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## Report of Howard Trustees to Baptist State Convention.

The Board of Trustees of the Howard College, in obedience to the requirements of the Convention, submit the following report of the operations of the college. There were enrolled during the scholastic year 1892-3 one hundred and fifty-nine students. There were engaged as members of the faculty seven professors—gentlemen who have for a considerable time served the college as instructors and who have been retained so long, because in many respects for the discharge of the duties required of them as instructors of youth and as exemplary Christian gentlemen. It would be difficult to fill their places. There were graduated twenty-two young gentlemen—the largest class in the history of the college. These young gentlemen had, with few exceptions, gone through with the entire curriculum of the college. In every respect, except in the falling off of matriculations, and in the deficit in collections, the year was a most successful one. There was a disagreeable necessity to call upon the friends of the college to assist in paying the expenses of the institution. This was regretted because it was felt that the college had already become a painful subject to the Baptists of the state. All the moneys due for board and tuition had been paid, it is believed this might have been avoided. To aid in meeting this debt friends contributed \$1,552.50. More than \$1,000 of the receipts of the current year have been used in paying debts contracted last year.

At the meeting of the board, upon the occasion of the commencement in June last, there were present Dr. W. C. Crumpton, J. B. Collier, John R. Shaffer, J. J. Taylor, Rev. J. A. Green, Hon. John M. McKenry, Hon. T. G. Bunn, Hon. B. H. Capshaw, Hon. J. M. Arnold, S. P. Fowkes, Eugene F. Enalen, J. H. Eubank, R. W. Beck, W. H. Wood, F. M. Wood, Gilbert Carter and W. C. Ward, an unusually large attendance. All the faculty were re-elected, and in addition thereto Prof. A. B. Goodhue was elected Professor of Education. To his duties as instructor of education has since been added that of teaching the French language. This aged, learned, Christian gentleman had at a former time served the college for more than twenty years. During the meeting of the board it was learned that he had rendered most efficient service in preparing the students for the commencement in the matter of education, and that he would, if elected, serve the college without charge. He was, therefore, invited by the board to take the place he now fills. For nearly two months he has been efficiently discharging the duties of the place he was invited to fill, and at his own charges and without expense to the college.

A CHANGE  
After the meeting of the board had adjourned, Dr. B. F. Riley, who came to the college as president in the fall of 1888, when his oldest friends feared failure, and at a time a yellow fever epidemic desolated neighboring cities, and who had successfully guided the college through six years, tendered his resignation to accept the chair of English in the Georgia University. The board reluctantly accepted his resignation, expressing to him by appropriate resolutions their appreciation of his services. He was a most capable, diligent and efficient member of the college. In the matter of discipline, he was a most successful. Without loss of time the Board of Trustees promptly elected Dr. Arthur W. McGaha president of the faculty of the college. After hesitating to assume the duties of a place so charged with difficulties and responsibilities he accepted. He at once went to work and thus far has demonstrated that no mistake was made in his selection. There never has been a time when discipline was better, and there was never less friction. It is safe to say that he has completely won the respect and esteem of the students. Baptists of Alabama, he is worthy of your confidence. We ask that you give him your cordial esteem and cooperation, and aid him to build your college. The enrollment of students has reached one hundred and thirty-four, and this, too, during a period of the greatest financial depression in twenty years. The income from this number of students will not be sufficient to defray the expenses of operating the college, and that, too, after some severe reductions in salaries.

## AFFILIATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

During the last scholastic year, apprehending there would be a deficit in the expenses of the college, Dr. Riley visited Chicago to confer with President Harper as to the matter of obtaining assistance. He had hoped in

some way to induce the authorities of the University to assume the salary at least of the president. He was much encouraged by his visit, though he did not obtain the assistance or the promise of it. He did secure the promise of Dr. Harper's cooperation. He was impressed that because it was the policy of the University to inaugurate and maintain a university co-operative system throughout the country, it would be wise in conformity with the rules adopted for that purpose for the Howard to affiliate with the University. It was evident to him as to others, that it was the aim of the directors to make the University the leading and most important institution of learning in America, if not in the world, and to that end it was the part of wisdom that all the Baptist schools of the country should unite in one grand educational uplifting through out the land. To promote this view, men of large means wanting to give money to establish educational institutions would give only to those colleges aligning themselves with this movement. The Board of Trustees committed Dr. Riley's recommendation to a committee for inquiry. There were few facts to obtain. Most of these have been published. The plans of affiliated work are elaborated in the annual register of the University, a copy of which is in the Convention. Not having authority to do more than recommend, the board brings this matter to the Convention, and while believing that great good may come to the college by affiliation, and with no fear that it will harm the college, accede to the college from such an association, begs the advice of the Convention. This matter assumes a supreme importance in view of the fact that the mortgage debt on the college property of the Convention is rapidly maturing. What can be done to meet this emergency?

## BUILDINGS.

The president of the college very earnestly desires that something be done to enlarge the accommodations for students. There are now on the college grounds, the main college building, four brick dormitories in which about thirty students are provided for, and a large framed building, when built, intended as a temporary dormitory, capable of accommodating about sixty students. As not all the students can find rooms in the brick buildings, those complain who must be put in the framed building. While the wood building is comparatively comfortable, it is not so comfortable as the brick building. It will not be long before this building will need repairing to such an extent that it will be necessary to build new houses. Provision ought to be made for at least one hundred and thirty students, equally well provided for. There is another large framed building used for a mess hall and which for some time has been used for this purpose. The Convention can wisely expend \$10,000 in additional buildings.

## FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE COLLEGE.

In religious work, as in almost everything we undertake, it appears most of our difficulties grow out of the lack of money. The work that makes most demands for money is the most unpopular. One creditor, holding a claim for \$1,000, offered to give \$500 of the debt to the college, if promptly paid. The Board of Trustees authorized the president and treasurer to borrow \$1,000 by a mortgage of the land donated by the Walker Land Co., and pay this debt. This was done. But there are other debts which are very urgent. There is owing \$1,500, now past due for nine months, for the heater used in the main building. We have no means or money with which to pay this debt. There is a debt of about \$4,300, not provided for, still owing to Mr. Richards, the contractor who built the four brick dormitories. Dr. Paster contracted for the erection of two of these buildings, expecting by the time of their completion to have enough money raised to pay the contractor. He failed to get subscriptions. The people withheld their hands. It is believed there are enough subscription notes pledged to secure the payment of the other money due for borrowed money to put up buildings. There is still due to the Jefferson County Savings Bank \$525.60, and to the State Bank \$525.60, as stated below.

For tuition and board furnished students since the removal of the college, there still remains due about the sum of \$3,430. Of subscription notes for the main building, pledged to the Union Trust Company to secure loan of \$40,000, there is still due the sum of \$18,000; and of the subscriptions for the dormitories, pledged to secure loans to build dormitories, there is still uncollected the sum of \$4,848.99. The real estate of the Convention remains about the same as at the last meeting of the Convention, and to the report then made reference is made for information in that particular.

Of money collected to pay the mortgage loan there is now lent out on mortgages \$14,500. We need now to pay interest due 1st of October, \$1,350.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The time of service on the Board of the Trustees expired in the First Division has expired, and it will be the duty of the Convention to fill the places made vacant. The trustees whose term of service has expired are Judge J. M. Arnold, Gilbert Carter, Rev. J. J. Taylor, D. D., Capt. J. T. Davis, Judge J. R. Tyson, Rev. J. P. Shaffer, D. D., Rev. E. B. Teague, D. D., and Rev. W. C. Cleveland, D. D. Rev. W. Wilkes, D. D., whose term expires in 1895, tendered his resignation to the Board of Trust-

tees, but he was informed that the Board could not act upon it. We hope he will not insist upon the Convention accepting his resignation. In the selection of trustees let it be remembered that your wisest and best, and most zealous men, friendly to the college, men who want to make the college a success and are willing to labor to build it up, ought to be selected.

