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Bible and Colportage Work in Alabama.

By the committee on program, for the last session of our Baptist State Convention, I was appointed to prepare an address on Bible and Colportage work in Alabama, to be delivered at the Convention, after the reading of the report of the B. & C. Board. I prepared the address, but from some cause, unknown to me, I was not allowed to deliver it. By request, I submit the paper for publication.

JNO. P. SHAFER.

Dadeville.

By request and appointment of the committee on program, I present myself to discuss Bible and Colportage work in Alabama. This is one of the departments of our mission work, and is in charge of the Bible and Colportage Board. (1) The object of this department of our work is to distribute Bibles, by sale and by gift, amongst our people and all the people. (2) To distribute religious and denominational books, and religious literature in general. (3) As our colporters are generally preachers of the gospel, it is expected that they will preach wherever they go, assisting pastors and preaching in destitute places.

It is my opinion that such work is very important, and must be productive of the very finest results to our churches throughout the entire state. The effort is a composite one. Let us think of it and discuss it in detail.

(4) The distribution of the Word of God amongst the people is important, and it is not and cannot be distributed in any other way so well as by the faithful colporter who goes to the homes of the people with the blessed book. When it is to be given to the poor, they cannot be reached so generally by any other method.

(5) The distribution of religious and denominational books, and religious literature in general, is of vast importance to both state and church, and I think cannot be done as effectively by any other method. I beg leave to suggest that when it is not done by colporters, —apostles, or self-constituted,—that most of it is not done at all.

Allow me to say further, that our people are in great need of good books, and especially of denominational works, and any agency that will induce them to read and build up Christian literature does the cause of Christ a powerful service. The Baptists of Alabama are perhaps not more in want of anything than more extended reading of religious and denominational books. I think that it is true that our brethren are largely strangers to such reading. So long as this is true, they will generally remain strangers to the knowledge that may be obtained by such reading, and it is knowledge that they much need, and the want of it leads to many undesirable results.

I do not wish to be guilty of reaching conclusions from thoughtless enthusiasm, and hope that I have not, when I conclude that no work now being done in Alabama by our boards is of more importance.

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From my knowledge of the past and present, as to work in the country, there is no order in which it can be done as successfully as by our colporters.

THE FOLLOWING CRITICISMS MAY BE OFFERED:

(1) That people wanting Bibles, hymn books, etc., can buy them from the publishers as well as from our colporters, and thus save the expense of sending a man over the country to deliver them.

(2) That people can buy religious and denominational books as well from the publishers as from the colporter, and thus save the salary of the colporter, and devote the sum to pure missionary work.

IN ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS, ALLOW ME TO SAY:

(1) That many of our people in the country do not know very well how to reach the publishers of Bibles and hymn books, and therefore they do without much that they need, and with which they supply themselves and their churches when the colporter visits them.

(2) That people can purchase religious and denominational books as well from the publishers as from colporters is not true. (a) They do not know how to reach the publishers. (b) They do not know, very well, what they really need.

Further, they need much teaching and encouraging along this line in order to induce them to build Christian

libraries in their homes, and the intelligent and earnest colporter can be very useful as such instructor. It is just here that his services are useful and important. I beg to say that the faithful and intelligent colporter can do more to fill our Christian homes with good books than he is usually given credit for. I will say further, that whether he can do more than others in that direction or not, he does do more than all of them.

Many brethren think of the colporter as a dead old brother who peddles old books for a living, being useful for other and more dignified and important service. They think of no other sort of men for the work. This is not true, but I deeply regret that current thought about such work has made it too nearly true. It need not be true, and should not be true. We should have nothing but the best.

We are able to be the advisers of our people as to what they should read, and of sufficient force of character to induce them to do their duty as Christians in enlarging their libraries.

They should be men who are able to advise with and induce our pastors along the line of general denominational interests, as well as to be able to preach to the destitute. They should be strong, sound men, for their work is comprehensive, covering every need of our churches, as to missionary work.

It may be answered that you can not induce men of ability enough to do what you suggest, to engage in such work.

Well, why not? If men are really strong and godly, they ought to be willing to engage in important work, in work that would redound to the glory of God and the development of men.

Men may be strong and godly, without being distinguished pulpits orators, by which fact they are put out of our reach for such work. This is as it should be. They are worth more in the pulpits which they fill than they would be on our field. Let them alone. They are doing the work for which they are best fitted; but there are other men as good as they, and as brainy as they, and who know more about our enterprises and wants than they do, and who might be commanded for this work in the field; and at prices which we could afford to pay. If the work is not important enough to command men of some considerable ability, —for such work,—then it strikes me that it is sufficiently unimportant to be abandoned altogether.

Please remember that our colporters, as the Bible and Colportage Board would have it, are not mere book peddlers, but are missionaries and colporters.

