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THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

Each church should put all question of its pastor going to the convention at Marion at rest, by telling him at once that he is expected to go, and his expenses will be paid.

We profess to believe in prayer. We believe that God hears prayer; that he has heard our prayer in times past. Then let all hearts go up in prayer to God for wisdom to guide us at the July convention.

In some people in Lowndes county would make as great effort to enforce the prohibition law as they do to have it repealed on the plea that it is not enforced, the county would enjoy greater peace and prosperity.

EMPTY THE TREASURES NOW. There are Sunday-schools and societies and churches which have money on hand for different purposes. It ought not to be idle. Let the treasures be emptied now. The Lord's cause is suffering everywhere, and how dare we let His money lie idle?

DELEGATES and members of the Woman's Central Committee, and vice-presidents of said committee in each association, will have homes furnished them at the convention which convenes on July 4th, at Marion, if they will send in their man of the committee.

LET there be no shirking of duty. Some brethren will think it will be too hot in July to go to Marion; others will be tempted to plead hard times, and some are discouraged and feel that we can do nothing with the trouble confronting us. Let one and all dismiss these fears and cease to plead excuses. There will be no trouble if we show ourselves men before God.

STATE missions is the object before the churches for June. Brother, have you taken a collection for this board? The appeals that are coming to the secretary are distressing. Don't let the cry of hard times discourage you. Make the appeal; some pious hearts can be touched to make a sacrifice for the Master's suffering cause. The greater the sacrifice the greater the blessing.

In June Dr. Riley will start on a trip to Europe. We wish him a safe and pleasant voyage. And this reminds us: While in Dallas we had the privilege of hearing some interesting chapters of the forthcoming history of the Baptists of Alabama read. We were charmed with what we heard. The manuscript is now ready for the printer, and the book will be ready for sale in the fall.

THE BAPTIST DOCTRINE OF INSPIRATION, by the late Dr. Manly, would be a valuable addition to the library of any one who needs to be prepared to defend the sacred Book against the attacks of its enemies. There is only one way to destroy or even seriously hinder the Christian religion, and that is to discredit the authority of its foundation, the Bible. Skeptics of all classes know this, hence they would be only too glad to prove that the Bible is wanting in divine inspiration. The book above mentioned is a potent weapon of defense. It is for sale by the Colportage Board for \$1.25. The book and the ALABAMA BAPTIST one year for only \$2.35.

LOOK HERE, BROTHER!—Won't you turn immediately to the label on your paper and see how your figures stand? Suppose they read May 1, 93. That means that we have waited on you a whole year and more and that three dollars are now due. If it reads, June 1, 94, your subscription will be out on that day. In either case, brother, won't you forward what is due? You have no idea how badly we need it. It is a very small matter to you, but to us it is a big thing.

IN FIVE YEARS.—"My brother, if the Lord blesses me, and they let me stay here five years, I believe I will show you the best church in Alabama." We will not tell who it was that made that remark, but he means every word of it. From what we see and hear we are not sure that he will not verify his prediction. He is going about it as though he believed it possible. The old debts were provided for, the church was thoroughly organized and system introduced in every department. Now the leader marches at the head of the column.

EVERY conscientious pastor is now and then forced to confess to himself, if not to others, that he feels incompetent for the duties of his position. He might feel better qualified for his place, perhaps, if he had read Dr. Harvey's little book, The Pastor: his Duties and Qualifications. The book is sold by the Colportage Board for 50 cents, and a copy of the book and the ALABAMA BAPTIST for one year cost only \$2.15. Anything on the pastorate would be helpful especially to the country pastor, who seldom sees his people oftener than once a month.

"THEN whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" A serious question for those who are laying up riches. Had you not better decide while in health that a part of it, at least, shall have an owner of your own choosing? Why not put the Lord in your business? Make him your partner now, and arrange to keep him in your business after death. "Because I love the Lord who has faithfully kept me in all my ways, I give and bequeath one thousand dollars each to the Judson Institute, the Howard College, to the three mission boards, ministerial education, Bible and colportage and the Orphan's Home." How would that sound?