## CRITICISMS.

The members of the Board of Trustees, like all public servants who serve a cause without reward, and in this without honor, do not expect to escape criticism. The one satisfaction derived from the fact of criticism is that it shows the critics are concerned for the college. We ask, however, that your criticisms be so guarded as not to injure the college. Some recent strictures are not helpful. In all good faith and with all due respect, if there are any brethren who know how to build and operate a college without money, and one that is in debt, most gladly will we give back into the hands of the Convention the trust committed to us. In fact it may be the wisest thing to discharge the old crew and put the institution in the hands of new men.

## ORGANIZED WORK TO BE DONE.

However interested brethren of the ministry may be in the work of missions and other religious enterprises, the grand work for Alabama Baptists is to build and maintain educational institutions for their children. Fill the state with young men and women educated in mind and morals and trained to be leaders in thought, and you will do foundation work for the grandest superstructure in the world. There must, in the providence of God, be a future for the people of Alabama, and, if so, we cannot have too many good schools and colleges. The Northern States have grown rich and populous because of the schools and grand colleges that everywhere fill the country, and nearly all the colleges are denominational colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

WM C WARD,  
Pres't Board of Trustees

## What Next?

"Satisfaction Wanted."

Dear Baptist: I notice in your issue of the 9th inst., "A Baptist" wants "satisfaction" relative to the question propounded under the above head. My position, whether "we Baptists" say so or not, is that baptism saves no one; but that when a person is saved, a desire for baptism follows as a necessary consequence.

W. R. WHITLEY

## Alexander City.

It is true that baptism saves no one, but for a sensible man like brother Whitley to say "I hold, further, that a person who has not religion is going to join the church and be baptized has not enough to be saved," is, without qualification or further explanation, a startling statement. Bro. W. certainly will not say a person cannot be saved without baptism. There are Christians who have been sprinkled or poured upon for baptism. Surely the brother would not say such had been baptized, for he knows they were not.

I have heard all my life of persons, who said they had hope in Christ, but would not satisfy any Christian by relating an experience relative to the Lord's dealings with them that their statements were true. Explain, my dear brother. If it was a *lapis penae* I can easily forget it.

LANDMARKER.

## The Crop Laid By.

I am getting letters, just lots of letters. The brethren are writing and the sisters likewise. Some of the boys and girls are remembering me, too. But, brethren, sisters and children, you are not sending any money.

When we are in debt and behind with everything, a letter without money in it is a awful dull reading. Was all that talking and revolving and listening at the associations and the convention the "laying by of the crop?"

In my hearing, I have heard of a letter followed by "laying by." All have become mighty quiet of late. That won't do. If we are going to carry out a title of the resolutions passed at our annual gatherings, we must not rest or let our people rest.

Our young ministers want an education; will we give it them? Our missionaries want their salaries for last year; will we pay it to them? Every body is saying it is wise in the State Board of Missions to appoint evangelists and colporters; but the board must have the money to support them.

There is no need to feel gloomy about the outlook, if every man in his own place will lay hold and help. Let the help come now and often, all through the year. The case is urgent.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

If you do not wish for his kingdom, don't pray for it. But if you do, you must do more than pray for it; you must work for it.—Ruskin.

People who are right with God never spend much of their time looking for spots on others.

The man who expects to say goodbye to his sins one at a time will live long enough to give them all up.

## Letter from Mrs. Crawford.

Bro. Editor: Presuming there are still some among your readers who feel an interest in our work and movements, I purpose telling them through your columns, of our contemplated removal from Tung Chow.

I need not mention in detail the steps which have led to this decision. When we dissolved our connection with the Foreign Mission Board, there seemed no probability of any one taking up the work here, and we were unwilling to leave this field, where thirty of our best years had been spent, unencured for. But on finding it might be occupied, and that there were strong young men of one mind with us who were eager to advance into regions where Christ had not been named, we decided to cast in our lot with those who are determined to adhere to the preaching of the gospel as the power of God unto salvation, and leaving Christianity to develop its fruits without making parasites of its professors.

Thus, after the example of the inspired apostle, we go with them, trusting in God for results. Such men as Bro. Bostick, Herring, Teague, King and others, going forth in the name of the Lord may be ignored by men, but God will honor them.

It well nigh breaks our hearts to leave this place, which has been our home for thirty years. At every corner, and in every alley, our eyes are met by the faces of those who have become part of our lives; and a faint gleam of the moral, social and spiritual surroundings from which we now tear ourselves away. The early bitter hostility, prejudice and suspicions of the people we have lived down. By patient endurance, upright dealing, and diligent presentation of the gospel of Christ, enemies have become friends. At every corner, and in every alley, our eyes are met by the faces of those who have become part of our lives; and a faint gleam of the moral, social and spiritual surroundings from which we now tear ourselves away.

Our hearts are full of thanksgiving to God for the many friends we have made here, and for the many good people who have been brought to Christ.

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and a little bedding, living as quietly as possible, gradually gaining the confidence of the people before settling permanent dwellings. May our faithful God ever guide us.

Our postoffice will still be "Chefoo, China"—fine cent postage.

M. F. CRAWFORD

Tung Chow, China, Aug. 14th.

Postscript written at Pingtu, Sept. 22, 1893. This letter was delayed, and not dispatched before leaving Tung Chow. On the 13th of this month Mr. and Mrs. Bostick, Mr. Crawford and myself left Tung Chow, and arrived here on the 17th after a wearisome journey of four days. Messrs. Crawford and Bostick expect to start next week on a tour to the west in search of a mission station where there are no missionaries of any denomination. Should God open this door for them some of us may be able to go in and occupy before winter closes in.

M. F. CRAWFORD.

## Convention After Thoughts.

One of the things impressed upon my mind was, that there are enough Howards and boys in Alabama to endow the college if they will all lay hold. If John Sampey could mix a little more with them he could inspire them with this belief. How proud we all are of him! He don't know it, but he is a born leader of men.

You can't pick up the like of McGaha every day, either. He is being tried as silver is tried. Some are wondering if he will come out all right. Brother, you needn't wait for the returns—Mc will get there. He showed at the Convention that he thinks some thoughts, and when the time comes you will hear from him.

Hale, and Dawson, and Whittle, and Thomas, and a host of others were there, too, and made themselves heard and felt. By actual figures it was shown that the present session of Howard would more than meet expenses, if the old debts could be provided for. That being the case, what need is there for alarm and talking of General? Speaking of funerals, that reminds me: Brethren, don't you think a little out of place in a religious convention to talk so lightly about funerals?

Besides our Howard boys, we have a host of strong men from other states who are here with both feet, to help us in all our Alabama work. We had a very successful session at the Convention.

Brethren Bow at Eufaula, Harris at Troy, Haywood at Huntsville, and Gray at First church, Birmingham. I tell you, that is a good catch for one year.

The Judson and his Girls.

From this time on the women's meeting will be one of the features of the Convention. This will bring together more Judson girls every year, and when Bro. Lovelace calls for them to stand up, they will make a bigger show than they did at Greenville.

The time is fast coming when the greatest regret an Alabama woman will have will be that she never went to the Judson. Well, amends can be somewhat made next July by coming to the Convention at Marion and seeing the Judson.

It was kind of the brethren to say in their speeches and reports, "Oh, the Judson can take care of herself. If we will send her our girls, she is in no danger from debts or hard times." All of which is true, brethren, but look here! don't you go whistling through the graveyard, and think we have no troubles to be alarmed about over here. N. body knows anything of our burdens, except we few who have to totter under them. While we are sitting up late of nights puzzling our poor brains to know how to engage this great institution which you have entrusted to us through these good times, don't you pool! pool! at us when we tell you we are in distress.

Give us your sympathy, your prayers and your patronage, and God will help us through. And the same may be said about the Howard. I feel just like writing a chapter on "What I know about boards." The denomination don't know what burdens the members of their boards carry for them.

