the women of that state gave last year about \$12,000, nearly as much as all the Alabama Baptists. We need to read more and inform ourselves. People sometimes question about the salvation of the heathen. The same gospel that saves you and me must save them, or they are lost. Christians of tening about the glorious day. If we would rejoice in the victory, we must share in the fight. Bro. Thornton ought to love Foreign Missions, as one of his relatives is soon to go out to China. Bro. Ashcraft recommended, as an

incentive to mission work, a very ancient book called the Bible.

Bro. Purser said that a man, refusing to be governed by the New Testament, can't possibly be a Baptist. He, too, was proud of the work of the Mississippi Baptists.

Eld. Baird preached the missionary sermon in the house and Dr. Purser preached in the grove. We had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Baird's sermon. It was a strong Scriptural discourse, and set forth our duty to send the gospel to the heathen, regardless of the results of our work.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

was read by Bro. Thornton. This report showed the cause in a growing condition throughout the association. Eld. Ashcraft made a helpful talk on this important theme. He believed in a man having so much of Christ in all his sermons and Sunday-school work that if a stranger who had never heard of Christ were to come into the house he might learn of the way of life. He and his family were induced to move to Carrollton because they had a good Sunday-school.

He wished those who thought the work of a Sunday-school teacher a small one could be present during revivals at Bro. Robertson's church and see how the boys and girls blessed him for leading them to the Savior.

Bro. Mitchell said his Sunday-school was once about to drag. He asked himself for how much of that inactivity he was responsible, and then went to work to help revive it. He made it his business to work for the school.

On Monday the subject of

TEMPERANCE.

was thoroughly discussed. Judge Stone offered some of the strongest arguments we ever heard for prohibition. It is encouraging to see our leading politicians and jurists coming to the support of this grand cause. Other brethren made excellent speeches on the same line.

Education and ministerial education were urged by brethren Purser and the writer. A goodly sum was given in cash and notes for the erection of Howard College. Those brethren have long known the benefits of the Howard and are willing to aid in its preservation. The brethren of the Union are ardent friends of ministerial education, and a good collection will be given from each church before long.

This long trip was one of our most pleasant visits and the generous welcome everywhere given makes us anxious to repeat the visit. The families of Judge Stone, Major Willett, brethren Wm. G. Robertson and Owens entertained us at their homes.

Notes from the Field.

The churches in these parts, generally, have been revived. I baptized nineteen at Bethel church, Fishhead Valley, in August, and the church was greatly revived. I was assisted by Rev. T. H. Howie.

The Boiling Spring association met on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in September. Bro. W. H. Preston preached the introductory sermon to a large and attentive congregation, from the text, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2 and 3, which was one of his best efforts. Rev. T. H. Howie was re-elected moderator, and J. C. Bean, clerk. Rev. A. J. Preston preached the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock on Sunday, from the 12th verse of the 16th Psalm, to a large congregation, and we hope much good was accomplished. The speaker showed very clearly and forcibly how good the Lord had been to us, the condition of the heathen and the great need of our help; and, after an earnest appeal to the brethren for help after the sermon, a collection was taken, which was better than at any previous session. It appears that our people are hard to become interested in the mission work. There were about seventy-five dollars sent up by the churches, but a few churches said that they had taken pledges for about the same for another year. I think we need an evangelist.

Our hearts were made glad by the presence of Rev. J. D. Jordan, from Sand Mountain. He preached an interesting sermon at 2 o'clock p. m. Sunday. Though he is growing old, yet he possesses the vigor and zeal of youth, and labors earnestly in the Master's cause. He has preached twenty or thirty years in this association. Twelve or fifteen dollars were contributed for his benefit.

The association closed on Monday in a better spirit for the mission cause. The next session will be held with Bethel church, Fishhead Valley, on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in September, next.

W. M. GARRETT.

Delta, Ala.

Faith is the inward state of which obedience is the outward expression. Faith is the seed, obedience is the fruit. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Faith and obedience are never severed, indeed, it is impossible to sever them. Faith, that is, in Christ—not in dogmas or propositions, this is not faith at all in the Scriptural sense. But faith in the personal Christ must flower into obedience.

FIELD NOTES.

Bro. Crumpton says the *Bushes* are hard to beat.

Bro. P. L. Moseley will preach at Elba next year.

The Deatsville ladies have a quilt for Howard College.

Rev. W. A. Whittle is delivering a series of lectures in Detroit, Mich.

Bro. Purser said "the *Bushes* were trees that bore much and valuable fruit."

Dr. Frost is very fond of talking about his old black horse and his sorrel horse.

Dr. Frost sent Bro. Bell to Leigh street church, Richmond, to raise \$4,000 for him.

Dr. Frost says the Selma church always comes to the front when there is anything to be done.

We had nothing but genuine Baptist singing at the Convention; and how the brethren did sing!

I am an alumnus of the State University, as many of you are, but I am a Baptist.—W. C. Ward.

Bro. N. A. Hood has gone into the mission work of the Cahaba Valley association for half his time.

Our sympathies go out to Bro. W. H. Barnett, of Olustee, in his misfortune. His residence was burned last week.

Dr. Teague gave \$100 for Howard College because his churches were giving him fifty dollars more than they promised.

Rev. N. C. Underwood says it is so common for his church to pay his expenses to the convention that it is hardly news to print it.

Dr. Tichenor encouraged us at the convention by telling how grandly the Arkansas Baptists raised \$10,000 and saved their college.

Bro. Stewart, of Evergreen, aided by Eld. W. H. Smith, of Huntsville, closed a precious meeting last week. Twelve converts were baptized.

Our business has increased until it becomes necessary to buy another job press and employ an additional pressman. Thanks to our friends.

While Bro. Will Henderson was at the seminary, the boys would ask him how it was that the Howard boys always excelled others in learning.

We are made glad to hear that Bro. George Hughes, of Flint, who was so badly injured some months ago, is improving and able to leave his room.

Bro. T. U. Crumpton and sister Zula DuBose, of Maplesville, were united in marriage on Oct. 20th. A large circle of friends rejoice with them.

The Wetumpka church sent Bro. Hunter to the Convention. We are glad to learn of the progress being made by the new pastor of the Wetumpka flock.

While Bro. W. T. Smith was looking after the business of the Judson, an incendiary set fire to one of his stores; "but," said he, "God did not permit it to burn."

Our friends at Flint have torn down the old school house which was good enough twenty years ago, and put in its place a first class house. Congratulations to Prof. Peck.

Judge Porter King remained in Florence until he and Dr. Hawthorne secured the building of their college. He will now rest again in his delightful home at Marion.

