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It is said there are more standing trees in the forests of Maine now than there were ten years ago, notwithstanding the heavy yearly inroads upon them. This is due to less waste in cutting and more care to protect the forest from destructive fires.

Lindley Murray, the grammarian, from whose book so many of our older American citizens learned the ins and outs of the English language "for the people" and wrote the book that has been the standard of the residents of that city propose erecting a monument to his memory.

The umbrella is undoubtedly of high antiquity, appearing in various forms upon the sculptured monuments of Egypt, Assyria, Greece and Rome, and in hot countries it has been used since the dawn of history as a sunshade—a use signified by its name, derived from the Latin *umbra*, a shade.

The following figures give an idea of the money value of Tremont Temple, a Baptist church in Boston, and also Baptist headquarters for New England, which was destroyed by fire some months since:

A mortgage loan of \$450,000 has just been placed on the Tremont Temple property at 3 3/4 per cent. About \$400,000 is to be expended on the new building, and the completed property of the Tremont Temple will have an estimated value of \$1,000,000. The lot of land on which the structure will stand contains 13,000 square feet, the assessed valuation of which is \$68,000. This is the 1893 valuation, the rate per square foot being \$35. In 1892 the land was taxed for \$455,000.

Has it ever occurred to you that infidelity has such an influence upon its disciples that they frequently have a hard time of it in trying to be ladies and gentlemen? I have watched a number of them lately. One sits in church for the sake of the lady whom he is pleased to visit occasionally. He is unable to be a gentleman; during the service he persists in talking in a low tone to his lady friend; if she refuses to talk, he writes in books, on paper, etc. He is unable to be a gentleman. Another comes to the service, and sits upright, staring all about him when the minister asks that every head be bowed. He doesn't appreciate what an ordinary gentleman should do under such circumstances; he has great difficulty in being a gentleman. Another lady, by constant effort in opposing the gospel, has unconsciously come to look exceedingly coarse; she cannot speak like a well-bred lady; she does some things that, while in no sense immoral, simply stamp her as being no lady; she has lost the feeling of a lady. The special notice of this matter has impressed me with a new effect of unbelief; it even robs one of the finer feelings of common humanity. I presume they think all these things are signs of independence. I have been in institutions where the inmates acted from the same thought of independence. Don't blame them—they deserve more pity than blame.—Rev. W. H. Gelstwin, in Chicago Standard.

## Trip Notes.

Opelika, though it is so near the Georgia line, is the central city of East Alabama. It has a fine trade from one of the most prosperous sections of the state. Its citizens are cultivated, energetic people, proud of their town and section. Brother Roby is the bishop of the Baptist flock, and they are devoted to him. The church has in its membership some of the best material in the Baptist ranks in the state. Brother Brewer, son of our brother Geo. E., of Alexander City, is the superintendent of the Sunday-school. The church and Sunday-school are all regulars—they take monthly collections for missions. Their wise pastor has his forces well organized for effective work.

One Monday in each month the pastors in this section meet at Opelika to discuss questions relating to the Kingdom. There are probably a dozen or more pastors in easy reach of this point. All the preachers in East Alabama know how well I fared when I tell them that my house was with big-hearted Wm. E. Hudson. A blessing on him and his!

I preached for brother Roby that cold Sunday in March. The congregation was small, owing to the weather, but the Lord was with us. In the afternoon I preached thirty miles away at

## DALEVILLE.

the capital of Tallapoosa county. My congregation was composed of children and young people. In spite of the cold, fair congregations were out, both in the afternoon and night.

Brother Shaffer is bishop here. He preaches two Sundays for Daleville, and serves Camp Hill and Fredonia besides. His people give regularly and liberally for missions, though they do not always get collections in as often as once a month. Brother McGaha had just been in the field and raised a good collection for ministerial education.

"Say, parson, don't yer reckon the price of preachin' is goin' to come down soon to suit the times? I'll be hanged if it don't have ter out in my country of there is any preachin' done." That is about the way Shaffer was addressed not long since by a fellow from away off. I think S. is inclined to refer that question to the Preachers' Conference. From the way the man talked, there is some danger of a strike against the preachers.

The Methodists and Baptists control things religiously at Daleville. They have a fine class school. The town is improving some, in spite of the hard times. It has a splendid farming country around it, which gives it a very good trade.

Many of the brethren will remember that brother Shaffer feared the loss of his eye. I was glad to find that he hopes it will soon be sound again.

Brother R. A. J. Cumbe is the probate judge, pastors churches and feeds the preachers who visit the town.

## AT AUBURN.

I spent one night, dropping in unexpectedly to all. Brother Anderson has built him a study, and is hard at work on his system of sermon building. His class is constantly growing.

Brother Lloyd has not been well during the winter, though he has kept up his appointments regularly at Cusseta. Brethren Willis and Prof. Mell speak hopefully of the outlook for the church.

The college has better attendance this year than last. Among the students are many Baptist boys from all over Alabama.

This ended quite a long and pleasant trip. There were many places I had to skip, but I thought of the brethren as I passed. East Alabama is in better condition financially than any other part of Alabama. They made good crops last year all through this section.

## W. B. C.

## From China.

There are many men and women in America who ought to be in China telling these people about God and about Heaven.

There is so much to do and so few to do it. There are many men and women seeking the Lord and no one to tell them of Him. Since I have been in China my heart has been made many times because there are so few workers here.

Christians are so indifferent about missions in China. Some men say where little is given, little is required, and therefore conclude at once that the Chinese will be saved without the Gospel. Others say, they are not congenial enough, and many other objections founded upon ignorance of the moral and mental qualities of this most wonderful people. Think of Paul saying that any class of sinners were unworthy of his life and his labors! Did God create this great nation for our condescension, or for His own wise purpose, which, if known to-day, would shake this earth from end to end? I believe in these people, I believe in the promise of Almighty God, who can bring light out of darkness and build up the waste places of Zion. There are men in China to-day, who love the Lord Jesus Christ with as much earnestness and faithfulness as any Christian in America. I know an old man, a poor Chinaman, whom, if

you could hear pray and see his bright Christian face, would dispel every doubt from your mind about missions here. He is a power for God and his work. He is very poor, receiving but little for his services from his master on earth; but, because he preaches redemption and love, he shall receive riches untold from his Master above. When God called me to China my soul was stirred for these people which I had not seen; now I have met them face to face. In the name of our Master, let us meet them heart to heart. Ye who love the Saviour, love His people, love His work. There are hundreds of missionaries in China who will tell you, as I have told you, that these people are dying without hope in God, and you read it and forget it with scarcely a sigh. I appeal to my friends, my relatives, my school mates and my countrymen to heed my cry in this far off land to send men and women to labor for Christ. His spirit to preach His unspeakable riches. If a great famine were raging in America and I knew Chinamen as I know Americans, they would rise up to a man and send bread and money to my countrymen there. To-day China is perishing for the bread of eternal life, and her appeal comes to every child of God with no uncertain sound. Can you close your eyes and your hearts to her cries and let them perish without God? I pray to God as I write that these words may sink deep into the reader's heart, until he or she cries out as did Jeremiah of old, "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary of forbearing, and I could not stay."—Jer. 20:9. If there were no lights in your land and you were groping in blackest darkness, imagine your happiness when the sunlight bursts forth with its wonderful brightness and lights your beautiful land from sea to sea. China is in midnight darkness. Oh, hasten the day when the "Sun of Righteousness" shall dispel all gloom and sadness from this nighted land, and the bright light of eternal life shall shine of greater brightness than the sun. Then we can all say in the truest and highest and noblest sense of the term, Hail! hail king of the Jews! Yes, king of kings and Lord of lords." Trusting that God will richly bless you all.

I am yours in Him,

RAYMOND STAPLETON.

In Central Baptist.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Popularity.

