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The preachers should all go to An-niston Nov. 22nd, to the Baptist State Convention. Let all our intelligent business laymen go. By the way, it would be a delicate compliment if the layman would invite his pastor to go as his special guest, and if the layman can't go then send the pastor as your representative.

We regret to publish the fact that several pastors of the churches near Birmingham have recently resigned. We are assured that the ALABAMA BAPTIST is in no way to blame for their resignations. In most cases the churches were not meeting their obligations, and in others the pastors wished to change fields.

The time has come, if it has not always been, when our preachers should be more choice in their language before public assemblies. Recently a good brother, an educated gentleman, in replying to some zealous remarks said, "Brethren should keep their clothes on." Others frequently speak of people "kicking up." The Christian minister ought to show himself a gentleman on all occasions. He should leave slang and indecency of speech to the uneducated and street loafers and let his thoughts and words be clean and pure.

In reading the minutes of colored Baptist associations we are impressed with the number of collections they take. At the close of each service the hat is passed and something is always given, so that at the end of the three days' meeting the amount reaches from \$50 to \$500, more than is given by many white associations.

Recently, if we are going to do much for Christ, we must have more money, and this money will not be forthcoming unless the people have a chance to give. There are different people at each session of an association or district meeting, and they come expecting to give, and let us grant them the privilege.

DR. CLEVELAND asked the Birmingham association to do liberal things for the Board of Ministerial Education and Bro. Hale, for the Southside church, led off with a proposition to support one student at Howard College (\$138). The first church, through Dr. Pickard and Capt. A. B. Johnson, proposed to give \$150; Ru-hama church pledged \$133, and so one by one the pledges came in until \$812 was pledged. The brethren are feeling more than ever that we must educate our ministry and God is giving the preachers to us. Let all the churches come up. The preachers are the leaders and we must prepare them with a good education.

When a pastor gets at "outs" with a church there are always those who get angry and hastily threaten to join some other church, unless their choice as pastor is retained. And sometimes they go into Peco-baptist churches. This is wrong and very unchristian. What did you join, the preacher or the church? No man or woman should go into the organization unless he or she believes, on a thorough investigation, in the principles of that organization. If one is a thorough Baptist from an intelligent study of God's Word, no like or dislike of a pastor can drive him from the church. Reader, unless you have this feeling, you had better get about a fresh examination of your title.

A good showing is that which the Southside Baptist church made at the late association. Year before last the church gave for missions, education and colportage, \$188. The year just closed found that while the church had been asked for \$479 it had given \$592.42 for those interests, and for all purposes \$16,752.88, making an average of \$50 a head for the available membership. This church has set a noble example; though struggling to get a house over its head, yet increased its contributions to general benevolence. How often the letters to associations read, "We have been building a house this year, so we don't send up anything for missions." Now, when the facts are known, in nearly every case it will be found that they have built a very "shabby" house, hardly enough to stimulate even church pride. The more solid foundation a church has at home the more it should feel obligated to accomplish abroad.

We congratulate Dr. Averett and the Judson. The labors of the Doctor and the friends of the Institute are telling in effect. As we go to press we receive this telegram from Dr. Averett:

"We have one hundred students including seventy boarders. The number is increasing every day."

A subscriber asks: "What do you think of a Baptist who says that the Baptist church doesn't forbid dancing? We have some of that kind and they give the church a great deal of trouble." We see no other way but to bring all such before the church. "Anything that seriously disturbs the union and peace of the church," says Dr. Pendleton, in his church manual, should be remedied. There is no question as to dancing by church members being damaging to the cause of Christ. Appoint a committee to wait on the "trouble makers," and ascertain if it is their purpose to continue in their worldly ways and conduct; and if so, the church should withdraw fellowship from them. The license to dance will give license to other things, and so the trouble will go on. Take all troubles in hand and remedy them for Christ's sake.

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## THE ORPHANS' HOME.

If there ever was a time when the Baptists of Alabama should unite on an orphan's home, this is pre-eminently the time.

The Catholics of Alabama have a home for their orphans, so have the Methodists and the Presbyterians, but the Baptists, they have nothing to offer!

