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TO THE CLERKS OF ASSOCIATIONS.

BRETHREN: We are prepared to print the Associational Minutes on short notice, and cheap as it can be done in this state. We solicit your patronage, and hope you will give us the printing. If you wish to know our prices, drop us a postal.

ALABAMA BAPTIST.

YOUNG brethren, what think ye of this? The superintendent of the Penitentiary Baptist church, Dale county, is in his 34th year, and yet with all these years upon him, he has not failed to attend for many years. God has a rich reward in store for our dear brother Jack Mizell, to whom we refer. If this aged brother can do this work, it does seem to us that others much younger than he ought to hide their faces in shame if they are not up and doing as best they can in the Master's vineyard.

At the last meeting of the convention it was "Resolved, That hereafter the Ladies' Societies of our churches be and are hereby invited to hold, by their delegates, a meeting of one day at some time during the session of this body; provided, that said meeting shall not interfere with the meeting of the convention." No doubt the good people of Greenville will be glad to receive accredited delegates from the Ladies' Societies. Let the number be as large as possible; and let them come with plans for larger work. The convention itself will be all the better, if the Christian women attend in force.

SAYS Dr. J. L. M. Curry: "Large and wealthy churches are centres of influence and power; but what would Christianity be without the numerous unadorned local churches, where the gospel is preached in sincerity and truth and in the power and demonstration of the Spirit? Great and renowned men are valuable; but it is the thousands of quiet and obscure workers who help forward humanity and all good causes." The country preacher may sometimes feel that he is doing a small work but it is a work "on ages telling," if only it is a work faithfully performed according to the opportunity given.

It was encouraging to every lover of the Sunday-school cause to listen to our venerable brother, now 82 years old—Rev. Pitt M. Calloway, Sr., as he, with all the power of his young manhood, advocated the Sunday-school interest in a most telling speech on the floor of the Newton association. When he announced in his speech, referring to the duty of all to attend, "I am always there," we thanked God for such a Christian soldier as this consecrated brother, and we earnestly pray that the number may be increased. It is a great pleasure to listen to such fathers of the church, as they exhort the younger brethren to come to the front.

PROCRISTINATING robs us of many blessings. It is said to be the thief of time. Putting off until to-morrow what can and should be done to-day, frequently causes us to lose the opportunity. God tells us now is the accepted time. Not to-morrow, or next week, or some future time. Now is the accepted time. If you fail to embrace the now, you may fail forever. Let no opportunity pass to accomplish good, for that opportunity will never come again. The child is drowning, now is the time to save it. The man is in sin, now is the time to save him. To-morrow he may have crossed the dead line, and beyond redemption. Now, now, should be the Christian's watch-word.

It was our pleasure to spend part of two days with the Newton association, which held its annual session with the Ozark church, beginning Saturday last. Most of the churches were represented. The reports were satisfactory as to the spiritual condition of the churches, but it occurred to us that some of them were not doing their duty in the matter of Sunday-schools. Brethren promised, however, when they went home to use every effort to organize Sunday-schools. There were several ministers present, all belonging to this association. No visiting ministers, except Bro. W. B. Crumpton, who is always on hand at the right time and in the right place. The session was a delightful one, tempered with such a sweet spirit, and fraternal love. We have not time to say more. We requested the brethren to send us in a sketch of its doings for publication in the ALABAMA BAPTIST. All the pastors promised to work from now on for the increased circulation of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

REDUCTION IN PRICE!

ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS!

To the Baptists of Alabama:

DEAR BRETHREN: After earnest consideration and general inquiry among the supporters of the ALABAMA BAPTIST as to the best course to pursue, in order to secure a wider circulation of the paper, we have determined to reduce the price to \$1.50 per year. As its readers know, it has always been \$2.00. This move is a venture on our part. A little figuring will show you the great sacrifice we make. To illustrate: Suppose we have 3,000 subscribers; take from each one fifty cents; that will amount to \$1,500. Who loses that amount? We do. Who gains it? You do. Hence one person gives to 3,000 persons \$1.50.