Mr. Spurgeon, who being dead yet speaks, says: "Our Lord's popularity was of the best kind. It had not been gained by any tricks, or by pandering to the pride or prejudice of the people. He preached only the truth, and he wrought miracles only for the accomplishment of needed results, and not as a mere display of power." He did not care for popularity for its own sake, and more than once he withdrew from the multitude, lest they should undertake to make him head of an earthly kingdom. Applause had no charm for him. He knew its vanity, its uncertainty, its emptiness. When they told him that all men sought him, he took no account of it, but proposed to go into other towns and villages to preach the gospel.

It is something for a preacher to be popular. If he is wise and humble, he may use his popularity to promote the cause of Christ. He may draw the crowds, and lead them in the ways of usefulness and holiness. But popularity has its temptations. It will suggest the advisability of omitting unpleasant truths, and of setting unpleasant duties in the background. It will stimulate efforts to maintain its own way even at the sacrifice of nobler things.

The popular preacher should not have cause to feel that he is the object of envy or the part of others whose names are less widely known, and whose praises are more freely sung. Prof. Drummond suggests that after all a great preacher is a disadvantage to a church, on the ground that such a preacher so feeds and entertains the church that personal effort is not required of the members, and like Jesus of old, they wax fat and kick. Drummond is a comfort to many.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Suggestion.

Our convention is to meet at Marion, July 4th.

For some time I have been thinking it would furnish a good opportunity to have a national sermon preached. I've no idea what Dr. Hale has his mind on for the occasion, but in addition to the convention sermon I suggest that we have a national sermon. I believe there are certain tendencies that affect us all as a people, to which we should have our attention called by some strong man who is ready to strike a blow for the honor of our country, the well being of our people and the service of God.

It might be fixed for the ministers' meeting on the 3d.

I suggest that Dr. J. J. Taylor would be a suitable man for the work.

JNO. W. STEWART.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

## The Late Rev. J. E. Bell.

Rev. J. E. Bell was a native Alabamian, born near the line of Butler and Lowndes in 1830. His father was an excellent old Baptist, who died at his son's house in Georgia two or three years ago, at the age of eighty-five. This fact, with the bodily vigor and general good health of Bro. J. E. Bell, led us all to think that he, too, would reach a good old age. Through his mother he was related to the Burtis, of Ft. Deposit, an excellent Baptist household.

He joined the church quite young, was at an early age called to the work of the ministry, entered Howard College, was one of its first graduates, and was one among a very small number of young Baptist ministers. He was in great demand, preaching to Mt. Moriah, Antioch, Forest, Bolling, Greenville, Starlington, Georgiana, Pearsallville, where Prof. J. M. Thomas was called of God and filled with other churches in Butler; Ft. Deposit, Mt. Willing and others in Lowndes; Pine Apple, in Wilcox; Evergreen and Beulah, in Concho; Brewton and Elim, in Escambia; and Prattville, in Autauga, where his son Joseph, a noble specimen of real manhood, resides. His last pastorate was with the last mentioned church and Georgiana, where he resided with much enjoyment among people who loved and trusted and honored him. His abode there was seventeen years.

He served that church for many years, with intermissions by himself proposed. He served Brewton church for fourteen years and Elim for eleven, and was disconnected with both of these by his own request.

Bro. Bell was a man much beloved by his churches and all others; and even where some occasionally would, for variety, prefer to hear another preach, they would cling to him with the fondness of love for what he was and did. There were many tears shed for him in all of his old fields when he was called away. If there was any love of display about him, he had a perfect way of concealing it.

He seemed to me to more modestly than his real abilities. He was almost always known almost to the extent of weakening his power over his own churches. He was a fine scholar, well read, conversed fluently and instructively on all subjects, was sound in doctrine, yet rarely ever took issue with men in whose judgment and integrity he could not just as he underestimated himself, he would overestimate, I thought, sometimes, the qualities and abilities of others. He has often made the writer of these lines almost blush when he would, after the most respectful attention to his sermon, with unstudied ingenueness and earnest sincerity, speak afterwards of how he was transported by it. If he had a fault, it was in his charity toward all men. In his rebuked, it was so wrapped up in the drapery of tenderness as almost to lose its point. If churches owed him money for services faithfully rendered, he would suffer and wait and economize. His affability would always win by-and-by, but not until it had cost him much. I knew his inwardness, having been a co-laborer with him for just thirty years in protracted meetings and in the social circle, and I am sure he was a Christian in spirit as any man I ever knew; and his blunders were of the head and not of the heart. He has left a record of which his family may well be proud. He needs no polished shaft at his grave (though he will have one) to tell his family and friends who and what he was. His life and character are a monument in their memories, which no change of circumstances nor waste of time can ever wear away.

He was buried at Georgiana by a host of friends from the adjoining neighborhoods, even from Brewton and Greenville, the writer officiating. It was a sad occasion, and loved ones wept not "as those who have no hope," for they knew that when Christ comes, him will "God bring with him." He went on to join a watching and waiting wife and other children who have already "crossed over the river."

He was devoted to his wife; had been a widower for about sixteen years, and thoughts of her were a green spot in his history. She died as he did, suddenly and in health.

He has left an excellent family of affectionate children. They loved him and each other. It is composed of Joseph Bell, residing in Prattville, and Dr. Walter Bell, at Mt. Vernon, New York; Mrs. R. N. Burt, Ladonia, Texas; Mrs. W. H. Crenshaw, Sumptersville, Fla.; and Mrs. H. H. Stotesbury, Stockton, Ga.; Mrs. Alice Lovelace, Lovelaceville, Ala.; Mrs. Tom Binion, Georgiana, Ala.; and his dear, baby girl, Lizzie Bell, now with Mrs. Lovelace.

The denomination has sustained a heavy loss, and Southern Alabama an irreparable loss. Brewton and Elim help memorial services of him, their old pastor, and when I referred to him here and at Elim, all eyes were filled with tears.

I will miss him. I thought he would have stood at my grave, though ten years younger than he, but "God's ways are not as our ways." Fare thee well, my brother.

rest until the times of "the resurrection of all things," and we shall meet in our resurrection robes to dwell forever with our blessed Christ, of whom we so often spoke, and in whose second appearance we had such confidence.

Brewton. B. H. CUMPTON.

Old J. E. Bell was born July 17, 1830, and was called to his reward in the 64th year of his age. He confessed Christ and united with the church in Aug. 1851. Entered Howard College the same year and graduated with highest honors in 1854. In 1855 he was united in marriage to Miss Georgia Bennett, of New Orleans. Bro. Bell began his pastoral work with the churches at Ft. Deposit, Lowndes Co., and Damascus and Union, Butler county. Just 40 years this faithful servant of God was actively engaged in ministerial work. On Sabbath morning and evening before he was called to his reward, he was preaching to a large congregation of his church and power.

For more than 20 years the writer has been most intimately and constantly associated with our departed brother, and it affords me pleasure to repeat since his death what I have often said of him while he was alive, viz., I have never known a more pure and perfect man than Bro. Bell. He lived as he preached—peace and good will to all men.

He was never heard to judge or speak harshly of any one. Modest and retiring in his disposition, he came to the front only when called by duty—hence he was not so generally known as many other men who were his inferiors in many respects.

Bro. Bell was in the full enjoyment of his usual good health to within a few minutes of his death. He caught in some stubble near his house, and became somewhat unmanageable; he became over-heated by trying to subdue the fire, and a draught of cold water, was followed by congestion, and died in a few minutes. Bro. B. leaves a wife and children, and a number of friends to mourn his loss.

Georgiana. A. T. SIMS.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Newspapers.