With scores of Protestant girls entering orphan's homes of the Catholics—from Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham and Mobile—even this sad state of affairs urges our people not a little.

Sister Woodson has her heart in the work and it must succeed. Here is the opportunity of a life-time—yes, of a longer period than fifty or sixty years—of a century! for who will the Lord next raise up, if we neglect our present opportunity?

The work must go on—must begin at once. If other places than Montgomery can offer as many advantages, in the way of beautiful location, splendid property, perfect health, the best of surroundings, let them speak out.

Within a mile of Court Square is a fine property which the owners will dispose of for the Home at a very low rate, beside making a subscription to the same. For accessibility no city surpasses Montgomery; for health and climate, she has no superior that we know of in the South.

If we mistake not, it would be entirely satisfactory to our sister to locate the Home near Montgomery; and if she has a desire in the matter of location, since she will give her all to the cause, let her indicate it. The building of which we speak is ample for the present, and so soon as decided upon will be a success. Many stand ready to send in provisions and other necessities for the occupants. With all regard for others' claims and others' feelings in this matter, Montgomery asks for the Home for the Baptist orphans and widows of Alabama.

## BAPTIST HIGH SCHOOLS.

Elsewhere will be found an article from the pen of Dr. Riley, about Baptist high schools in Alabama. It will be remembered that a year ago the question was largely discussed in these columns.

It may not be amiss to repeat the plan that was last year submitted. Referring to our files we discover that the plan was simply this:

Provided the convention recognizes the necessity of founding such schools, the plan provides that a prudential committee be appointed who shall publish in an address to the people of Alabama, the purpose of the Baptist State Convention to establish high schools in the most favorable parts of Alabama. There shall be invited bids for the location of such schools from the towns of Northern, Central and Southern Alabama. That which shall control the judgment of the committee shall be the value of the bids made, the healthfulness, the accessibility, and the school constituency of a given location.

These schools, thus established, are to be known as Baptist schools. The trustees shall be Baptist, and appointed by the Convention, just as the boards of trustees of the Judson

and Howard are appointed. These several boards shall be responsible to the Convention and make annual reports to that body just as the other boards report.

The plan further provides that the course of instruction shall be adjusted to the courses of study in the Howard and Judson.

That is to say that the course shall lead up to the sophomore class in the Howard and to a corresponding standard in the Judson. The students pursuing such a course in the high school shall be admitted without examination in the sophomore class of the Howard and the Judson.

The purpose is, as far as possible, to furnish the teachers of these schools from our institutions at Marion and East Lake, with the intention that the secondary school shall become tributary to the Judson and the Howard. There are minor matters that are provided for and not mentioned here, because a bare outline is regarded as all that is necessary here. At the convention the whole plan will be brought out and submitted to that body for adoption, amendment or rejection.

## THE BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

This association met with the church at Warrior, Sept. 27th. Pastor Hobson and his members, with the other citizens of that pleasant burg, were more than delighted to receive the brethren.

Dr. Cleveland was there representing the Board of Ministerial Education, and we tell in another note how his heart was gladdened when the churches promised him more than \$800. His sermon on Monday night was enjoyed.

## TUESDAY.

The morning was devoted to organization. Bro. A. J. Waldrop has held the gavel over that body for over forty years and is deeply beloved by all. Bro. R. W. Beck is the regular clerk, but he does not appreciate our visits to his association enough to encourage us to come often by letting us print his minutes. He may do better this time, however.

Brethren Pickard, Hale, Waller, Cleveland and S. P. Fowlkes gave good addresses, while the reports on missions were pending, notes of which appear elsewhere. Bro. Fowlkes is the live superintendent of the Southside Sunday school, and emphasized the necessity of acquainting the children with our mission enterprises, and encouraging them to give.

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap," was the text for the introductory sermon, preached by Bro. Hale. The sermon was a plain presentation of great truths to dying men and women. The large audience was very attentive, and we can but believe that good will come of it. At the conclusion of the sermon several arose and asked for prayer. The morning after the sermon we overheard a man say, "That man troubled me mightily last night." God grant that many may be so troubled by it that they shall find no rest until they come to Jesus.