The ladies' aid society of Phoenix City sent their pastor, Rev. W. B. Carter, to the state convention. We are sure his first sermon will more than repay their efforts.

Passing through Kennedy enroute to Carrollton, we met our tried friend, Rev. J. Dunaway. He is teaching school in that town and preaching to churches at other points.

We thank friends in Carrollton and Kennedy for orders for printing. As knowledge of our work and prices becomes known our office becomes more crowded with work.

Chancellor Foster has been a lover of Howard College since his youth. While he is intimately connected with the University, still he appreciates the value of Howard College.

Bro. Harris, of Elyton, handed us two dollars for a brother, and said his wife secured that subscriber for us. The brother at once began contributing to the pastor's salary.

Bro. J. B. Lovelace has, for twenty-five years, labored for the Howard, and is ready again to help the institution. We should all forget and forgive the past and go forward.

Bro. McLendon, of Naftel, one of the most progressive farmers in the South, won premiums at both the State Fair and at the Southern Exposition. This brother makes farming pay.

Years ago the rich people said it was not mainly nor respectable to accept free tuition; now the sons of rich men are crowding the University because they get free tuition.—W. C. W.

Bro. J. O. Hickson never has been charged with flattery, and yet he says he is able now to say what he could never say before—that the ALABAMA BAPTIST is doing great good and is worthy an earnest support.

The members of the Tuskegee association gave for missions 7½ cents per member more than the members of the East Liberty association, says Bro. Hornady. Will the East Liberty brethren allow this?

Mr. B. P. Crum, of Evergreen, and Miss Emma Crumpton, of Greenville, were happily married Oct. 30th. This young couple start out in life with the brightest of prospects. A shower of congratulations are with them.

Bro. Roper, one of our Brazilian missionaries, with his family, is in England trying to regain his health. While resting, he is hard at work raising funds to further the work in Brazil and to enlist others in that work.

Bro. Henderson said if he could reproduce what was done in the convention twenty-five years ago he would stay all night. Then the brethren locked themselves in and remained until 2 a. m., by which time they raised \$25,000.

The Brundidge church has paid over \$100 for missions. We asked Bro. Underwood if in increasing their mission contributions they decreased his salary. He said: "No; they do better for me." It is probable that this church will have preaching every Sabbath next year.

An Episcopal preacher told Capt. Ward that all the educated and rich people were in his church, and he ought to come in, too. "Well," said Bro. Ward, "when Christ came into the world there were some of the same sort, but he did not associate with them; neither does he now."

Our office has recently been visited by brethren, A. T. Sims, G. W. Brown, J. O. Hickson, J. H. Foster, Orr, Hickman, Prof. Liner, W. J. Hood, —Worrell, R. B. Hare, W. C. Bledsoe, J. C. Hiden, and a host of others. The brethren are always welcome.

Dr. J. B. Hawthorne, of Atlanta, Ga., preached two excellent sermons at the First church, Montgomery, last Sabbath. Large congregations greeted him at both morning and evening service. The Doctor was pastor of the First church several years ago, and has a host of friends and admirers in Montgomery.

Springfield church will have services twice a month hereafter. Bro. Glenn received one member there by letter last meeting. Two were received by experience and one by letter at Eden. Those churches with the Ashville church paid their pastor's expenses to the convention and gave him enough for a suit of clothes besides.

The Baptists of Flint have determined to build a church in town. The old Mt. Pisgah church has for over fifty years stood as a monument to the glory of God. Many precious memories cling about it, and brethren have for several years hesitated about moving it from its location a half mile from the railroad, but to accommodate the demands they are preparing to build.

Beginning with January 1st, next, the Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., will become one of the editors of *The Ladies' Home Journal* of Philadelphia. The famous preacher will have a regular department each month, written by himself, with the title "Under My Study Lamp." His first contribution will appear in the January number of the *Journal*. Dr. Talmage's salary is said to be one of the largest ever paid for editorial work.

Dr. C. C. Bittling is numbered among the distinguished visitors to the convention. No man is doing more for Baptists than he. His work as secretary of the Bible department of the American Baptist Publication Society has enabled him to become thoroughly acquainted with all parts of the United States, and through his direction that society is making large distribution of the Word of God to those most needing it. By the way, the American Baptist Publication Society has recently made a handsome donation to the Book and Bible Depository of Alabama.

By an arrangement with the publishers of the *Emphatic Diaglot*, the Gospel of Luke will be issued separately for the study of the Sunday-school Lessons for 1890. To those unfamiliar with the plan of the *Diaglot*, it should be said that it is an interlinear Greek English New Testament, with an emphatic translation on the same page and numerous references and notes. It will be found a wonderful aid in the study of the Word, even though one may be unable to read Greek. It will be issued in an inexpensive form by Messrs. Albert & Scott, of Chicago, Ill.

Freewill Baptism.

Of a query proposed to me in your columns, I can only say:

1. That our people, in the South, with some exceptions, do not recognize baptism administered by Pedobaptist administrators, because they have not, in our esteem, been themselves baptized, and are in connection with irregular church organizations. If administrators, as sometimes, withdraw from us, to join a Pedobaptist organization, their credentials are called for, and church fellowship is withdrawn from them. I think this practice sound.

2. That on the same general principle, if one of our own brethren in the ministry were to preach Arminian doctrines, and persist in so doing, a due admonition, we should withdraw from him authority to preach and administer the ordinances. Suppose he joined a Freewill church, would that reinstate him in rightful authority?

3. I do not therefore see how we are, consistently, to recognize his acts when from the beginning in a Freewill church and preaching Freewill doctrine.

A father, complaining of the way his children destroyed their clothing, said: "When I was a boy I had only one suit of clothes, and I had to take care of it. I was only allowed one pair of shoes a year in those days. There was a pause, and then a very little chap spoke up: 'You have a much easier time of it now you are living with us.'"

To the Newburg "Sunbeams."