Allow me to close by saying, that I believe that we can meet and unify the masses of our people from the seaboard to the mountains, more quickly and successfully by the visits and work of missionary colporters than in any other way. As the unification and fellowship of our denomination is the most important result that may come of missionary effort, I conclude that the work of missionary colporters throughout the state is more important to us than any other work. This is the view of the Bible and Colportage Board, and I am quite certain of the correctness of the conclusion. So far as I am concerned I care not as to what board shall direct the work; it is the work for which I plead. As to boards, I am fully on record. I never wanted but one in Alabama, and to that one,—if indeed we can have one,—I would give my vote. This is to press the work of the missionary colporter all over the state; command the strongest men you can for the work.

The board that pushes this work, regardless of name, will live, and to neglect it is to die.

New Church Constituted.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6th, the brethren and sisters living near Hudson's schoolhouse, Elmore county (Central association) assembled pursuant to a call, and there met Elds. J. M. Johnson, A. C. Swindall, T. A. Kelley and John Singleton, who were recognized as a presbytery, and Bro. T. A. Kelley was chosen moderator and the writer secretary of the presbytery.

The goodly number of thirty brethren and sisters presented letters of dismission from Union, Sand Tuck, Antioch, and Benish churches, and in signing their names to constitute a church, the bond of fellowship was extended to them by the presbytery.

After which an elaborate and instructive charge was delivered to the covenanters by Bro. J. M. Johnson. A few remarks were then made by Elds. Swindall and Kelley, and the thirty brethren and sisters held a regular church conference. Messengers were elected to the annual meeting of our association, one dollar as minute fund was voted, and five dollars as mission money. After electing a clerk and recognizing two of the brethren as deacons who had been dismissed as such, the conference adjourned to meet the 3rd Sabbath to complete the business. The new church was named Pleasant Ridge Missionary Baptist church. C. J. Bawley, Sec.

A young clergyman, who is a successful pastor, was telling a retired missionary that he entered college and the theological seminary with the intention of becoming a missionary, when the latter broke out with, "Ah, you turned back after putting your hand to the plow?"

"No," was the answer, "I took another plow."

He might have said, "I simply obeyed the command of my master, and took the plow to another field, and some Master owns both."

Trip Notes.

I thought that Tennessee had entirely captured Bro. J. L. Thompson, but I found that only a little more than half of him is on the other side of the line. The town of Gurley is fortunate enough to secure his services for two Sundays before he left, and he loves Alabama so much he couldn't turn loose all at once. I was with him there on Sunday night and I was not surprised that the pastor held on to the church. I don't know when I have seen a larger or better behaved congregation of handsome young people, or heard better singing. Only two or three years ago the Baptists there were a feeble folk, struggling to erect a neat house in a village where they had but few sympathizers. Now they have the handsome house in which we are preaching now. Sunday is a man who is universally loved, and they are not very far behind others in numbers. They pay their pastor promptly every trip he makes, and take monthly collections for missions. The town is situated in Paint Rock valley, on the Memphis and Charleston railroad. The famous Eagle Pen Company of New York has a factory there. The cedar forests in this section attracted this trip. Besides this they have a Cedar Bucket factory and a spoke and handle factory. The three pay out in wages about \$6,000 per month.

The Cumberland Presbyterians are erecting a college building which will doubtless add greatly to the population in a short time. A railroad is graded twelve miles up the valley into some of the richest land in the state, where extensive coal fields will be developed. When this road is finished, Gurley will become a place of importance. Nearly all these rich farming lands are owned by Baptists. But they worship in poor houses, do not pay their preachers and give nothing for missions. This will not continue so if the churches will give the State Board of missions the means to employ the colporters as angels to go among them.

Conyers impressed upon me two facts. What a few devoted, persistent men and women can do towards building up the cause of Christ, if they set their heads and hearts that way. We have churches five times stronger in every town than the church at Gurley, yet they haven't done in two years half as much for Christ's cause as these few struggling Baptists here.

The value of small industries to a town is here clearly seen. It would be as much more apparent if it was not for the fact that the wages are present to get the laborer's wages and keep him poor.

Many towns in Alabama that are entirely lifeless for more than six months in the year could be made thriving and rich places, if the people would either invite capital from abroad to open small industries, or put their own savings into them in the stead of letting it lie idle on deposit in the banks.

On the New Railroad.
The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis is now open to travel. It extends from Gadsden by Atlanta to Chattanooga, thence by boat down the Tennessee river for twenty-three miles, then by rail to Huntsville and on north.

The whole valley is parched and dried up from the excessive drought. The cattle, though in fine pastures, reminded me very much of our poor South Alabama stock.