## WEDNESDAY.

Morning was devoted to miscellaneous business, ministerial education and the missionary sermon. Bro. Cleveland is dead in earnest about educating every young man in Alabama whom God shall call into the ministry, and he was impressive in his speech on that subject.

"The Great Commission" was taken as a text by Bro. McGaha, more to give the greatest answer to the question, "Why send the gospel to the heathen?" Christ said it. Then sympathy for the ignorant, the sinful and dying should impel us to that work. Bro. Mc. believes in missions and he knows how to get other people to take interest.

The brethren treated us kindly—gave so many new subscribers and re-novels to the BAPTIST, and said so many kind words in behalf of our work for the paper, that we came away the afternoon of the second day without making a speech. We left Bro. Hobson to see that no man or woman escaped without the BAPTIST, and he will tell us what good things they enjoyed after we left.

Sisters Hamilton and Stratton ran up from Birmingham and conducted a profitable women's meeting Wednesday. These noble sisters are accomplishing a great work by enlisting other Christian women in the Master's work.

## Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the ladies' missionary society of the Evergreen Baptist church will be held here on Oct. 12th, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Each church in the Conecuh association is requested to send two lady delegates. At 7:30 in the evening of the same day, Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Eager, of Montgomery, will preach the annual sermon on "Woman's Work," to which service the general public is cordially invited.

Mrs. G. R. FARNHAM, President.

Churches do not give more because the pastors do not lead them properly. The best thing for your salary and welfare is to get the people to give to missions. I am prouder of my members for giving to missions out of their poverty than for any other sacrifice.—Hale.

## FIELD NOTES.

You create the religion and it will create its civilization and churches.—Pickard.

The Alabama Press Association meets in Birmingham, Ala., October 20-21 inst.

More spasmodic appeals will not support a successful missionary enterprise.—Pickard.

Waller: We want to compel the foreigners in our midst to admire our Christianity, whether we can get them to accept it or not.

Bro. Hobson has been leading the saints at Warrior for several years. They are working to procure his services for half his time.

Jesus Christ had his Gethsemane, and every child of God according to his capacity, if he ever amounts to anything, meets his Gethsemane.—Pickard.

W. L. Pickard: I believe that our Baptist people in the main are good people and would respond heartily with their contributions if they were properly informed.

Dr. Cleveland: One of the greatest reasons now why Baptists should give for missions is because our Board are in debt, and every honest man ought to pay his debts.

Read the address on temperance, on first page. That report is worthy of a very careful reading. The Troy association speaks out boldly for temperance through the report.

W. H. Connell: Bro. Jas. Hogan and I ordained brother J. E. Wilson to the full work of the ministry, and Bro. Brown as deacon, at Bellview church on the 4th Sabbath in September.

P. T. Hale: I don't want you to give to missions because it is a pet scheme of mine, or because I have friends over there, but for your sakes and for Christ's sake—and the sake of the perishing.

Forty baptisms and three churches organized in Brazil in one year is no mean report. That is a great showing for a country which for centuries has been held under the thralldom of Catholicism.—Pickard.

Dr. C. A. Thigpen, of Greenville, called in to see us last week. He has just returned from, London, England, where he has been a year and a half studying diseases of the eye. We are glad to welcome him home.

P. T. Hale: The Sea of Galilee with its brightness and flowers represent a live Baptist church, while the Dead Sea, with its sea apples, is like a church which gets all the sweets of Christ's love and gives nothing out.

Speaking of the time which elapsed after the missionaries began work before converts were made, Dr. Pickard said, the grandest thing developed during that time was the supreme faith of those who could work and wait.

From Rev. Catt Smith, in Tennessee, comes one of the best letters we have received in many days. We ask every subscriber to read it, and especially every preacher. Seldom is so much good advice packed into a short letter.

P. T. Hale: Our Baptists are orthodox on baptism, would not allow a baby sprinkled in their churches, yet many of them care little for that command which bids us go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

I have never been able to measure contributions by the amount of taxes a man pays. A man gives only according to his heart. The raising of \$100,000 will be the least of this centennial work. There will be a Pentecostal outpouring on our hearts.—Pickard.

