

The women and children of the Birmingham association were able to report to the W. M. U. the \$600 raised for the support of their missionary, Miss Anna B. Hartwell. Will not some other association attempt this work, also? If a missionary rises up in our state, and offers to go to a foreign field, which of our associations will agree to support her? "The penny a day and the prayer" will raise the sum—who will volunteer for this service?

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HUMAN life is full of troubles of some sort, and yet there is comfort and joy and peace even in the midst of human perplexities, when we trust implicitly in the Lord Jesus Christ. Simply trust him, and life, tempted as it is, will bring delight. The physical may be racked with disease and pain; sleepless nights may come and go; tired and tossed we may be, yet if we are living in close communion with our Elder Brother, simply trusting in him, casting all our burdens upon him, all will be well. Thank God for the precious promises in his Holy Word.

DAILY self-examination, a strict watch over our movements, is the only sure protection against temptation. Without prayer we cannot surely see ourselves as we are. Having faith, through prayer we find the relation we sustain to the Divine Being. One reason why there is so little self-examination, is because there is so little self-denial. The agent who is afraid to look into his own transactions, or allow others to do so, must have committed a wrong; so it is evident that there is something wrong with him, among all those who are afraid to look within. There is safety in frequent, prayerful self-examination and correction.

The encouragement of evil thoughts is a source of many troubles. Throw them off! throw them off at once! is the only safety. To allow them as a source to recognize the powerful influence springing from them. Mr. Spurgeon once said: "Good thoughts are blessed guests, and should be heartily welcomed, well fed, and much sought after. Like rose leaves, they give out sweet smell if laid up in the jar of memory. Evil thoughts so often contend for the mastery, and if we yield, the mind is contaminated. Such guests will knock at the door—will we let them in? Luther said: "Thou canst not prevent the birds from flying above thy head, but thou canst prevent their building their nests in thy hair." If we harbor an impure thought, it is sin. To think

right is the sum of human duty; and the true art of thinking is to begin with ourselves, our Author, and our end.

On the first Sabbath in this month we had the pleasure of worshipping with the Baptist brethren at Walnut Grove, Etowah county. This is one of Bro. J. A. Glenn's churches, where he is dearly beloved and highly appreciated. They have a very pretty church, newly built, and exceedingly neat inside. A brother said to us, "This church was built because the people had no money." We inquired how that was? He replied, "Some gave lumber, others did work in various ways, the boys from the Walnut Grove College put on the roof on Saturdays, and other odd times, and the ladies' aid society did much in beautifying the inside and furnishing it." It is an honor to the town, and would do credit to any place. They have a Sunday school of 150 pupils, and were told that it has been in successful operation, without a day's interruption, for twenty-five years. Bro. J. T. Campbell is the present devoted and efficient superintendent. He succeeded Bro. W. B. Brown, who held this place for seventeen years, and who still loves the work.

On Sunday we delivered three lectures, one to the Sunday-school, one to the young people, and the last to a mixed audience. The church was crowded each service. The seating capacity is about 500. The music and singing by the choir was excellent; we do not see how it could have been improved upon. Capt. Moore, a teacher in the college, conducted the music, and he did it exceedingly well.
At 11 a. m. the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. T. B. McCain, in the Baptist church. It was admirably adapted to the occasion, full of deep religious thought and gospel truth. His whole purpose was to lead his hearers to the cross of Christ.

On Monday following, we delivered the annual literary address to a very large audience. Walnut Grove College may not be known very well in the state, but let one visit it, and he will not only be astonished, but charmed with the admirable work being done by the faculty. The enrollment this scholastic year numbered over 300; the number from a distance boarding in the town and attending the college was about 150. Rev. W. Y. Adams is the principal of the college. He has been presiding over this institution for nine years, and has been unanimously elected for the next year.

Bro. Adams teaches during the week, and on Sunday he preaches, having charge of two churches, one at Gunterville, and the other out in the country. He is a devoted Baptist, and a zealous worker in all good things.