It has been years since I have enjoyed an afternoon like I did the one spent on the neat little steamer Tennessee, going up the beautiful Tennessee river, going up the beautiful Tennessee river, going up the beautiful Tennessee river.

The boat moved just fast enough to give us a delightful breeze. The rich pockets and caves and valleys among the mountains are cultivated and furnish an abundance of corn to the people who live along at the foot of the mountains. I learn that there are few churches of any denomination along the valley, and some say the people would not attend if a preacher should be sent. Of course that is not so. Any man who loves Christ and loves the souls of men, can win these people if he is sent among them. But he must be sent. Some body must go and somebody must win him. It is almost like going into a foreign field. Oh, that I could get the members of our wealthier churches and their pastors to see the condition of these people as I see and hear it!

In the stead of their \$300 a year for state missions they would give \$300. Brethren, we must raise the figures if we are going to do a thing of what God expects of us in this state.

W. E. CRUMPTON.

Another Trip.

Troy association enjoys the distinction of being the smallest association in the state,—having only four churches in its membership,—however, one of the churches at Troy, is a strong one in numbers and financial ability. It is always a pleasure to visit Troy; the citizens are so wholehearted and cordial, and the business men are so full of energy, it is an inspiration to be among them. But the Trogans don't care much for the association, as very few of them attended on the meeting.

There are no exceptions in this, for towns people generally treat the associations about that way. These meetings are for the country, and to keep them at their best, they should be held in the country.

The Troy is not a promising body. Times were so hard, and the prospects were so gloomy, they wouldn't even promise to try to do something. But when the returns are all in I don't doubt they will stand above the average in their contributions.

Bro. R. B. Brown, the pastor-elect of Troy, was present, and was introduced, with his little son, as visitors from the Columbus, Ga.

Why don't the churches send as delegates more of their boy-members where the men won't go? We have some brethren who have been going for many years, and if it happens that they can't go, many times the churches are without representation, when they might put some of the young men or boys in, and they would do good work at the meeting, and stay till the close. Bro. Harris will take hold of his church Oct. 1st. If he don't put it up very near the head of the class, in a year or two, I am much mistaken in the estimate I put upon the preacher and his people. I had some conversation with him about his early life and ministry. The Lord prepared him to do a great work. School teaching, preaching law, preaching to courts, and so on.

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Our Presidents.
Listening at Bro. Averett's of the Judson and Bro. McGaha of the Howard, I was made to feel proud of our presidents. The first has occupied his present place for five years, and is becoming widely known all over Alabama. He is a man of few words, but when he does speak in our meetings, he can put more solid sense about schools and teaching into a few words than any man I ever met.

Thoroughly conscientious, knowing exactly what our Southern girls need, and to fit them for, and by teaching in a school of long experience, parents need not hesitate to commit the training of their girls to him. Bro. McGaha is before the people, not as pastor or evangelist, in which places he has been successful, but as president of a great institution. If he performs every other part of his responsible office as well as he does that of representing the college before the association, he can be counted as already a success. I believe the thoughtful Baptists who are informed about our colleges, will give their patronage to them in spite of the flattering offers made by rival schools. If our presidents would talk they could tell some funny things about their canvass for pupils.

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News from the Churches.

Bro. W. J. Campbell has also been conducting a series of meetings at Pleasant Hill. We do not know the exact result of the meeting, but this we do know, that thirteen were baptized on last Sunday morning at Denham bridge. Rev. J. D. Johnson preached the 1st of October sermon from the following text: "If there had been a law given which would have given life to the dead, it would have been by the law." His sermon was

very timely and encouraging, and was well received by the congregation. Bro. G. W. Webb assisted me at Bethlehem church. Fifteen additions by baptism. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." Come to our association here Friday before the fourth Sunday in this month. We need your help. I. W. MARTIN, Linden.

One of the best meetings in the Warrenton church history lately closed at that town. Bro. A. E. Burns preached Monday to Friday. He is far more than ordinary in such meetings. Other things conspired to make the meeting interesting and beneficial, as much as the number of accessions to the church, some fifteen, I believe.

A very excellent meeting just closed at Fayetteville. The pastor I presume will give further notice.

A good meeting now going on at Sylacauga. A goodly number have already joined the church, who were converted in the recent great Methodist meeting here.

My time was elsewhere engaged during the time of both these meetings. Sylacauga. W. W.

The meeting at Hebron commencing 5th Sunday in July, resulted in ten professions, one addition and a general revival of the church. The brethren have determined to protract again, beginning Friday before the third Sunday in September.

At Enon the saints enjoyed a refreshing from the Master. Two are awaiting baptism.

At Unity there were forty-two professions, the church and community were thoroughly revived, and fifteen happy souls baptized.

In the first two meetings I was assisted by an old veteran, Elder J. P. Lee, aged seventy-three years; in the last by Elder J. G. Thornton.