Dear Friends: I notice in the July number of the *Foreign Mission Journal* that "the Newburg Sunbeams" desire to help Mrs. Crawford, the editor of "May be Mrs. Crawford will write them a letter." And so I will. Now, what shall I write about? I have no heart to tell about the manners and customs of the Chinese—about the amusing, interesting or sad sights I often see—I must speak of the great need of China that fills my soul and thoughts every day that I live—China's need of the gospel. Five days of last week I spent at a town about ten miles west of this city, called Luk Wang Shu. As usual I staid at the house of Mrs. Liang, with whom I have been acquainted many years. She, her mother and two sisters in law and several nieces and nephews gave me a very cordial welcome. Many of the neighbors came to see me, too, and I talked so much, teaching them about Jesus, that when night came I was very tired. Mrs. Liang embraced every opportunity she could to learn or to listen to the oft-told story of "Jesus and his love." I had a book of sixteen beautiful pictures representing the migration of the shepherds, the flight into Egypt, his crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. These pictures serve to fix the attention upon what I tell them, and prevent a great deal of side talk among the women. I told them the story, dwelling less upon some points, more upon others. When I spoke of Christ's ascension and his parting words to his disciples, to go teach all nations, Mrs. Liang said to a woman beside her, "There, you see her reason for coming here to tell us about salvation—the Savior Jesus commanded her to do it." And when I spoke of his promise to come again in the clouds of heaven with all the holy angels, her face glowed as she exclaimed, "O I shall be so glad to see him—I will run to meet him!" After supper she asked me to have a service of prayer with herself and such members of the family as chose to attend. I did so every evening, and though her mother-in-law did not come in most of the women of the family did, besides a little nephew and several neighbor women. She has given up idolatry and seems determined to walk the heavenly road. Her husband came home from a voyage while I was there. He believes in the gospel, and seems willing for his wife to be a Christian, but his own heart is not yet touched.

To-morrow I go to Nan Wang Shu to spend four or five days, and this evening, on Tuesdays and returning up, with a short interval, until Christmas. Thus I am cultivating eight towns in one general region, varying in population from one thousand to seven or eight thousand. In this country there are eight hundred and three towns and villages, and now that Miss Moon has gone to Pingtu I am the only Baptist missionary at work here. There are ten counties in this department, equally populous, and there are ten departments in this one province of Shan Tung. Oh! it is appalling to think of these great multitudes in despair and darkness, with so few to give them the light of life. And now will you not help me? How do you ask? By your prayers—by your contributions to send an other missionary to aid in this work, and by stirring up the pure minds of those around you to an interest in carrying out the great commission of our ever blessed Lord. More laborers, more laborers for the harvest is the crying need.

I intended to send this to the "Sunbeams" direct, but on reflection, I did not know to whom to address it, and lest it go astray, I trust you will accept it in the columns of our state paper, the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Yours affectionately, M. F. CRAWFORD. Tung Chow, Oct. 7, 1889.

A Glance at St. Louis.

Sunday, November 10th, afforded a good opportunity to spend several hours in the mound city. So much to be seen and so little time to feast the eyes! Sight-seeing was not my only object in stopping. I was anxious to see the city once more with our Southern brethren. It was in every sense a very really enjoyed. I had to consult the city directory to decide what churches to attend. I soon found a familiar name, great among Baptists of the South, Rev. J. P. Greene, D. D., pastor of the Third church. There was also another name well-known, Rev. J. W. Ford, D. D., pastor of the Second church. He is not related to the author of "Grace Truman," however, as one might suppose. The First church is claimed by our colored brethren, and the title, I think, remains undisputed. There are quite a number of others. In the morning I made my way along the well paved streets, trying to walk the whole distance, but soon found I would have a more extended line of travel than I anticipated, and so found it necessary to take a cable car. Well, these cars are interesting. I had studied them in Denver, but still there is something peculiarly fascinating to me to see how the gripman presses a lever and the car moves off with ease and rapidity. It is the best system I have seen yet, whether the grades be light or heavy. The streets are generally regular, and sometimes very narrow. To look upward in one of these narrow streets, hemmed in by tall buildings of six and eight stories, reminds me of my late experience in the grand canon of the Arkansas. The lights

of the heavens would find much difficulty peering into these dark recesses of this busy city. Every metropolis has her slums, and here was no exception. The dens of crime can be found as well as the houses, with spires pointing heavenward, beckoning the weary pilgrim to come where God is worshipped. It makes the soul sick and the heart faint to see the marks of sin upon the world. There is only one remedy for all this. "Nothing but the blood of Jesus" will suffice. God's people know this, and are trying to give all the benefits of the saving power of the gospel.

Dr. Greene gave us a good sermon that had "the old time ring." He spoke on the temptation of Christ when the devil came to him in the wilderness. The preacher holds the attention of his large audience, and while all the energies of his mind seem bent on his subject, he does not forget the importance of giving a practical turn to his discourse. I give one or two thoughts from his: "The greatest man was the one who could do everything and yet used that power only for what was necessary. Jesus was that man. . . . Satan overlooked the fact that when man does his duty God will feed him. . . . In everything of life are you ready to do in God's way? The singing was congregational altogether, and, for that reason, all the more appreciated because a rarity.

In the afternoon I attended a mission school under the supervision of the Third church. This church has two schools, and I see no reason why all city churches can not do more in this way. It is the best means for building new churches. The mission has an average attendance of about six hundred teachers and pupils. I was glad to see so much earnestness manifested by the teachers. They are not merely trying to draw the children, but are planting the seed of gospel truth, and praying for the conversion of their pupils. It was my pleasure to meet several of these excellent workers.

At night I went around to hear Dr. J. W. Ford, at the Second church. I had by this time acquainted myself with the order of streets, and found the church without difficulty. An interesting prayer meeting of the young people was in progress when I arrived. The pastor was at the door, and by his genial manners soon made me feel at home. After the meeting was dismissed we entered the main auditorium, which bears a strong resemblance to the interior of a cathedral. Dr. Ford is a man of power in the pulpit, and there is no diverting the attention from him. He soon has his auditor's eyes and then the heart. He made a practical application by showing that a man's birthright is the largest possibility of power in the gift of God; and this could be despised by forfeiting the gift physically, mentally and spiritually. "It will not pay to satisfy a physical hunger and gain forever a soul famishing for food."

But I must stop. I could wish that every Sabbath were as happily spent as this. Where will I spend the next? J. M. K.

Tennessee State Convention.

Dear Baptist: The Tennessee Baptist State Convention met at Hum boldt, on the L. & N. R. R., at the crossing of the B. & O. R. R., Thursday, October 17th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

In the absence of the president, W. N. Woodruff, of Knoxville, Tenn., whose injuries in a railroad accident prevented his presence, the convention was called to order by Rev. G. W. Inman, vice-president, and also pastor of the Humboldt Baptist church. A very large delegation from the churches were present. Dr. G. W. Inman was elected president, and J. D. Anderson and Col. Rives were elected vice presidents. The report of the missionary secretary, Rev. J. H. Anderson, was full of interest. Over seven thousand dollars had been raised for state missions and some very important fields had been helped by the board.