Bro. Editor: I am sitting in my room almost covered up with newspapers. Some reflections have come to my mind which, with your permission, I will offer to the

local churches. He said he liked to keep close to the spring to get good water. If we cannot depend on the management of our local churches, there is no safety among Baptists. There was danger, he thought, in our people being led off by outside organizations and societies. He had great respect for the Salvation Army, because they were devoted to the best interest of our homes. If newspapers were diverted from the proper channel, some of our secular papers would lose their hold upon the public mind if they do not change their tactics. Thoughtful men and women, whose homes are dearer to them than anything else this side of heaven, do not care to read or let their children read week after week, vile censures heaped upon some office seeker, merely to gratify the particular likings of a partisan editor. What a source of relief it is for one to turn away from such sheets to our religious papers, where he finds food both for mind and spirit. I will close this reflection by asking this question: Does the professedly religious world estimate properly the value of our religious newspapers?

2. Will some one who knows, and who can tell, please state why women should be sent as foreign missionaries, and objected to as missionaries here at home? Understand the arguments presented, that women are the only ones who can reach the women in some of our fields. But it does seem to me that the New Testament sanctioned women's preaching in China or Japan it would sanction their preaching in America. Don't understand me, gentle reader, as being an advocate of women preaching. The point I make is, if a woman is warranted by Scripture as a missionary in a foreign or eastern land, she has the same warrant to be a missionary in Alabama. If the Bible justifies the one, will it, or does it not the other also?

3. What great blessings are our denominational colleges. What posts of responsibility do the faculties of these institutions occupy. Let us pray that the Spirit of our Master may rest upon these, that they may mould the characters of our youths to the glory of our common Lord.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon our editors and the noble band of contributors to our religious newspapers, be my earnest prayer.

Camden.

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This world is too small to make a grave deep enough to hold the truth.

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## The Baptists of Georgia on the Young People.

We make the following extract from the printed proceedings of the recent Georgia Baptist Convention:

One of the most important questions of the convention, the Young People's Movement, was discussed Thursday night. Dr. Burrows read a paper prepared by Dr. McDonald, and then one by himself, which was offered as an amendment. The first paper stated that the committee did not see the need of a state or national organization of the young people, but that each individual church should look after its own young people. The amendment suggested the propriety of such an organization, and thought that by proper restriction it would be beneficial.

One restriction is that the organization be thoroughly baptistic, and that it be under the direction of the local churches. Brother Murray thought that the latter paper could not be offered as an amendment, as it was diametrically opposed to the first.

Dr. Burrows said there was no contradiction in the papers. The second was only an enlargement of the first, and a coming to a definite conclusion. Dr. Burrows thought that the young people ought to be looked after while their minds are plastic, because you can't teach the old. He thought he would have been a better man and made more progress in his Christian life had there been some place in the church when he joined at fifteen years of age for him to learn how to do.

He wanted the people to catch the ideas of work. You hear Christians say we must put our people to work, and some think work is giving ice-cream festivals, etc. Some deacons think their work is to hand round the hat once a month and cry to the members bread and wine. Work is winning souls to Christ. If he could not get money any other way, he had ice-cream festivals and the like; but never dignified these things by calling them works. The reason so many of our members are idle is that they were not taught to work while they were young. There is a little band of young people in Augusta, he declared, that some of us would hear from before our hair turned gray.

Dr. Gambrell said he did not think there was any great conflict between the papers. The amendment adopted, an organization of local churches. He said he liked to keep close to the spring to get good water. If we cannot depend on the management of our local churches, there is no safety among Baptists. There was danger, he thought, in our people being led off by outside organizations and societies. He had great respect for the Salvation Army, because they were devoted to the best interest of our homes. If newspapers were diverted from the proper channel, some of our secular papers would lose their hold upon the public mind if they do not change their tactics. Thoughtful men and women, whose homes are dearer to them than anything else this side of heaven, do not care to read or let their children read week after week, vile censures heaped upon some office seeker, merely to gratify the particular likings of a partisan editor. What a source of relief it is for one to turn away from such sheets to our religious papers, where he finds food both for mind and spirit. I will close this reflection by asking this question: Does the professedly religious world estimate properly the value of our religious newspapers?

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## Central Committee.

PRAYER CARD.—AFRIS.

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HABANA, CUBA, Feb. 6, '94

MISS ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG,

Baltimore, Md.

My Dear Sister: Your kind favor of January 30th to hand, and I note with pleasure what you say as to the interest the ladies' societies throughout the South are taking in the hospital branch of our work, and I am deeply grateful for all that they have done or may do in the future.

I will say just here that while we are attending to the physical wants of the people we are by no means neglecting their spiritual needs, as will be shown when I tell you that one-fourth of those confined to our hospital have been led to Christ, and nearly all after they have been discharged attend our services. Our hospital opens into one of the galleries of our church, and all the patients who are able attend the regular service of the church.

I have first of the best surgeons of Habana associated with me, and they are taking much interest in our work.

We have been able to perform many successful operations which have drawn the attention of the medical fraternity to our work, and are destined to favorably impress the whole community.

Besides this, physicians who have started to teach medical students, bring their pupils to our hospital to learn the practical part of surgery. Thus without loss of time or expenditure of money, we are gradually bringing the next generation of doctors into sympathy with us.

I will mention one case which has been treated in our hospital, that may be of interest to the ladies. An English woman who had lived in Paris for some time came over to Habana as nurse in a Spanish family, and for some reason was turned out on the streets, and when found by a Christian lady and brought to our hospital.

She was treated and is now almost entirely well. A few weeks ago she made a public confession of faith in Christ by being buried with him in baptism.

Thanking you and all the ladies for the kind interest you have taken in our work, and praying the Lord to richly bless all of your efforts, I am, your brother in Christ,

A. J. DIAZ.

We feared the delegation to the W. M. U. would be small from Alabama, but if Mrs. S. A. Smith, from Prattville; Mrs. Mellen, from Livingston; Mrs. Haralson, from Anniston; and Miss Lida Robertson, from Mobile, be, we are led to hope, we will be well represented.

Only fifteen boxes have gone to the frontier from this state this year. Is that all we can do?

The Pastor's Aid society of the Southside Baptist church, Birmingham, have been signally blessed in their work this year, and some folks are attributing their success to their doing so much for missions, along with their church work.

A Woman's Aid society was organized at Colman recently, by Rev. W. T. Cobbs.

A box valued at \$40, besides \$28 in cash, was sent sister Halbrook by the Christian women of Birmingham, and a dear sister of Montgomery. "Who gives quickly, gives twice."

For the Alabama Baptist. What are a "Delegate's Obligations?"

Editor Alabama Baptist: When a church sends a delegate to the Convention, and pays his expenses, and he is freely entertained as a "delegate," what are his obligations? Has he a right to indulge in absenting himself from the monotonous routine of the Convention's business, reports, etc., for personal inclinations or pleasures? The Convention is instituted for work, and if a "delegate" goes merely to have a "good time," should he accept the appointment? If he goes as that church's representative, and accepts the payment of his expenses, is he not morally bound to that church to faithfully attend all the sessions, listen to reports and discussions of whatever nature, and vote in behalf of that church?

Judge Haralson, and the other officers of the Convention, have to sit untiringly through its sessions, and morally, is it not a "delegate's" duty, too? I ask this because it is sad sometimes to see how many are outside (they are not "committees," either), and how few are inside attending to the Lord's business during some of the most important sessions.

INQUIRER.

Some Christians lack the calm and rest they desire because they have not learned to be willing to conquer themselves. Self-control has much to do with our peace. It has been well said: "The inward repose which sooner or later true religion brings is the result of the final conquest and subjugation of man's lower nature. The peace of the holy mind is the peace not of stagnation but of self conquest."—N. Y. Inquirer.



# Alabama Baptist

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## OUR PAPERS.

The ALA. BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.  
WHY THIS "WHY NOT?"—Read the announcement elsewhere in this paper.

