

Alabama Baptist

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OUR PAPERS.

The ALA. BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.

Why This "Why Not?"—Read the announcement elsewhere in this paper.

BROTHER, if your church and Sunday school have not done something handsome for home and foreign missions during April, don't let them fail to do so in the next two Sundays.

THE Home and Foreign Boards are far behind what they were last year, and Alabama is short of what she gave last year. Let everybody see what can be done the next two Sundays.

HEALTH NOTES.—Bro. C. C. Jones, one of the best of men, the physician of Howard College, will give us from time to time some health notes, which will be of interest to our readers.

THE PREMIUM LIST.—Our agents have an opportunity to be riding in a nice new buggy, at but little cost, as soon as the roads get better, if they will put forth a little effort in securing subscribers. Now is the time for active work.

We call attention to the letter in another column addressed to Bro. Ely, the accommodating passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Road. The Oriental is first-class in every particular, and in easy reach of the church by street car lines.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS.—Look at the list of books we offer as premiums to subscribers. A book for yourself. A present to your child or Sunday-school pupil. A prize in the Sunday-school. A present to your pastor. Don't fail to read the list over carefully.

This being our Missionary number, the subject of missions occupies the greater part of our space. This causes some articles to lie over which would have been printed this week. We insert some things that would become stale by waiting.

The book on immersion, by Bro. J. T. Christian, has passed through ten editions and has been translated into the Swedish language. Perhaps no better, if so good a book on that subject has ever been written.—Ex.

This splendid book and its companion on Close Communion, can be had at this office. See Book Premiums in another column.

BIRTH DAY OFFERINGS FOR THE ORPHANS.—The Sunday-school at Rome, Ga., gave \$160 last year to the Georgia Orphan's Home from birthday gifts of the pupils. An excellent plan. Some child might be able to give only a copper, but most of them could give a copper, or a nickel, or a dime, for each year they had lived. Why is not this a good plan for Alabama schools?

THE GOOD OF AGITATION.—Dr. Eager is pursuing the question of lynch law. It is probable his address before the Commercial Club will be printed in pamphlet form, to go into the hands of our legislators. The papers in the state are crying out against this awful sin, which is getting to be as great a crime as that it seeks to remedy.

WHY THIS "WHY NOT?"—This will be the title of the little book by Rev. A. J. Dickinson, of Selma, reviewing the book, "Why and Why Not," by William Dudley Powers, Rector of St. Johns Episcopal church of Montgomery. It is now ready to be sent to our readers by mail. They should have it. The price is only 10 cents per copy, or one dollar per dozen, post paid. We will send it as a premium for one subscriber, new or old. No one who loves the truth can afford to be without this valuable book. The supply is limited, and we would advise all to send in their orders early.

JUDGE HARALSON WILL GO

Recently there appeared in the Religious Herald a paragraph notice to the effect that Judge Haralson will not go to the Southern Baptist Convention to be held at Dallas, Texas. This is certainly a mistake, for we have been with Judge Haralson almost every day for two months, and if he had concluded not to go, we would have known it. He will be there.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.—It is asked, "Since the State Convention meets in July, and the Associations do not meet till the fall, would it be proper for the Executive Committees of the Associations to appoint delegates to the Convention?" This is a matter of great importance. The next convention will be the most important ever held in Alabama. It ought to represent every part of the state. We earnestly hope the executive committees will meet and appoint delegates. We do not for a moment doubt their right to do so.

REV. W. H. GRISTWITT has the following among his Notes at Random in the Standard of Children: It sounds as though he intended to "throw out flouts" at some people in this country:

It is said that the heathen have not learned how to avoid contributing to the cause of religion. They know no better than to carry money with them to the place of worship, and to cast it in, even without solicitation. It is said that no heathen ever hides his face behind a hymn or prayer book while the baskets are being passed, or closes his eyes in pious meditation; nor while others are giving is he dodging. Happy heathen! what blissful ignorance.

HIS MEMORY PRECIOUS.—In Malden, Mass., the Baptist meeting house bears a memorial tablet: IN MEMORIAM.