Columbia, one of the mission stations, had become self-sustaining. Columbia is one of the most enterprising towns of middle Tennessee. The church has a beautiful house of worship and is now without a pastor. The State Mission Board employed for a few months a Sabbath-school missionary, who organized nine schools where there were none, and distributed Sabbath-school literature furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society. The good results of this work have awakened a new interest in this department of missionary labor. The home mission work received a larger contribution than any previous year. Dr. J. Wm. Jones, of Atlanta, the assistant secretary of this board, was present, and made one of his enthusiastic speeches, stirring our hearts to the importance of this work. T. C. Bell, of Richmond, Va., was also present, and carried the convention by storm for foreign missions. Rev. B. Griffith, of Philadelphia, of the American Baptist Publication Society, was also present to represent the interest of that society. Education received a special notice. The necessity for a trained ministry is constantly increasing and hence ministerial education became a vital and essential work demanding larger contributions. After one of the most enthusiastic sessions, the convention adjourned to meet with the First Baptist church of Chattanooga on 1890. E. STILLWELL.

Influence touches men but power touches God.

From Bro. Coulson.

Dear Baptist: In my report of the Tennessee River Association I merely generalized. I will now give the readers of the BAPTIST more in detail what was done by the body. We resolved to make the effort to raise the amount asked for by the State Convention, as apportioned to our Association \$200, and for the objects designated in the request. The amount apportioned to the Scottsboro church is \$14. We will go to the next association with every dollar of the money. We ought to double that amount and will possibly do so. The brethren were more enthusiastic for a forward move than I have ever observed at any former meeting. We subscribed \$450 for Howard College, and if our monetary brethren had been there we would have more than doubled that amount. The inspiration of the occasion, under the magnetic sermon of Dr. Purser would have compelled them. Those who came merely as lookers-on were deeply impressed with our work. We not only made more liberal provisions than usual, but were emboldened to pronounce more emphatic against vice than usual, as will appear from the following resolutions. The first was offered by a private member of Bethel church and is in the following language:

Resolved, That it is in the opinion of this body incompatible with Christian deportment, and inconsistent with our profession and confession to visit saloons, balls, dances or plays, races, shows, theatres, or engage in games of any kind, or to hazard money in lotteries or other gambling institutions whereby money or other things of value is to be won or lost by any game of chance.

And this further resolution offered by Bro. C. B. Roach:

Resolved, That this association will in the future withdraw her fellowship from any church or churches who retain in their fellowship any member or members who engage in making or selling or drinking as a beverage, spirituous liquors.

These are pretty strong, but will be adhered to without abatement. I want to say something now "out the situation at Scottsboro. The Scottsboro church has only thirteen male and twenty-four female members in it, but the outlook is much better than formerly. It is the county seat of Jackson county, and almost central in the Tennessee River association, hence it is very important that this church be strengthened by the churches generally, and by the state convention. This is the more important when it is made known that we have one of the best colleges in the state, presided over by that prince of educators, Prof. J. M. Bledsoe, late of Winchester, Tenn., who is not only a fine educator, but a power among Baptists. It is now an absolute necessity that we occupy this field by a good man. We are doing all we can, and have raised \$550 for the purpose of securing a man for all his time, and have asked the State board to supplement this with \$200, which would make \$750, which ought to secure a fairly good man. I mean a fairly strong man. I hope you and the other brethren throughout the state will help us in getting the right man. We have a good house of worship, in good condition and out of debt. We have a very pleasant town to live in, with no liquor sold within six miles of the place. The opening is one of the most important to our people of any that I know of, and we must have a good strong man here for all of his time. If we can get help now, in the future we will be helpful to others, etc.

I have written more lengthy letter than I first intended, and I hope you will pardon me, and if you think best let this find a niche in the basket. Your brother, L. C. COULSON. Scottsboro, Ala., Oct. 10, 1889.

Moses on Pisgah.

What must have been the emotions of Moses, when the Lord took him up to the top of Pisgah, and showed him all "the promised land," as it lay sleeping in the sun-light on the other side of Jordan, and stretching away in its beautiful expanse to the far away sea, we can only conjecture. Before him was the realization of the long cherished hope which had sustained his wearied heart under so many arduous toils and vexing trials for so many long years of his eventful history. In all its vernal beauty and its glory of clustering fruitage—there it lay—the sweet and blessed embodiment of his thoughts by day and his fondest dreams by night—before him in all the placid suggestiveness of its delectable rest! Oh! what must he not have felt! Methinks I see him now, that venerable and majestic man, with his kindling eye, his high-crowned brow, and flowing beard, as his enraptured vision sweeps the view, and his required soul drinks in the consummation of his toils. Was he noble when he stood before Pharaoh? Was he noble at the Red Sea, on the Mount of Sinai, in the Wilderness of Sin, amid the terrible visitations of judgment for their murmurings and discontents, wherein he had shown so much lustre of character as Israel's intercessor? Ah, yes; but he is nobler now; for upon that brow is gathered the glory of a century of greatness, heaped up in the service of his God! What a spectacle! The dying saint, surrounded with the gloomy environments of earth, gazing in rapture through the mist of time upon the incomparable loveliness of Heaven! Mortal life with all of its attendant toils and sorrows—its painful disappointments,

its numberless vexations, its blighted hopes, and its harrowing bereavements—all now behind in the long-traversed past; and heaven with all of its new-born life, and vigor, and joy, and delight before him—there—in the culmination of faith into sight—what must not he have felt—this representative man of earth, brought full in view of heaven? O eternity, eternity, what shall be thy revelations? what the measure of thy fruition? Shut up here in the obscurity of faith, what shall be that glory when that faith shall like a curtain rise and give place to the panorama of sight—illimitable sight! Yes, brother, illimitable and eternal sight! Christian believer, child of God, "ye blessed of my Father" in redemption—don't you want to go to heaven? My spirit is moved toward thee! The love of God—what is it that makes it to the heart so sweet? "Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man to conceive the things which God has in reserve for those that love him." Christian pilgrim—old pilgrim—look there—there is "Canaan"—there, right before you. A few more days of patience here, and you will step forth on its shore—"on Canaan's fair and happy shore." Sing, pilgrim, and be happy; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. R. L. DRAUGHON.

A World's Missionary Committee.

At the last ladies' meeting of the World's Missionary Conference held in London last summer, it was proposed to organize a committee of Christian women representing all the great foreign and home missionary societies of Christendom to prepare for women's meetings in connection with the next similar convention, and to co-operate as far as may be helpful for the great objects served. It is felt that such a committee can secure united prayer for objects in which all are interested, as for example, the relief of the twenty millions of widows in India, for the conference to be held at Berlin at the call of the king of Belgium with reference to the liquor traffic on the Congo river, and that through a representative from each of the great organizations on the committee some general statement of the work of each society may be given to all, and a brief inter-change inspiring and helpful be thus secured.

