

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.
REMINISCENCES OF TALLADEGA.

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In the early days, agriculture was the chief reliance for support and for making money. Cotton, corn, wheat, oats, rye and potatoes were the principal products of the farm. Stores and mills, and carpenters' and blacksmiths' shops were necessary accompaniments. The cotton was hauled in wagons to Wetumpka, or sent down the river on flat-boats, during high water. In the winter the roads were execrable. Several times I accompanied my father's wagon to market. Six mules were needed to draw six or seven bales, and often when the driver was belated by the mud, he would travel at night to make up his lost time, and I, bearing a torch of pine, would walk before the mules that he might see how to drive. In 1850 John G. Winter constructed a plank road from Wetumpka to Winterboro. It was a great improvement over the dirt road, and it was feared, as he desired, that rival town to Talladeega might be built up. While the road continued it furnished easy communication with the head of navigation, but it was unprofitable to the builders; the bridges became dangerous and after a few years the highway, which excited such hopes and fears, fell into disuse. In 1845 the first steamboat was built on the upper Coosa, above the falls, and was launched at Greensport to ply from that point to Rome. It was an occasion of much interest; a free barbecue was prepared; thousands assembled to witness the novel spectacle, and as, with flags flying and drums beating, the festivities were cut away, the consecrating water was poured out, the boat cleaved for the first time the clear waters of the river, those of us, who were sufficiently venturesome to take our places on the vessel, made the welkin ring with our shouts of exultation which were taken up and echoed for many minutes by the thousands who from the banks looked with amazement upon the bold experiment. Gov. Martin, then an independent candidate for Governor against Maj. Nathaniel Terry, the regular nominee, and Gen. Felix G. McConnell, a candidate for Congress, were present at the launching and made speeches to the multitude.

Through the night and until day-dawn, many of us danced country dances and Virginia reels and then left for our homes, jaded and weary; the writer (little dreaming that he, so many years afterwards, would be among the few survivors to give an account of what was to be the precursor of a growing and profitable river commerce.

In 1840 Samuel P. Rice, the editor of the *Watchtower*, wrote strong editorials in favor of building a railroad from Wetumpka to Talladeega. Some years afterwards the writer of these reminiscences published, in the same paper, a series of articles urging the construction of a railway from Montgomery to Talladeega. About 1851, the exact date is not remembered, a railroad convention was held in Talladeega with representatives from Mobile, Selma, Montgomery, Montevallo, and other places. Strong debates occurred. Montgomery and Selma competing for selection as the Southern terminus. James E. Belser and P. Phillips were the leading debaters, and as Mobile favored Selma, which made more definite and inviting promises than Montgomery, it was chosen and out of this meeting grew the Selma, Rome & Dalton railway. In 1865 it had been completed as far as Oxford, and a detachment from Wilson's Invading Corps of Cavalry, after the fall of Selma, captured and burned the locomotives east of the Coosa. At an early period, Walter D. Riddle put up iron works on Talladeega creek, west of the road leading from Talladeega to Chandler's Spring, and Dr. Garrett and others were working the marble quarries near Sylacauga.

The early inhabitants brought with them the lessons of childhood learned in other states—respect for religion and law. The Methodists, with their peculiar policy and their holy zeal, are always companions of the early immigrants, and they, and the Baptists were with the advance wave of the population that flowed into the creek country. The Presbyterians were not behind in the incalculably useful work. I can recall Leonard Tarrant, the Scales, Patton, McClellan, Brooks, Hamill, and Lane among the Methodists; Welch, Henderson, Taliaferro, Collins, Calley, Chilton, McCain, Archer, Pace, Peebles, and, later, Renfro and Myatt among the Baptists; and Cater, Chapman, McAlpin, and McOrbes among the Presbyterians. Thomas A. Cook, an Episcopal minister, was in Talladeega as early as 1845, but he taught school and did not then preach much. Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians had annual camp meetings. A Talladeega paper of Sept. 1st, 1838, says: "A Baptist camp meeting commenced yesterday at Weeks."

A Methodist camp meeting will commence on the 7th at Jones' cane ground.

A Presbyterian camp meeting will commence on the 14th at Ware's.

A Baptist camp meeting will commence on the 21st at Davis'.

"Talladeega church," subsequently "Alpine," was organized in the country, at an early period. Josiah Lewis was pastor in 1831, but resigned in 1836 on account of his necessary absence in Washington City as a representative in Congress. He was succeeded by Oliver Welch, a native of Madison county, Virginia, who continued as pastor until age and infirmity compelled him to relinquish his post. He would never take any compensation—a bad example, as he subsequently admitted, in declining to receive a salary from a church composed largely of rich members. This church held a camp meeting at Weeks as early as 1835. The tent-builders looked forward with great pleasure to these annual reunions. Their attendance was large; the hospitality was munificent and cordial. At this meeting, in addition to the home preachers, I heard the Manly, Bestor, DeVette, Scott, Teague and Chambliss. Both Methodists and Baptists had such meetings on Cold Water, in Calhoun (then Benton) county. This ample supply of pure, clear water made it an attractive place. For several years my father tented there, and I have known more than three hundred people to dine with him during a day. The Presbyterians for several years held a camp meeting near Marble Springs, and I can recall such preachers as Cater, Cunningham, Mitchell, Root, Finley and others.