## An Era of Good Feeling.

Several times brethren referred in their speeches to hard feelings and bitterness that might possibly be lingering somewhere. I am sure it was a mistake. I believe our people are nearer one than they have ever been. Our ministry are more drawn to one another, the officers and trustees of our schools feel more like brethren laboring for a common purpose, and the paper gives general satisfaction. While some have thought the State Board of Missions has made some mistakes, I believe all the brethren feel now that the members of the board did about the best they could. N. body has a word to say against the Ministerial Education Board. Everybody is throwing up his hat for the Orphanage, and very few are criticizing the sisters. In addition to this, it

is beautiful to see how the Convention loves Gen. Jones, the president of the University, and we are sure the feeling is reciprocated.

Now, since we will meet in the summer, we shall look for the brethren connected with the Agricultural College, who will come to share in the good fellowship we are all enjoying.

## The Historical Society.

I believe we are at last going to have a real history of the Baptists of Alabama. The Convention gave President McGaha and Secretary Wood only a few moments, and in that short time it fairly rained round silver dollars, and every one of them represented a name. Just one of these dollars with your name sent to Rev. M. M. Wood, at Pratt City, will make you a member. Let everybody join and help along a society which is working for your children and mine.

Dr. Riley, the historian, is making good progress with the work. The brethren ought to help him by getting facts from the old people who are yet alive, and looking into the old books and libraries of deceased ministers for memoranda which will be of great use to him. He will spend the holidays in Alabama exploring the mines for historic treasures. It may be that in some old person who lives near you will be discovered a regular gold mine for this enterprising prospector. See about it, brother, and write to Dr. Riley at Athens, Ga.

## The New Secretaries.

Bell, Willingham and McConnell made a good impression. Three strong young men, well equipped for the work, having God and two million of Baptists on their side, what may we not expect from them!

A thousand new subscribers for the Foreign Mission Journal! Who would have thought it! But Secretary Willingham never let up till he got them. That means more instruction about the heathen world, more sympathy and progress for the missionaries, and those whom they are trying to save; more men and women and more money to send them to the work.

W. B. C.

## To the Churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

FOREIGN MISSION ROOMS, RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 1st, 1893.

Dear Brethren: The undersigned, your servants charged by the Convention to conduct the work of spreading the gospel in foreign lands, ask your attention to a plain statement of the condition of that work.

## THE SITUATION.

You have now in the service about one hundred missionaries and eighty native helpers. Their support, with necessary traveling expenses, rent and other aids to their efficiency, costs over \$10,000 a month. They have kindly co-operated in reducing expenses and delaying drafts during the recent financial stringency; but, even with that relief, the expenses since May 1st have run up to \$74,000. Receipts for the same period have been (exclusive of gifts to Chapel Fund) \$44,000, leaving a deficit of \$30,000, which, with the liabilities reported May 1st, \$10,000, makes a debt of \$40,000. This debt is a very heavy burden. The interest on it could be enough to support several additional missionaries. It is a very obligation, incurred for the support of your representatives in foreign lands.

## THE OUTLOOK.

From the fields come cheering reports and also earnest pleas for reinforcement. Our brethren in Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa, China and Japan are few and lonely. They need co-laborers. At several points a doubling of workers would far more than double their efficiency. At others open doors and Macedonian calls demand aid. Specially needy are the vast pagan fields. Piteous appeals come from two missionaries in Japan, four in Africa, and more than twenty in China. Nor will the men be lacking. Before us lie at this moment numerous applications from choice young brethren and devoted sisters. Others will be forth coming. But, how can we appoint more when funds are insufficient for those already on the field?

## THE REMEDY.

After much earnest prayer and anxious consultation it has been decided to lay the matter before you, and ask you to unite with us in prayer to God in a concerted effort to liquidate the debt before the close of the present year, so that with the opening of 1894 we may undertake enlarged operations. This will require the raising of \$40,000 in December in addition to the regular contributions of the month—a considerable sum for these "hard times," when "so many calls" are pressing, but really raised if all will help. Is it a tenth or even a hundredth of what our people will waste this month in useless luxuries? Who will give \$1,000, or \$500, or \$1, or 10 cents? Let every one take part and give much or little as God has prospered.

## ENCOURAGEMENTS.

We are moved to make this proposition by a profound conviction that it is right in the sight of God, and will meet the approval of our brethren, by an abiding trust in him and in them, and by tokens already received of

rich blessings in store. The stream of contributions, brought very low by the panic of last summer, has begun to flow again. From all quarters come assurances of revived interest in missions. Our brethren, we know, are praying, they will also work and give. Let a special effort should be followed by relaxation, let it be distinctly insisted that the purpose is to get out of the slough of debt for the sake of making more rapid progress. The special effort must be followed by steady increase in systematic giving. To this end let us have, during December, a whole month of praying in faith and giving in love.

Fraternally yours in the service of our Lord Christ.

THIS FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

R. J. WILLINGHAM, Cor. Sec'y.

## The Education of Girls.

Modern civilization is confronted with no more complicated and difficult question than that of the education of women. As it is at present, even in the most advanced schools, the matter is extremely unsatisfactory as regards practical results. The "higher education of woman" has resulted in making women more capable than ever before of doing the work of men, but as yet no principle or theory has been anywhere evolved which marks out a clear course of womanly advancement for women. Their progress now is the progress of man, and the work which they are taught by modern education to perform is work which women, for the strictly physical reasons of sex and inferior strength, can never hope to do as well as men. It is also true that what is termed "woman's rights," that is the entrance of women into the professions and the various avocations, does unquestionably have an evil effect upon the nature and character of the women who are forced by necessity or other reasons into masculine tasks. The bloom is worn from the peach, to use a trite phrase, and the womanhood of woman suffers in the doing of duty. Obviously, there is some great wrong here. In this cruel, selfish age of competition and individualism, there must be some work for women. The ages of chivalry are past, and even if they were the position of a non-producing class is very equivocal. Work is manifestly the rule of life, and as manifestly the time is come when women must find some womanly work. It will not do to prate of sentiment and speak of the duties of wifehood and maternity, the blazing hearthfire and the power behind the throne. That is all very good, if a girl happens to marry happily. But think of the thousands of girls who are left homeless and husbandless. There is not a great city in the world now where thousands of women are not forced to be self-supporting, and there is not one of these cities where any strictly womanly work exists which will pay living wages for the doing of it. The needle means simple starvation. There are no pictures in all the terrible tales of poverty so fearful as the condition of the sewing girls of great cities. They are paid an average rate of about 20 cents a day. This forces them to live in crowded attics or miserable dwelling rooms, ill ventilated, frigid in winter and white hot from the glare of the sun on tin roofs in the summer. Fifty per cent. of them die of consumption and hectic fevers, and almost another fifty per cent. of them flee to shame in a very desperate hour of hunger. The factories are destructive of health and morality and pay beggar's wages. Schools are hard to get and pay poorly when gotten, and the avocations of men destroy what is most beautiful and precious in the sex.

Even if a girl is not forced by necessity to work, it is wrong that she should be absolutely idle. It is wrong that when a girl quits the finest and most advanced colleges she finds her career ended, instead of just begun, that she is left to stand idle. There must be, in the economy of nature, some kinds of work for women which will buy bread, and which will not sully the worth of feminine character. There must be some work which will develop and ennoble woman as men's tasks ennoble men; and there must be some education which will fit girls for such careers. But at present the world is far off from the finding of any such. Surely in this "woman's century," as Victor Hugo once rightly called it, there is no subject which can more profitably employ the energies of the thinkers or appeal to the sympathies of the humanitarian.—*Memphis Commercial.*

Remember that the Bible is God's Word to men. In these days, when it is urged so often that the Bible must be treated like any other book, there is need of emphasizing the fact that it is not like any other book. This is the most significant fact about it, to overlook which means to misunderstand the Bible seriously, if not fatally. We do not object to the application to it of the acutest critical study, such as is bestowed upon other books. But this study fails chiefly of its end when it disregards the unique character of the Bible as the Word of God. Ordinary readers, of course, do not attempt to adopt the point of view of the critical expert. Yet many of them need to be reminded that the Bible is different from other books.—*The Congregationalist.*

## When your religious life begins to parch and dry up, it is a sure sign that you ought to be praying God more.

How much easier it is to tell others how they ought to walk than it is to keep in the middle of the road yourself.