If we are to succeed, brethren, we must largely increase our subscription list, and we appeal to you to help us. It is a large reduction for the paper to make. Yet we are willing to make it, if by so doing we can pay actual expenses, and put it into the hands of more families. To make money is not our object, but to do more good for the Baptist cause in our state. This course will necessarily do away with club rates and commissions to agents. Such being the case, we appeal to the preachers to help us. Present it to your churches and do us the great kindness to act as our representative, or get some active brother or sister to do so, who will take all the money and send to us.

We must double our subscription list, if we pay all actual expenses. We know that our people have been greatly pressed financially, but the reduced price ought to inspire a deeper interest, as it demonstrates the fact that we are willing to assist you in bearing your burden. "Bear ye one another's burdens" is the injunction of the apostle to the Galatians, and it does seem that it applies to this case especially.

We make the price of the paper to all pastors in the state at one dollar, with the hope that as friends to the paper, they will encourage their members to subscribe.

We wish to say further, that all who are due us anything now, shall receive the benefit of this reduction if they will pay it within 60 days. So, brethren, look at your date on your paper, and see whether you owe us anything or not.

It is done—the experiment is made, and now it remains for the future to tell the wisdom of the change. If the pastors will talk it up to their people, and other brethren will do the same, we look for a large increase of subscribers. Brethren, pray for us, and work for the upbuilding of this, your denominational organ, that the cause of Christianity may prosper.

TWO OF A KIND.

Recently, at Orkney Springs, Va., after a great sermon by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hume, the distinguished Professor of the English Language and Literature, in the University of North Carolina, the wife of a prominent Federal judge went up to him to express her pleasure at hearing him, and said, "Why, you preach very much like the ministers of other denominations. I never heard a Baptist preach before, but I have always heard that they say such strange things. And you seem to have command of our language. You must have studied English, I am sure." According to the story the good doctor modestly confessed that he had given some attention to the Queen's English.

The other is from Dr. John A. Broadus, and is told in "Centenary Addresses," recently gotten out by the American Baptist Publication Society. Says the doctor: "Twenty years ago I was the guest of a London merchant at his residence in the country. He told me with some pride that he was lord of the manor. The Englishman likes to be lord of anything. We were playing croquet, the ladies, my companions, himself and some others; and the wife came out and sat on a rustic seat, and in an interval of the game I sat by her side and took up the book. It was a German book. She had brought over a teacher from Hanover, and was learning German. It was Schiller, and I turned over the pages pointing out some of the poems I admired. She said innocently afterward to one of the young ladies: 'This gentleman is a Baptist preacher. What a Baptist preacher know German! Why, I thought they were all snookmers or blacksmiths.'

"Our people are manifesting an interest in the Orphan's Home, and of course this interest embraces a good location for the Home." A highly intelligent lady of Marion writes us a letter on that subject from which we make an extract:

Please inform the readers of our paper that a most desirable and lovely place can be bought here for twenty-five hundred dollars. It is the old Garret place—now owned by Judge Caffey, of Birmingham. The place contains twenty acres of land, a fine orchard and gardens, and strawberry beds. The house contains about twenty rooms, with large halls. The building is very fine, having been built before the war by a gentleman of wealth, at a cost of about sixty thousand dollars. I am satisfied that this place is in every respect equal except as to the number of acres, and as desirable as the Nelson place in Greensboro.

This Examiner is becoming quite a champion of the young people's work: "It is passing strange that Christian men and women should be so slow to read the lessons of God's providence in the guidance of his church. Can anybody name a great forward movement in Christian thought or in Christian service that has ever come to naught? Can anybody say with certainty that he has seen the culmination, not to say the decline, of any such movement? Revolutions never go backward, least of all God's revolutions, and the man is to be pitied who cannot see in this great uprising of young Christians God's message to his church writ large across the world." Again referring to the opposition of the American Baptist, it says: "Our esteemed contemporary furnishes an admirable illustration of the spirit that, as we recently remarked, might be a menace to denominational unity. It denounces in intemperate language all societies as necessarily antagonistic to the church. But pastors by the thousands have gladly testified, and will continue to testify, that the organization of a young people's society in their church has awakened the whole body of believers to new life, to new consecration, to new zeal in Christ's service. And the man who will see the funeral of these organizations is probably not yet born." A wiser than the Examiner has said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." A pound of fact is worth a ton of theory.