Walnut Grove is situated in a beautiful valley, high and healthy. The farmers all present the appearance of thrift and progress, and are taking more interest in education and religion than they are in politics, to which we say, amen, and amen. If all our people would do this, what a happy and cultured people we would be!
While here we were the guest of Bro. A. J. Phillips and his good wife, who looked after our comfort and happiness unceasingly. It would be a pleasure to mention a number of the citizens by name who contributed to our pleasure, but we will not begin, as it would make our report too long. We will say, however, that a more kind and hospitable people we have never visited, and they are determined to educate their children, judging from the interest manifested, and the large number of pupils attending the school. One feature of success is, they have kept politics and denominationalism out of their school, and consequently they are united, and work together for the best interest of all. If such was the case all over the state, we might expect a grand movement in educational matters all along the line in our non-denominational schools.

We shall always remember with delight our visit to Walnut Grove College, and we trust that Bro. Adams may be spared for many years in the great and important work he is doing.

We will add, that one thing more is needed to complete the excellent conditions at Walnut Grove, and that is a list of at least twenty-five subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

YOUR CHURCH.

There are organizations of men, which are hoary with age and laden with honors. They have their places, and in limited ways they have been helpful in working out the welfare of the race. Against them we utter no word of condemnation. But we speak of the church as the noblest organization on earth.

It is a Divine organization. Jesus said, "I will build my church." In harmony with this utterance we read that "the Lord added unto the church daily such as should be saved." The apostle realized the solemn obligation involved in the care of the churches that rested upon him; and to the elders of Ephesus he said, "Take heed unto yourselves and unto the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." Christ is head over all things to the church, and it is through this institution that he especially exerts his power for the extension of his kingdom and the salvation of men. His church is the guardian of his ordinances and the pillar and ground of his truth.

Glancing at recent statistics we note that there are more than one hundred thousand white Baptist church members in Alabama. If we could get their ear, we would speak out of the fullness of a fraternal heart in regard to some of the privileges that grow out of church membership.

Love your church. It may be a small church; but it is the organization with which God, in his providence, has cast your lot. Be not ashamed of it. It may have some members who are not supremely lovely; but if ye love only those who challenge your love, what thank have ye? do not even the publicans the same? To meet vast designs of his kingdom, Christ instituted the church. He loved it and gave himself for it. He ordained the materials of which it is composed; he instituted its ordinances and appointed its ministry. He permits you to call his church your church, and you may honor him by loving the church, even as he loved it.

One of the sad characteristics of the times is a lack of genuine love for the church. Unbelievers sometimes speak contemptuously of the church, and sneeringly assert that her influence is on the wane. And whilst both the sneer and the assertion are unfounded, the very occasion of their expression might be removed by fidelity on the part of church people. We must confess that there are persons who, of their own free will, have sought membership in the church, and yet seem to care but little for her welfare. Of the multitudes whose names crowd our church rolls, many could not truly sing:

"For her my tears shall fall;
For her my prayers ascend;
To her my toils and cares be given;
'Till toils and cares shall end."

They are not deeply interested, and their indifference brings the church into reproach.

Attend your church. Probably some noted preacher is to speak at the other church. You would like to hear him. His wit, his eloquence, his learning might please and instruct you. But after all, will you not do more good and receive larger blessing by being in your own place? The man who makes his religious duties a

matter of entertainment is not usually the man in whom religious principles take deep root and spring up into lasting fruitage. The consciousness of doing good by being in your own church is in itself a source of blessing. And you may be sure that if you fail to do your own work, others will not hesitate to counteract your failure.

Sustain your church. There come times in every household, when the question of expenditures must be considered. Crops are short. Debtors fail to pay. Creditors clamor for their dues. The necessity for curtailing expenses presses into the family council. The tempter may suggest that you cut down your contributions to the church. Don't do it. Bid the devil get behind you. Find some other place to stop the outgo of your money. Do not rob God of the tithes and offerings which are so justly his due.

And then if you belong to that class of church members who leave the support of the church to others, stop and meditate about the matter in a deliberate and manly way. Have you the right to ask others to supply you and your family with gospel privileges? Are you true to your own soul and to the best interests of your own household, when you fail to do your part toward sustaining your own church? It is written, "Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of all thine increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

These thoughts are for consideration. These questions each must answer for himself.

FIELD NOTES.

Dr. Lane is assisting Pastor Hornaday, of Tuskegee, in a series of meetings.

Rev. J. F. Gable, recently at Howard College, took charge of Bridgeport Baptist church last Sabbath. His letter came too late for publication.

Days Gap News: Somehow the people here are moving along very slow about building the Baptist church. What's the matter?

Pratt City Reporter: There was no service at the First Baptist church Sunday night, owing to Rev. Wood not being able to attend.