## Central Committee

PRAYER CARD—DECEMBER.

Colored People.—"As ye have opportunity, do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." "The best work is to fit their active ministry to instruct properly and to manage and develop their churches more wisely."

Study Topics.—What help is given the colored people by the South—secular—religious? Can the women be helped by "Mothers' Meetings"? The colored people and the Roman Catholics. The colored people and the evangelization of Africa. What more should be done to help the colored people?

Christmas Appeal of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Poor indeed must be the heart to which Christmas brings no added joy through other hearts made glad; that has no treasured remembrance of home festivals, alleviated suffering and



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The News and Notes from Rev. G. W. Gardner, late of Oxford, Miss., now of Kissimmee, Fla., will be read with great interest, we are sure. He promises to give us an occasional letter.

We have seldom read anything which has so stirred our heart as Dr. Carroll's sermon in the Texas Baptist Standard, on "My infidelity and what became of it." Its reading will strengthen any Christian. This tract can be had by writing the State Mission Quarterly, Marion, Ala. Price 5c.

The preacher's friend. That is what the ALABAMA BAPTIST is. Brethren, we are going to help you in a thousand ways, and we want you to help us. When the subscription was reduced to \$1.50, all the commissions usually paid to agents were given to the subscriber. Now, we want you to work for it because you love it, and because you feel that your people will be made better by reading it.

The Foreign Mission Board at Richmond makes an urgent appeal to the churches to raise \$40,000 during December, in addition to the regular collection, to liquidate the present deficit in expenses. The interest on this sum, which the Board has to pay, as the money is borrowed, would support several missionaries. Let every body help. One fourth of what we will waste in Christmas expenditures will more than pay the \$40,000.

"FIFTEEN young preachers now at the college expecting aid from the Board, and others at home waiting." That was a part of the Ministerial Education Board's report. The work of the board, with a debt was turned over to the State Board of Missions. The secretary reports that he has paid some of the debts since the convention, but there is not one dollar in the treasury to help the young preachers who are now looking to the board.

"A SORT of a—" "Well, I am a sort of a Methodist; I am a member of that church. I am a sort of a Baptist too, for my wife is a member of that church. I am a sort of Presbyterian, too, for I stand up in prayer. I have a stiff leg and can't kneel. When I go to the Episcopal church I hear them pray the Lord to have mercy on us miserable sinners, and that is what I am, so I am sort of an Episcopalian, too." Bro. Ray vouches for this. Is that "giving a reason of the hope that is in you?"

We make the following extract from the regular Texas correspondence of the New York Examiner:

The Baptist Young People's Union is growing very rapidly in Texas. The news comes from every direction of the organization of new unions, and of the efficiency and helpfulness of those already organized. The union in my own church is both a joy and comfort to me as pastor. As I see the steady growth of the members in Bible knowledge, and in all the things which go to make a well founded Christian character, and listen to the inspiring talks of the young men, it makes my heart swell with gratitude to God that such a helpful agency for the development of our young people has been organized.

THERE are too many preachers who never have anything to say for Christ outside of the pulpit.

That is one of the Ran's Horn's sharp blasts. It may be that none of the preachers talk as much about Christ outside of the pulpit as they should. But some preachers recognize and lament their want of tact or skill in introducing the subject of religion, and keeping it up in private conversation. For be it remembered that it often requires the most consummate skill and great persistence to persuade the company to discuss, or even to listen to a discussion of the subject of religion. The preacher is not always to be blamed if Christ is not talked in the parlor or at the fireside. But we have known preachers to make themselves disagreeable even to good people by refusing to allow anything but religion as a subject of conversation.

It seems to us that the gymnasium and the military drill ought to give boys all the exercise they need while at school. If they apply themselves to their books as they should, what time is there for training for contests, and trips away to meet the teams from other schools? We may be behind the times, but it seems to us if it goes on this way long in our colleges, the books will have to be put aside. "The boys need recreation, you know." Yes, of course, that is what they go to college for. Life at home is too dull and tame, so the dear boys are sent away to college, where they may have a good time playing football, dancing, etc. Yes.

## A NEW NAME FOR A GOOD WOMAN.

"It is said the best wheel in a vehicle is the fifth wheel. You were about that way in my home when you were there, and you don't know how we have missed you. Everything has been going wrong." We heard a gentleman say that to a good woman who had been in his home, on her return. How many homes we have been in where a widowed or maiden aunt or cousin or sister was the ministering angel. It looked as if God had fitted them to the place, and confusion reigned when they were absent.

## WHEN THE CHURCH YEAR BEGINS.

We say at the association that we will do better next year. Brother, when does the next year begin at your church? Certainly not in January. It begins the first meeting after the association.

Your success in raising money for the various causes depends on when you begin. If you wait till January the weather is bad. In the spring the people are busy and the stock are tired. In the summer there is no money in the country. In the fall the association meets, and you have no funds gathered. Don't let it be so, brother.

## OUR BAPTIST HISTORY.

Shall we have it? Dr. Riley writes: "I have the substance of the history up to 1830, and have 317 pages of manuscript. All this has to be rewritten."

He needs money to pay postage and stationery account; besides he wants to spend the holidays in Alabama, visiting persons who may not live till summer. If you have not joined the Historical Society, be sure to send your name at once to Rev. M. M. Wood, Pratt City, with one dollar. This is the only means we have of raising funds for this important work. Brethren and sisters, don't let it fall for the want of a few dollars now.

We saw a poor drunken fellow reel along the side walk in Birmingham and a policeman following not far off, waiting, we suppose, for him to fall. Then he will arrest him for being "drunk and down." There is no harm in being drunk, you know, but if the poor fellow falls he is locked up for it. Here is the way it works: The saloon pays license to the city for the privilege of the traffic. The city takes that money, and a good deal more, and hires the police force to watch the men who drink and gamble at the saloon. When they are arrested they are carried before a court and tried. The city takes the fine and a lot more money from other sources, and pays the court costs. That is business for you! How could the city get along without the license money from the saloon? Certainly it takes financiers to run a city government!

THE progressive eucbre people received a hard slap by Evangelist Stewart in the Birmingham meeting. Said he: "Your boy and mine will not be tempted into the nasty hell hole of an old saloon, where poor old filthy souls are seated around a table, with an old greasy pack of cards, playing for drinks or for twenty-five cents. No decently raised boy would be tempted by such a thing; he would turn away with loathing from such a scene. But in that elegant parlor, where the gas light shines on the velvet carpet and the lace curtains, and the elegantly dressed company of ladies and gentlemen, all good church members, don't you know, playing progressive eucbre for a pair of vases; there is where your boy and mine are entrapped. They begin there, and end there in the saloon." And we felt when he was talking that way, "Go it, George! You are getting there." In that 5,000 audience doubtless there were hundreds who felt the same way.

BRO. S. J. ANSLY wrote us quite an interesting note from Howard College, which came too late for publication last week. But the following extract has now been received:

I have been here only about two weeks this session; but two hours was sufficient to learn of the popularity of the new president, Dr. McGaha, and of the great satisfaction he is giving. Yet, in order to be popular, he is not lax. The discipline is, indeed, "firm but kind." No unkind word has yet been spoken about him in my hearing. This is as we thought it would be. The Board of Trustees made no mistake when they placed Dr. McGaha, at the head of the Howard, if the students are capable of deciding.

This bid fair to be one of the most prosperous years in the history of the college, although the attendance may not reach that of some other years. Matriculates to date 134.

The spiritual interest among the students seems above the average. The ministerial class meets every Friday night, and discusses questions both practical and theoretical. The subject to be discussed at the next meeting is, "The duties of the ministerial students while here at college." This is a practical subject, and the discussion of it will be both interesting and profitable.

If a man can by art make of ashes the curious glass, why cannot an omnipotent God, of dust and ashes make glorified bodies fair as crystal?—Lowe.

## FIELD NOTES.

The Central church at New Decatur expected to call a pastor last Sunday. The Seventh Day Baptists at Atlanta had a protracted meeting last week. Pastor Brown, at Florence, has begun a series of Sunday night sermons on the life of Christ.