The committee elected in London were, chairman, Miss Abbie B. Childs, secretary, Women's Board of Missions, Congregational House, Boston, Massachusetts; U. S. A.; Mrs. A. S. Quinston, president, Women's National Indian Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. A.; Miss Bennett, London Missionary Society, London, England; Miss Mulvaney, secretary of the Church of England Zenana Missionary Association, Salisbury Square, Fleet street, London, England; Miss Reid, secretary of Scotland Ladies' Association for Foreign Missions, 22 Queen street, Edinburgh, Scotland; and Mrs. John Lowe, 56 George Square, Edinburgh, Scotland.

To this committee have now been added representatives from nearly all women's missionary societies, to all whom a circular has been addressed, to be followed by others, from the chairman of this "World's Missionary Committee of Christian Women."

Resolutions.

By the deacons of Siloam Baptist Church on the death of E. B. Woodfin.

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OUR office is Baptist headquarters. Come in to see us. A warm welcome and plenty of exchanges will always greet you.

We want an active agent in every community. This year we must reach more homes than ever before, and we need agents to help on the good work.

THE cash collection from the Cahaba association for missions at a public collection was \$102. This is a small body, yet so far as we know it stands at the head.

JUDGE JONATHAN HARALSON says the present managers of the BAPTIST have the entire state on their side, and that the paper is better than at any period of its history.

SOME objection has been made to certain articles announced for the new Baptist Teacher of 1890. We learn that they will appear as separate articles instead of in the Teacher.

LET every church in the state buy a canvassing book. Try it faithfully, and we believe our contributions will be largely increased next year. Send fifty cents to Bro. Crumpton, at Marion, for it.

To every Baptist not now taking this paper we will send it until Feb. 1, 1890, for twenty-five cents. Every pastor should see that no family in his church does without it. Send cash in advance.

THE preachers in this state could add 1,000 new names to our subscription list by next Monday if they would only try. A two-minute talk in church and a few moments afterwards would do it.

WHAT good does a twenty-five cent offer do? It gets people to reading the paper who would not otherwise do so. Read it a couple of months, learn its merits and become a regular subscriber. Send in your name.

"PLAN your work and work your plan," said an earnest young preacher. But there are many pastors without plans, who go from year to year at a haphazard pace and never accomplish anything. What is your plan?

All who read it enjoyed Bro. O'Neal's article a few weeks ago concerning the anti-going out from us. Brethren Huckle and Cumble can now begin the study of some other question whose solution is of more vital interest to us.

It is gratifying to note the attention paid to training our young preachers to sing at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. The American Baptist Publication Society, and Drs. Fenn and Wharton have each presented the Seminary with song books.

This home of brother and sister Chastain, missionaries to Mexico, has been gladdened by the arrival of a little boy and girl. Their father reports them to be fine vocalists, and as able to converse in Spanish as in English. May the Lord's blessings rest upon the young missionaries.

BROTHERS, you have been waiting a long time to pay your subscription; then why not pay it now? The paper is cash in advance, and surely when you delay it an entire year he should pay interest on the money and enough besides to pay the cost of sending him so many dollars. Let us have your renewal at once.

OUR home at Selma was with Mr. Robert Young and his accomplished sisters. Bro. Blackwelder and ourself claimed to have had the best home in the city. The Misses Young have built up a splendid school and are devoting their best energies to fitting boys and girls for usefulness in life.

It seems that brethren who are appointed to read reports at our associations mistake their work and write long essays. These are good, but they burden the minutes. Shorter reports, it seems to us, should be made, and then the chairmen should speak out, or read out their sentiments afterwards.

WONDER if, when Eld. J. O. Andrew headed the procession of the Southern Exposition and opened the concern with prayer, he realized that he was being used as a tool to rebuke the ministers of Montgomery, who had the courage to speak out against saloons and cock pits in connection with the Exposition?

COMMISSIONER R. F. KOLB arranged, last week, a free excursion to New Orleans for the Farmers' National Congress, which was in session in this city. Hundreds of delegates from other states were thus given an opportunity of seeing more of the South, and all are rejoiced at the hospitable reception given them.

A TRAVELER, visiting some of the old temples of Japan, can see, now and then, poor women beseeching, in the most touching prayers, their patron saints to conduct their dead children into paradise. Shall we not give them the gospel of that Savior who said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven?"

WHILE our old ministers are getting nearer the grave, it is encouraging to see such an army of young men coming up as burden bearers. The old preachers, who have done most for the cause in this state, are not at all jealous of the young men, but are thanking God for raising up men of heart and brain to fill their places, and to do even a grander work for Christ.

A METHODIST friend said, after hearing Dr. Hiden's sermon at the Convention: "I don't wonder now that you Baptists are growing so fast; you have so many able men." Yet there are Baptists so ignorant of our denominational possessions as to sit down and whine about Baptists having no able men. People who read our religious papers never have any such complaints to make.

In an account of the Eufaula association you will see where Bro. Patterson is reported as saying that he has never asked his churches for an amount and been refused. There is something in that remark worthy of serious consideration by our preachers. When pastors faithfully instruct their members along the lines of benevolence they will give as liberally as they can when called on.

For the past three years our readers have been enjoying articles from the pen of Dr. J. C. Hiden. His paper two weeks since on "Union of the Brotherhood in the Defense of Truth" was very valuable. Get your paper and re-read it. He calls upon Baptists to encourage the circulation of genuine Baptist literature; and he is right. We must more than ever support our papers and aid them to secure the best writing talent available.

It is a surprise to meet Baptist merchants and teachers who are regular subscribers to this paper, who, when being solicited for printing, say: "Why, do you do that kind of work? I could have given you an order the other day, but I did not know it." This is rather mortifying, since for more than a year we have constantly urged the brethren to send us their printing and thereby aid us in improving the ALABAMA BAPTIST. We fight whisky selling, gambling and such like, and can not, of course, expect patronage from these sources. Be you, as Christian men and women, as our patrons, who will help us to do the best thing we can for the best time you wish work done. We appreciate prices of any first-class work.

THERE are many reasons why Nashville would be a capital point at which to found a great Baptist University—and surely God's people are to be commended for having a desire to do something by which, through coming ages, his name can be greatly glorified. Let us not allow other denominations to build all the great universities. While the Catholics would take the national capital, let us permeate the states, so that a complete victory for Rome can never be possible.

If the Baptist preachers of Alabama only knew just how much hard work the editors of this paper are doing in their effort to securely establish the paper, we know they would rally more strongly to its support. Dear brother, think soberly as you read this number, and see if it would not be helpful if read by every one of your members. If it would do them good to read it every week, why, then, will you not put forth an earnest effort at once to secure a large list of subscribers?