NORTH ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

For the second time the writer attended the annual meeting of the North Alabama Association, which held its session with Ebenezer church, five miles northeast of Fort Payne. Through the kindness of Bro. S. D. Monroe, Bro. Brewer and myself found conveyance to the place of meeting.

The sessions were held in the house of the anti missionaries, as that was larger than the one belonging to our people. The introductory sermon was concluded before we reached the church. Bro. Dodd, a most lovable brother, preached the sermon.

In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, the former moderator, Rev. H. H. Kirby, called the meeting to order, and after devotional exercises appointed the writer and Bro. Jno. Higgins to read the letters. There are only nine churches in the association, and they were all represented. No missionary money was sent up, or reported, but one church asked that the association reconsider its action of last year concerning missions. Four churches reported Sunday-schools. Only a few additions to the churches were reported.

CHURCH BUILDING IN ALABAMA.

The First Sunday in October is the day on which we want every church and Sunday-school in the state to contribute for church building in Alabama. The State Mission Board has constant applications for aid in building churches at important places. A little aid in the beginning would be of great service to those who are struggling to build. Let the pastors and Sunday-school superintendents remember the day. We ought to get several hundred dollars from the churches of Alabama.

The Jefferson Davis Monument Fund.

The Southern Press Association inaugurated a movement, when Jefferson Davis died, to erect a monument to his memory and which would be typical of the event that caused so much of sacrifice. The undersigned is its General Agent.

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F. H. H. S. Fall Springs, Aug. 18.

THE VALUE OF STATE MISSION WORK.

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THIRD CHURCH—Services continued through the week, Pastor Lee preaching some very fine sermons. Three received for baptism. Eleven professions. Rev. J. A. Hogan preached at both services yesterday and pastor Holden preached at Blection.

BESSEMER—Pastor Wood preached at both services to large congregations. Four received for baptism and two by letter at 11 a. m. and two by letter at night and four baptisms. Sixty-eight in Sunday-school. Pastor Wood goes this week to Mt. Pinson to assist pastor Branham in a meeting.

LYONSDALE—Deacon Carter conducted services at 11 a. m. and night. Rev. Reynolds of East Lake, preached at night. Good congregations at both services.

WARRIOR—Pastor Hobson reports a good meeting in progress. Large congregations and intense interest. Eight accessions; five by baptism. The meeting will continue this week, Bro. Adams assisting.

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TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1891.
This list is now printed for correction. If any brother or sister has written to the paper at once and have it corrected. This list should be cut out and preserved for future reference, as it will not be reprinted. The meetings of each month will be printed in due time and kept in the paper.—W. B. C.

ELIZABETH, Walnut Grove, Tuesday before 1st Sunday.
Cahaba Valley, New Hope, Eleu, Saturday before 1st Sunday.

TUSCALOOSA, Shultz Creek, Tuesday before 2nd Sunday.
Shelby, Cahaba Valley, five miles from Ashby, on the T. V. & G. R. R., Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

BIGBEE, Zion, Sumter county, Thursday before 2nd Sunday.
Cherokee, Union, thirteen miles from Valley Head, Tuesday before 3rd Sunday.

COOSA RIVER, Lincoln, G. P. R. R., Wednesday before 3rd Sunday.
Pine Barren, Midway, Monroe county, Wednesday before 3rd Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, near Salsburg, M. & B. R. R., Thursday before 3rd Sunday.
Liberty (Madison) Poplar Hill, Giles county, Tenn., Friday before 3rd Sunday.

Clear Creek, Bethel No. 1, Winston county, Saturday before 3rd Sunday.
Liberty East, Camp Hill, C. & W. R. R., Wednesday before 4th Sunday.

Mulberry, Jimson, L. & N. R. R., Wednesday before 4th Sunday.
Olar Bluff, Cedar Bluff, Rome & Decatur R. R., Thursday before 4th Sunday.

Sulphur Springs, Spring Dale, near Hughes' Siding, L. & N. R. R., Friday before 4th Sunday.
Bethlehem, Montgomery Hill, Saturday before 4th Sunday.

North River, Liberty Grove, Walker county, Saturday before 4th Sunday.
Centennial, Macdolesia, Thursday before 4th Sunday.

OCTOBER.
Belling Springs, Union, Clay county, Tuesday before 1st Sunday.

Harris, Pleasant City, Tuesday before 1st Sunday.
Unity, Mt. Carmel, Clinton county, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

Central, Mt. Olive, six miles from Goodwater, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.
Birmingham, Truettville, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

South Bethel, Thomasville, M. & B. R. R., Thursday before 1st Sunday.
Berk Mills, Big Springs, Friday before 1st Sunday.

Liberty (Bibb Co.) Pine Flat church, Hale county, Friday before 1st Sunday.
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