WHEN Bro. Bailey was secretary of the State Mission Board in Alabama, brethren were often surprised at the amount of work he would perform in one day. He fills the same place in South Carolina that he filled in this state, and he still keeps up the old habit of hard work, as the following paragraph in the Baptist Courier testifies:

The Rev. T. M. Bailey spent last Sunday with Enoree and Prosperity churches, Newberry county. He organized a Sunday school at the former, preached a sermon and then delivered a charge to two deacons who were ordained. After this service was over he drove 14 miles to Prosperity and preached at 5 o'clock to a large congregation. Collections for State Missions, eleven dollars.

NOW FOR THE CONVENTION. The minds of the Baptists of the state are now turning toward Marion, where the Convention will convene on July 4th. The people of the historic old town are moving to have everything ready for its entertainment. They are looking for a large convention. No body of people were ever called to face more serious problems than will confront us at the July convention. The very existence of our schools and boards is imperiled. May God help us to come up with brave hearts and wise heads to meet these questions.

A CONGRESS of liberal religious societies was called to order in Chicago last week to secure closer cooperation between the Universalist, Unitarian, Independent, Reformed, Hebrew, Ethical Culture and other similar churches or societies. A committee was appointed to devise some plan of co-operation. This is one of the first fruits of the World's Parliament of Religions.

So it is stated in the newspapers. The Ethical Culture Society comes in and is recognized as one of the "religious" of the world. And why not? There is as much Scriptural religion in Ethical Culture as in many of the other systems, or rather jumbles of "doctrine" admitted into competition with the Christian religion by those who took part in the Parliament of Religions at Chicago. To put forward ethical culture as a religion is an absurdity, no greater than that of which it is the logical outgrowth, the Parliament of Religions.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

These people may be extreme, and peculiar, and cranky, but they are trying to reach the poor and neglected in the cities. The masses can never be reached by our grand preachers in our magnificent houses of worship. They will never go there. We may complain at it and call them foolish, just as we criticize them for moving to the cities instead of filling up the country and being independent in homes that can be their own; but the fact remains they will not attend upon the services of our churches, and neither will they move to the country.

Then "what are you going to do about it?" becomes a question of deepest interest to the winners of souls. They must be reached; we dare not neglect them. Our obligations to Christ and to our country demand that we try to save them. Will we do it? If we do not, then who will blame the Salvation Army, who themselves are a part of the masses of common people who have tasted and found that the Lord is good, for trying to save them? They have their drums, and tambourines, and flags, and uniforms, and open-air meetings, where each one testifies for Christ. We saw them in the streets of Dallas, Texas. The passers-by would stop to listen, often from curiosity, till a great crowd would assemble. Now, why could not our city pastors inaugurate a method for reaching the masses, which would be an improvement on the Salvation Army's methods?

In Nashville they have the "Gospel wagon." In this, on Sunday afternoon, the ministers of the city, by turn, go and preach on the streets. Why not adopt this plan in every city? And this not only on Sundays, but frequently in the week. In our climate these meetings in the open air can be carried on from May to November. In this way thousands who never darken a church door would hear the gospel preached and sung.

SOME Baptists, perhaps quite a number, have contended that church property ought not to be exempted from taxation, for then the church, or the denomination to which it belongs, is receiving financial assistance from the state to the amount of what the tax would be. But a property was assessed as other property. So far as we know, no one of the United States levies a tax on the property of any of the churches or religious denominations. But Baptists have said that this exemption places the churches in the attitude of approving a union of church and state to the extent implied by the church accepting a bounty from the state.

Recently, however, we have seen a presentation of the other side of the question. The argument, in brief, is, that a church is not merely a religious, but is also in the highest sense a benevolent institution; that it is not organized to make money, but to confer benefits; that its work is in the highest degree beneficial to the state through the influence that it has upon individuals, and that it ought no more to be taxed than ought a charity hospital, or any other institution devoted exclusively to the public good; and that the state, in refusing to take tribute of the church, is simply recognizing its obligation to its most potent helper in promoting peace and the well-being of its citizens.

The reader may make his choice of the two propositions.

WHAT THE BRETHREN SAY.