There are many men who would not look to the late Henry Ward Beecher for a pattern of Biblical orthodoxy and ministerial propriety. But those who admire him least will not deny his genius, his manhood, his bravery, his generosity. As chairman of a great Congregational meeting in Brooklyn he delivered an address in which he bore this testimony to the Baptists: "Among the churches whose red flag, red with the blood of Calvary, has never been lowered or trailed in the dust of defection, who, while the Congregational church suffered eclipse, while the Presbyterians in England suffered eclipse, stood firm, testifying the truth as it is in Jesus, none deserves more love and more gratitude than the Baptist churches of America. In that church the faith of our fathers has never received a shock, has never been moved. Faithful in the field, enterprising, and for the last quarter of a century laboring with growing enterprise toward education, they now afford some of the finest scholars in Biblical literature, which the world knows, and thousands of ministers who are second to none in zeal and success."

Yet "not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name be glory in the church." As a part of the literature of the subject of affiliation of the colleges with Chicago University, we print the following extract from a letter in the Central Baptist. It is an account of the proceedings of Audrian association, at Vandalia, Missouri, and is written by the clerk of the association. Evidently the writer not only opposes affiliation, but also objects to the third place for Dr. Broadus and the Seminary. He says:

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Francis Murphy, the temperance lecturer, is of the opinion that intemperance is decreasing. He believes that competition in business is so sharp that a man cannot be intemperate and keep up in the race. Also, the fact is noted that an employee in many trades and professions must be strictly temperate in order to hold his position.

As Mr. Murphy has been presenting the grace of God as an important factor in the reformation of persons afflicted with the whisky habit, and the providence of God as a powerful aid in the breaking up of the whisky traffic, we are surprised that he left them both out in giving the reasons for decrease of drunkenness. The fact is, that although Christians have not done one tenth of what they might have done, yet as individual Christians and in their church capacity they have done much to stay the march of the whisky evil. Much more remains to be done, and it can be done, not so much by spasmodic and violent effort, as by regular and constant labor and teaching. The churches, which stand for the combined Christian sentiment of the land, can do almost anything they try to do.

Not only in Alabama but in Missouri also, the subject of the duration of the pastorate attracts attention. Of a recent session of an association in that state this is written:

The state of the churches elicited some practical remarks as to the importance of resident pastors, to the spiritual development of our churches. Pastor Rogers said, let me attend the sick, bury the dead, marry the young people, and I can hold the community."

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FIELD NOTES.

The Sunday school at Mt. Carmel church, Bullock county, is flourishing.

The Greenville Free News says that the Baptist Sabbath school has 123 scholars on the roll.

Oneonta News: The Rev. J. A. May has been called to the pastorate of the Cheplatepec Baptist church.

Recently Parker Memorial church, Anniaton, gave the hand of fellowship to two persons, received two by letter, and baptized one.

Under pressure upon him by the church and community, Rev. B. H. Crumpton has finally decided to accept the call of Brewton church for another year.

Rev. J. W. Stewart, of Evergreen, has been up in North Alabama visiting the associations. He raised some money for the Orphan's Home. Our last report left him in Chicago.

Clanton View: Rev. Mr. Lowery, of Calera, has been invited to visit and preach for the Baptist church at this place. Mr. Lowery is a Christian gentleman and a good preacher.

G. S. Anderson, Auburn: The correspondence course in Sermonizing has opened with 41 names enrolled from 7 states. I hope to reach 100 before the close of the term.

Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson, who is so well known to our readers, passed through the city last week, on the way to Selma. She expects to spend the winter there, if the weather is not too cold.