Sand Mountain (DeKalb county) correspondent Guntersville Democrat: Preaching here every third Sunday at the Baptist church by Rev. Richard Stanton, correspondent Bledson Courier: Bro. Holmes preached at the Baptist church last Sunday and Sunday night. Two able sermons were delivered.

Scottsboro Citizen: Brother Ivey should be encouraged. He is doing great work. The pause of education, and he is going to make Scottsboro an educational center.

Cedar Springs correspondent Fort Payne Journal: Rev. S. L. Russell, of Gaylesville, came up and preached at the Baptist church, at Mill Creek, last Sunday, and he delivered an able sermon.

Talladega Mountain Home: On Sunday, June 18, a protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist church, and the pastor, Rev. J. A. French, will be assisted by Rev. P. T. Hale, of Birmingham.

Florence Times: Service at the Baptist church in future every Sunday morning and night. Next Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Brown will preach, his subject being "Environments." At night he will preach on "Moses before Pharaoh."

Hardwick's correspondent Abbeville Times: The preaching at the Baptist church at this place was largely attended Sunday. In fact, a Sabbath school was organized, and it is thought that it will be successful, and truly we hope so.

The letter from Eufaula which we published last week was already in type when another was received. As the first contained substantially all the facts mentioned in both, the last was not published. Keep our readers informed, brethren.

We have three or four sermons on file, which the brethren have kindly sent us for our pulpit. We will take pleasure in giving them to our readers when we can do so without displacing other things which require more immediate publication.

It was announced that there would be a sacred concert given at Alpine on the evening of the 14th inst. for the benefit of the Baptist church. It was expected that one of the most interesting features of the evening would be the building of "The Missionary Ship."

Abbeville Times: On Wednesday night the 21st of June the "Willing Workers" will give a concert in the Court House, for the benefit of the Baptist church. A great effort is being made to make this entertainment one of the best Abbeville has ever seen. Tickets 25 cents.

Rev. John W. Stewart, Evergreen: Rev. N. S. Jones, pastor of the Baptist church in Salisbury, N. C., who came down last February and secured a wife to aid him "in his deliberations," is here for his vacation. Our church hopes to get more than a sample of Bro. Jones' preaching while he is here.

Greenville Advocate: The Baptist church now has its floor adorned with a fine carpet, due to the efforts of one of its most lovely daughters, Miss Mamie Flowers. Miss Mamie does serve great praise for her work, having secured the money for the carpet by her individual solicitations.

W. B. C.: Let every Sunday school in Alabama write at once and secure Brother E. G. Forrester's book, "The Baptist Position." Every preacher ought to have it, indeed, every person who wants to be intelligent on the points of our faith—or New Testament faith. Send 90 cents to J. Collier, Opelika.

Decatur News: The closing exercises of Dr. Shackelford's school took place last Friday morning in the Opera House. It consisted of speeches, recitations, songs, music, etc. The pupils of the school acquitted themselves well and the performance would have been creditable to older persons with long experiences.

L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa: The Scottsboro college is doing a splendid work. Its location will make it a blessing to north-east Alabama and a tower of strength to the Baptist cause throughout that section. It's enrollment last session was 250. It's curriculum is high, and its teaching both thorough and enthusiastic.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church at Uniontown were announced to give an ice cream supper on last Monday night. Which reminds us that this is the first mention of Baptist affairs that we have seen in the Uniontown paper during this year, far as we remember. Whose fault is that so little is said about the Baptist there?

Correspondent Etowah Whig: The commencement sermon of Hickman High School was preached last Sabbath at Bethel church by Rev. J. H. Curry, of Northport. The sermon directed especially to the young, was full and complete in its exhortations to the children to be religious in childhood, making Christianity the only basis of a beautiful and successful life.

Steffield Reaper, June 10: A two weeks' protracted meeting will be held at the Furnace Hill Baptist church, commencing to-morrow night. Rev. Yates, of Florence, will conduct the services Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Rev. C. C. Hudson, of Florence, will also conduct the services this week. Other divines of this vicinity will take part in the meetings next week.

Brethren, let us remind you once more, that if you put off writing us until Tuesday, it is uncertain whether what you write will be published or not.

Our columns are closed on Tuesday, unless held open for a special reason. The paper must go to press Wednesday morning, so that subscribers in the distant counties districts may have it to read on Sunday.