Married, at the home of Mr. Dave Kersh, Nov. 29, by Rev. J. W. Dunaway, Miss Sallie E. Kersh to Mr. W. J. Griffin.

The supper given by the ladies of the Baptist church at Uniontown was highly satisfactory, and made about twenty dollars.

Married, at the Baptist church at Centerville, Thursday, Nov. 23, Miss Maggie Brown to Mr. J. H. Thompson, Rev. J. W. Dunaway officiating.

W. B. Crumpton, Marion: In January I will have ready the Missionary Calendar. All who want one sent promptly should send their names with three cents to pay postage.

H. R. Schramm, Phenix City: Married—At the residence of Robert Tillery, by the writer, Nov. 30, Mr. J. E. Foubey and Miss Lizzie Carter. May joy and prosperity attend them.

Rev. Geo. M. Parker has removed from Monroe county to Plantersville, twenty miles north of Selma. He has churches in that section. Bro. Parker is a strong preacher, and we wish him great success in his new field.

W. H. Lawrence, late of the Clanton View, and J. C. Lawrence, late of the Northport Breeze, will hereafter publish the Marion Standard. Our best wishes go out toward these two clean and capable newspaper men.

Wm. Harmon, Good Gope: Married, at the residence of the bride's father, Nov. 19th, 1893, Mr. C. N. Lett and Miss Vashit Cadenehead, the writer officiating. May the Lord bless you, and may you live for his glory.

Married, near Shiloh church, Pike county Ala., by Rev. T. H. Stout, on Thursday, Nov. 23rd, Mr. E. L. Pierson, of Brundidge, and Miss Annie B. Wood, of the former place. May their lives be bright and end in peace.

Edwardsville Standard: Miss Campbell, Beulah Howie and Lizzie Wright were baptized in the creek on Tallapoosa street last Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. A. Scott, pastor of the Baptist church, of which church they were made members.

The coming of Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, the world's most famous preacher, to lecture in the great "Wigwam," Birmingham, at night the 9th inst., and preach the next night, will be a memorable event. Rev. W. A. White has the matter in charge.

New Decatur Advertiser: The many friends of Rev. W. M. Blackwelder are overcome in their sympathy for him in his bereavement, in the death of his wife, and on every hand we can hear nothing but words of comfort and sorrow for him in his trial.

Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, the renowned Brooklyn preacher, lectures next Saturday night, Dec. 9, and preaches the next night in the great Winnie Davis Wigwam, at Birmingham. Excursion rates are on, and a memorable occasion is expected.

The question is now settled by authority. The address of the young lady who is collecting Columbian postage stamps for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage is, Miss Georgia Pope, Wilsonville, Shelby county, Ala. Now send on the stamps.

W. B. Crumpton, Secretary, Marion: The clerks of associations have been very kind in remembering me, but all have not sent me copies of their minutes yet. Brethren, please attend to this at once. I need two copies of each association's minutes.

We send out quite a number of sample copies of the paper this week. We ask a careful reading, and hope those who receive them will become subscribers at once. The Baptists in Alabama are a great people, and they are doing a great work, about which every member of our churches ought to be informed.

J. R. Snodgrass, Five Points: Mr. R. T. Moreman and Miss A. K. Bedell were married Sunday morning, Nov. 26th, at the residence of the bride's father near Bethel church, Lee county, the writer officiating. The bride is the daughter of Rev. W. H. Bedell, the groom is a prosperous young farmer of the same community.

J. W. Sandlin, New Decatur: Our good people gave us another "pounding" on Thanksgiving night, which speaks louder than words for their noble hearts. —Thanksgiving has fallen heavily on our dear brother Blackwelder in the loss of his noble Christian wife. She leaves a dear little boy only a few days old. May God comfort our brother and the host of relatives and friends in this sad bereavement.

The Secretaries concluded it was best for the Statistical Secretary to take his time about the statistical table, and have it ready to go in the minutes of the July Convention. The minutes of the Greenville Convention go out without statistics. You can get one by writing to Secretary Crumpton at Marion, or W. A. Davis, Sec'y, at Anniston.

Rockford Advocate. Rev. C. S. Johnson filled the pulpit at the Baptist church on last Sunday at 11 a. m., and Rev. J. R. Uphaw at night. Mr. Johnson has resigned the pastorate of the church and Mr. Uphaw will succeed him. Mr. Johnson has labored zealously and effectively during his service here, and he has the best wishes of all the people.

From the interesting notes in the Birmingham News of the Saturday service of the great meeting, we clip these two: Dr. Wharton's beautiful young wife is with him, and never fails to get a word with some unconverted person at each service. She is a consecrated Christian and enjoys the work. —One good sister could not restrain herself last night, and she shouted and clapped her hands, she would say, "Oh, that every unconverted person in this city could feel as I feel now." The preachers said, Amen!

H. R. Schramm, Phenix City: Married, at the First Baptist church, Phenix City, on Wednesday night, Nov. 23, Mr. R. L. Doles and Miss Minnie Williams, the writer officiating. She is the daughter of Mr. Warren Williams, one of our most enterprising merchants, and a good member of our church. The daughter is also a member of our church and a consecrated Christian. Mr. Doles is a young man, and stands well in our town. Our church was beautifully decorated. May peace and prosperity attend the couple through life.

Thanksgiving was observed in many of our churches throughout the state. That fact showed that our people have not wholly forgotten the Source of every good and perfect gift. At the First church, in this city, there was a fair congregation, the church was tastefully decorated with flowers and evergreens, and Dr. Sager delivered a most appropriate and interesting sermon. The collection for the poor of the city appeared to be quite substantial, and it was also announced that a number of persons who could not be present would make contributions of wood, coal, provisions, &c.

J. A. French, Talladega: I am glad you said just what you did respecting the communication of Bro. Lee Ashcraft in your last paper. The utterance of Col. Garrett regarding the Auburn College was given by me, like all the rest, as an item of news from the Conference—simply that and nothing more. You will say "the might as well make the accusation of minister reasons for publishing what the other speakers said who did not allude to any college," as to assume that Col. Garrett's charge was repeated as an argument in Auburn Baptist school." Col. Garrett has reiterated his charge through the secular press since the conference, and Mr. Ashcraft is respectfully referred to him for further information.

L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa: The many friends of Bro. W. M. Blackwelder will be grieved to hear of the death of his most excellent wife. The good Lord took her from their home in Decatur to the better land, last Thursday. She was brought for interment back to her old home in Tuscaloosa, where a devoted father and mother mourn her loss. Mrs. Blackwelder had many warm friends in Tuscaloosa county, where she lived until she entered the life and shared the labors of her devoted husband. There are many all over the state who sympathize with and pray for him, especially here in Tuscaloosa and in Northport, where he labored so long and efficiently. God bless and comfort all who miss her bright presence and life.

Rev. W. M. Harris, who has for sometime been pastor of the Adams Street church, of this city, has accepted the call of the Greenville church, and will enter upon his work there next Sunday. This change has been rather expected, and it therefore does not come as a surprise. Still we part with Bro. Harris with genuine regret. His sermons are sound and uncommonly strong, and his personal character is in accord with his position. He and the Adams Street church part as brethren and friends, and each entertains for the other the warmest regard. The change, so far as mortal can see, is of providential indication, and so we have strong hope that it is best for all concerned. We may add that Greenville is a church with great possibilities before it.

Have you noticed what was said in the recent communication from Secretary Bell, and in the advertisement of the Sunday-school Board, about the Young People's Leader? The organization and development of the Baptist young people has become a recognized part of our work in the South, because it is a necessity, and are men of prominence in their church, not to mention the treasurer of the college, who is also a steward in the church.

There are three Presbyterians in the faculty, three Episcopalians, two Baptists, and one gentleman about whom I am not informed. In every case these gentlemen are among the recognized leaders of their respective churches, and in most cases an intimate personal knowledge of them leads me to place implicit confidence in their piety and Christian integrity. They meet their students not only in the class rooms, but as teachers in Sunday-school, and as officers in their churches, and as instructors in Bible classes, and as brethren and counselors in their prayer meetings and Christian association meetings.