SOUTHERN Baptists instructed the Foreign Mission Board to increase their number of missionaries. They have done this, and yet we have made only a slight increase in our contributions to that board. They must have the money. We always come to its rescue at the last moment with the means, so that the board saves its credit, but why should we not contribute now and save at least \$1,000 that is now being paid as interest? Let every church contribute promptly, remembering that "he gives twice who gives quickly."

HON. J. R. BROWN, of Canton, Ga., leads off in a grand cause, and we hope soon to hear of others following his example. Some months ago this brother lost a beloved daughter, and now, in memory of her, he proposes to support a missionary to Japan who will be known as the "Sallie R. Brown missionary." We believe, as God's people begin to realize their obligations to the perishing nations and to the Savior, that it will be a common thing for churches or individual Christians alone to undertake the support of a missionary. God speed the day.

A UNITED BROTHERHOOD.—That is what the Baptists of this state are fast becoming. Our preachers are awaking to the necessity of putting forth some herculean efforts to marshal our forces to fight in the Master's cause. Among these workers there seems the utmost harmony. It is recognized that the ALABAMA BAPTIST is one of the strongest bonds of union we have, and there is an earnest move to place that paper into the hands of each preacher in Alabama, believing that to be one of the most effectual means of bringing to our assistance the great forces now organized.

THE Religious Herald is ahead of us in at least one thing. A Massachusetts senator has authorized Dr. Dickinson to send the Herald to twenty-five families at his expense. It does us good to state that Bro. Curtis Bush, of Mobile, sends this paper to five preachers for next year, brethren A. P. Bush and M. B. Wharton to three preachers each, while several other brethren send it to one preacher each. There are two or three hundred licenses and ordained preachers among the hills and valleys of Alabama who are not reading this paper. They must read it and brethren and sisters are helping to reach that class. Help by others will be appreciated.

THE MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION held a most prosperous session with the Wetumpka church. The same officers were re-elected, viz: Rev. B. A. Jackson, moderator, and Dr. J. I. Lamar, clerk.

Pending the organization, brethren Hare and Lary made short talks. Bro. L. delighted us by speaking of the Coosa church. They are sound in the faith. "Once," said he, "Baptists built their churches in the valleys, but now we plant them on the hills." Temperance, education, ministerial education, missions, Sunday-schools, etc., engaged their full share of attention. You have already been informed of the contributions of this body to Howard College—\$2,450.

The brethren and sisters of the little town vied with each other to make glad the hearts of their visitors.

THE SOUTHERN EXPOSITION.

No better display of farm products, mineral, timber, horses, cows, sheep, hogs and poultry, were ever presented in Alabama than those exhibited at the late Exposition in this city. As an Alabamian we were proud that our state could show so many things which prove her to be leading the van in material improvement. Manager Burke has, for nearly a year, been busily seeking to bring to Montgomery every species of industry represented in the South, and his labors were well rewarded. Through the liberality of the railroads numbers of people from other states were permitted to see for themselves our wonderful resources.

The financial success of the Exposition has been so great that the managers will soon begin to arrange for another fair, to be held a year hence. Who do not believe that gambling and whisky selling add a particle to the attractiveness of the fair. The people who, in the largest degree, support such institutions do not come because whisky and pool are sold on the ground, but simply because the managers have offered inducements in the way of reduced rates, etc. So we begin now to enter our protest against a repetition of the objectionable features of this year's exposition and beg that our readers help us to create a public sentiment against such things, so that the managers of our fairs will be compelled to respect the sentiments of Christian people.

THE TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION. Loachapoka is an Indian name, the meaning of which is not known to us, but we spent two days very pleasantly there during the sitting of the above assembly. Mr. and Mrs. Pope, the cleverest kind of people, cared for us while we tarried in their midst. Sister Pope is quite a literary character. She showed us a poem written by herself and read to Jefferson Davis when the old chieftain passed through the state some years since.

THE MODERATOR'S CHAIR.

Dr. Buck, the painless tooth extractor, supported him with his pencil.

The questions of temperance, intemperance, distilling, etc., were being warmly talked about when we entered the church. Every speaker agreed that a church should not and could not scripturally retain members who made, sold or used to excess the poisonous liquid. Dr. Shaffer said he knew some churches that were powerfully friendly to whisky. He recollected when the deacon on the sideboard was a familiar thing; never saw but two men refuse to drink at his father's and that man number was a preacher. He had known men excluded from churches because they criticized the position of the church on whisky. One church really wanted to turn out the preacher because he had joined the sons of temperance. But he knew one church that excluded a man for being drunk at muster.

Bro. Love was acquainted with the good old days when father and grandfather thought it a shame to go to bed sober. Some reference was made to whisky in north Alabama, when Bro. Abner Williams informed the association that his county, Calhoun, was a prohibition county, and churches in his association did exclude men for drunkenness, or for signing petitions. The fellows who even sold their fruit to a distillery found no comfort from that body of Christians.

Brethren Lloyd, Hare, Ivey and Hornady closed that discussion with a broadside volley. Bro. Hornady says a man who drinks whisky may possibly be a Christian, but he who sells, it never.

Bro. Baber, in his Sunday-school address, told us what qualifications suited for a Sunday-school worker. Bro. Cloud has been a Sunday-school man ever since he was a boy, and his observation is that the best enlightened people in a church are those who are active in Sunday school work. We baptize many children, not infants, now, because they are so early instructed in the Bible.

Bro. Roby believes the pastor has a good deal to do in making a Sunday-school successful. RELIGIOUS LITERATURE occupied a good portion of our time. Bro. Roby had rather pay two dollars for the ALABAMA BAPTIST than to help in the support of many pastors he knew. On this line Dr. Shaffer and Lloyd uttered manly sentiments.

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body, and Bro. Lloyd presented an instructive report, and then he, brethren Bledsoe, Ivey, Baber, Roby, and others, expressed their views. Bro. Roby said God had no use for any church member except for him to preach the gospel to the world. He once wrote in a girl's album, "Be not only good, but good for something." Bro. Joe Howard wants somebody to tell him how to get all members to work.

Eld. W. B. Carter told of an anti-mission association in his town. He thought if he had 5,000 Foreign Mission Journals to distribute among them he could do some good.

Brethren Buck and Purser led in speaking out for a better educated ministry and laity. Dr. Purser thinks "a man is worth only what he does in this world." To prove that the Tuskegee association was worth something, they gave several hundred dollars to Howard College.

Bro. Hornady and wife had expected to go to the Atlanta Exposition, but staid at home in order to help the Judson.