The first week brother Savell labored at Second church, Birmingham, the clerk wrote for mission envelopes. That looks like business.

BRO. A. M. PERRY, of East Perry county, says: "I am doing all I can for the mission cause. I have used the envelopes with good success."

THE BAPTISTS of Memphis, with Dr. Nunally in the lead, have been taking vigorous steps to have the Southern Baptist Convention meet in that city next year.

THE BEE-HIVES.—"The children were delighted with the bee-hives, and here is \$4.26 they collected for ministerial education."—Mrs. H., at Jasper.

DO YOU WANT TO GO TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FREE?—Forty new subscribers at \$1.50 each will entitle you to a ticket free to Dallas and return from Selma, Montgomery, Mobile, Birmingham or Decatur.

BRO. CONNS has organized the ladies and children at Cullman. He preaches four sermons a month and reports the outlook as encouraging. They are regular at Cullman, taking collections every month for missions.

MAY and June will be devoted to state mission collections. July will be given to collections for colportage. Both these departments are in need of money, and we are sure the brethren and sisters will do what they can.

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.

ONLY A FEW DAYS MORE.—This is the last chance the churches will have in the year 1893-4 to do anything for the home and foreign boards. They close their books on the last day of this month. Brethren, are the returns all in from your field? Please do not fail to utilize the few remaining days. Forward collections promptly.

THE CHILDREN'S APOSTLE.—Is the title of a little book by Prof. Robert Jones, late of Columbian College, at Bangor. It is written for the children, and is full of good advice and much that will be useful to the reader. We wish the apostle, with its wealth of wise counsel, could be had by every child, and we are glad to have it.

I AM hearing from some of the brethren about the Texas Convention. It will save confusion if brethren whose names were printed week before last will let me know their intentions. I would like to send in the name of every one who is going, so that the committee will have homes already assigned when the delegates arrive. W. B. C.

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. John's Episcopal church of Montgomery. It is now ready to be sent to our readers by mail. They should have it. The price is only ten 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

YIELDING GOOD FRUIT.—The Phenix City church became interested in repairing their house of worship. After it was all nicely done, and they moved in again, they wanted to make a thank offering. Pastor Schramm sends \$20 as the result of their first collection in the renovated house. Let the good work go on.

JOINED THE REGULARS.—Bro. Lindsey writes: "Thank God, I have at last got the last of my six churches to agree to give regularly to missions." That is good news; but do you know that this pastor of many churches has started two mission stations? One man to six churches and two mission stations. Oh, that Alabama had a thousand Lindseys! Pastors! pastors! pastors! The harvest is great and the laborers are few.

A SOCIETY FAILURE.—We call to mind that a few years back a certain social club at Anniston, on account of its conduct, came under the public censure of one of the pastors of that city. We learn that the said club has closed its doors with a considerable debt unpaid. This is one of the results of the hard times over which the Annistonians have reason to feel happy. Failures like this will be helpful to our cities.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER.—The ALABAMA BAPTIST from May 1st to Jan. 1st, 1895, for seventy-five cents to any new subscriber. We want one thousand names added to our list under this offer. Will not the pastors help us in this? We are helping you and the churches all we can, and we are sure you can do no better service to your people than to put them on our list under this proposition. Won't you do this, brethren?

THE DICKINSONS.—We have three preachers by this name. A. J. and J. G. are brothers who were born in Virginia and haven't recovered from it. J. W. is a cousin of the others and a native Alabamian. The latter preached for the former in Selma lately. One of the deacons said: "J. W. Dickinson gave us two good, gospel sermons. The congregations were well pleased." It looks as if good preaching runs in the blood of this family.

THE GEORGIA BAPTIST Convention, as will be seen from the extract from proceedings printed elsewhere, took what we think is the right view of the Young People's movement. The discussion and the decision showed that the movement is endorsed, but the desire is to keep the whole matter as close to the local churches as may be. That means that our Georgia brethren do not approve an organization so large that the churches may be disregarded or lost sight of. That is right.

GAVE HIS NOTES.—A brother who had been a regular contributor decided to hold his cotton for better prices, and sent the Secretary his notes for \$50, to be paid when his cotton was sold. Sending the money to take up the notes, he says: "I have just received return sales of my cotton. I decided four years ago to give a tenth of my income, and have kept it up. I am not complaining at hard times. I have plenty left to live on. May God bless you in your labors." If we had many like this brother, the Master's cause would never suffer.

BRO. STOUT gives his reasons for thinking the Southern Baptist Convention ought to adopt the numerical basis of representation. On the contrary the Religious Herald, of Richmond, expresses itself thus: "We hope the brethren who are

concerned for the Southern Baptist Convention are not so much interested in the numerical basis of representation, as they are in the spiritual basis. We should seek, and not centralization of any organic sort. Some brethren of warm temperaments have arisen before this to advocate in our denominational papers the re-union of Baptists North and South. They want to see something like the old Triennial Convention revived. But B. Y. P. U. A contemplates nothing of the sort, and we wish to say it very frankly is squarely opposed to such attempted organic unification. Our constitution, in the same article from which we have just quoted, declares with great explicitness on this point. We are big- den to seek (notice the words) the enlistment of the young people 'in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.' We need these divisions of labor. As the country fills with population we may need more of them. A grand federation of heart and sentiment is all we need, and that is just what we should strive for. Unions everywhere, let us keep our eyes on that mark.

TO PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS.—Every pastor should have a Simplex Printer. He cannot visit all his people as often as he would. A Sunday school superintendent often wants to write to his teachers and pupils when he has not opportunity to talk with them. A letter from the pastor or the superintendent, written with his own hand, would often do great good. With the Simplex Printer he could write one letter and in a few minutes copy it one hundred times. It is the simplest thing you ever saw. For six new subscribers and nine dollars we will send the note size as a premium. See picture and advertisement in another column.

## A WITNESS TO BE HAD.

While in Lowndes county, recently, we heard, on pretty good authority, that many persons who are running "Blind Tigers" have taken out Revenue License from the United States officers, so as to keep the deputy marshals off them. We know that for a little while last fall and winter the officers were arresting men, white and black, in the prohibition districts, by wholesale for violating the Revenue law. Suddenly it was stopped, and we heard no more of it.

We understand the Revenue officer has a right to issue them licenses, and it shields the possessor from prosecution before the Federal courts. But it does not protect him from the penalty of violating the state laws. We hear universal complaint made, that it is hard to get evidence to convict. Here is a witness that never lies. He is easy of access. The books of the U. S. marshal are all the witness needed. Any solicitor who wants to convict these liquor criminals can get his evidence here in Montgomery.

TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FREE.—To any one sending us 40 new subscribers at \$1.50 each we will give a ticket to Dallas from Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham or Decatur. This offer is good till May 9th.

We have received a postal card dated at Oark, Dale county, of which the following is a part, the remainder proposing an exchange with us, to which we willingly agree: "I have started a paper in the interest of the old Baptists, called The Pilgrim's Banner, issued semi-monthly at \$1.00 per annum. It is full of religious readings."

That shocks our complacency a little. We had been comforted by the thought that this paper afforded the old Baptists of Dale a pretty good supply of religious readings. There is old brother Calloway, and old brother Poyner, and old brother Deal, and old brother Pelham, and their wives, and others whose names need not be mentioned, all old Baptists, who read the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and we have heard no complaint from them that it does not sufficiently attend to the interests of old Baptists as well as young ones. We knew that they are all pilgrims, but did not know that they had thus far failed to lift up a banner showing which side they are on and which way they are going. But if those old Baptists shall now be set in order, and their needs better supplied, we shall congratulate them.

THE REGULARS GROWING.—We can't keep up with the list, it grows so fast. Bro. Blackwelder puts all his churches down in that column. They will take regular monthly collections.

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The Only Unification Sought.