Rev. T. K. Trotter has accepted the charge of the Pleasant Grove Baptist church for another year. Twelve members were received into the church at the meeting on the 23rd ult.—Talladega Mountain Home.

Haleburg correspondent Abbeville Times: The Baptist Sunday-school established at this place, and now under the superintendency of Bro. Savell, is in a thriving condition, and we hope that good results may be had.

We know that Bro. Brown has been quite busy at Florence and in the region round about, so we take the liberty of reminding him that our readers would like to hear from him district whenever it is convenient for him to report.

Uniontown Herald: Quite a surprise was sprung on our community, when the announcement of the coming marriage of Rev. Mr. Dickinson and Miss Corinne King of Marion, was made. The marriage comes off next week.

Greensboro Beacon: Ten new members were admitted into the Union Baptist church, near Hollow Squash, last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Haggard officiated in the baptism. This was the close of one of the best meetings held there for a long time.

Rev. J. I. Stockton has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church at Ridgeport. Bro. Gable, the former pastor, has returned to Howard College. We hope Bro. Stockton will report as punctually and as encouragingly as his predecessor.

Bro. James White, of Tuscaloosa county, sent in his subscription, and said that he had been troubled about being in arrears, but could not well help it. He says "a paper reads better when it is paid for." How many others have the same feeling on the subject?

Bro. I. W. Martin, late pastor of Linden and other churches in Marengo, is now at the Seminary. He writes us under date of October 5th, that there were one hundred and eighty students there the first day of the session—twenty-five more than on the first day of last session.

Bangor Patriot: Prof. Jones has been called to the pastorate of New Union Baptist church three miles west of Bangor. At a business meeting of the Baptist church last night, Rev. W. H. Abner was unanimously called to the pastorate. Bro. Abner is a logical preacher and a conservative man.

Hardwickburg correspondent Abbeville Times: It is hoped that Adoniram church will be accepted into the Columbia association, and that the church will go on bearing good fruit in the future as in years past. Rev. Savell has resigned as pastor of the church, but we hope another pastor will be called at an early day.

A large congregation greeted Bro. Hobson at the Baptist church here on last Friday night, and a very interesting and practical sermon was listened to. Affliction in his father's family prevents Bro. Hobson from going on to the Seminary at Louisville at once, and he will remain at Woodlawn, at least for a while.—Warrior Index.

Linden and the other churches to which Bro. I. W. Martin has been preaching, for a year past, refused to accept his resignation on his departure for the Seminary. They simply gave him leave of absence till next June. This is highly complimentary to the young preacher, but what will the churches do in the meantime?

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reported over two thousand additions to the Baptist churches of this state during the month of September." And the writer adds this sensible suggestion: "If every Baptist in the state would take the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and every Methodist the Alabama Christian Advocate, and heed their teachings, I think the politician would be looking out for other fields by Christmas."

Monroe Journal: Rev. Dr. Locke, assisted by Rev. Mr. Ray, closed a very excellent meeting with Poplar Springs Baptist church last Tuesday, 19th. Seven additions to the church, three by experience, three by letter, and one restored, and the church very much revived and encouraged. We think there are more to follow soon. Congregations were unusually large.

Correspondent Rockford Advocate: The result of the meeting at Mt. Olive was 16 by baptism, with some by letter. The total membership of the church now is 160. Rev. C. S. Johnson is pastor.—A Baptist church was organized two miles east of the double bridges, on Weogufka, last Friday, and on Sunday fourteen were baptized into the fellowship of the church; Rev. Wm. Hughes, pastor.

Mrs. H. G. Yelverton, of Adams Street church, has organized some of the girls of that congregation into a society known as the Busy Workers. Hereafter their efforts will be directed largely toward helping the Baptist Orphanage. Surely it is a good work, not only because of relief that may be afforded to helpless orphans, but also because it will teach the girls in the beginning of life to make sacrifice for others.