M. G. Lorton, Archer, Pickens county.

Some few weeks ago Bro. Geo. D. Harris conducted a meeting at Lincoln, in Talladega county, and baptized twenty-one. Thence he went to Piedmont, and after a meeting of some days baptized twenty-nine.

Thence he came to a meeting, at Bro. J. H. Nunnally's, in a meeting, at the close of which twenty-one were baptized.

In the days of these meetings Bro. W. H. Smith conducted one at Mt. Zion church, at the close of which he baptized forty-seven. Others, not being ready at the time, await baptism in the future, at each of the above churches.

While God's people are endeavoring, by extending the Centennial year, to collect money for missions, he seems to be making this his centennial of bringing sinners to a knowledge of the truth, and thus helping his people in the mission cause, by increasing the number of contributors. To his name be all the glory. J. S. KELLY, Oxford.

Among the Associations.

I spent two days with the Shelby brethren at Dry Valley church. Eld. E. B. Teague, the most modest man in Alabama, was made president, and Eld. C. W. O'Hara, secretary and treasurer. The churches sent delegates who for the most part remained until the close of the meeting. Revivals were reported from many communities and large numbers were added to the churches. We believe there was evidenced a greater interest in missions and Sunday schools.

The Harris Association.
The Harris Association, landing at Girard was next reached. Landing at Girard we had a large number of delegates and visitors who continued from day to day to enjoy the sermons. Pastor W. B. Carter had his musical talent well in hand, and the success of the meeting was added to by those contributions.

The welcome was not only voiced by the pastor, but shown by every hand grasp and open door. Deacon W. J. Boykin, of Seale, was elected moderator, and deacon A. C. Wells, of Crawford, clerk.

Space is so valuable that I can't detail the good reports, speeches and sermons. Our readers can just recollect the best association they ever attended, and think of the Harris as being a still better one, and you know what I want to write. All the financial matters made a good show. The women societies and Sunbeams are leading the rest of the state in their line. Girard took great delight in entertaining the association. The holding of this church are working people, but under the leadership of Bro. Carter they are improving as Christian workers.

was held with the Perdido church. A mistake in the publication of the date of meeting made me take two trips to reach it, but I got there and felt paid for the trip. The Judson Institute, Howard College, and the ALABAMA BAPTIST, are better known by reason of the visit. Bro. Bryant is pastor of the church. The brethren have built

care. Bro. Preston also organized a young men's prayer meeting, to be held weekly on Wednesday night. We have a good little Sabbath school in progress, and will elect delegates to represent our church in the Muscle Shoals association. We close by asking the state board to send out more preachers to the harvest fields.

Ed. R. RICHMOND, Ch. Clerk.
Waco, Franklin county.

We have recently held meetings with Linden and Bethlehem churches. Dr. R. F. Riley did the preaching here, eloquently and in the power and demonstration of the Spirit. Two additions by baptism, one by letter, one restored, and one under our watchman. One of the most gracious and manifest results of our meeting is seen in the restoration of the joys of salvation, which means increased territory. A goodly number in our membership. Bro. G. W. Webb assisted me at Bethlehem church. Fifteen additions by baptism. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow." Come to our association here Friday before the fourth Sunday in this month. We need your help. I. W. MARTIN, Linden.

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Among the Associations.

I spent two days with the Shelby brethren at Dry Valley church. Eld. E. B. Teague, the most modest man in Alabama, was made president, and Eld. C. W. O'Hara, secretary and treasurer. The churches sent delegates who for the most part remained until the close of the meeting. Revivals were reported from many communities and large numbers were added to the churches. We believe there was evidenced a greater interest in missions and Sunday schools.

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The Harris Association, landing at Girard was next reached. Landing at Girard we had a large number of delegates and visitors who continued from day to day to enjoy the sermons. Pastor W. B. Carter had his musical talent well in hand, and the success of the meeting was added to by those contributions.

The welcome was not only voiced by the pastor, but shown by every hand grasp and open door. Deacon W. J. Boykin, of Seale, was elected moderator, and deacon A. C. Wells, of Crawford, clerk.

Space is so valuable that I can't detail the good reports, speeches and sermons. Our readers can just recollect the best association they ever attended, and think of the Harris as being a still better one, and you know what I want to write.

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Sometimes Satan is permitted to assault the saints directly, as in the case of Job. Under the license granted him he robs men of property, family, friends, health; and yet withholds death and leaves his victim to suffer and to question what is the purpose of his pains. Or he persuades men that they are too vile and worthless to have any place in the plans of Jehovah, and that it is sheer presumption for them to claim any part in the provisions of divine grace. He tempted the Son of God, and suggested that he might hurl himself from a pinnacle of the temple in hope of being caught up by angel arms.