Coming now to the students, of course the character of the individual is largely beyond the control of any faculty, but as a body the students are controlled with a view to their spiritual improvement. Every boy, unless a Catholic or Jew, when he matriculates must state the church with which he is affiliated, and he is required to attend that church every Sunday, unless sick, and if the church of his choice is closed any Sunday he must attend some other. Attendance at the night session is optional, yet most of the students attend.

In the college, and under the direction of one or two professors, is a well organized Y. M. C. A., whose meetings every Sunday afternoon are well attended. A large per cent. of all the students present (about 250) are Christians, possibly more than fifty per cent., many of whom are very zealous in their efforts to influence others for good. An intimate association with both students and professors, for a year and a half, nearly, has failed to reveal to me anything that savours of infidelity or skepticism; and while the irreligiousness of so many of the young men is something to sadden my heart, it is no worse in kind or degree than would be found in any institution of like numbers in the land. It is an irreligiousness born of home training and not of college influences, and ungodliness receives no encouragement from faculty or community at Auburn, and exists here in spite of all the wholesome influences to the contrary.

Church members do not always know why it is that they would rather hear a young preacher than the old pastor. They give various reasons, some of which may be more or less true; but in many cases the real reason is that the old pastor has so far outgrown them spiritually that they do not enjoy his preaching. They do not well understand it. He is getting toward the middle of the book, while they are slowly spelling along in words of two and three syllables. So when they hear the young preacher they discover one in the same spiritual grade as themselves, and they like him. "He can beat the old pastor." Yes, many may think so, but here and there will be an old pilgrim who, while feeling a loving sympathy for the young brother, will nevertheless prefer the old pastor, because they are in the same class in the school of the great Teacher, and they study the same lessons; together they are nearing the banks of the Jordan, and not far apart they expect to cross over to the promised land.

## Bro. Ray's Work.

Bro S. O. Y. Ray came out from Greenville, stopped with us two days, preached two genuine Baptist sermons, and gave us a map lecture, which greatly edified and instructed our people. We hope to have him with us again.

On Monday, November 13th, I went to assist him in a rally at Mt. Hope, Wilcox county. Though with in five miles of Camden, these people have been sadly neglected. For years they have been under anti-missionary influence, as is evidenced by their present material and spiritual condition. The weather was extremely cold, yet they came out in goodly numbers, so much were they hungering for the gospel. After two sermons, several addresses and a map lecture, a conference was called, \$100 raised for support of a pastor for one Sunday per month, and a resolution adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we will go into the Pine Barren association, stay there, and support all the enterprises fostered by Missionary Baptists.

These people are honest, they mean what they say, and if they are not felt in our association I shall be surprised. I was struck with some of the speeches, one especially. "Brethren, we must be missionary if we want to live. If we stay where we are, and go on as we have, we will die if we are not already dead."

These people are poor, they need help, and it would not be misplaced. Alas! the spiritual destitution. I am sad when I think of it. These people are burdened with debt. They are going to make a grand effort; yes, they will sacrifice. Yet they need help, and it is for the Baptists to say who will occupy the field.

This was once the home of Bro. Ray. He has a warm place in the hearts of all this people, and in my opinion, he is the right man in the right place; certainly he effects a result wherever he labors.

My churches here and at Monterey observed thanksgiving day.

J. B. POWELL, Forest Home, Butler county.

## A False Alarm.

At the North Alabama Conference of the M. E. Church, recently held in Talladega, one Col. J. J. Garrett made a speech on education, which, if I am to judge from his reference to the A. & M. College at Auburn, was more noted for zeal than knowledge. He referred to this college as being "half atheistic and wholly irreligious," and as extracts from Mr. Garrett's speech were published in the BAPTIST, I deem it just and proper that I should set the minds of my brethren right on the subject through the same medium, lest they should be misled into believing that we are nurturing here at Auburn a hot bed of infidelity and vice.

It is presumed that Mr. Garrett's remark was aimed at the faculty of the college, since the moral tone of any institution is determined in large measure by the character of its faculty. At the head of the faculty of the A. & M. College is a man who commands the respect of all who know him for the many graces that unite in him to make up a cultured Christian character. Not only does Dr. Brown exercise a strong influence as president in building up the Christian character of his students, but in the absence of a pastor, he regularly conducts the religious exercises of the Episcopalian church in this place.

Of those constituting the faculty proper of the college, fifteen in all, six are Methodists, one being a steward of the church, and one superintendent of Sunday-school, and are men of prominence in their church, not to mention the treasurer of the college, who is also a steward in the church.

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J. W. WILLIS, Auburn, Ala.

## Help the Foreign Mission Board.

By the time this is read by Alabama pastors, they will have received an appeal from the Foreign Mission Board for immediate help. The board is burdened by a debt of \$40,000. The debt ought to be paid off by January 1, 1894. Will Alabama do her share of the work?

It is earnestly urged upon our churches that this month of December be given to a united effort to help the Foreign Mission Board. We are assured that the outlook in the foreign fields is full of encouragement.

The work calls to every one of us for sympathy and help. We cannot be faithful to the Master and withhold either. The Baptists of Alabama will surely come to the assistance of these brethren to whom they have committed this great work. The board has had many seasons of trial, but none more trying than this now pressing upon it.

Brother pastor, do not turn with indifference from the appeal of our board. Lay the matter prayerfully before your brethren and sisters, and in the Lord's name urge the needs of his cause. Help the Foreign Mission Board! Help now!

W. C. ELEDSON, Vice-Pres. for Alabama.

## Florida News and Notes.

Dr. M. Icom McGregor and his people occupied a portion of their new church last Sunday for the first time. It was a time of great rejoicing with the Baptists of Jacksonville. Dr. Chaudoin and others were present to take part in the exercises. It is hoped that, in the course of time, their splendid house of worship will be completed.

There are several vacant pastorates in the state, and it would be a good thing if they could be filled by choice preachers from other states. Our Home Board could do a great work in Florida, if it had money and men.

Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, the faithful and efficient corresponding secretary of our State Mission Board, is wide awake to the interests of the Baptists of Florida, and is pushing the work with commendable zeal. He has the unqualified confidence of the brotherhood. Rev. S. M. Provence, who has been in Florida for several years, has recently taken hold of the work at Tallahassee, the capital of the state. He will do his best to revive Baptist interests in this very important city.

Rev. Dr. A. P. Graves, the evangelist, is spending the winter in Florida, and holding meetings with churches where his services are sought for.

Rev. A. P. Pugh, of Pensacola, has had much to discourage him in his work, but he is not the man to give up, and so he is pressing bravely on, hoping some day to complete a beautiful house of worship for his people. He has lost several very useful members, and next week Col. E. D. Beggs, a prominent Baptist lawyer of Kissimmee, will rob him and his of one of his most valuable lady workers. But what is Pensacola's loss will be Kissimmee's gain.

Rev. J. C. Porter, the stirring prior of the Florida Baptist Wilcox, is moving around among the saints at a lively rate, and seems determined to make a success of his paper. The Wilcox is indispensable to Baptist interests in the state, and so is every state paper indispensable to the work in its state.

The Florida Baptist Convention meets at Plant City the 10th of January next. It is expected that Dr. John A. Broadus will be present. He will receive a warm welcome from the Baptists of Florida, as he does from the brotherhood everywhere.

Rev. T. T. Eaton, D. D., expects to visit Florida at some time during the winter, so he informs this writer. He and his Recorder are favorites in these parts.

Notwithstanding the injury done the orange crop, by the storm of a few weeks ago, the prospect for a good yield seems favorable, and the prices are encouraging.

Rev. L. D. Geiger, of Ocala, has opened the winter campaign with vigor. Most of his people have returned from their summer wanderings, and he is preaching to greatly improved congregations.

The Baptists of Georgia have made many valuable contributions to the ranks of Florida Baptists, and it is to be hoped they will make many more. Alabama has done something in this line, as well as many other states. Such people are very desirable in these parts, and one hopes they will continue to come.