The Reports of Chinese Christians to Southern Baptist Convention every year of conversations and contributions show as favorable as those made by the Birmingham association, whose members are supposed to have from their birth breathed the air of Christianity.—Pickard.

W. C. Cleveland: I have just read Dr. Dickinson's address on "The Bible and the Baptists." This address has been put in tract form and may be secured from Dr. A. B. Dickinson, Richmond, Price, a cents a copy. Every pastor in Alabama ought to read this address. It will be most helpful.

O. C. Peyton, pastor Baptist church, Manassas, Va.: An eight page tract (plain, pointed, practical) entitled: "How to Help Your Pastor," is furnished to my brother pastors for distribution, fifty for one dollar (nominal), and all money received for it is applied on our church debt here. Postage free.

R. M. Hunter, Jasper, Oct. 4: Yesterday our Sunday school carried out the program of the "centennial of missions," and made the occasion pleasant and instructive to all present. The house was packed and many turned away for the want of seats; collected \$16.25. We begin a series of meetings to night—expecting Bro. M. H. Lane. Pray for our success.

P. T. Hale: It will do any church in the world good to give. Getting interested in sending the gospel abroad is the very salvation of the churches. Andrew Fuller's church is said to have been in a bad fix, some of the members wanting to quit, when Carey started the mission move; then they came to Mr. Fuller and said: "Let your names stay, we want to help Jesus Christ."

A series of meetings began at Tus-cumbia last Sunday (the 2nd inst) Bro. Burns, the pastor, is being assisted by Bro. W. D. Hubbard. The prospect for a glorious revival is very good. Bro. B. has done the hardest year's work of his life in that field this year. God grant unto him the reward of his labors in the salvation of many souls, and add to the church such as shall be saved.

The Christian Standard, Rev. Geo. R. Brown, editor, is a new publication issued in Montgomery. "This is strictly a religious paper," says the editor, "published in the interest of

Christ. From time to time as it shall appear, we shall furnish our readers with the latest church news, thus keeping them informed of the great progress of the salvation of men." There is a great work for the Standard to aid in doing. It comes with a firm and bold step, and we hope will prove a warning to evil and evil doers. Know-ing the editor, we have no doubt where we can find him every time. If the first issue is an indication of what is to follow, the devil may as well draw in his horns. We hope to be on hand at the bombardment.

I have no doubt but that Bro. Geo. E. Brewer would rejoice to see in your paper the following: Bro. Manly E. Weaver, who is at the Seminary, says that a remark made by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer led him to reflect, and then to embrace Christ. Bro. B. was preaching at the close of the Six-Mile school. The remark was concerning an unregenerate person's influence as teacher in a literary school.

Bro. C. G. Anderson is the railroad agent at Warrior. With his hands superfluous last Sunday school. The money raised for the school was \$100.00. The difference lies in the fact that they worked for the money and asked others for it, while other churches neither work to make it, nor give it, nor ask others to give.

M. A. C. Selma, Oct. 1: Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson is here, her old home in the interest of the Baptist Widows and Orphans' Home. She is anxious to secure a house, so those wishing to can do so at once, and think Montgomery the most desirable location. Surely such an appeal cannot be in vain, for every heart must sympathize in this work of caring for the orphans. The Baptists of the state of Alabama cannot afford to lose this opportunity to show their faith by their works.

Philosophy won't save the world. Some of us have been studying philosophy for twenty years and yet would not know a good system of philosophy were we to meet it in the road. I do not understand the philosophy of love, but as I see a mother bending over a babe I can see the expression of that love which makes one pour out her life that another may be happy. When God manifested his love in the person of Christ, the Hottentot can see and understand that.—Pickard.

A. T. Fuller, Gadsden: Our church closed a two weeks' protracted meeting last Sunday night; twelve additional baptisms, and eleven conversions. The pastor was aided a part of the time by Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, of Nashville, Tenn. The visiting brother greatly endeared himself to our people by his faithful, earnest, gospel preaching. Our pastor has been with us just one year, and has succeeded well, about seventy-five persons have been added to the church during his work here.