"I take collections in all my churches every time we meet. I know what I can for you. Hard times is the word we hear on all sides. I fear some make it an excuse to cover up their stinginess. Some people, you know, have the mania for keeping everything but the commandments of our Divine Master." Yes, brother, doubtless there is great suffering on account of hard times, and many are in real want and cannot give; but there are others who are crying hard times who are making it an excuse to shield them from appeals.

"My little daughter is no better. We fear she will not last many days." This is from one of our missionaries to whom we owe months of salary.

"Will help more when we can. The great strike continues, and there is actual suffering, and the outlook is not good." This from pastor Hale, of Birmingham, sending twenty dollars.

"My church is two months behind on my salary, and I see no prospect of their paying me. I am thinking seriously of resigning." What are we to do? The churches behind with the pastors, and they with nothing to live on. The Lord lead us out of this darkness.

Was it a Bad Break?

The following is clipped from the Texas Baptist Standard. The reporter meant W. B., not B. H. Crumpton:

"Dr. B. H. Crumpton, of Alabama, was in favor of organizing a missionary campaign in each state, to reach the people. In regard to discussing them, matters before the district associations, the speaker said the trouble was the churches did not send up men capable of discussing them. Here Dr. Crumpton made a bad break, for such incompetency does not generally characterize our associations."

Any secretary of a State Mission Board knows that my statement is true. The sad thing about it all is, that so many of our editorial brethren, and city pastors and laymen, and members of our Boards do not know and will not learn the true condition of the masses of the denomination. There are hundreds of associations in which the ministers read no religious paper and know nothing at all of the work of the denomination. How can they discuss these questions intelligently, even if they say so?

But hundreds of them are opposed to the general work of the denomination. Now, brother Standard, you had better call that a "bad break." This condition will continue till some of our brethren are willing to come down off their stilts and face the stubborn facts, and go about remedying the trouble in a sensible way. The people are just as their leaders. They are never going to know any better till intelligent men who can explain the work of our Boards go to the associations year after year and inform the people. Some of the preachers will gladly welcome the messengers of the Board, and will use the information imparted to good purpose, but others will be sorry of their coming and throw every obstruction possible in their way. Most of the people will gladly hear and be informed, and will finally break away from their prejudiced leaders. Impressed with this idea, when the report on

INCREASE OF CONTRIBUTORS

proposed that the home and foreign boards appoint committees to cooperate with the state boards; this writer offered to amend by appointing the vice-presidents of the three boards in the state to cooperate with state boards. I had no idea that anybody would oppose it, but a brother of great influence in the convention, who seemed to speak for the foreign board, imagined he saw something wrong in the amendment and asked that it be voted down, and it was done. If the amendment had been adopted, the missionary campaign would have been inaugurated in a few weeks in Alabama. The Sunday-school board and Home board have been ready to help in this work for a year.

It is a matter which concerns the Sunday-school board quite as much as the other boards—not that it wants contributions, but it wants an increase of Sunday schools, and this gives it an opportunity to cooperate in the most helpful manner. It was on this amendment that I said "hundreds of associations had no members that could discuss the general work of the denomination intelligently." Where is the editor who will deny it? Let him speak out.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

RECENTLY Dr. G. A. Nunnally, who is pastor of one of the Baptist churches in Memphis, appointed a service to be held in Court Square, which is a public park in that city.

After the service had begun, the keeper of the park ordered the preacher away. He obeyed the order, but, as the Doctor's friends in this state can readily imagine, he returned to the park a few days after and preached a sermon on the question, "Does Court Square belong to God or the Devil?" The Commercial says of it:

"There was quite a large crowd gathered in anticipation of the event, and the way in which Dr. Nunnally handled his subject pleased every hearer. There were with him a cornetist and several of the clergy."

Dr. Nunnally said that it was his individual opinion that the square belonged to the devil. He stated that if a drunken man came within the limits of the place, he had it all to himself and was allowed to do as he pleased; that a man could go through the park and fill the air with blasphemy, and not a word would be said; but if a minister of the Gospel attempted to preach salvation, he was hustled out.

Among his most interested listeners was Park-keeper Simon, who ordered him out of the park when he attempted to preach there on Tuesday afternoon. The sermon was a most eloquent one, and there is no doubt at all that there were many men touched by the truths of Christianity who had never considered the question before.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST from this date to January first for 1900.