Columbia Breeze: The Baptist church was packed to its full seating capacity Sunday night, to witness an entertainment given by the "Sunbeam Society," under the auspices of its officers, Miss Belle Taylor President, Miss Florence Prince, Vice-President, and Miss Mollie Espy, secretary and treasurer, aided by Captain Davis, superintendent of the Sunday-school. It was indeed an enjoyable and delightful affair.

Wm. Harmon, Good Hope, Elmore county: At Friendship church, at last meeting, there was a fine Sunday school, and a large congregation. At Bethlehem the house was full at Sunday morning service. The Sunday school is quite interesting, and is increasing in numbers. Pleasant Hill had 40 in Sunday school. Large congregation and good attention at morning service. Three received by letter. Brethren, pray for us in our country churches.

Revs. P. T. Hale and W. A. White, of Birmingham, are organizing an excursion to the Chicago Fair. The particulars did not reach us in time for publication this week, and we cannot say what they are, but a card addressed to either of the brethren will elicit all the information desired. It would be very pleasant for a number of brethren and sisters and friends to trip together. Write to Bro. Hale or Bro. White about it at once.

C. W. Hare: In reply to many kind inquiries concerning my health and future work, I am glad to say that I feel that I am improving every day and beginning July 1, will give my time for three months to working up the subscription list of the ALABAMA BAPTIST and soliciting pupils for the Judson Female Institute. My address will continue at Montgomery, and I will thank my friends to write me to young ladies in their communities who expect to attend college another year.

Scottsboro Citizen: Rev. J. L. Thompson will leave for Winchester next week. He has accepted the position as general manager of the Mary Sharp College. He has made many friends in Scottsboro, who will regret to see him leave. So it appears that Alabama is to lose Bro. Thompson. We are sorry he is going. He is a useful man, and has

succeeded well in his native state. Our hope is that he will tire of Tennessee in a year or two, and come back home. Success attend you, brother!

Rev. Jos. Shackelford, D. D., writes us the following note, which explains itself: We need a pastor for the First Baptist church at Decatur, as I expect to take charge of our school at Danville. We want a young man, or one who can live on a salary of about \$450. I know a young man can live on that. We want a man of fair preaching abilities, and one who will make a good pastor, or do pastoral work. Will you please publish in the ALABAMA BAPTIST a notice of this, and request brethren to correspond with me at Decatur.

These notes from Bro. Bradley, of Brundidge, reached us a few hours too late for last issue: The ladies of Ashford gave an ice cream supper on the night of May 31st, for the new Baptist church, which netted them \$40. The Sunbeam society of the Brundidge Baptist church was organized in May and is doing good work. Mrs. F. P. Rizer, Mrs. J. M. D. Berry and Miss Jodie Perkins are assisting the children.—The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church at Brundidge gave an ice cream supper on the night of the 31st; receipts very gratifying.

Blountsville Baptist church is more fortunate than many others. In the church directory, as published in the Chronicle, it is announced that the pastor, Rev. H. W. Head, preaches at the Baptist church on the 21st Sunday and Saturday before; Rev. C. C. Hughes on the 31st Sunday night, and Rev. W. M. Cole on the 1st Sunday morning and night. So the visiting brother must arrange his schedule so as to arrive on the 4th Sunday. The church has a Sabbath school and a Ladies' Aid Society. We would be pleased to have some news notes from Blountsville and neighboring churches.

We published last week a sketch of Rev. Richard Pace. His daughter, Sister A. E. Kelley, of Choccolocco, writes the following corrections: "He left his parents when a boy, in South Carolina, and while a boy he moved to Lincoln county Georgia, where he married Miss Amy Busby, Dec. 28th, 1855. You call one of the presbytery that ordained him 'Busby' when it ought to be 'Bussey.'—As our sister did not herself write the sketch, it is not disputing with a lady for us to say that the proof was read with 'copy' in hand, and the types showed just what was written, so far as we were able to make it out."

R. W. Beck, Secretary Board Trustees, East Lake: At its session just closed, the Board of Trustees of Howard College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. J. A. French, of Talladega, Rev. W. C. McGaha, East Lake, and Rev. W. C. Bittling, of New York.—We heard it just in time last week to make bare mention of the honor that had fallen upon Bro. French and Bro. Bittling, but we had not before heard that Bro. McGaha had also been raised to the Doctorate. Brethren, Doctors, we extend a warm hand and make our obeisance. We are sure that the wisdom of the Board of Trustees needs no defense.