We hear sporadic instances North and South of men who advocate or men who deprecate the re-union of Baptists of the two sections. Some of our people "down South" hold it as a chief objection to the Baptist Young People's Union that it has some such object as this in view as its ultimate mission. Nothing is further from the fact, as is clearly witnessed by the following editorial lines from the Baptist Union, the organ of that organization. G. A. R.

In the four B. Y. P. U. constitutions formulated at the Chicago convention, "the unification of Baptist Young People" is mentioned as one of the objects of the movement. A word in explanation of that term "unification" is desirable. It does not mean the unification of sentiment in the end, and we should seek, and not centralization of any organic sort. Some brethren of warm temperaments have arisen before this to advocate in our denominational papers the re-union of Baptists North and South. They want to see something like the old Triennial Convention revived. But B. Y. P. U. A contemplates nothing of the sort, and we wish to say it very frankly is squarely opposed to such attempted organic unification. Our constitution, in the same article from which we have just quoted, declares with great explicitness on this point. We are big- den to seek (notice the words) the enlistment of the young people 'in all missionary activity through existing denominational organizations.' We need these divisions of labor. As the country fills with population we may need more of them. A grand federation of heart and sentiment is all we need, and that is just what we should strive for. Unions everywhere, let us keep our eyes on that mark.

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## FIELD NOTES.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST eight months for seventy-five cents to new subscribers.

We are glad to know the Central Decatur brethren are now worshipping in their new house. We congratulate bishop Preston and his flock.

Ackerville sends a contribution on the plan of the Regulars, and the brother adds, "We have adopted the envelope system and find it an admirable plan."

Although Bro. O'Hara is laid aside because of sickness, he remembers the Board by sending a contribution. The Lord deal tenderly with you, brother.

On behalf of Sister Halbrook, of Cullman, Bro. Jones returns thanks to the ladies of the Baptist churches of Birmingham and Warrior for a box of clothing and other useful articles.

The John Pinckston Sunbeams are only five or six months old, but they send \$12 for Japan. The Talladega Young People make their first remittance of \$10 through Frank Bledsoe.

To one whose advertisement in our columns attracted your attention, please mention the fact that you saw the advertisement in this paper. It will be a favor to us.

R. A. Shell, Pigeon Creek, Butler county: We have an interesting Sunday school at Sardis church, of which Dr. W. T. Shell is superintendent, and Luther Russell assistant. Rev. W. C. Avant is our pastor, and we love him.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST from May 1st to January 1st, 1895, for seventy-five cents to new subscribers. We hope to enroll one thousand and new names under this proposition. We cannot allow commissions to agents under this proposition.

Rev. J. E. White's postoffice is changed from Kneuxville, Greene county, to Boom, Tuscaloosa county. If, as pedobaptists say, "in the water" means "at the water," then we may say that if Bro. White is "at" Boom, he is in a boom.

Bro. Hucklebee writes that Rev. W. Orr, of South Carolina, an evangelist of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church, is holding his third protracted meeting at Camden, in which he is having success and giving great satisfaction.

We learn from the Christian Index, of Atlanta, that Bro. W. A. Whittle has recently been over in Georgia. The Index says that last Sunday night a week ago Bro. Whittle preached for Dr. McDonald with great power, to a full house.

Rev. A. J. Dickinson called to see us on his return home to Selma. He had been assisting Dr. Hawthorne in a meeting in his church in Atlanta. Bro. D. reports the meeting as quite successful in every way, not the least of which was the addition of between forty and fifty members to the church.

Rev. W. M. Harris, the Greenville pastor, but formerly of this city, made his friends a running visit one day last week. The brother reported himself and family as in good health, and his work in prosperous condition. He made the bold assertion that his church has the best Woman's Mission Society in the state. We neither affirm nor deny.

Mrs. A. J. Ivie, Sheffield: We are glad to welcome the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and all love to read the dear old paper. There are so many good things to read, and much useful information.—Our little church is without a pastor now, but we have a good one, and we are glad to have him.

E. M. Haggard, Birmingham: Rev. J. F. Savell and family arrived here from Huntsville on the 14th. He came to take pastoral charge of the Second Baptist church, formerly presided over by Rev. W. A. Whittle. Bro. Savell was pastor of this church three years ago. He has many ardent friends who received him with a warm welcome. With the hearty co-operation of people and pastor it is to be hoped the church will build up as never before.

T. T. Runyan, Bridgeport: We took a collection in our Sunday school on the first Sunday in this month and gave it to the pastor. I am doing all I can to create an interest in missions in our Sunday school, and pastor Buckner is doing the same in the church.—I send the names of five brethren who will take the paper six months.—The church and the people generally have taken a great liking to Bro. Buckner, our pastor. He is walking the people up with his seeming magic power.

W. C. Woods, Twelve Corners, Lamar county: Bro. J. A. Glenn has been in our section for some time. He preached six sermons at our church (Shiloh), and has preached at several other churches in our association. He is laboring faithfully. Three of the churches of which I am pastor have organized Sabbath schools since he came into our midst. We need more men like Bro. Glenn.—The BAPTIST is received and read with interest.

A. J. Preston, Decatur: The congregation yesterday at the Central was much the largest we have ever had there. Six arose for prayer. Much interest manifested in our prayer meetings. The attendance, I am told, is the best in the history of the church.—Two await baptism at the First church, and others expected.—We take monthly collections for missions, and as many special collections as possible.—God bless the ALABAMA BAPTIST. It gets better.

Miss Lida Robertson's class in the Sabbath-school of the St. Francis Street church, Mobile, sends two dollars to put in good order the subscription dates of a local missionary who is doing a great deal of work on a small salary; and we have instructions never to say a word to that old preacher about his subscription, but to notify the class when pay-time comes again. If any one knows a more delicate way of doing good than that, we should be pleased to hear from him.

The two missions of Adams Street church are prospering. That on the corner of South and Hull streets is under the superintendency of Bro. J. B. Collier, and on last Sunday afternoon was well attended, as indeed it has been from the first. Bro. Gunter has charge of the mission on Decatur street, which has also been vigorous from the beginning, and he is encouraged by the indications of good that is done. When the meetings at the church close, preaching will be resumed at the missions.

A. J. Preston, Decatur: We moved into our new Central church house on the 8th and had a fine congregation. Yesterday was a good day with us; the congregation was quite good and much interest was manifested.—We took a collection for the purpose of putting a handsome window in the front of the church house in honor of sister Blackwelder. It would have done your heart good to see the hearty response to the call for money for this purpose. You would have said, "Behold how they loved her." The collection amounted to \$55.

S. C. C., Anniston: The Parker Memorial church had a delightful social in the pastor's home on Friday night. Our infant class, which is in charge of Mrs. R. L. McCalley, assisted by Mrs. O. E. Smith and Mrs. T. G. Bush, had 81 present on yesterday. And this morning workmen are removing a partition, throwing two rooms into one, to make room for others.—The church scored another considerable increase in its contribution to the Foreign Mission Board on yesterday.—The choir, in charge of Prof. Sam. P. Snow, of the Southern Female University, is rendering excellent service.

Just before the close of service at Adams Street church, on Sunday morning, pastor Gay spoke on this wise: "Copies of the ALABAMA BAPTIST will be handed you as you go out at the door. Take them and read them. I want every member of this church to take that paper. You can't get along well without it. The business man takes a paper devoted to the interests of his line of business. So the Christian needs a denominational paper. The ALABAMA BAPTIST is the best paper for you to take. You must have it." We thank Bro. Gay, and those members who take his advice will have reason to thank him, too.