REV. ADONIRAM JUDSON, BORN AUGUST 9, 1788, DIED APRIL 12, 1850.

MALDEN HIS BIRTHPLACE; THE OCEAN HIS SEPULCHRE.

CONVERTED BURMANS AND THE BURMAN BIBLE HIS MONUMENT.

HIS RECORD IS ON HIGH.

In 1813 Judson began his work in Burmah. It was a gloomy prospect. Now there are 580 churches, 203 ordained ministers, 2,184 baptisms reported last year. Total membership, 31,672. These are all Baptists. In all Asia there are 101,704. In heaven, who went from Asia, who can compute the number? All saved through missionary effort since 1813. Brother Anti-missionary, what do you think of this?

TO THE FRIENDS OF TEMPERANCE.

The Birmingham Pastor's Union has issued a call for a general convention, or conference, of the friends of temperance and enemies of whisky, to be held in that city on the 24th day of April. The object is to discuss the situation; to draft laws which the next legislature will be asked to pass; to take in general such action against the liquor traffic as may be deemed wise. It is hoped, among other results, to unite all the friends of temperance. The different methods of reaching the common object will be discussed.

The call is signed by the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian pastors, and others in and around Birmingham.

PROHIBITION IN LOWNDES COUNTY.—This is one of the live issues down in that black belt county. They have a prohibition law of many years standing. Now the question is, shall it be abolished or not? The reasons for its abolition are the same old saws we have been hearing all along: "It don't prohibit; it leads to perjury; you can't convict the violators; there is more whiskey drunk than ever; we need the revenue; look at Maine," etc.

One of the writers in the Hayneville paper actually quotes in all seriousness Bill Nye on the Maine liquor law. Everybody knows that Bill Nye spins his yarns regardless of facts to make people laugh. He might have been in California when he wrote about Maine. Just look at Bill Nye's pictures in the papers, the improbable attitudes he assumes, and the ridiculous surroundings, and one can see he is not writing to be believed. What straits the friends of rum must be put to, to bring forward Bill Nye's letters as proof of their position!

RESPONDING TO APPEALS.

We are happy to say that the secretary's appeals through the ALABAMA BAPTIST never fail to move the churches and pastors to help. In March the contributions were for ministerial education. The collections are not all in yet, but we are authorized to say that the young preachers will all stay in college.

In April the collections have been

for home and foreign missions. Every mail is bringing something. The amounts are not large, but from almost every section of the state the churches, the Sunday schools, the Women's Mission Societies, the Sunbeams and the Young People's Unions are sending in their small amounts, and the heart of the secretary is made happy. It is a little remarkable that but few of the strong city churches are responding; but we suppose they will be heard from before the month is out. Only two more Sundays before the books of the home and foreign boards close. Let the contributions be taken and promptly forwarded.

CONTRIBUTING CHURCHES.

While discussing the situation, the other day, with some brethren in our office, one of the wisest among them said, "Emergencies are continually arising, and the way to meet them is not to put pressure on the churches already contributing liberally, but some plan must be devised by which the number of contributing churches shall be greatly multiplied." That is the one tell the number of contributing churches in Alabama? There are 1620 Baptist churches in the state. We have the minutes of the associations before us as we write. One with seventeen churches, another with ten, another with eleven, another with twenty-three, do not report one cent given for any purpose except minutes. In more than a dozen other associations the churches report from fifty cents to a dollar and a half each for "associational purposes," besides the minute money. Hundreds of churches in the other associations are not "contributing churches" in any sense.

What are we going to do about it, brethren? Can this be changed? If so, how can it be done? We believe it can be done. We can't be made to think that the great mass of these churches are made up of unsound people. We believe they love the Lord. We believe they can be led to do his will if it is put before them in the proper way and in the right spirit. If the preachers and intelligent laymen will inaugurate a campaign, and prosecute it with the same zeal as the politicians do, the people will be instructed and the "contributing churches" greatly multiplied.

Brothers, shall we not inaugurate the campaign? The Secretary of the Board has been diligently working at this problem for years, but he needs and must have help.

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THE Marion Convention.