M. Waller: I believe with Judson that "the success of missions is as bright as the promises of God," but that is the only thing there is bright about it. But for that I should leave the field. The promises of God are both sure and steadfast. Yea and amen. The millennium may be nearer to us than some would put it. But at present there are some dark clouds. These are perilous times, a danger which never before threatened this land, and we must be up and doing if we would avert the trouble.

Juo. W. Stewart, Evergreen: Our centennial service last night by the Sunbeams was quite a success. The program suggested for Sunday schools was well rendered by all who took part. Two of our young men deserve special mention—Marcellus McCrary and Matthew Brooks. The former delivered the centennial address, and the latter the address on Cuba. Such young men are a help as well as a comfort to a pastor. Miss Willie Cunningham, the faithful president, of the Sunbeams, is happy over the meeting. Collection ten dollars.

J. E. Barnard, Guin, Sept. 27: Last Sunday was a happy day with the brethren of Zion church (Marion county). I baptized a young brother twenty-three years of age, who had been paralyzed for eight years and could not stand upon his feet. The ordinance was administered by the candidate reclining in a chair. We have preaching every first and third Sunday, at Guin. A good Sunday-school every Sunday morning, and prayer meeting every Thursday night. The young brethren are taking a good interest in these meetings.

W. L. Pickard, Birmingham, Oct. 3: Our association year has just closed. The first church rated and paid out from October '91 to October '92, over \$10,000. We very nearly doubled on missions and ministerial education our previous record. Our first church membership is about 660; revised list, members in actual touch with the church, 520. We labor to keep the list revised. Nearly one hundred net gain during the last year. About sixty by baptism. On last Friday night the male members of the church had a grand meeting. In the spirit of Christ they pledged God, that come what would, they were going to stand together supporting the church and its work with their "presence, prayers, pocket books, and in brotherly love." They also determined to inaugurate, in the spirit of the New Testament, a higher standard of discipline. I believe that the first church stands more solidly united and determined to be a pure church, and to do greater things for God than at any period during my pastorate. No church in the state, or the South that I know, has a larger body of substantial men with large probabilities in the near future. This gives great power and bright hopes for future work.

J. B. Powell, Coy, Ala.: Canaan, Monterey and Rehobeth had all been pastors for some time, when I was called. It is a field full of labor, and though often fearing and discouraged, I can now see that the Lord has been with us all along. Five converts are awaiting baptism. The churches revived and all promising to do something for the Lord. At Rehobeth last Sunday it was a pleasure to visit the venerable Dr. D. M. A. Danahy. He is very feeble now, and as I sat by his head and heard him say there was nothing to disturb him; that he was submissive, and patiently waiting, I could realize, even in a worldly sense, the truthfulness of those precious words: "Him that honoreth me, I will honor." After a long life spent in God's service and usefulness to his country, he is quietly waiting for the Master to say: "Come home! Surely here is an example for all."

J. W. Willis, Auburn Oct. 3: Our church at Auburn is moving along grandly. We have but recently received nine members by letter and expect fully as many more to join us soon. We have services every Sunday, and the collection is an important feature in every service. Both church and Sunday school take up a collection once each month for missions, and we have besides two missionary societies, each of which will henceforth turn over to the church a monthly contribution for missions. Our prayer meetings are well attended and full of spirituality. About

A. J. Preston, Perryville, Sept. 24: Having spent several days in North Alabama attending associations, visiting friends, resting, breathing the pure mountain air, drinking good water and feasting on good things, I have just returned to my work feeling much refreshed. Eld. L. M. Bradley, of Phenix City, had promised to preach for me in my absence, which promise he kept to the delight of his many friends, but Bro. Bradley preached for me on account of my ill health; but Bro. Bradley preached for them about a week and the Lord greatly blessed his labors. The church was greatly revived, and five happy converts were baptized. Bro. Bradley also preached four sermons at Pisgah, which were highly appreciated. This is his old pastorate, and his people have not forgotten how to love him. May the Lord bless and reward his every effort to advance the cause of our Master.

## The Judson Institute.

The session opened Thursday. All the teachers were present but Mr. Koehler, and he writes from New York that he will be in place on Tuesday. In the literary faculty Mr. Simms is head of the department of English and Latin. We have already given a notice of his eminent qualifications. Unless we err greatly he will prove a master of the art of teaching. Mrs. Simms, his wife, has no official position in the faculty, but she will contribute her part, as we believe, to the social enjoyment and beneficent influences that attend the life of the students of the Judson.