In the ordinary course of events, apart from the immediate influence of a personal devil, trials come. Men beloved of the Lord are sorely afflicted, and God himself deals the blow. His chosen ones are led through a furnace of afflictions. Of ancient sages we read that they were stoned, sawn asunder, slain with the sword, afflicted, tormented, driven homeless and friendless to wander over the earth and find a resting place in dens and deserts.

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Jasper Eagle, 13th: Rev. R. M. Hunter informs us that Rev. J. A. Howard, of Reidsville, N. C., will be here next Saturday to assist in a series of meetings, beginning tonight at the Baptist church. Everybody cordially invited—all denominations.

Surely it will start a fire in the bones of some of our young preachers to read Bro. Gay's letter, which is printed on the fourth page. And may it also produce a commotion in the hearts and in the pocket books of the brethren who are not preachers.

Mrs. L. F. Stratton, V. P. Birmingham association: There will be a woman's meeting at Woodlawn, during the session of the association. All the societies in the Birmingham association will please send representatives to report the work of their societies.

The Greenboro Watchman is not pleased with the preaching of Jimmie Cook, the boy Methodist preacher from Roanoke, but lays the blame of his trying to preach on the shoulders of older men. They are still men who are willing to make merchandise of the gospel.

Rev. I. W. Martin recently baptized two young men into the membership of the Linden, and two young ladies into the fellowship of Providence church, the latter being without a pastor. The Reporter says the beautiful scene was witnessed by a large number of people.

C. W. Hare: Two prominent gentlemen in this state have said to me recently that the regret of their life is that they did not send their daughters to the Judson. They feel that although they hold diplomas, yet they have no such practical education as the Judson gives.

Abbeville Times: The Baptist Sunday school on last Sunday adopted resolutions to hereafter have good old time "congregation" singing, let every body that wants to, sing, and does away with the "trained choir" and "solo duets," so all can now try their lungs that want to.

Fort Payne Journal: Our sister town up the road, Valley Head, experienced a wonderful time wave of religion last week. Rev. A. J. Noble carried on a protracted meeting there which closed Sunday, during which time four people professed the faith and five were baptized.

Newton Standard: Children's day will be observed at the Baptist church on the second Sunday in November with a very interesting program of recitations, songs, etc. The committee to take charge of the meeting consists of Mrs. Lillie McLaney, Mrs. Carrie Calloway and Miss Laura Williams.

Woodstock correspondent: Centerville News: Rev. R. D. Burrows, pastor of the Baptist church at this place, is on the sick list. Although he was able to be out at church Sunday he was not able to preach. Rev. J. E. Wilson filled his pulpit. On account of Bro. Burrows' sickness the meeting was not protracted as was intended.

Cedar Bluff correspondent: Gadden Times: A choir was organized at the Baptist church yesterday afternoon with Miss Lettie Lawrence as organist and J. M. Carleton as leader. The choir is composed of about fifteen members, who all reflect credit on the singing school they attended last year at this place. The Baptists will be blessed with excellent music in the future.

Carrollton Alabamian: Elder J. B. Small reports a good revival among the members of Mineral Springs Baptist church, but says that the sinners were hard to move. Clog in the wheel somewhere, Bro. Small. Zion does not move until the track is clear.

Elder Small will preach at Carrollton Baptist church on the fourth Sunday, and the meeting will probably be protracted.

Rev. J. G. Dickinson, of Union town, writes us an explanation of the paragraph copied into our columns last week from the Greenboro Watchman, about the visit of a committee to that town in the interest of the Orphan's Home. There was a visit in that interest, but not by a formal committee. We will print Bro. D's article next week—it came too late for one of its length this issue.

Piedmont Inquirer: At the pool near the furnace, long used on such occasions, on Sunday afternoon last, nearly the whole population of Piedmont assembled to witness the administration of the sacrament of baptism to twenty-nine candidates, who had joined the Baptist church. The solemn and impressive service was performed by Rev. George D. Harris, pastor of the Baptist church here.

Rev. I. W. Martin has resigned the pastorate of Linden church with the intention of going to the Seminary. In speaking of this step by the young brother the Linden Reporter pays him a handsome compliment, which closes thus: When he leaves us the rest wishes to go with him, with the earnest hope that he will return to us even better equipped to exert that influence for good which has characterized his stay with us.

Mrs. R. M. Hunter, Jasper: Five little girls: Clyde Lacy, Ethel O'Rear, Willie Kiester, Floyd Smith and Lizzie Vick, in one month, aside from their regular contribution to the Sunday school, raised and sent to our Orphan's Home at Evergreen, \$1.61. You say that is not much? No, it is not; but let every class in every Sunday school do that little, and the Orphan's Home, through Bro. Stewart, will not have to beg for bread. But enough till you hear from my wee-wee again.