FIELD NOTES.

Dr. E. H. Murfee, a brother of Col. J. T. Murfee, of Marion, has accepted the presidency of Central Female College at Tuscaloosa.

The church at Lowndesboro began protracted services on Sunday. Rev. J. W. Stewart, of Evergreen, preached for pastor Elliott on Monday night.

Centerville church, Bibb county, had a very successful Children's Day. This may be explained by the fact that Bro. Dunaway is pastor of the church.

The Examiner says there are now three Sunday-schools in Hayneville whereas they have heretofore had only one one. Three schools will have more pupils than one.

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Luverne Democrat: The Baptist rally was a great success. The attendance was not as good as it should have been, but those that did go have no cause for regret. It was enjoyable in every way, besides being profitable and instructive.

A subscriber at Flomaton, to whom we sent a "reminder," writes that he is glad we asked him for what he owed. If there are any others in arrears who would be glad to be reminded, they will please signify it by the usual sign.

At Monroeville the Methodists have prayer-meeting each Wednesday night and the Baptists on Thursday night. How many other little towns have two weekly prayer-meetings? Many of them do not even have one, and there are churches there, too.

The Baptists of Florence recently began to light their church with gas. Pastor Brown preached a sermon specially to young people at the close of the commencement exercises of the Normal College. He is an active pastor, and keeps the corners well up.

The Sunday-school at Pearson's Chapel, in Tallapoosa county, came to the conclusion that the all-day singing is too much like a picnic to be proper for the Sabbath, so they now have them on Saturday. We call the especial attention of some other communities to this good example.

When the young man calls, and he and the young lady run out of something to say—as it is said they sometimes do—it would be a great relief to take up the Photographs of the World's Fair and look at them, and start the conversation again. Send \$1.50 for this paper—and the pictures will be sent at once.

Bro. Upshaw writes enthusiastically about Lineville College, which recently gave diplomas to eleven young men and young ladies. Prof. H. J. Willingham is president of the college, and as he is a Howard boy, Bro. Upshaw, like many others, thinks that the country needs more Howard boys in the school room and in other places, too.

Those Photographs of the World's Fair which we offer to new subscribers, or to those who renew, are not cheap chromos. They are beautiful engravings, and will always be attractive and instructive to your own family and to visitors to your house. They are just the thing for the center table, and will make the time pass pleasantly to the visitor who is waiting for you to come out.

Rev. T. H. Stout called to see us last week, on his return from the Dallas Convention. He remained in Texas for sometime to visit relatives, and preach, and look at the country and the people. He says the people out there are very fond of public debates on religious questions. Bro. S. visited Bro. J. M. Kailin, who is so well known in Alabama, and found him doing well as pastor of the Second Baptist church at Houston.

Mrs. L. C. Brown, corresponding secretary of the Central Committee, has sent letters to the vice-presidents of the associations, with requests that they report to her the number of live societies on their rolls. This is necessary that the correct number may be reported at the convention. She also sends blanks for July, hoping the work of each society may be promptly sent to the Central Committee.

These blanks for reports will hereafter be sent the vice-presidents quarterly. Be sure to report the Sunbeam work, as well as the work of the Woman's Societies.

J. W. Stewart, Evergreen: The Bread Beggar has just ended a brief tour in the interest of the Orphanage, having visited Gallion, York, Coatsop, Demopolis, Jefferson, Lincoln, McKinley, Uniontown and Lowndesboro. Oh, what a country this is! If this country had a sufficiently large population, such as the noble few who now hold it, I know not where we'd go to find a superior. They were all interested in the Orphanage.

M. O. Pettus, Rep. Madison county: A large congregation at Mt. Zion last Sunday. Dr. J. P. Hampton gave us a good talk on ministerial education. Rev. J. W. Hilliard concluded with a most excellent address; then gave an opportunity to those who desired to become Christians. Fifteen responded by giving their hand.—We have a good Sunday-school and prayer meeting. The church seems to be in a prosperous condition.