Miss Mattie Jones has the department of Mathematics. Her reputation as a teacher is well known. Some of the best schools in Tennessee and Arkansas justify the expectation of eminent success with her classes in the Judson. Miss Ella Cantrell was regarded as one of the best artists in Nashville. Her present position as teacher of Art in the Judson was procured for her by the excellence of her work. Her classes in the Judson numbered nineteen students on the second day of the session. Miss Addie Lee, a graduate of the Judson, is a member of the Musical faculty. Her recital for graduation in Music in 1891 impressed our people and the Judson's teachers most favorably. Its peculiar excellence gave promise of high attainment in musical proficiency, it won for her the distinguished position she now holds. The other teachers of music, Mr. Koehler, Mrs. King and Miss Laughlin, are well known to those of our readers who have attended the public occasions of the Judson. The Music Class, at present writing, Monday afternoon, numbers seventy-four students.

With the exception of Mr. Simms and Miss Jones, the literary faculty and the home department have no changes when compared with those departments of the last session. The school numbers one hundred students at present and it receives sessions every day.

Miss Sallie McIver, an alumna of the Judson, is the presiding officer of the evening study hours and is rendering efficient aid also in the work of a secretary of the faculty, an office the school does not have as yet, but may need after awhile.

Miss Adele Cobb, an under-graduate, is librarian. She has charge of a very valuable library and a most interesting reading room; here are found the popular magazines, and the dignified ones too, and several newspapers and periodicals of Science, Music and Art, and here teachers and scholars meet as equals and pass many pleasant hours in the course of the session.

Oct 3 S. W. AVERETT.

## Denominational Academies.

Something more than a year ago there was discussed in the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST the question relative to denominational high schools. It was somewhat expected that some action would be taken at our Convention last year at Eufaula; but the question was then a fresh one. Brethren were of the opinion that a question so radical and far-reaching in its application, could not be hastily acted upon. Hence it was deferred, by reference to a committee which is to report at the approaching session of the Baptist State Convention.

Of the necessity of the existence of some such system as was contemplated in the discussion of a year ago, the writer is more than ever persuaded. The upheaval of public sentiment with respect to educational matters demands that our people shall put themselves into such relation thereto that they will not suffer to be wrested from them the share which they have always enjoyed in the education of the masses. This demonstration will receive an appropriate response. There is no doubt of that. If Baptists will not act and supply the prevailing needs, others will. It is scarcely necessary, in the light of recent events, to call attention to the fact that already others are alive to the importance of responding to this demand which comes up from every quarter of the state. If we would hold that which has been gained by our denomination within the last half century and more, in the educational impress made upon the people of Alabama, we cannot now be indifferent and inactive with respect to these preparatory schools. If we should neglect the present opportunity we shall largely turn over into the hands of others the education of our sons and daughters. Should this be done, there will be rapidly undone that which has been accomplished by the Judson and Howard during the past history of these institutions. This is not stating the situation too strongly. A grave question confronts us. A stern necessity is upon us. A serious danger awaits us, unless we shall soon act.

Ours is a great people in Alabama. The influence of Baptist principles is felt in every county in the commonwealth. We are capable of accomplishing wonders. We have been always a conservative people, too conservative, I think, in many of our actions. But if we would not recede from our present vantage ground, we must take aggressive steps in the educational affairs of the state. The plan has already been submitted. That may not be the most practicable one. No matter; some plan will be found to be practicable. The wise men of the Convention may see fit to reject every semblance of

fifty Baptist boys are in attendance upon the A. & M. College at this place, and we hope to receive a majority of them into our fellowship at once. We will move into our beautiful new house of worship on the 3rd Sunday in October, which occasion we will celebrate in the forenoon by a suitable service of praise and thanksgiving, and in the afternoon by the children's centennial celebration. It will be a great day for our denomination in Auburn. We ask the brethren throughout the state to pray for the success of Christ's cause in Auburn, and especially to pray that we may be fed far and wide in our influence for good upon the young men in college here.