Sidney Catte, Fort Deposit: We have heard the sweet sounds of the marriage bells both this week and last. On the 13th inst. Mr. Frank Coker and Miss Lena Black, and this week, Mr. Graves Little and Miss Lula Hargrove. All four of the contracting parties members of Bethel church. They have the best wishes of all for their success and happiness and long life.

life. Never did young people start the voyage under more favorable auspices than these. The husbands are sober and industrious and the wives frugal and lovely.

Athens (Ga.) Banner: Rev. B. P. Riley, of the University of Georgia, who takes the place left vacant by the death of Prof. Charles Morris, preached Sunday at the First Baptist to a large congregation. The sermon was one of great force, and showed the preacher to be a man of deep learning and wisdom. He impressed all most forcibly, and the general judgment of those who heard him and who have formed his acquaintance is that the University has gained a splendid professor to take the place of the lamented Charles Morris.

La Fayette Sun: Dr. Bledsoe was unanimously called to preach for another year by the Baptist church in La Fayette last Sunday. Dr. Bledsoe has been pastor of this church for several years and this unanimous call for another year shows the estimation in which he is held by his congregation. The Dr. is deservedly popular with all denominations—he is loved by all of our people.

Dr. Bledsoe returned from Roanoke this morning, where he had been for ten days past holding a meeting for Rev. A. S. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church. The meeting was full of interest and resulted in the addition to the church.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Pres. Cent. Ala. Baptist Convention, letter published in this issue from Dr. Tichenor, will commend itself to the churches and all Christians. Owing to the financial depression in our country, it is proposed that the women of our state undertake to furnish only one of the rooms in the hospital, which can be done for \$25.

With two hundred women's aid and missionary societies in Alabama, this can be easily accomplished. Send 25 cents each for the Havang Hospital. Sisters, send to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala., distinctly marked for that object, and we can raise the \$25 without fail.

Anonymous, Columbia Ala.: Our sisters here seem concerned about the Orphan's Home,—an interest which Bro. Stewart has been trying to work up for some time. L. G. Clark, who is always laboring for the upbuilding of the Baptist cause at this place, was a very busy one, and I may say that this field—Baptist—keeps missionaries busier than any other field, (this, of course, is my personal belief,) and the reason for it is that this is a Romish field, and where Rome is, there the children of God have to keep busy if it is only in self-defense.

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With reference to the five unprinted questions, as well as to those above, we have this to say: That whenever a member undertakes the part of the lawyer or the logician, he is almost sure to bring trouble upon himself and upon the church. We have never known it to fail. Law and logic are good enough where they apply, and in the hands of one who knows what is law and what is logic. Unfortunately not many members are acquainted with either, or know where or when it applies. And many a church has been grievously vexed by its lawyers and logicians. Cases arise in the churches to which no specific statute is applicable, and which in no way appeal to logic. In these and all other cases let humility and an earnest desire to do right mark the conduct of the members; and when the majority speaks, let it be so done. If it be right, it will stand, if not, sooner or later it will appear, and will fall.

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NITCEROV, STATE OF RIO, BRAZIL, Aug. 19, 1893.

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To the Clerks of Associations.

Brothers, please send me three copies of your minutes as soon as published. It will be a great favor.

Yours fraternally,
MARION, W. B. CRUMPTON.

Judson Association.

Please state through the BAPTIST that the Judson association will convene Wednesday, September 27th, Thursday and Friday inclusive, instead of Friday before the first Sunday in October. Our executive committee made the change to suit our friends at Christian Grove church, at which place the association will be held.

J. B. WARD, Mod.
Abbeville.

District Meeting.

The next fifth Sunday meeting will convene with Shiloh Baptist church, on Saturday, at 11 o'clock, a. m., October 28, 1893.

Sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder W. H. DeWitt.

1. What are the duties of a pastor to his church, and what are the duties of his church to him?

2. Can one be a Christian without being a missionary?

3. Our individual duties as Christians.

Sunday, 9 a. m., Sunday school mass meeting.

11 a. m., missionary sermon by Rev. J. B. Powell.

All ministers and laymen who can possibly prepare themselves on these subjects, and attend this meeting and discuss them are respectfully requested to do so.

I. W. MARTIN,
J. L. BARKLEY.

"Licensed Preachers."

Dear Baptist: I notice in your issue of the 7th inst. quite a timely editorial relative to "licensed preachers," and hope the subject will be ventilated by thinking men to such an extent as to correct any evils existing from the practice. I think the brother you refer to is right when he says there is no Scripture for such an act. Baptists boast gloriously over the Bible being their "rule of faith and practice," but they "stick to the text" very little. To my mind, every man has a right to preach who feels the impelling power of God's Spirit calling upon him to do so, without regard to church authority, let solicited to a pastoral office, it is in order for the church wanting the service in such capacity to call for ordination to the ministry to meet the demand acted by spiritual ministerial power. The usefulness of hundreds of men as members of the church has been destroyed by the licensing business. This practice, in the intermediate place of doing nothing. They are above working as a church member, and no preacher, because no church sees any preacher in them.