We left Loachapoka with the conviction that the Tuskegee association was a growing institution.

THE CONECH ASSOCIATION.

Met at Evergreen, the leading town in its section of southern Alabama. The church there is among the liveliest in the state; the town is building a mammoth hotel for the accommodation of Northern tourists. In addition to the main hotel they will have a row of log cabins, chinked with mud, but nicely ceiled within.

The association was organized by the selection of brethren Bell and Brooks as active officers of the body. Bro. G. R. Farnham offered the report on state missions. A general discussion ensued, participated in by brethren Farnham, Rabb, and others. Bro. Farnham said he never began to grow as a Christian until he became willing for his money to be sent anywhere that it could accomplish good for the world.

Foreign missions has many advocates in this young body. Rev. B. H. Crumpton reported for that board. Rev. A. T. Sims was appointed to preach the missionary sermon, but he

persuaded Dr. Purser to take his place.

Rev. John W. Stewart reported on woman's work. We must organize these dear sisters so as to get their united efforts.

Rev. A. T. Sims reported the work and outlook for the Home Board. Rev. G. S. Anderson, vice president for Alabama, spoke to the resolution. He said the Home Board is the reserve force to the State Boards. Already we and it convenient to ask them to help us in taking north Alabama for Christ.

Brethren Abner Williams and B. F. Riley were patiently heard on the Judson and Howard. Bro. Williams, as you have seen, received nearly \$500 for the Judson.

Hon. J. C. Harris is just now largely in sympathy with educational interests. He is going at his own expense, and speaking for the cause of ministerial education, so he was given an opportunity to raise money for the Educational Board.

The largest audience of the meeting was out to hear Dr. Purser's educational address. Then the people gave him over \$1,200 toward building Howard College.

Our time was so occupied that we had opportunity only to spend one night with Dr. McCreary's family and take tea with brother and sister Finch. Everybody fared well, and every meal was like a wedding repast.

FIELD NOTES.

Let us sell you the books you need. Send us the name of every preacher in your section.

Bro. T. B. Thames has been visiting his relatives in Mobile.

Carrollton church paid her pastor's expenses to the state convention.

The Bigbee association is doing the grand thing for ministerial education.

Rev. R. M. Hunter will serve the churches in Wetumpka and Prattville.

Bethany church sent its pastor, Rev. W. J. D. Uphaw, to the convention.

Don't get impatient about the appearance of your articles. They will come soon.

Sister M. A. Waller, after a pleasant sojourn in New York, has returned to this city.

Bro. Stout will move to Midway and assume the pastoral charge of the Baptist church.

Our readers will confer a favor by sending us the name of every Baptist in his community.

Bro. Worrell, of Deatsville, has had a happy year of it; five sons and one daughter baptized.

Bro. Bostwick, of Florida, was in the city last week attending the national farmers' congress.

Some of our churches' raised a great deal by not having sent their pastors to the convention.

The Baptists of Nashville are discussing the idea of establishing a college with \$1,000,000 endowment.

Bro. Burr, of Columbia, was at the convention, but he disappointed us in not bringing his wife with him.

Bro. Plaster interested the convention very much by telling how he conducts his institutes for negroes.

Rev. L. M. Bradley has accepted the care of the Jasper church, and will remove there at an early date.

We hope soon to have out all the minutes on hand. Some unforeseen circumstances have caused a little delay.

Rev. W. R. Ivey has accepted the call of the church at Scottsboro, and will, at once, enter on his duties as pastor.

To the party sending the second largest number of 251 subscribers we will give the ALABAMA BAPTIST for one year free.

Bro. D. S. Martin was a happy man. His church sent him to the convention and helped buy him a suit of clothes also.

The Selma church is pleased with Rev. A. J. Dickinson as temporary pastor. He made a pleasant impression on the visitors.

Our sympathies go out to Bro. J. E. Deer and family, who have been so recently bereaved of his father, J. T. Deer, of Brewton.

Brethren Quarles and Ivey passed touching eulogies on ministerial students in their speeches before the Tuskegee association.

Bro. H. L. Crumby, of Georgia, we hear, is doing good work as pastor at Abbeville, in this state. He is welcomed to our soil.

Married, at the residence of Mr. R. A. Self, in Selma, Mr. J. R. R. Mayes and Miss Annie C. Brady, M. L. Samples, Esq., officiating.

Bro. Enoch Burson, of Fatama, was among our callers last week. He is a true friend of our boyhood days, and one that we highly esteem.

Parents who have sons and daughters at school should send them the ALABAMA BAPTIST. It will be strengthening to them to read its columns.

Concord church, at Buena Vista, has recently been painted. By the way, those people are on a boom. Their school, under Prof. Hardy, is growing.

The fourth Sabbath in this month is the time appointed for the dedication of the First Baptist church at Troy. The church will be dedicated free of debt.

Dr. Eager was really in our midst once more. It is worth a trip to the convention just to see his smiling face. May great blessings crown his stay among us.

Dr. Tichenor is said to have stated that if the Kind Words publications were not under the management of the men who now have it, the Southern Baptist Convention would get an annual income from it of \$5,000. Why, then, is it not taken out of their hands?

W. A. Whittle has been lecturing in Louisville, Ky., and we see it stated that the churches, 22nd and Walnut streets, could not hold the large audiences.

Bro. Geo. Waller, of this city, is thirty years old and has never taken a drink of whisky or wine. Yet he is highly respected and is a most successful business man.

Several mistakes from hasty writing are found in my letters, and some of them are inexcusable. Corrections of many were sent but failed to reach the printer.—J. M. K.

Mrs. A. M. Welborn, mother of Rev. A. C. Barron, died in Baltimore on the morning of the 3rd. Our brother has the sympathies of all who know of his bereavement.

To the man or woman who sends us the largest list of new subscribers on our 251st offer, that is, from now until Feb. 1, 1890, we will give the choicest book in our library.

While money is plentiful is the time for brethren to send us five dollars for their subscription for three years. This will be a good thing for both publishers and readers.

A letter from Bro. Robertson tells how the Carrollton people appreciated the senior's visit among them. Our traveler greatly enjoyed his visit to the home of Bro. Robertson.

The ladies' aid society of the Adams Street church have given \$75.00 towards furnishing the church with chandeliers. This is a worthy society and the cause is a noble one.

Bro. F. J. Paxon, of Atlanta, attended our convention and made many friends. He is the business manager of the Atlanta branch of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Married, at the residence of the bride's mother, on the evening of the 14th, Mr. R. G. Rowland to Miss Cora Hardy, Rev. J. P. Shaffer officiating. All of Roanoke, Ala.—J. P. S.