## From Rev. Catt Smith.

Eds. Ala. Baptist: I am in receipt of a splendid letter from a brother below, who preaches in Alabama, which reminds me that I am only recently from that state, and shall never lose any interest in the state, nor the people among whom I labored for fifteen years. The letter I refer to reads after this manner:

"Dear Bro. Smith: Have you all got any politics up your way? We have a great many of them kind of ties down here in Alabama. They bite our church folks, and our preachers, and the bites of the ties make running sores, and those who are bitten by the ties turn to biting the other folks who don't want to have anything to do with the ties; and we are in great distress in this ugly land; as yet, no remedy has been discovered. Do you know of a remedy? If so, let me hear from you. Truly yours from the tic bitten country."

The ridiculous in this letter is too true—not to be serious, I had occasion to remark some time ago, that when God called a man to preach he had a use for his preaching, and I don't see, brother Editor, how a God called preacher can get his consent to forsake his preaching and go into politics, take charge of colleges, schools, newspapers and such business. Suppose all our preachers were turned loose on this country with their hearts set and their energies bent on reviving the gospel of Christ, what a revolution we would witness in twelve months!

We have lay brethren who can, and would take charge of all our business interests, if our preachers would attend to the Lord's preaching. You remember that the apostles repudiated this business idea for preachers, when they asked the church to look out from among themselves seven men, who should take charge of the business interests of the work, so they could give themselves entirely to the preaching of the word. Brother preacher, God needs you. He didn't call you to the place you now fill, you have allowed yourself to be carried by some influence, or your own pride and ambition has led you there.

Sometimes our ministers, on account of failing to see the need of the people, seek to be useful by entering into some kind of business. This is commendable. But for so many of our best men to be filling places that could be better filled by other brethren, because more appropriate, and to seemingly glory in it, and be satisfied with it, is a reflection on the doctrine we hold, that God calls men to preach. Is it reasonable to think that God would call a man to preach and then allow that man to follow something else, and yet the results be unchanged? Saul, afterwards Paul, magnified his office. To him there was nothing to compare with preaching. He accepted poverty as a natural consequence, and imprisonment was no hindrance to his preaching. He was undoubtedly committed to preaching. God wanted the preaching done. The country needed it, and when Paul found that God wanted him to do the preaching, he went at it, and continued at it, until God said it is enough.

I suggest to my brother who is from the "tic bitten land," that preaching, faithful preaching of the gospel by faithful men of God is the remedy. He may say that we lack the faithful men. I suggest, then, that each church in Alabama should once call a conference, and silence every minister in the state who is in any way connected with politics, further than to vote, whose membership is deposited with them, and let the world see that the holy oracles of God are not to be handled by men who take hold of politics, or any other kind of ties that hinders the prayers of Zion. If the leaders of God's host consider it a light matter to set off into any and all kinds of worldly business, what can we expect of the people but that excitement shall run high, our Master's work shall decay, and our boards and our institutions have their treasures depleted?

Where will you find more successful management than is mastered by Col. Murfee and Dr. Averett? These are typical of what might be in all our business interests connected with God's Zion, if the churches could be led to see that they are blessed with business men who are capable and worthy to take charge of these interests, and especially if all our preachers could get it into their hearts that God had called them to preach.

Tell my brother of the "tic bitten country," yes, we have politics here in Tennessee and some of the folks when bitten by them, seem to turn to lunacy.

May God bless Alabama and quit the raging ticks. Affectionately,

CATT SMITH.

Winchester, Tenn., Sept. 27.

## Centennial Day.

Eufaula Association, Midway, Ala., Friday, Oct. 21, 1892:

1. "Map Talk." Rev. W. B. Crompton.

2. "The Centennial Year." Dr. G. B. Eager.

3. "The duty of churches to the heathen." Dr. B. F. Riley.

4. "Home Mission Work." Dr. J. F. Purser.

5. "State Mission Work." Rev. W. M. Harris.

the plan already submitted, but they are amply able to hit upon one that is better if the present one is abandoned. There will be no quarrelling as to the plan—the prime object is the attainment of a grand end, that end the establishment of such schools as will bring under the auspices of our denomination