The good work still continues at Adams Street church. There is nothing sensational in the conduct of the services, nothing out of the usual way, and yet the congregations are large and attentive, and there have been many conversions. The additions by letter have been numerous, and some of the letters had been bid away for a long time. The many additions by experience and baptism include boys and girls, mature men and women, and even grandmothers. Rev. J. L. Thompson continues with pastor Gay. It is expected that the meeting will continue at least one week more. The additions number 81 since the beginning of the meeting.

On last Sunday morning Mr. Walter Bragg, a young lawyer of this city, and Dr. Naftel, a physician, fought with pistols in Andrew's drug store. Mr. Bragg was killed, and Dr. Naftel was shot in the nose, the ball lodging in the neck, as is supposed. At this writing it appears possible that he may get well. There were other slight wounds, a dangerous and perhaps fatal wound being prevented by some silver money in his pocket turning the bullet. It all came from a few short words at the theatre, on Saturday night, while Senator Morgan was speaking. A little thoughtfulness, a little self-control, and there would have been no quarrel, no bloodshed.

Mrs. R. M. Hunter, Jasper: Brother Crumpton has some patent bee-hives, which if properly used, will yield a fine quality as well as quantity of honey. Give these to working bees and not to drones, and the results are gratifying. One month since I gave seven of these hives to eight small children, Clyde Lacy, Floy Smith, Ethel O'Rear, Willie Armstrong, Cora Hulsey, Fannie Rodgers and Mary and Florence McGuire. Soon they returned, bringing with them \$4.26 for ministerial education. Heretofore scarcely anything has been done in this association for our young preachers at Howard College. But in the future I hope our people will contribute more liberally than they have done in the past.

J. G. Lowrey, Clanton: Saturday and Sunday were good days with us again at Mulberry church. Fine congregations each day. On Saturday I preached on the duties of deacons and members; on Sunday the subject was baptism.—Last night I preached at Strasburg, to a large and very attentive audience. Ten or twelve stood up for prayer. Trust good was accomplished.—The good ladies of Vebena church, not satisfied with paying half of my expenses to the Convention, also presented me an elegant valise, with a card attached marked "Dallas, Texas." So you see they expect me to go. God bless them. Mulberry church has paid one-fourth of my expenses. I feel grateful to God that I am permitted to serve such people.

A. A. Hutto, East Lake: I want to acknowledge through your columns the receipt of five dollars from the Charlton Sunday-school, for my personal assistance as a ministerial student at Howard College. Bro. W. F. Falkner, one pastor, was here in college last year, and he knows what a difficult time the ministerial students have, especially those with families. Feeling an interest in me, he has laid this matter before his people, and they have responded, and they shall "have the reward of their gift." They must be a noble band; I know they have a noble pastor. I most heartily thank them for this substantial help.—It seems to me that the BAPTIST is gradually becoming made stronger and better. It speaks out boldly and in no uncertain tone on the issues before us. Those who do not read it miss many things that would do them good, and make them more useful in the Master's cause.

J. E. Barnard, East Lake: "How do you like brother Glenn?" I asked the brethren at Guin, when I went there in April. The reply from everyone was: "We were well pleased with him and his preaching." One brother, who has been hearing Baptist preaching all his life, and who is well informed in the Bible, said, "If you let me be the judge, he preached the best sermons that I ever heard preached in that church house." Some of our best preachers have preached there. I was delighted to learn that the brethren at Guin responded so liberally to Bro. Glenn's plea for missions. The church is composed of poor people, and mostly of female members; but when they are told their duty as taught in the Word of God—and I know Bro. Glenn did that—they are a willing people. I write these lines that the Board of Missions may know that they acted wisely when they put Bro. Glenn in that section of country.

We direct the attention of parents to the article on the fourth page on the subject of home influence. The suggestions are wise. It is easy to see that in our cities and towns there is a ruinous lack of home life. The wild race for success in business and in politics separates father and sons and daughters to such extent that they know little of each other, and what should be home, with all its sweet influence, is only a place where those who belong there eat and sleep. Our correspondent's suggestions are applicable chiefly to the town home; but quite an important problem is, how to make the home on the farm pleasant and attractive to the boys. We cannot now discuss the subject, and lay it aside for the present with the expression of the hope that the father and mother who read these lines will ask themselves if they are doing what they might and ought to do to make their country home the most attractive place to sons and daughters. It is well worth attention.

For the Alabama Baptist.  
Dear Baptist: I have thought it might be of interest to my brethren in Alabama to hear from me in my new field. I have met with a very cordial reception at the hands of the brethren in Aberdeen. Succeeding, as I do, so earnest and so skillful a workman as Dr. A. J. Miller, I find the church in every department in excellent working condition. I trust that I may reap a large harvest from the good seed sown by Bro. Miller, so that the Scriptures will be fulfilled, "He that soweth and he that reapeth rejoice together."  
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A new heresy has arisen in Texas, aimed at one of the most prominent doctrines for which our fathers shed their blood and bore the sorrows of imprisonment. Rev. J. B. Cranfill, editor of the Baptist Standard, advocates the proscription of Catholics because of their religion. He condemns the appointment of Hon. Patrick Walsh, by governor Northern, of Georgia, because the new senator, though believing in religious liberty, yet is a communicant of the Catholic church.—This course of the Standard would carry us back to the intolerance of the dark ages, and subvert the faith ever held dear by our Baptist fathers.—It is difficult to see how the editor of the Standard could thus contradict the faith, if Gov. Northern had declined to appoint Mr. Walsh on religious grounds he would have denied the faith of his denomination and violated his oath of office as governor of Georgia. We are glad to see that the governor is a true Baptist and a faithful officer of state. Dr. Cranfill to the contrary notwithstanding.

Selma. A. J. DICKINSON.  
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Ordination to the Ministry.  
On Sunday night, April 8th, an interesting service was held in our church—the first of the kind in its history. Our young brother, J. F. Watson, was, by direction of the church, set apart to the full work of the ministry, by prayer and the laying on of hands. The presby-

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A new heresy has arisen in Texas, aimed at one of the most prominent doctrines for which our fathers shed their blood and bore the sorrows of imprisonment. Rev. J. B. Cranfill, editor of the Baptist Standard, advocates the proscription of Catholics because of their religion. He condemns the appointment of Hon. Patrick Walsh, by governor Northern, of Georgia, because the new senator, though believing in religious liberty, yet is a communicant of the Catholic church.—This course of the Standard would carry us back to the intolerance of the dark ages, and subvert the faith ever held dear by our Baptist fathers.—It is difficult to see how the editor of the Standard could thus contradict the faith, if Gov. Northern had declined to appoint Mr. Walsh on religious grounds he would have denied the faith of his denomination and violated his oath of office as governor of Georgia. We are glad to see that the governor is a true Baptist and a faithful officer of state. Dr. Cranfill to the contrary notwithstanding.

Selma. A. J. DICKINSON.  
For the Alabama Baptist.  
Ordination to the Ministry.  
On Sunday night, April 8th, an interesting service was held in our church—the first of the kind in its history. Our young brother, J. F. Watson, was, by direction of the church, set apart to the full work of the ministry, by prayer and the laying on of hands. The presby-

tery consisted of Rev. P. M. Calloway, sr., Rev. P. L. Mosely, Rev. A. Dougherty, and the writer, the latter being made chairman. Bro. Mosely conducted the examination, and delivered the charge to the candidate; Bro. Calloway led in the ordaining prayer, and delivered the charge to the church, and the chairman presented the Bible.

Bro. Watson gives promise of much usefulness. He is preaching to several churches in the country, which called for his ordination. He is also teaching with a view of returning to Howard College, where he has already spent one session. May the Lord make him a good minister of the New Testament.  
W. M. BURN.

Dothan.  
For the Alabama Baptist.  
From Arkansas.

Dear Baptist: Your bright face comes to me this week in the missionary dress. God bless the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and its devoted readers. I am always glad to greet its pages, and proud at all times to own my native land. While it is true I am identified with the interests of another state, yet I note with the greatest pleasure every advance made by our Baptist hosts in Alabama.