For the first time in several months I was at prayer meeting in Marion. The pastor called on me to say something about the July Convention and the questions likely to come prominently before it. I know of no better way to get the matter before the brethren than to repeat the substance of my remarks to the church at Marion. It was about as follows: "The meeting which will assemble here in July will be in some respects the most important session ever held by the Convention. Brethren all over the state are looking forward with deep interest and much anxiety to it. We have reached a crisis in the history of the Convention. The future of the denomination in Alabama depends largely on the success of the July gathering. The new arrangement by which ministerial education and colportage have been put in charge of the State Board of Missions seems to be a happy solution of some troublesome questions; but the report we will make will be necessarily unsatisfactory, owing to the fact that no associations will have met between the Greenville and Marion Conventions, and the further fact that the few months in which the present arrangement has been on trial happen to be in the hardest year, financially, anybody ever saw.

It seems to many of the brethren a happy combination to have the mission, colportage and ministerial education work, and the ALABAMA BAPTIST, all practically under the same arrangement, under the same roof. I don't know whether the Convention will deem it best to continue this arrangement or not. But this will be one of the questions before it, and will call for earnest consideration.

As you all know, the Howard and Judson are both loaded down with bonded debts which will have to be provided for. Now you see that every interest of the denomination demands a large delegation. We need them from every quarter of the state. I don't think we will have as many as we would have a right to expect in more favorable years, but we need a large

representative convention. I believe the coming of this body of Baptists to this place this year is going to be one of the best things that ever happened for our town. Conventions of this character are always helpful to a place. It will be especially beneficial to our schools. But the greatest blessing of all will be the spiritual up-lift we will all get from association with these godly men. The good that will come to my children by their association with these representative Baptists from all quarters will far more than compensate me for all the trouble and cost of entertaining them. The greatest enjoyment I have in this world is associating with good people. The chief attraction of heaven aside from being with the Savior will be the company of the redeemed. If in entertaining strangers we sometimes entertain angels unawares, how much surer and happier the results when we receive into our homes the Lord's children. I believe the brethren are coming here with earnest prayer for the presence of the Spirit, and I think we ought to devoutly pray that their visit to us shall be followed by a revival in our hearts and in our community."

That was the talk to the brethren at Marion. Now let the brethren talk to one another about the matters of the kingdom through the paper. We need the wisest counsel.

W. B. C.

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FIELD NOTES.

Pastor Elliott expects to protract the services at Hayneville from next Sunday. Rev. I. A. White will assist him. May the blessing of the Lord be bestowed upon the meeting.

We note with pleasure that the Baptists of Rutledge have made some repairs on their church building. This is a gratifying indication of vitality, and we are sure the brethren and sisters will feel better. Ought not the Lord to have the best house we can give him?

Bro. W. O. Perry writes that New Shiloh church has contributed more than eleven dollars toward sending Pastor Dunaway to the Convention at Dallas, and he feels sure that the other churches will do as well, if not better. So it looks quite probable that the Dunaway will go to the convention.

When we last heard from Bro. J. G. Lowery he sent us the name of a new subscriber, and told us the pleasant fact that the ladies of Verbena church had raised half the money necessary to enable him to attend the Convention at Dallas. We suppose his other churches have provided the other half by this time. If not, they will do so.

The old familiar heading of the ALABAMA BAPTIST gives way this week to new letters of somewhat different style. We hope the change will not be unpleasant to our readers, some of whom have no doubt become somewhat attached to the old heading. If our subscribers will help us, we will continue to make improvements both in matter and manner.

The South Bethel association will hold a Sunday-school Convention at Whately, Clarke county, beginning on the 28th. We hope they will take notice of the fact that in many country localities the Methodists are absorbing the Baptist young people, because they have Sunday-schools and the Baptists have not. Young people are sure to go somewhere on Sunday, and they will go to the church which opens its arms and invites them to come.

J. R. Stoddard, Pastor, Five Points. The general meeting of the Tuskegee Association convened at Union Grove church, near Yongesboro, Lee county, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in April. All are cordially invited to come and bring their wives and children. Friday is the big day, Saturday is better, and Sunday, the best of all. The meeting is to begin large and grow in interest. The brethren are looking for you and your folks. Don't fail to come.