It is not regarded a sin in Florida for a preacher to own an orange grove. A friend pointed out two groves to me last week and said, "They are both owned by preachers." Do you permit them to own groves and cotton plantations in Alabama?

The Kissimmee Baptists are a wide-awake folk, and are greatly interested in the prosperity of their church, and in the happiness and welfare of their pastor and family, who have recently come to them from Oxford, Miss. The work moves off nicely.

G. W. GARDNER, Kissimmee, Fla.

## A Sad Accident.

Our town and community have only in part recovered from the shock caused by the tragic death of Miss Maggie Mosely, on last Friday night. She was about seventeen years old, the daughter of Bro. Frank Mosely, who is the senior deacon of Providence church, and a pupil in Prof. Thompson's school at this place.

At the noon hour on last Friday, she and a companion were at some distance from the academy building reciting to each other a lesson for the afternoon. Standing too near a burning rail, her clothing took fire, and breaking away from her companion, she ran toward the house, and in a moment was wrapt in flames.

The larger boys and girls of the school most heroically sought to rescue her, but she was fatally burned. The sympathizing teacher and a physician were present at her side and carried her to her boarding place. Her parents and family were sent for, loving hearts and gentle hands did all that could be done, but it pleased God to speedily release her, and about ten o'clock Friday night, let the day die break, and there was no more pain.

About one year ago she publicly declared her faith in Jesus, and was baptized into the fellowship of Orville Baptist church. Her Christian life—alas, so short!—was worthy, and its end was peace. She was a general favorite at school, which deeply laments her death. To her grief-stricken parents, now growing old, to sister and brothers, we say, you weep, you must needs weep, but it is not hopeless sorrow, for, with Maggie, it is well.

I. A. WHITE, Orville, Nov. 28.

I am deeply grateful to the many brethren and the papers who have spoken so kindly of my connection with the paper. This acknowledgment will be sufficient, without publishing their kind words in the paper.

W. B. C.

## About the Baptist Orphanage.

1. It is very important that all our people help to pay for the home which has just been purchased in Evergreen. For current expenses, repairs, furnish ing and the first payment we are obliged to have \$2,500 by Dec. 31st.

2. When you send a box of clothing or bedding, be sure to send the value of your donation to the secretary.

3. In sending checks, money orders or other papers to be paid here, make them payable simply to Jno. W. Stewart.

4. Don't be worried if you don't see your box receipted for in ALABAMA BAPTIST. I don't like to ask for more space than it requires to mention the receipts of cash contributions.

The six children we have attending the academy are getting along well. The teaching in the Home has necessarily been irregular, but still one of our boys who didn't know his letters has advanced sufficiently to start to the academy Monday morning.

JNO. W. STEWART, Nov. 28, 1893.

## Religious Notes.

Dr. J. W. M. Williams has resigned the pastorate of the First church of Baltimore, which he has held for more than forty years.

Dr. E. W. Warren died recently in Macon, Ga., at an advanced age. He had been pastor at Atlanta, Richmond, and twice at Macon.

There are 1,600 missionaries in China. If converts increase in the future as in the past, in 90 years there will be 200,000,000 Christians there.

An association has been formed of churches in Mitchell and adjoining counties in Georgia, with the name of Tucker association, in honor of the late Dr. H. H. Tucker.

Rev. B. G. Womack proposes to meet a class of country and village preachers at Ackerman, Miss., and deliver a free course of lectures on sermon structure and some fundamental doctrines. The town will board the preachers free.

There are 12 Baptist churches in the Columbia association of Washington City. At the recent session of the association it was reported they have 4,036 members, who have contributed \$88,201.75, and the Sunday-schools have contributed \$6,060.91, making \$94,262.66, and all the money was not reported.

## News Items.

Jesse R. Jones, a citizen of Chilton, aged 87, is dead.

A large part of Coosa county cotton is sold at Syllacuga.

Secretary of War Lamont thinks we will have no more Indian wars.

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J. C. HALE, General Passenger Agent.

## The Baptist Congress.

To Delegates attending the Baptist Congress of America at Augusta, Ga., Dec. 5th to 8th, 1893. Special rates have been secured for delegates from the territory reached by the Southern Passenger Association, and the Central Traffic Association, and it is expected that special rates will be secured for delegates from the territory reached by the Trunk Line Association. Delegates are to pay full fare going to the Congress, and to pay the special rate upon their return. When they start for the Congress the delegates, on purchasing their tickets, should ask the ticket agent for a certificate showing that they have purchased a full fare ticket to Augusta, Ga., to attend the Baptist Congress of America. The price of return tickets will be one third of the full fare. To obtain this rate, the certificate duly certified should be presented to the ticket agent at Augusta, Ga. In some cases delegates may be so situated as to avail themselves of Excursion, Tourist or other rates, which may perhaps be cheaper than the above.

Augusta. CARLTON HILLIER, Chm'n Trans. Committee.

There is something wrong with our faith if we stop rejoicing in the Lord whenever our sky begins to cloud up.

## Birmingham Conference.

Southside--Dr. H. M. Wharton preached a most impressive and tender sermon at 11 o'clock. A large number came forward to express a hope in Christ and for prayer. One received for baptism. Adjourned to the "Wigwam" at night. Pastor P. T. Hale continues the meeting in his church, preaching himself each night. Prayer is requested for the work from every reader of the BAPTIST.

## Montgomery Churches.

West Montgomery--Pastor preached at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning text, John 4:35. Evening text, Mark 16:16. Pastor announced that he would preach every night at 7:30 until further notice. He felt that the church would be greatly revived, and many souls be converted unto Christ. The pastor has great faith that much good will be done, and the Master greatly glorified. He asked the prayers of all God's people in the good work.

## How Can it be Done?

I take the privilege of publishing the letter below, although it was not intended for publication. I know it will be read with interest, and excite others to do something. Let the Sunday-schools be heard from. What did your school do the last association year? W. B. C.

GALLION, Nov. 21st.

Dear Bro. Crumpton: Enclosed you will find a post office money order for twelve dollars, the contribution of my Sunday school class, pupils and teacher, to the proposed Japanese Chapel Fund--The Kate Collins Memorial Chapel.

At this little amount has a history you might perhaps be interested in knowing it. In the early spring, I gave to each one of the eight boys and girls of my class, ten cents, trying to get them to invest it and try to make more. We have not been blessed with good crops this year, but we have been blessed spiritually, and we do not want our giving to be less.

With Christian sympathy,

Yours truly,

MRS. C. W. COLLINS

P. S. The girls made and sold candy, aprons, and bonnets; the boys sold vegetables, lemonade, chickens, etc., and at the close of the school they handed me \$8.--the investment increased ten-fold. They chose the object to which to devote the money. It gives me great pleasure to add that six of my class united with the church last summer, and I hope they will be heard from again.

The following card from Dr. J. T. Searcy, superintendent of the Insane Hospital at Tuscaloosa, explains itself.

The Christmas holidays are close at hand. We desire to make the occasion one of enjoyment to the inmates of this Hospital, and therefore ask you to open your heart and purse and contribute something for individual friends, here resident, or for the general fund; and will you draw the attention of others interested to this card. Anything in way of extra wearing apparel, money, books, newspapers, pictures, fruit, nuts, confectionaries, etc., will make suitable and appreciated gifts.

All packages should be sent to The Alabama Bryce Insane Hospital, Tuscaloosa, pre-paid, on or before the 20th December, and when intended for any particular person, should have the name of such person distinctly marked thereon.

J. T. SEARCY, M. D., Sup't.

## Trip Notes.

By invitation I was present one day at the colored convention at Eufaula. The attendance was good. They acted very much like the white Baptists--they talked much. Sometimes they all wanted to speak at once.