M., Good Hope, Elmore county: We have preaching once a month by Bro. James Johnson whom we all love dearly. He has preached for us a good many years, and to show you how we appreciate his services, we have given him an unlimited call.—We are at peace one with another.—We have prayer meeting every first Sunday afternoon, although, I am sorry to say, it is poorly attended. This is one service we should not neglect, for it is the life of a church.—We have a small Sabbath-school. The children that attend seem to be very much interested. Our brethren, however, seem to care but very little about the Sabbath-school, for our Superintendent very often has to be teacher for all the classes. We would not accuse our brethren of idleness; but, "there is a work for every church member to perform. There can be no such thing as a happy Christian who is idle. It is the zealous, working Christian that is happy."

H. T. Lett, Sec'y of Presbytery: After preaching by Bro. O. C. Swindall, according to a previous call of Pleasant Hill church, Elmore county, we organized a presbytery June 3d, to examine and ordain brethren Mitchell Emfinger and Thomas E. Brown, as deacons. The presbytery consisted of brethren O. C. Swindall, William Harmon, L. W. H. Walker and H. T. Lett. After organization, Bro. Swindall acting as Moderator, Bro. Harmon proceeded to examine the candidates for ordination. Bro. Walker examined the candidates on the faith, presented the Word of God and gave them the charge. After ordination, the presbytery and brethren of the church extended the right hand of fellowship. After which we sang the doxology and were dismissed by Bro. Walker.—We wonder if the brethren did neglect to invite the sisters to take part in extending the right hand of fellowship to their new officers? It so appears from the secretary's report.

We have received a message from our veteran brother, Rev. R. W. Norwood, of Courtland in regard to Baptist interests in that town. Some years ago the Baptists ceased to have preaching there, and the few members of the church, with the exception of Bro. Norwood, united with other churches in the town. The church building was sold. The information sent us is that the church lot, a beautiful one, still remains, and that there are about five hundred dollars in money with which to start a building fund. It is expected that the county court-house will soon be built at Courtland, and of course the Baptists ought to have a church there. It is thought quite probable that at least a part of the former members who united with other churches would return to their first love. There is unconnected material there now which Baptists may reasonably hope to gain, and of course this would be increased with the coming of the court-house, and Baptist members would move in. With these facts before us, it would appear that Courtland invites immediate attention by the State Board of Missions. But, brethren, do not wait on the State Board. It is crippled for want of money. Let whoever can do so go there at once and raise the Baptist flag.

We have for some time had on our table Dr. Broadus' Memoir of Dr. Boyce. We have been hoping to find time to read it, but so far have been able only to read a page or two here and there. But we knew it was good, very good, without reading it at all; for with a most fruitful subject in able and loving hands, there could be but one result. We have read enough to make us thank God for a man with the inspiration of a high and noble purpose, and with the faith and perseverance to pursue that purpose to the end. Sometimes, when we have read that Dr. Boyce became discouraged in his efforts to endow the Seminary, we felt a little gratification, because it showed that he was not above the feeling of common men; but when we read how he would rise up from his discouragement, and with faith and determination resume his task, then the selfish pleasure would disappear, and with shame we would say, Well, that is beyond us, after all. It is a good book, and every young man who needs the stimulus of a great example ought to read it. The price is \$1.75 and A. C. Armstrong & Son, 51 East 10th St., New York, are the publishers.

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It may be something like a breach of trust to publish a lady's note and name without her permission, but we have decided to take the consequences of printing the following from our good sister A. L. Fore, of Pine Apple: Enclosed find \$3, for which please continue my subscription to the ALABAMA BAPTIST another year. It expired March 17. Many thanks for your kind indulgence. Money is very scarce, but I cannot afford to do without the paper. If I could, I would have every Baptist in the state reading the paper. We were among the first subscribers to the paper, and we know its value.