"Am quite well pleased with the BAPTIST," writes Bro. F. M. Wood, of Woodlawn, and by way of showing his faith by his works, he sent five dollars for subscription along with his kind words. And Bro. W. A. Austin, of Wetumpka, while not saying anything about the paper, enclosed five dollars—and they say that "money talks." So it does, and we understand what the brother means. Both these brethren are now on the honor roll, and they have had "the last word" at this writing.

Woman's Central Committee.

The appeal in the ALABAMA BAPTIST for our sister Harbours met a ready response from one living.

RECEIPTS BY STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR FEBRUARY, 1894.

CONTRIBUTORS.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Special.
Salem church, Lee county.....	2 00	1 25				
Salem S. S.	4 80	2 08	2 72	1 40		
Domine church.....	1 30					
Coalburg.....	2 60					
Phenix City.....	1 30	52	68	8 10		
Pike Level.....	2 25	98	1 27	84		
Orion.....	4 70					
Rev. J. M. Loflin.....	25					
Forest church.....	1 85					
Sunbeams, Lowndesboro.....	2 75					
Bedford church.....	3 35	1 43	1 87	90		
Greenville church.....	1 05	74	1 11	60		
Mt. Carmel church.....	1 05	72	93	70		
Tusculum church.....	20 00					
Bethesda church.....	1 20	52	68	60		
Gadsden church.....	1 05	45	60	50		
Adams Street church, Montgomery.....	10 00					
Clinton church.....	3 00				3 00	
Forre church.....	2 00					
A Little Mite, Wilsonville.....	25					
Russellville church.....	5 75					
Ashtford church.....	2 84					
Georgiana church.....	5 45	1 23	1 62	92	1 70	1 88
Rev. G. E. Brower.....	5 00					
Ramoth church.....	1 75					
Macedon church.....	2 50					
S. S. St. Francis St. ch., Mobile.....	12 50	2 46	2 46		12 50	
First church, New Decatur.....	7 04					
Shelby.....	1 74					
J. W. Dunaway.....	15 00				5 00	
St. John's church.....	2 15					
Camp Hill church.....	6 00					
Phenix City church.....	3 00					
First church, Troy, Ala.....	2 00	1 37	1 28	99		
Plantersville church.....	1 50					
Shiloh church.....	1 50					
First church, Troy, Ala.....	2 00					
Bayou La Batre church.....	92					
Nanafalia church.....	2 10	91	1 19	80		
Shelby church.....	1 95	85	1 10	85	3 00	
A. S. First church, Anniston.....	2 50	2 50	2 20			
Days Gap.....	2 25					
Central church, Decatur.....	5 00					
First church, Decatur.....	5 00					
Union Springs.....	4 35	1 89	2 46	1 30	5 00	
J. L. Baggs.....	3 00					
Wm. Flowers.....	5 00					
Forest church.....	95					
Brooklyn church.....	4 45					
Elyton church.....	2 55	1 11	1 44	1 00		
W. H. Sartor and wife.....	4 45	4 45				
Sister Springs.....	2 40					
Verbea church.....	3 00				1 00	
Judson Shubams.....	1 50					
Forest Springs.....	2 15					
L. M. S. Gadsden.....	5 00					
Shiloh church, Coosa county.....	1 50					
B. Y. F. U. New Decatur.....	2 00					
First church, Macon ch.....	2 50					
Macon church, Gallien.....	18 65					
E. L. Brown and wife.....	5 00					
Union Springs.....	18 13					
Rock Mills Association.....	19 00					
B. Y. F. U. Decatur.....	1 15					
First church, Troy, Ala.....	2 85				3 00	
St. Francis street church.....	14 00					
Pilgrim's Rest ch., Crosby, Ala.....	1 25					
St. John's church.....	7 88					
Bethlehem.....	8 90					
L. Cook.....	10 00					
Pleasant Hill.....	1 05					
Bessie.....	10 61					
St. Gilbert M. S. Florence.....	7 71					
Calhoun church.....	1 16					
Midway.....	2 39					
Alexander City.....	5 00					
Fellowship.....	1 63					
Safford church.....	3 00					
Salem church, Eastabogo.....	2 50					
Newberne.....	2 50					
Pleasant Grove.....	2 50					
L. A. White.....	5 00					
Citronelle.....	2 00					
W. D. Gay.....	19 65					
St. Paul church.....	7 75					
Step Creek church.....	5 00					
Sunbeams, Tuscaloosa.....	10 00					
L. A. S. York station.....	5 00					
W. B. Crumpton.....	2 00					
St. John's church.....	18 00					
S. S. Southside church.....	5 25					
Coosada church.....	5 00					
Ladies and children, Macon ch.....	5 00					
L. A. S. Ruhama.....	5 00					
Sunbeams, First ch., Birmingham.....	12 50					
L. A. S. Phenix City.....	3 11					
S. S. Chiren.....	2 25					
Town Creek church.....	1 25					
Jefferson church.....	3 20					
Hatcheechubee church.....	4 00					
Hyram church.....	3 00					
Receipts for Nov., Dec. and Jan'y.....	\$ 202 69	\$ 39 81	\$ 102 18	\$ 11 96	\$ 175 84	\$ 90 59
Grand totals.....	\$ 1479 78	\$ 351 44	\$ 774 51	\$ 50 19	\$ 488 52	\$ 759 72
Total for the month, for all purposes.....	\$ 682 47	\$ 391 25	\$ 876 66	\$ 62 15	\$ 866 36	\$ 850 31