S. P. Lindsey, Perdus Hill, Monroe county: I have accepted work in the Bethlehem Association, the field to consist of the church at Perdus Hill and others in the country. Wife and I have been cordially received by the good people, and the prospects are that our stay here will be exceedingly pleasant. I will remember the interest of our paper in this section. I would ask correspondents to note my change of residence.

Elder P. M. Callaway, of Newton, Dale county, was in Montgomery last week on a visit to relatives. He intended to visit this office, also, but had the opportunity of handing in his subscription without doing so. Elder Callaway has been both a wheel horse and a leader in the days of his strength, and even now, although in his eighty-second year, he is not at all slow in the Master's service. May his sunset be bright and joyous.

Talladega Mountain Home: Rev. J. A. French has been serving the First Baptist church of Talladega as pastor three years last Sunday, and on that day preached to his congregation a sermon suited to the occasion. As to Dr. French's work during the past three years he gave the following report: Sermons, 303; addresses, 36; pastoral calls, 1,609; funerals attended, 33; baptisms, 75; received by letter, 72; dismissed by letter, 67; deaths, 8; excommunications, 10—85; net gain, 67. Present membership, 300.

Tuscaloosa Times: An immense crowd assembled at the Warrior bridge yesterday afternoon to witness the immersion of thirty-five persons converted at the recent Baptist revival at Northport. The rite was performed by Rev. Mr. Curry.

It is estimated that upwards of three thousand persons witnessed the solemn ceremonies.—Rev. L. O. Dawson departed yesterday for Covington, Kentucky, where to-morrow he will preach to the First Baptist church of that city.—As Covington church has recently lost its pastor, we are not quite pleased with the visit of Bro. Dawson up there. Let him remain at Tuscaloosa.

W. R. Whitley, Alexander City: Owing to distance through the country, and a need of rest, and recuperation from over work, I have resigned my pastorate at Lineville. While it was sorrowful, it was pleasant. The brethren rose up, and assured me publicly, that it was a disheartening voice against me they did not know it, and as an expression of appreciation were ready to call me again by acclamation if I would consent. My heart was melted with Christian love that I could not, as was the case with Paul with the Ephesians "tarry longer time with them," but "bade them farewell" saying "I will return again unto you if God will." Bro. W. J. D. Ughaw was unanimously called to the pastorate of the church, with the assurance from me that I could feel as well, if not better satisfied with the membership in his hands. He helped me in the protracted services there, and all learned to love him with deep Christian affection without exception. He will move to Lineville, and he and I and the church with "one accord" swell our hearts in prayer to God for richest blessings upon his work.

It is the duty of the churches to be careful in the selection of messengers to the associations. It is a sad comment on the devotion and loyalty of church members that it has come to be a question of "Who will go?" That means, "Who is willing to take a little trip?"—Baptist Banner (W. Va.)

Convention Railroad Rates.

The railroads have granted the usual rate of one full fare going, and one-third fare returning, on the certificate plan, for delegates and visitors who attend the Alabama Baptist State Convention at Greenville on November 8, 1895, for points in Alabama.

It is important to notice that persons going from points off the line of the Louisville and Nashville railroad should purchase tickets to Birmingham, Montgomery, Calera, Decatur, or Attalla (as may be most convenient), and re-purchase to Greenville, taking certificates from both agents from whom tickets are secured. The certificate obtained from the agent at Birmingham, Montgomery, Calera, Decatur, or Attalla (as the case may be) will be honored at Greenville for the reduced rate returning to the point at which it was secured, and the other certificate will be honored for the reduced rate returning thence to the starting point, if presented on or before November 12, 1895.

WM. A. DAVIS, Secretary, Ala. Baptist State Convention.

Important Meeting.

Special attention is called to a meeting of the State Board of Missions to be held Nov. 6th, at 10:30 a. m., the day before the Convention meets in Greenville. The meeting will be of the utmost importance, and every member of the Board is urged to be present. It is likely that the business to be transacted will require three sessions, a morning, an afternoon and an evening session.

Geo. B. Eager, President.