Rev. O. R. Blue, D. D., a presiding elder of the Methodist church, died suddenly, of heart failure, at Etowah, on Thursday morning last. So far as is known, he had no intimates at his end so near. He went to Etowah in the discharge of the duties of his office. He was about seventy-five years of age, and had always enjoyed good health. Some years ago, for several months we met him almost daily on some important subject of Scripture teaching, the difference was pleasantly expressed, and we learned that he was a sincere man, who loved to do good, who was always ready to speak the truth as it appeared to him, and who could safely be counted on as a bold and unflinching defender of the Bible as the Word of God. A good and able man has gone, and his departure is a loss to the state. He was brought to Montgomery, where he was reared and which was his home, for burial.

P. T. Hale, Birmingham: My visit to Marion on the first Sunday was a great pleasure. The old "Howard boys" carry through the years the memory of the kindness of that cultured and elegant community. Some familiar faces I sadly missed. A finer looking set of girls I have never seen than those at the Judson, and the corps of teachers is superb! The Lord seems to have made Dr. Averett to be president of the Judson! On all hands, it is said there never was better work done—it is not superior to anything in all the brilliant history of that famous institution—Col. Murlee, whom hundreds of old students hold in most affectionate regard, seems more vigorous than ever, still studying, still improving his splendid military institute, and thoroughly preparing boys for life, or college. The fact that his accomplished family live in the institute is a great advantage.—Bro. Lawless, who has the love and greatest respect of the entire community, is filling well the pulpit of the immortal Winkler.—Meeting so many old friends was one of the greatest pleasures of my life. My old friends are

of my life. My old friends are a name with this meaning, when we remember how the buck eye once covered the banks of the Alabama. By the same authority, we state that the word "Opelika" means "Head of the Cane Brake." This is also plainly correct—simply the facts in the case, as Opelika is at the beginning of cane brakes, their starting point.

Last Sunday our church had encouraging reports from seven strong, active committees. Our Sunday school is gradually, steadily growing. Our prayer-meetings, always good, have recently been unusually interesting, and the congregations very much larger.

Our Baptist papers are full of suggestions as to how representation in the Southern Baptist Convention may be reduced. To my way of thinking, it would be wise for us to have two or three conventions, instead of one. Brethren travel hundreds of miles, at great cost; and when they get to the convention they learn but little, and really represent nothing. This is not their fault: the convention is too large—unwieldy—unhospitable—unbearable. Instead of fewer delegates, the Baptist people are beginning to be "sure enough" represented in the Convention. As some brother has urged in regard to our large, overgrown churches, so I would urge in regard to the Convention, "let us divide and conquer."

Bro. Winston, of Virginia, and the secretary of our Home Mission Board are saying "somethings," as Dr. Renfro used to put it. Nevertheless, after all they have said and all they may say, facts are facts, and our people, as a rule, look at the facts. With all the records before us, we fail to see that any real good is likely to come of such extensive and highly wrought arguments.

Last Monday night I was at Howard College, and so also was a fearful rain storm. An important engagement made it necessary for me to leave for home on Tuesday morning, at 6 o'clock. Hence I had to leave without seeing and learning as much as I wished. The young men seemed well pleased with their year's work; and I was told that the College had never done more effective work than during the past nine months. Hope to get encouraging report from the Board of Trustees. They were in session and working hard when I was at the College. Z. D. Row.

Opelika.
Justification by faith on the side of man, is justification by grace on the side of God.

We have before us the Sunday-school helps and children's papers for the quarter beginning with July, issued by the American Baptist Publication Society, Palmdale, Pa. We have looked through all of them, beginning with the Baptist Teacher. This latter contains a short but timely and pleasing editorial by Dr. Henson in regard to the nonsense that is now being talked and written about the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. The periodicals are all worthy of the great society by which they are issued, and of the great object in view—the teaching of God's Word. There is a growing dissatisfaction with the present system of international lessons, which was forcibly expressed at the recent Northern Baptist anniversary. The Publication Society appears to be getting ready for the coming change by starting early the publication of the Inductive Lesson Quarterly. It is for advanced pupils, but something like it will probably be demanded before long for the lower grades in the Sabbath school.

Do not forget Dr. Cleveland's appeal in last week's paper in behalf of the board of Ministerial Education. We must pay what we owe. And we must have preachers whose educational and mental attainments are at least equal, if not superior to those of the people of the communities in which they labor. Somehow we always experience a feeling of regret when we see a minister preaching to people who are superior to him in education and culture. The people regret it, too, however much they esteem him in love for his piety, and for his piety. And the preacher also, if he be blessed with the grace of humility, feels embarrassed. He knows that his inferiority is not what it otherwise would be. It is useless to say that people ought to be satisfied if the preacher preaches the gospel. It may be that they ought, but they are not. They have a preference as to the language and the manner in which it is preached, and we must accept and deal with that fact. But whatever our opinions may be, Dr. Cleveland's board needs money, and he and the other members, and the teachers and the young preachers will all be happier if a little more money is sent to Bro. G. W. Ellis, Montgomery, who is treasurer of the board.