to the deaconate of the Bangor church last Sunday.—New Union church contemplates building a good house this year. It is very much needed.—Sulphur Springs, the association to which we belong, voted "no co-operation with the Board," last fall, but our church is going to assert her independence and co-operate. I would not preach to a church that did not believe in and practice missions. Am I right? Oh! if we could just get our people to read the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

A. J. Lilly, Talladega: We are readers of your valuable paper, and notice its contents each week. We see the reports of money sent to the Orphan's Home, and wonder why our name is not written there, as we have taken three collections for the Home since December last.—Our church is out of debt, and the church is in good condition, with a good Sunday-school. Bro. J. M. Johnson is our pastor, and preaches good gospel sermons. We feel that it is not in vain, but will accomplish much good.

J. G. Dickinson, Uniontown: We have just closed a delightful meeting in Demopolis. Bro. I. A. White, of Orrville, was with us and did the preaching. He is a splendid preacher, and makes a most excellent fellow worker. He drew large audiences every night, which gave him marked attention. There was an evident demonstration of the Spirit in the meeting, and as a result there has been a decided quickening of the spiritual life of the town. Eight have united with the Baptist church, and there are more to follow. Yet others will join other churches.

W. H. Jones, Cullman: Allow me through your paper, in behalf of sister Harbours, to tender to the sisters of the First Baptist church of Montgomery, the thanks of herself and children for the trunk of articles received from them today. Could these good sisters have seen the sparkling eyes of the dear children and the grateful looks of the mother, whose overflowing heart expressed itself in her emotion, they would have been repaid an hundred fold for any sacrifice they may have made for this sister and her children. May God bless these dear sisters in this act of love.

Rev. Robert Jones, Bangor: Attorney T. T. Jones was ordained

A Home Mission Story.

A Hard District.

Doctor Bosenbury (whether M. D. or what, nobody knew), who lived by himself in the big house on the hill, had just opened his front door and was looking down in surprise on the small figure on the door mat.

"Why, who are you?" he asked.

"Good morning," said the child. "I am Millie Allendorf. I am your visitor."

"So I see. Will you come in?"

She followed him into the great musty parlor, and managed to get up on the hair-cloth sofa, where she sat at the extreme edge so that her feet might touch the floor.

"I'm your visitor," she repeated. "I'm on the 'mittee.'"

"Committee!" said the doctor, a little dryly. "You are beginning early."

"I don't know," Millie explained, conscientiously, "whether the other ladies think I'm on it. I just joined myself."