There seemed to be some trouble about the Selma University. A speaker, the day before, had said the colored Baptists of the state were not rallying to the support of the school as they ought because the Home Mission Society of the North had it in charge. This was replied to by Bro. Booth in a sweet-spirited, tender speech, but it seemed not to satisfy the malcontents. Brethren Murdock and McVickers, the former being superintendent of the missionary department of the Home Mission Society, and the latter of the educational, were present. The following are a few of the things these brethren said:

Dr. Murdock: The missionary work among the colored people of Alabama is in a most unsatisfactory condition, and your state is not an exception. You say you number 166,000 in the state; are you doing any missionary work at all? A brother replied, "None direct." Then I say if this convention can't do some missionary work direct, it ought to die. To meet just to discuss, to put one up and another down, is unworthy of Christian men. The Home Mission Society in the last thirty years has spent about two and a half millions on the colored people of the South, and they are very much concerned about the barrenness of the results. There have been men who have been so ungrateful and thoughtless as to say the society was a white man's society, and the colored people ought to have nothing to do with it. I don't know if any of

them are here [a voice "Yes, they are here"] but if they are, I want you to hear me now, and give me a hearty amen to this: I say such men ought to be ashamed of themselves. And the amen that followed fairly shook the house.

A question was asked, "Are the Northern Baptists inclined to be as liberal now with their means to help the colored people as formerly?" Dr. Mc. replied, "I must say they are a little discouraged after thirty years of trial."

There had been some talk of a division of the convention. The young men were not satisfied with the management of the older men. Dr. McVickers had this in mind while he spoke. He said: "Young men, listen to an old man talk. Beware of division. Remember the division of Israel and what came of it. The young king seeking the advice of the young men and following their counsel, divided Israel and set up the golden calf worship. I have said to my young men whom I have instructed, before you tear down anything, be sure you have the building ready to put up. Any kind of a no account man can tear down a building that required the skill of a master mechanic in its construction. You say you are interested in the colored people. Well, I want to say to you, there are many people with white skins who are more interested in them than you are. A colored preacher followed me about telling me how much interested he was in the colored people. Finally I asked him, 'What is your business besides preaching?' 'I am a shoe maker,' was the reply. 'How much do you get for that?' I asked. 'Well, I make about \$10 a week.' Then I asked, 'Are you interested in the colored people two weeks, or \$20?' That is what I ask you, 'Are you interested two weeks in your people?'

The Home Mission Society has paid into Georgia \$555,000. Nearly all of it came from poor white people who gave it because they are interested in the colored people. The colored people of Georgia have paid in the same time only \$8,000.

A great big darkey, as black as night, with rolls of fat on the back of his neck almost as big as your arm, who is secretary of the U. S. Foreign Mission Society, in announcing himself told this anecdote: "A darkey prayed for the Lord to send him a turkey, but no turkey came; then he thought he had put his prayer in a wrong form, so he prayed the Lord to send him a turkey, and the turkey was there the next morning."

If the colored people will be willing to heed the counsel of such men as Pettiford, Tyler, Booth, McAlpine and others, who are wise, conservative men, they will make progress. I am more than ever convinced that our Southern white people must help them more in the way of counsel.

I am persuaded that our Northern brethren have made a mistake if not depending more upon the Southern whites to aid them in this important work. We haven't their money to give, but we have a knowledge of the negro character which they haven't. I believe the brethren North will come to see this after a little. They are too far removed from the home of the negro, and too little acquainted with the true inwardness of his character, to manage missionary work among them successfully.

W. B. C.

## Some Letters from the Brethren.

Reference to my name in the last issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST causes me to break a long silence. I have not been communicative because I dislike very much to tell a sad story. The greatest trial of my life was having to give up my work--the ministry. I am thankful to say that I am improving--sufficiently improved to partially resume work. Am preaching twice a month at Shelby. How I long to be back fully into the active service of my blessed Master. Perhaps I will be some day. As I read the BAPTIST week after week, and hear reports of the brethren actively at work on the field, it increases my desire to be side by side with them in the glorious work. While I have felt very sad and lonely, thus shut in, I have been comforted in that I know the Lord does right, and that he can as much glorify his name in my affliction and retirement as in my active service. O what comfort there is in the Christian religion! "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and let all that is within me bless his holy name." I feel like extending my hand to all the brethren on the field and bidding them God speed. May the Lord abundantly bless all of your labors, my dear brethren.

C. W. O'HARA

Columbiana.

Dear Baptist: I have moved from Coalville to Pelham. You will please come to me at this place, and correspondents will please note the change. We have just closed a precious meeting at Helena. Rev. J. G. Lowery, of Calera, was with us from Tuesday until Friday. Bro. Lowery is very much admired among us. The church was revived and built up. There have been thirteen additions to the church this year, 8 by letter and 5 by experience; three of them are to

## be baptized next second Sunday.

Your humble servant and family contemplate joining the Helena Baptist church at the next meeting. I hope my pious brethren will not conclude that my little children will join--only such as believe and rejoice.

Acts 16:34.

I have had very good meetings at all my churches this year; and notwithstanding the cry of hard times, collections have been good.

Success to the BAPTIST

JAMES D. MARTIN

Pelham.

Please change the address of my paper from Central to Buick, as I have moved to this point, where I am teaching.

My work in the pastorate this year is my first work as undershepherd, and although my churches, (Bethany, in the Montgomery association, and Sion, in the Central) are some distance away, I shall try, with the help of God, to discharge my duties faithfully. I have visited each of my folds once, and I find at both places a few consecrated burden bearers ready to help me. God bless the noble little bands in all churches who try to cooperate with the pastor in this grand work! Pastors cannot get along without them. I like the BAPTIST, and shall work for it in my churches.

Buick. C. J. BENTLEY

Congregations small on Lay last visit to Tallahassee, owing to the grip, or severe cold, with which nearly every family was afflicted. I took charge of this church the first Sunday in October. On that day I preached the funeral of sister Sarah Langley, aged thirty-four years. She died in the faith after but a short illness. She leaves a decrepit old mother to mourn her loss. In the evening I baptised sister Gray. On the last visit we agreed to take up a collection at our next fourth Sunday meeting for the Orphan's Home. We intend it as a Christmas gift. How many churches will do this? Besides Tallahassee, I am serving Mt. Hebron Central Institute and Good Hope. I have nothing to complain of in my field of labor.

J. M. JOHNSON.

Dexter, Escambia county.

I suppose your readers are interested in the movements of Bro. W. D. Gay, since reading so many letters giving interesting accounts of his journey across the world.

Bro. Gay is now at work. He is a young man our denomination should feel proud to claim; there are many deep, noble things stored away in his mind, and many laurels budding for his brow. We are happy to be the church to receive his first work on his return to America. His lecture, with the exhibit, occupies about 1 1/2 hours, and is wonderfully interesting. He gave the proceeds to Howard C. Allen, Bro. Baptists, don't fail to see and hear him.

Bro. Gay preached for us last Sunday, and our church protracted the meeting until Thursday evening. At 11 o'clock he preached an able sermon on Thanksgiving to the united congregations of Methodists and Baptists. Our church was glad to rejoice in the conversion of 8 souls, and others express a desire and determination to take up their cross and be baptized with those who have come over the line, on the second Sabbath in December. That is Bro. B. H. Crumpton's day, and closes his work as pastor of our church. We regret to give Bro. Crumpton up. The church called him to continue with us, but he decided it was best to decline. Bro. Bell is our assistant pastor, and our church has called him to serve us next year.

Georgiana, Dec. 2.

## A Card from Secretary Bell.

Dear Bro. Editor: I ask space for a public answer to a question that has come to me from various sources lately. It is this: "Will your Board furnish one quarter's literature free to Sunday schools which take other literature, if they will agree to change to yours?" I have invariably answered, No. And have given several reasons. 1. We do not give literature to schools that can pay for it; we give only to poor mission schools unable to pay for it, or to new schools to help them start. 2. If we have literature to give away to people able to pay for it, our regular patrons must deserve the favor. 3. As an inducement to schools to drop other publications and adopt ours, we do not think this is a business method of such high character as to warrant our using it. If we cannot do work for our Master on business lines which are not condemned by high-toned men of the world, we will not do it at all.

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## IED--At his home near Eclectic,

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