SCRAPS.

Rev. I. T. Tichenor, corresponding secretary of our Home Mission Board, says that Mr. Porter and Mr. Combs, two highly educated and broadly cultured Creek Indians, are authority for saying that the word "Alabama," means "Buck eye lined," that is, lined with the buck-eye. We are not sure of the appropriateness of a name with this meaning, when we remember how the buck eye once covered the banks of the Alabama.

By the same authority, we state that the word "Opelika" means "Head of the Cane Brake." This is also plainly correct—simply the facts in the case, as Opelika is at the beginning of cane brakes, their starting point.

Last Sunday our church had encouraging reports from seven strong, active committees. Our Sunday school is gradually, steadily growing. Our prayer-meetings, always good, have recently been unusually interesting, and the congregations very much larger.

Our Baptist papers are full of suggestions as to how representation in the Southern Baptist Convention may be reduced. To my way of thinking, it would be wise for us to have two or three conventions, instead of one. Brethren travel hundreds of miles, at great cost; and when they get to the convention they learn but little, and really represent nothing. This is not their fault: the convention is too large—unwieldy—unhospitable—unbearable. Instead of fewer delegates, the Baptist people are beginning to be "sure enough" represented in the Convention. As some brother has urged in regard to our large, overgrown churches, so I would urge in regard to the Convention, "let us divide and conquer."

Bro. Winston, of Virginia, and the secretary of our Home Mission Board are saying "somethings," as Dr. Renfro used to put it. Nevertheless, after all they have said and all they may say, facts are facts, and our people, as a rule, look at the facts. With all the records before us, we fail to see that any real good is likely to come of such extensive and highly wrought arguments.

Last Monday night I was at Howard College, and so also was a fearful rain storm. An important engagement made it necessary for me to leave for home on Tuesday morning, at 6 o'clock. Hence I had to leave without seeing and learning as much as I wished. The young men seemed well pleased with their year's work; and I was told that the College had never done more effective work than during the past nine months. Hope to get encouraging report from the Board of Trustees. They were in session and working hard when I was at the College. Z. D. Row.

Opelika.
Justification by faith on the side of man, is justification by grace on the side of God.

News Items.

The fair at Opelika will open Oct. 31.

Rain in Dale county made farmers uneasy.

Injurious rains have fallen in Pickens county.

Plenty of peaches and apples at Union Springs.

Crops about Hollow Square, Hale county, are good.

There are a large number of fine young mules in Dale.

Altogether the oat crop throughout the state was quite good.

Dr. A. Scott has been appointed postmaster at Albertville.

A chapter of royal arch Masons has been organized at Blocton.

Alexander City complains of much sickness among the people.

The first regiment Alabama state troops is in camp at Mobile.

Wm. B. Copeland has been appointed postmaster at Birmingham.

Hog cholera has done serious injury about Clanton, Dale county.

Crops in Pike are generally good, but too much rain in some places.

Official reports say the Florida orange crop will be fully 500,000 boxes.

Victor Ballard of Pike has been appointed clerk in the navy department.

W. H. Seymour, of Sumter, has been appointed consul to Palermo, Italy.

Mobile county presented the first cotton bloom, a week in advance of last year.

Abbeville expects soon to have a railroad to connect with the Midland at Pinckard.

Great damage was done by the cloud burst in Jasper, Lamar and Fayette counties.

The second regiment Alabama State troops will go into camp at East Lake July 11.

Gov. McKinley, author of the tariff law, has been re-nominated for governor of Ohio.

Henry county crops still good, but recent rains have given the farmers a little more work.

The first cotton bloom about Uniontown appeared on the farm of Wm. Munford June 7.

The Turcumbank has made an assignment, but it is hoped the trouble is only temporary.

Cholera in France, Russia, and other parts of Europe causes uneasiness in this country.

It is expected that the railroad from Montgomery by Maplesville to Tuscaloosa will be built at once.

Dr. J. R