We have quite a host of Baptists in Arkansas, as is always the case where the seed of Baptist doctrines have been sown in earlier days; but our people are not doing what it seems they might do for the advancement of our cause. I do not see the cause of this, unless it is that better lands and more inviting fields have carried the wealth and enterprise further west from time to time.

Many who come here, stop as a kind of experiment. Some go back, others go on, while those who remain, live halted between two opinions. In such a condition they are never true citizens, and are strangers to the interests around them.

There is one notable fact here, viz., the houses of worship are a credit to the country. We are feeling the pressure of the times here as well as elsewhere, but as a rule the people are thrifty and independent.

ROBT. B. DEVINE.  
McNeill, Columbia Co.

Why This "Why Not?" What They Say About It.

"I have not enjoyed within a long time anything so much as I have the review of Rev. Wm. Dudley Powers on the Baptists, by Rev. A. J. Dickinson. The ease with which the reviewer has disposed of the lofty pretensions of the Episcopal rector cannot be described by any other word than amusing. The same old figure of the cat toying with the mouse comes before one as he reads the review. In congressional phraseology, I should think Mr. Powers would be asking, 'Where am I at?'—B. F. Riley, Athens Ga.



## Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, APRIL 26, 1894.

FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for children teething, softens the gums, allays pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhea. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Visitors to the Southern Baptist Convention who travel via Iron Mountain R. R. will pass within twenty-two miles of Hot Springs, one of the wonders of the world. Stop over privileges will be given, a round trip to the Springs costing \$1.10. Arrangements with twenty or twenty-five hotels at half rates, ranging from one to two and a half dollars per day; private houses cheaper. Baths will be free. Circulars will be distributed at the Convention, giving names, rates and location of hotels. Let those who go to Mexico call as they go to the Convention, but let the main excursion be on the return, as that will give time for profit from the baths as well as pleasure. I will be glad to serve all those who will write me and indicate their wishes. Let those who go via Cotton Belt and Ft. Smith R. R. get stop-over privilege at Texarkana and Little Rock. I hope to see several thousands here. Don't miss such a golden opportunity.

J. B. MOODY, Pastor First Bap. Ch. Hot Springs, Ark.

"AMONG THE OZARKS." THE LAND OF THE BIG RED APPLE, is an attractive and interesting book, handsomely illustrated with views of South Missouri scenery, including the famous Olden fruit farm of 3,000 acres in Howell county. It pertains to fruit raising in that great fruit belt of America, the southern slopes of the Ozarks, and will prove of great value, not only to fruit growers, but to every farmer and home seeker looking for a farm and home. Mailed free. Address, J. E. LOCKWOOD, Kansas City, Mo.

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The Southern Baptist Convention. Will be held at Dallas, Texas, May 11 to 15, 1894. Large numbers of Baptists in all parts of the South, are interested in questions how to reach Dallas, and what it will cost.

The Queen and Crescent Route takes pleasure in announcing a low rate of One Fare for the Round Trip from points on its line. This route is the direct line from the southeast. Through sleeping cars daily from Atlanta, Birmingham, Meridian, Jackson and Vicksburg to Shreveport, with direct connection at Shreveport for through trains to Dallas. Solid vestibuled trains every day in the year, from Cincinnati, Lexington and Chattanooga, connect at Birmingham and Meridian with through cars to Shreveport. Trains from Louisville make close connections at Lexington with through service. On May 10th, through cars will be run from Meridian, Jackson and Vicksburg through to Dallas without change, to accommodate delegates and visitors from these and intermediate points. Let us have your name. We will take pleasure in writing you full information as to the rate, schedules, selling etc., from your point. Chas. W. Zell, D. P. A., Cincinnati, O.; J. S. Leith, T. P. A., Lexington, Ky.; A. Whedon, P. A., Louisville, Ky.; E. T. Charlton, D. P. A., Chattanooga, Ga.; S. C. Ray, T. P. A., Birmingham, Ala.; Jack W. Johnson, T. A., Birmingham, Ala.; J. J. Gray, T. A., Meridian, Miss.; J. Hardy, A. G. P. A., Vicksburg, Miss.; R. H. Garrett, A. G. P. A., New Orleans, La.; W. C. Rineason, G. P. A., Cincinnati, O.

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## About Board at Dallas.

G. W. ELY, Esq., T. P. A., So. Pacific R.R., Montgomery, Ala. Dear Sir: Your favor of 2nd to hand. We will make the following rates for the Baptist Convention: 4 to 6 people in 1 room, \$2.00 per day; 7 to 9 people in 1 room, \$2.50 per day. Some of the rooms have two beds and in the other rooms will put up a nice cot. Yours truly, THE OZARKS, A. J. LEWIS, Clerk.

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Tickets will be on sale to Dallas, Texas, via New Orleans, and the reliable Southern Pacific and Houston and Texas Central railroads at Montgomery and Birmingham, May 8th to 10th inclusive, and from points east thereof May 7th to 9th inclusive, at the low rate of one fare for the round trip, good to return within 30 days from date of sale. Remember that this is the only line that carries the delegates and visitors to the Baptist Convention at Fort Worth, in the south central portion of Texas. This route will be used by Judge John Haralson, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Geo. B. Eager, pastor First Baptist church, Montgomery. For Sleeping Car berths and any other information call on or write G. W. ELY, Traveling Passenger Agent, Montgomery, Ala.

World's Fair Photographs. We did not at first receive the pictures we had ordered when we offered them as premiums to subscribers, so we discontinued the offer. But now the error has been corrected, and we renew the offer. We will send to either new or old subscribers two books containing each not less than fifty beautiful photographs of the most attractive sights of the World's Fair—people of different nations, animals, statuary, buildings, etc. They are not only charming to the eye, but instructive to the mind. These pictures should be on your center table. The smallest of the pictures are 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, and the largest 6 x 12. We will send the two books and the ALABAMA BAPTIST for the price of the paper, \$1.50. Now is your opportunity for something that is really good.

Delegates from the Associations to the Southern Baptist Convention. Tuskegee association, G. A. Hornady; Newton, R. R. Deal; Safford, C. A. Moore; L. B. Pounds; Tennessee River, W. R. Ivey; East Liberty, J. P. Shaffer; Union, W. L. White; Tuscaloosa, L. O. Dawson; Eufaula, T. H. Stout; North River, R. M. Hunter; Liberty, R. P. Whitman; Centennial, G. W. Dalby; Pine Barren, D. W. Ramsey; Harris, M. P. Reynolds; Birmingham, H. H. Brown; Coosa River, Abner Williams; Bigbee, F. A. Freeman; Troy, R. H. Harris; Big Bear Creek, J. S. Stockton; Conecuh, J. W. Stewart; Selma, B. F. Ellis; Columbia, Dr. W. C. Cleveland; Elgin, H. G. B. Ray; Mobile, H. Austill; Carey, J. J. Nelson; Unity, J. W. Dunaway; Cedar Bluff, H. T. Leath; Alabama, J. E. Kolb; Cherokee, A. J. Noblett; Muscle Shoals, A. L. Moody; Central, L. H. Hastie; Shelby, C. W. O'Hara; Cedar Creek, J. C. Bean; Boiling Springs, A. F. Allen; Bethany, A. V. Britton; Florence, W. S. Brown; Calhoun, E. T. Symthe; So. Bethel, S. A. Adams; Antioch, T. E. Tucker; Etowah, A. H. Barnes.

General Conference M.E. Church South, Memphis, Tenn. MAY 2nd-31st, 1894.

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## Birmingham Conference.

Pratt City—127 in Sunday school. Good congregation at 11 a. m. Pastor preached at both services. A good brother gave \$100 for missions.