W. B. Davidson, Rec. Sec.

A Pertinent Question.

Before any of our committees commit us to the purchase of rickety hotel property to pack orphans in, hadn't we better lift the mortgage on the Howard, pay the debt of the Education board, and finish some of others of our incomplete jobs?

J. J. TAYLOR.

Mobile, Ala.

Affiliation, &c.

I feel like thanking Bro. Dickinson for the information he furnishes in the ALABAMA BAPTIST of Sept. 14th, touching the doctrinal views of President Harper and the Chicago University. Every thing which has tended to misguide any one, through news paper or otherwise, ought to be corrected. In a previous article I only raised the question as to whether or not rumors of unsound doctrines in the University were true. I asserted nothing in the premise, only conditioning some remarks on the probability that the rumors of erroneous views might be true. Our Selma brother answers favorably for the president and the institution. He says he answers authoritatively. He asserts there is no singular unsoundness there. I am glad. And whatever other argument may now or hereafter disavow the proposed affiliation, the argument built on rumored unsoundness of doctrinal views will stand suspended in my own mind until the existence of such views on the part of the party or parties accused shall be shown.

"The charge that Mr. Rockefeller has given his millions to endow an institution for the perversion of the Word of God, and Dr. Harper devoted his mind and energy to that end, is too preposterous for credence among sane men." I quote this from Bro. D.'s article to indorse, if not the words, yet the sentiment. And I am left in wonder as to who could be so rude as to bring such a charge either directly or inferentially, against so noble a benefactor as Mr. Rockefeller, or so grand a man as is President Harper.

"These troublers of Israel" does not embrace this scribe, of course; for I could not trouble Israel or Judah much, if I were to try; and the Lord knows there is not much sense nor grace in any one's mind or heart, who would cast even a pebble into the lashing waves of the already troubled waters of our stirring times.

W. WILKES.

P. S.—On my return home from a two weeks' trip to my church at Warrior, and attending associations some friends called my attention to the article which I have here alluded to, and had not seen.

W. W.

A Note of Warning.

Our whole nation is lost. Home training fails, school training fails. There is but one hope left, that is to come straight to Father's house like the Prodigal Son. I have studied reform all my life, and I can see but one way, and that is to repent and come to Christ. Parents mourn and weep over their lost children. Oh, bring them to Christ and they are saved. Jesus is the rescue Home for a lost world.

Chicago is full of saloons and other places to ruin the boys and girls, but Jesus reaches out his hands to save. God's judgments will soon fall on our nation unless they repent.

Moody is doing a grand work here. The churches are, also; and so are all this mission and salvation army, but the saloons work all night to ruin our country.

HENRY HANSON.

127 LaSalle St., Chicago.

Good News from the Churches.

I closed a meeting at Big Sandy church, Tuscaloosa county, on the 4th Sunday in September. The meeting began on Tuesday night before, and resulted in the church being much revived; 3 received by letter and 17 by experience and baptism. I have been engaged in meetings nearly all the time since the 1st of July. Have preached 110 sermons, visited 3 associations, and witnessed the conversion and baptism of many souls. God is abundantly blessing the efforts of his people. To him be all the praise.

My work this year will be Verbeena, Mulberry, Calera, and Big Sandy. I rejoice in the great harvest the Baptists are reaping throughout the state, and elsewhere. J. G. LOWREY.

The revival meeting at Valley Head has just closed after eight days continuance. The church was greatly revived, sinners convicted and souls converted. There were seven accessions; 5 by baptism.

While the meeting was in progress a conference was called, and the writer was called to the pastorate of the church. Valley Head is a thriving little town on the A. G. S. Railroad, in the midst of a good section of country, surrounded on every side by a strong anti-missionary element, which is making every effort possible to carry the day. The church at this point has been without a pastor for 8 months. They have a commodious house almost completed. It is to be feared that without some assistance from the State Board, they will be unable to secure the service that they need just now. They think if the board will help them to walk one or two more years, they will be self-sustaining. Brethren, we earnestly ask for your prayers and sympathies while the crisis is on us. A. J. NOBLETT.