Among the faces most greatly missed at the convention was that of Bro. Jos. Shackelford, of the Muscle Shoals association. He is teaching school at Leighton and could not well be present.

The good people of Evergreen sent their pastor to the convention at Selma. This is commendable, but less than this could not be expected of such a people. The Lord bless them.—J. W. S.

Brethren Lowry, Cumble, W. W. Harris, Cook, Larkin, Staton, Coulson, Culbreth, Wm. A. Parker, Dr. Ramsey and some other preachers brought renewals and new subscribers to us at the convention.

Bro. Diaz said that when they started their Sunday-school, the Catholics began one, too; but so ignorant of the real purpose were they that they had tables set and taught the children to wash dishes.

A newspaper man has little time for social visiting, even at associations; yet while at Clayton we ran around to see Bro. Seth Mabry, an old Howard boy. Then on Sunday we dined with Miss Ida Bradley, a Judson girl.

A good brother of Goodwater sends five dollars for three years' subscription, and adds: "This is to show my appreciation for the interest you have manifested in the morals of our town, and the high moral tone of our paper."

The Florida Baptist State Convention will meet at Monticello, Fla., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in January, 1890. The Baptist pastor's conference meets on Wednesday, the day before the convention.—W. S. Brown.

Bro. J. B. Hucklebee, of the Tennessee Valley, attended the convention. He says they greatly need a church at Courtland. There are not so many Baptists there now, but, as the town grows, they will come in.

For weeks we have known of the illness of sister C. C. Jones, of East Lake, but did not feel she was so soon to be called home. She died as she had lived, a joyful Christian. May the comforts of her Savior be with the bereaved ones.

The congregation at the Baptist church at Selma on Sabbath was thrilled as Bro. McCollum arose to tell them he was the father of Jno. W. McCollum, our missionary to Japan, and asked that his boy have an interest in our prayers.

MARRIED.—At Fort Deposit, Ala., by Rev. G. S. Anderson, assisted by Rev. W. H. Wild, on the 6th of November, 1889, in the Baptist church at Fort Deposit, Mr. W. G. Martin, of Yellow Pine, Ala., to Miss Carrie Robertson, of Fort Deposit, Ala.

Heretofore we have not made much effort to push our book business, but we see so great a need for good books in the homes of our people that we will do all we can to supply this need. Write us for any class of books wanted. We furnish at publishers' prices.

Mrs. Dix, of Pine Grove, Ala., has joined her husband at Winchester, Tenn. Brother Dix, as our readers know, is connected with the Mary Sharpe College. Sister Dix has been a useful Christian worker and we trust the blessings of the Lord will be with her.

The Sheffield Enterprise, of the 12th inst., gives an account of the welcome service, held at the Baptist church, on the evening of the 10th. We are glad to learn that Rev. J. I. Ayres, the new pastor, has begun work under such favorable auspices, and trust that his labors may be abundantly blessed.

Reg. J. M. Dykes is a Hardshell brother, but does a great deal of traveling and preaching, and when you talk to him you will find that in practice he isn't far behind many of our so-called missionary preachers. He is an appreciative reader of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and is doing his best to get his missionary brethren to take this paper.

Newspaper folks in Tennessee have a funny way of doing things. The Baptist has been changing hands and editors so fast that one can hardly keep up with it. The latest change was for brethren Graves and Moody to retire in favor of brethren Folk and Haily. Since then Bro. Moody has taken the agency for the Western Recorder.

Bro. J. J. Taylor remained until the close of the convention, and when he came through Montgomery informed us that Dr. Roby introduced a resolution to form a separate board for the Bible and colporteur work of the state, the board to be located in Opelika. The names suggested for the board are several of our best business men in east Alabama.

We are all delighted to see that Bro. Skipper is improving in health. He will be forced to give up preaching for awhile. In the meantime he will engage in some active business, in which he hopes to recover his health. He is one of our best young preachers, and it is with great regret we see him forced to rest. But God calls a man to rest as well as to work.

While at the Marshall association we met dear old Bro. Casey and wife. They were mourning the death of their son, Rev. J. M. Casey, who died on the 6th of September, 1889, in Texas. Christian men and women nursed him tenderly and gave him a suitable burial. He was doing good work and winning souls for the Master. May our kind Father comfort the bereaved parents.

Bro. Brown, of Pensacola, Fla., is working valiantly to build a house for the Palfox street Baptist church. Brethren are helping him by donations of money, lumber, etc. His cause is a worthy one and we commend it to our readers. Pensacola is an important city, and Baptist interests are very weak there. Investment in churches there now will pay a hundred fold in a few years.

Those who attended the Sunday-school exercises at Selma during the convention, were delighted with the remarks of brethren Ward, Hiden and Diaz. The latter brother told how his father was converted. His daughter shrewdly got him to read the Bible for her while she was but a child. His father was a Catholic, but "in truth he was like all Catholics—simply an infidel."

Dr. M. B. Wharton, of the First church of this city, last Sunday, gave a good sermon on an appropriate theme—"Watch." He reminded us of the tendency to let the devil have full control of our hearts and bring us into league with the world. The line of demarcation between Christians and worldly people seems, at times, to have altogether disappeared. Many Christians should stop and consider whether their conduct has received the divine approval. We need to "watch" ourselves.

Selma did not give the ladies much encouragement to visit the gathering of our hosts, but a few brave hearts came anyhow. Among these we noticed sister D. I. Purser, with her two Howard boys, Miss Charlie Stewart, Miss Johnson, the Misses Tart, and Miss McKinley, who are wide awake members of the Bigbee association; sisters Edwards, Hardy and Graham, of the Selma association, and sister Lela Hall, nee Wilkes, of Sylacauga, and perhaps a few more whose names fail us at this writing. But they will be with us in force at our next meeting.

From Winchester cards have been issued by Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson to the marriage of their daughter, Julia Toy, to Rev. P. J. Lipsey, at the chapel building of Mary Sharp College, Nov. 21, at 2 o'clock p. m. Dr. Johnson is the new president of the famed Mary Sharp educational institution.—American, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 14th. The above clipping will doubtless be of interest to many of the former students of the Judson Institute. Miss Johnson was a member of the faculty during the session of 1886-7. Bro. Lipsey is a Mississippian, and graduated at the Seminary last May. He is now located at Columbus, Ind. Our best wishes are offered.

Our meeting at Evergreen, which followed the association, was a blessing to our church. Bro. W. H. Smith, of Huntsville, was with me nine days. He did some of his best preaching, and that is not (in my judgment) equalled by many of our young men. He attracted, convinced, and led the people with an increasing interest to the last. The congregations were good