Let the rule be adopted that there be no "license," and no "ordination" till a church "calls," and the evil will be cured. In the meantime, let it be understood that it is every man's privilege and duty to preach who feels that God wants him to do so, and that no Jonah spirit should be exercised. W. R. WHATELY.

Good News from the Churches.

On the third Sunday in August I began a meeting at Grant's Creek church, and on the fourth Sunday at Gilgal. Held on a week at each place. Both churches enjoyed a gracious revival, with several conversions, and three additions to each church. Some will join other churches.

The Tuscaloosa association has just closed one of its most pleasant and profitable sessions. Brother W. B. Crumpton was with us, and we enjoyed his mission talks. Our Sunday-school convention meets Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, at Carrollton.

Northport, Sept. 14th.

Our protracted meeting at Fayetteville began on the first Sunday. Bro. Wilkes did most of the preaching. He has all the spirit andunction with which he preached in his earlier life, with more mature attainments. In fact, he seems to preach with more clearness and force as he advances in life. In power and precision and application he has no

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The Tusculoo Association.
This body met with Mt. Zion church, Tusculoo county, on Wednesday after the first Sunday in September. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. John T. Beale, of Northport. The speaker was equal to the occasion, and the discourse was solemn and timely, and highly appreciated.

Bro. W. H. Wilds, who has faithfully presided as moderator for some years, was absent by poor health. Eld. J. H. Curry, of Northport, was chosen for that position, which he filled well.

The reports were very good and the discussions interesting.

Bro. W. B. Crumpton was in our midst, and fully alive to the cause of missions. The splendor of his rhetoric attracted, and the power of his logic was so convincing until we don't wonder at the Harbald stumps and anti-missionary roots getting out of his way.

God bless Bro. C. in his work. Rev. W. A. Hobson, of Woodlawn, was also with us in the interest of the Howard.

The business was harmoniously and pleasantly conducted.

The next meeting will be held with Cottontale church, Tusculoo county, commencing on Wednesday after the first Sunday in September, 1894.

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A general reduction of rates to the World's Fair by the Richmond & Danville Railroad.

The Richmond & Danville railroad has issued a circular to all its coupon agents effective July 26th, making the World's Fair rates about five dollars less for the round trip than heretofore.

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Birmingham Conference.

First Church—Largest congregation at both services since pastor Gray came. A fine interest in all departments of the church work. The pastor finds great interest manifested in the series of doctrinal lectures he is now delivering on alternate Monday evenings.

Elyton—Sunday school growing in interest and numbers. Fine congregations. Pastor Harris preached at both services.

Southside—Pastor P. T. Hale preached at 11 o'clock on "Whom do men say that I am?" Modern skeptical views of Christ, including the theories of Strauss and Renan, were examined. Large audience; eight additions to the church. Good interest.

Dr. H. M. Wharton comes Nov. 22, to a meeting. At night, Rev. W. A. Hobson, the gifted, consecrated Woodlawn pastor, preached effectively on "Our High Priest."

Avondale—Pastor Lee was greeted with good congregations at both services. An interesting prayer meeting and business meeting on Wednesday night. The Young People's meeting, which was recently organized, is being helpful to the church.

Second Church—Pastor Whittle has not yet returned, but he is convalescent, and will be with his people next Sunday. Rev. J. R. Lloyd occupied the pulpit Sunday.

Woodlawn—Pastor W. A. Hobson preached at 11; subject, "Profit in Piety." Dr. P. T. Hale preached at night to young men. The church is in the midst of a great revival, with Bro. Hale in the pulpit. Great crowds attend upon his ministry, and the Lord is blessing Zion. The meeting continues the week and six have joined, and many are inquiring the way.

Brethren, pray with us for their conversion.

Montgomery Churches.
The West Montgomery church enjoyed two services on the last Lord's day. Bro. Elliott preached at night. The singing was exceptionally fine both morning and evening, under the management of deacon Allen. The pastor stated that he had, during the week, preached in the Baptist church of Wetumpka. He spoke very lovingly of the charming people of this fine old city. Says he never received a heartier reception from any brethren, and hopes to be able soon to return among them and preach the glad tidings several days.

MARRIED.
At the residence of the late Dr. O. S. Holmes, at Montgomery Hill, Baldwin county, Sept. 6, 1893, by Rev. A. J. Lambert, Dr. Malachi Coghlan and Miss Willie Holmes, all of Montgomery Hill. Long live the happy couple to bless the world.