Our pastor, Rev. C. W. Haggard, commenced a series of meetings at Union church, Hale county, Sept. 23. He was assisted part of the time by Rev. J. R. Wells, of Perry county. Our church was greatly revived and ten new members added to our number by experience and baptism. The meeting closed on the 2d of October, on the banks of Big Creek, where our pastor baptized the candidates as John did our Savior. The Holy Ghost fell upon us during the meeting, and we were made to rejoice. One of the number baptized was a blind man, with a large family. He was about fifty-five years of age. He and his little son would come to the anxious seat together, the son leading him. The son also was baptized. We have re-called Bro. Haggard for pastor.

H. T. STRINGFELLOW.

Greensboro.

Am in the midst of a revival at Compton, such as was never had here before. Everybody is taking part in the meeting. It has been going on nine days and the interest still increasing—don't know when it will close. No church here, but there have been 18 members received by Hopewell church, and will organize a church. Next Sunday is the time for baptizing. The meeting is likely to go on until then.

JOHN H. POOL.

October 9th.

I have just closed a meeting of great interest with Mt. Carmel church at Cordova. The meeting continued 9 days with unabated interest. Rev. R. M. Hunter preached three strong sermons for me during the meeting. There were 21 additions during the meeting—5 by letter, 2 by restoration, 11 baptized, and 3 awaiting baptism at our next meeting. There are others to follow. The Lord be praised!

J. W. ROGERS.

Jasper, Oct. 9.

P. S.—There were three received at a previous service, which would make 24 additions. J. W. R.

The Torch Argument.

A few months since the office of the Chronicle, the Baptist organ of Louisiana, was burned by an incendiary. The paper had been waging war against the saloons and gambling dens of Rushton, the town in which it was published. It soon bought new material, and the war goes on. And now the office of the Baptist Gleaner, at Fulton, Kentucky, has been burned to ashes. The deed was done in the absence of the editor. He returned soon after receiving the telegraphic announcement, and this is a part of what he says:

I did not want to believe that the fire was the spite of some secret enemy, and yet I knew it was extraordinary that any fire should be about the building at that hour. But I had been in Fulton but a few minutes when a friend said the fire was beyond all question incendiary, and that it was the result of the stand the Gleaner had taken on the liquor question and the gambling halls of the town. I do not know whether this is true or not, but I do know that the common argument made by the saloons against all such arrangements as the Gleaner has been making is the assassin's bullet or the firebug's torch. The business is the same everywhere. It is begotten in perdition and nurtured by the treachery and infamous diabolism of the devil. I have never expected to obtain its good will, nor to have other than the inmost heart hatred of its votaries.

The Gleaner will soon be started again.

News Items.

Cotton and hay are good, and corn indifferent about Montevallo.

Merchants of Ozark complain of cotton mixed and late-packed.

The Home says that the food crops of Talladega were never better.

The cotton crop in Wilcox will be about 65 per cent. of a full crop.

In digging a well at Sugar Creek, Blount county, a vein of coal was found.

There is a great strike of the operatives in the woolen mills in Rhode Island.

Union Springs claims to pay 18 1/2 c. for cotton seed, and Troy claims to pay 20c.

Steamboatmen complain of low water in both the Alabama and Tennessee rivers.

The Talladega Mountain Home has been presented a sweet potato weighing 3 lbs and 15 ounces.

Business is good at Union Springs, and new residences are being built, and new stores opened.

Huntsboro, Russell county, is to have a public library, and the ladies are active in the matter.

State Treasurer J. Craig Smith and Miss Eloise LeGrand were married in Montgomery on the 3rd inst.

Ex-President Harrison was expected to attend the marriage of his niece at Murfreesboro, Tenn., Oct. 3.

The Culpeper revival meeting at Greenville has made great impression, reaching even to the bar-keepers.

The Watchman says a great many cotton seed are sold in Greensboro, prices being 15 to 16 1/2 c. per bushel