Avondale—Bro. Haggard preached at 11 o'clock, the pastor at night. Good congregation at each service.

East Lake—Pastor Foster preached at both services. Subject in the morning "The Burning Bush," at night "The Boers Conqueror." One baptized at night. Young People's Union well attended. Two hundred and forty-four in Sunday school.

First Church—No services, the seats being taken up for the new carpet. Pastor Gray preached at the Southside church.

Southside—Pastor Hale at Richmond Va., helping in a meeting at the First Baptist church. Pastor Gray, of First church, preached for him to large congregations morning and evening.

Elyton—The meeting closed Friday night with two additions. Others were converted and will, no doubt, join soon. The church was greatly revived and we feel that great good has been done. Bro. Arnold S. Smith did all the preaching, and all who know him know that it was well done. We expect to reap a big harvest. Yesterday was a glorious day. At night, the house overflowed even after the standing room was occupied. Three baptized.

For the Alabama Baptist. Representation in Southern Baptist Convention. Three plans are proposed. 1. A financial basis. 2. A mixed basis; financial and numerical. 3. A simple numerical basis.

I favor and shall vote for the numerical (if present) for the following reasons: 1. It is more in accord with Baptist principles; representation of the people. 2. It is more simple. 3. It agrees better with the spirit of our blessed Christianity; "all ye are brethren."

Let me beg the brethren to come to Dallas with the spirit of tolerance and forbearance. Let the majority rule, and let the minority yield in a Christian spirit.

T. H. STOUT, Thomaston, Ga.

The Alabama Baptist and Other Good Papers. We will club the ALABAMA BAPTIST and the following excellent papers at the prices given:

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## For the Alabama Baptist.

First Church, Birmingham. Doctor Gray's first year with us will end during the present month, and much cause for gratification and encouragement has been afforded by the substantial progress made all along the line. The earnest consecration of our pastor, besides the good fruit borne direct, has infused the membership in a more or less degree; and despite these times that are truly trying men's souls, the writer feels perfectly safe in saying that, if a largely increased active membership, a closer organization and a warmer spirit of Christian fellowship go to show anything, it is that the old Birmingham First is stronger for the advancement of the cause than she has ever been.

Attendance at the Sunday morning and evening meetings is on the increase; Sunday-school ditto. The weekly prayer-meetings are also well attended, and are proving very profitable. It has been decided to announce in advance the subjects to be considered at these meetings, to afford the members opportunity for special prayer and study in connection with them. The Young People's Union was re-organized in January under the leadership of brother C. F. Wheelock, late of Tuscaloosa, and has experienced a remarkable growth. Those who visit our city will meet a hearty welcome at our meetings. Miss Alice Hale is doing a noble work as leader of the Sunbeams.

The ladies of the church have been working for several months raising funds to re-carpet the church, and that has been done. And it might also be well to note here that the Young People have recently brightened up the parlors considerably with a new coat of wall-paper.

It is estimated that of the world's population, 280,000,000 are farmers, representing a capital of \$224,000,000, with its annual product of \$20,000,000,000.

MARRIED. At the residence of the bride's father, Magnolia, Baldwin county, March 28th, Mr. W. L. Thompson, of Daphne, and Miss Lucia B. Maulton. (Michigan papers please copy.)

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. P. Carly, Indian Springs, Mobile county, April 5th, Mr. Willie Busby and Miss Cora Carly.

At the residence of the bride, St. Elmo, Mobile county, April 12th, Mr. J. H. Wills and Mrs. Sophronia Smith.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. I. Freeland, Whistler, Mobile county, April 18th, Mr. William Edward Hamilton and Miss Ada Freeland. Good wishes to all.

D. R. COOPER. At East Lake, April 22, by Rev. J. H. Foster, J. W. Cole and Miss Adia Moore were married at the home of the bride's father.

OBITUARY. Samuel Aaron Hickman was born in Macon county, Georgia, November 11th, 1850, and moved with his parents to Alabama. In 1870 he joined Sardis Baptist church, Butler county, and was baptized by Rev. B. F. Lockhart. He lived a consistent member until death claimed him on the morning of the 23d of December, 1893. He suffered for eleven days with pneumonia. He said, "I fear not death; I feel that my way is clear; I am going to heaven; all that I regret to leave is my four dear little children who lost their dear mother in September." I was with him the last day he lived, at sunrise he raised his hand and waved it, pointing heavenward, though he could not speak a word.

Died.—On Sept. 7th, 1893, Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Hals, wife of Samuel A. Hickman. She was born near Sardis church, Butler county, June, 1850; joined that church, and was baptized by B. F. Lockhart in 1870. There was never a charge or complaint brought against brother or sister Hickman. Their home was the preacher's resting place. R. A. SULLIVAN, Pigeon Creek.

Sarah Ann Elizabeth Dempsey, wife of F. M. Dempsey, and daughter of P. M. and Elizabeth Smith, died at her home near Dempsey, Clay county, March 15, 1894, after a short illness. She was born Dec. 22, 1855, and was faithful to the end. Her life was very much devoted to the cause of her Master until death. She was married to F. M. Dempsey, Dec. 8, 1887. The writer knew her from a child. She was obedient to her parents, a kind wife and loving mother and step-mother. She left a husband and four children and many relatives to mourn her loss. In her last moments she called her children to her one by one, telling them how to live, and saying to her husband, "I know that you will raise them right," and also exclaiming that Satan could have no power over her—that she was going home to heaven. The funeral was preached by Rev. W. H. Freeman, text, Rev. 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection; on such the second death hath no power."

A precious one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled; A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled.

God in his wisdom has recalled The boon his love had given; And though the body moulders here, The soul is safe in heaven.

W. H. P.

MRS. LOCKIE PRACOCK, (nee Trigg) was born in Marion, Ala., Dec. 3, 1846; was united in marriage to Bro. A. J. Peacock, at San Paulo, Brazil, August 26, 1869. She joined the M. E. Church South, April 10, 1872, and died at Old Spring Hill, Marengo county, Ala., February 18, 1894.

I have known her from her girlhood, and was a near neighbor to her parents until they went to Brazil. She was a sweet spirited, amiable girl, obedient and affectionate to her parents. Her brothers and sisters loved her, and her pure, unselfish Christian life was a benediction to them.

Her husband, whose heart is almost crushed by this affliction, writes me that a few days before her death she said to him that her greatest desire and aim in life had been to be true to her family, her church and her God, and he testifies that for twenty-five years of their married life, he never heard her use a harsh word to him or any other person. What a testimony to her pure Christian life.

Her father says that her Christian graces shone brighter and brighter the longer she lived. She was a devoted wife and mother.

She was unable to speak for two days before she died, and could say no last loving words to her dear ones who slept around her bed, but her pure life leaves no doubt of her happy and abundant entrance into that blissful home prepared for the saints of God.

She has joined her sainted mother in that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. They await the coming of their loved ones left behind.

May the Lord help the husband and the dear children she loved so much, to follow her as she followed Christ, is the prayer of her friend.

S. H. COX. Mrs. LORENA McBATH died March 30th, at her father's, near Camp Hill. She was a good woman, a consistent member of the Baptist church, and a devout Christian. She leaves a husband and one child together with quite a number of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. May all of them look for comfort to him who "is righteous in all his ways and holy in all his works." J. P. HUNTER, La Fayette.

SISTER MARY VAUGHN died at her home in Wilcox county, Feb. 23, 1894. She passed away in the sixty-fifth year of her age. She was born Dec. 24, 1828; was married to Bro. Vaughn, a deacon of the Baptist church, Feb. 17, 1848, and was baptized into the fellowship of New Hope Baptist church in 1868 by Rev. W. Jacob Parker. Ten children are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother, two children, together with her husband, having preceded her to the other shore.

"Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep, from which none ever wake to weep." Safford. J. M. RODEN.

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