Obituary.
On the morning of the 20th of August, 1893, little Oscar, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Towles, passed away. Oscar was one of the brightest little boys that the writer has ever known. But alas! he is gone. His sparkling eyes are closed; his tongue is still; his childish smiles are to be seen no more on earth. But little Oscar is at home in heaven, to reign with God forever. The bereaved parents have our sympathy. May the Lord give them grace to bear their bereavement.

G. A. CHURN.

Mount Pleasant Association.
The thirty-third annual session of the above association of Baptists was held at Union church, D. Kalb county, Alabama, on September 23, 31, and 4th of the current year. Twelve churches were represented by some thirty delegates, and there were six teen ministers of the gospel present and participating in the series of meetings then held, which were well attended and much interest manifested.

The churches represented reported an aggregate membership of 548. The reports also show that since the last annual session 68 have been received by baptism, 16 by letter and 3 retro ad. The losses are 17 by letter, 13 excluded and 7 by death, showing a net gain of 60, a very encouraging showing.

The reports indicate that this association is in a very satisfactory condition, and that much work is being done and much good accomplished.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held at Bethel church, near Valley Head, commencing on Saturday before the first Sabbath in September, 1894.—Fort Payne Journal.

The Richmond Advocate draws a gloomy picture of the future of the white race in the South. Trade unions, controlled by foreigners, limit the number of apprentices and manage in such a way as to shut out the sons of United States citizens. Meanwhile, Slater and others have established training schools for negro boys which are beyond the power of trade unions. Therefore the white boys of the poorer classes are growing up in idleness to lives of hopeless poverty. And the Advocate has no remedy to suggest as it sits with weeping eyes by the grave of the hopes and the prosperity of its race.

The Forks of the Road.

Bishop Fitzgerald said the Methodists had reached the forks of the road.

Mission work in Alabama has reached the same place. We must either continue "to live at this poor dying rate," or we must make a forward move. Unless the churches in our cities and larger towns systematize their work and get collections larger and oftener, it is folly to talk of enlargement of the work.

Some of the pastors are doing well; they are always faithful; but many of those who are in position to do the best are doing next to nothing.

I know times are hard and money scarce, but the people for whom this is intended didn't do much, if any better, before the hard times came on.

I am afraid State Missions has got but little hold on many of the churches and pastors referred to.

They don't seem to care for it. It is too near home to be attractive. Which road must we take, brethren?

OUR REASON FOR THIS is found in the fact that hundreds of our leading members never read our state paper, the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

We will never interest our people in our state work till they become readers of the paper.

When I find persons who read the paper regularly, I find them interested in all the enterprises of the denomination.

At every association the moderator, out to app in the best man on the ground to solicit subscriptions, if the paper has no agent present.

W. B. C.

From Texas.
Dear Brother: Enclosed find \$2 for your paper. I spoke of stopping it when your statement came, but my wife said, "No; we will leave off some other expense and take the paper, as we can't well do without it. Our home until this year was in Alabama, and we still feel interested in and love our Alabama brothers and friends.

We have many Baptists in Texas, and they are also very kind and clever. We came West to seek our fortune, but we, as well as many others, are disappointed, and don't expect to stay in Hillsboro much longer. Crops are tolerably good in this (Hill) county, but as they are a failure in several counties west, the people are in a destitute condition are coming back to this section by the hundred, seeking homes and something to live on. The farmers are harvesting their crops rapidly here and they have fine weather for it. It is very dry here—has not rained in several weeks; it is awful dusty. This is a fine country; the farmers produce more here than in the old states, but expenses generally are much greater here than there; so I would rather live here than here, and would advise all to look before they leap.

May God bless the managers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and may the paper prosper. W. R. MARTIN.

Hillsboro, Texas, Sept. 14.

A Church and its Money.
Here is what Dr. Hatcher, of Richmond, says through the *Baltimore Baptist* on the subject of a church and its finances. If it is not sound doctrine, probably some one can show where the defect is:

We said sometime ago that no church ought to delay to pay its pastor's salary one day beyond the time it is due. The reasons for this are overwhelmingly in favor of our position on this subject. But some of the brethren wish to know how they can pay the pastor when they have no money. We answer by borrowing the money. Oh, but they say, we cannot afford to borrow money. If you owe your pastor and fail to pay him, then you are borrowing his money and without his consent, and without paying him any interest. That is an act that comes in the neighborhood of robbery. But another brother puts in the plea that they cannot borrow money, and that for the reason that no one would be willing to lend money to his church. That is humiliating indeed. A church that has neither cash or credit ought to dissolve. It is not capable of carrying on business. It has no right to make a contract, and it commits a sin in engaging a pastor. A church without business sense and business integrity is an offense to the community and ought to shut up its doors. The church that cannot keep a contract is not fit to represent Christ on the earth.

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