Speaking of the commencement exercises of East Lake Athenaeum the Age-Herald says: "Dr. French, of Talladega, delivered an excellent baccalaureate address upon the theme, 'Beauty and Duty.' We feel assured that our brother talked solidly and practically on the subject of 'duty,' because he is himself an example of fidelity to obligations; and we are equally sure that when he discussed the other part of his theme he soared away up yonder. You can't keep him down when there's beauty in sight."

For the Alabama Baptist.

Shall He be Re-Elected?

Editor Alab. Baptist: It is one of the healthy signs of the times that even the secular press has uttered itself with no uncertain sound against Col. Breckinridge's confessed and scandalous course of adultery, double dealing and hypocrisy, and as to the justice of the verdict against him. Henceforth he will be held, not only criminal in law, but infamous in the courts of honor and of conscience.

Look at the case as it now stands. Here is a man well advanced in years, married, head of a family, elected and re-elected to Congress, famous as an orator, born of honored ancestry, reared in an atmosphere of piety, akin to famous preachers, himself an officer in his church, till lately of high moral repute, and the representative of a section of the South famous for its zeal in the defense of woman, proved to be guilty of multiplied and persistent sins against virtue, truth and honor, and that too under circumstances abhorrent to every idea of religion, of chivalry, of hospitality, of friendship, and even of decency.

No wonder that when the charge was first made the country held its breath, hardly daring to believe it well founded. If it were well founded, then who could be trusted? It did not involve simply a lapse under sudden temptation; but deliberate, conscienceless, villainous crime, extending through years of professed uprightness and religious fidelity! But, alas! it has proved to be too sadly and sternly true, and the most damaging witness against Mr. Breckinridge has been Mr. Breckinridge himself. Review his course under the charge. First he resorts to heartless reticence, then to denial and "bluff," then he goes into court with "a plea in abatement," asking that the case be dismissed on technical grounds, without a hearing, in fact, but not at law; then he resorts to a cowardly counter charge of unchastity—alas for chivalry! "The woman beguiled me and I did it." It is the base plea of the blackest scoundrels in this world—the miserable destroyers of women. But the crowning baseness of the man was seen in his effrontery, in direction and utter lack of candor or contrition in the court-room and on the witness stand.

And, now, as the climax of all this brazen effrontery he announces that he will "again stand for re-election in his district," and that the canvass will be an "aggressive" one! Save the mark!

We, at this distance, may be permitted to rejoice, for this is no "local affair"—it was "not done in a corner"—that the Ministers' Union of his own Kentucky town have entered the fight against his re-election in these ringing resolutions: "The Ministerial Union of Lexington, Ky., deems it a duty of conscience in the fear of God to bear the following public testimony against the re-nomination or re-election of our present Representative in the Congress of the United States. On the witness stand, in the court room, he has confessed that for years he has indulged in a course of adultery and hypocrisy, and in the light of such a confession we regard the canvass for re-nomination and re-election, first as an open defiance of all personal chastity, domestic purity and religious integrity; second, as an appeal to voters to ignore personal morality when choosing political candidates; third, as a corrupt and corrupting misrepresentation of the social order of our community; fourth, as a debauching example to youth; fifth, as in every way a peril to truth and righteousness."

May all the forces of patriotism, decency and religion be arrayed against the iniquity of such a re-election. GEO. B. EAGER, Montgomery.

Whenever the devil raises up his subjects to persecute you, it is because you are bringing forth good fruit.

Judson Commencement.

The fifty-sixth commencement of the Judson Institute, at Marion, began Sunday, May 27th, with a sermon preached by Rev. D. B. Gray, of the First Church, Birmingham. The audience filled the chapel to overflowing. Dr. Averett's wisdom was never better displayed than in the selection of the preacher on this occasion.

I want to ask every reader, especially the ladies and girls, to turn immediately to the last chapter of Proverbs and read the description there given of a virtuous or capable woman. For one hour the preacher held up before his delighted audience the beautiful picture of this ideal woman. His sermon at night on "Knowing Christ," was thoroughly appreciated by the fine audience that thronged the church. Like every one who has ever had an opportunity to look in on this splendid old school, Dr. Gray goes away impressed that the Baptists of Alabama do not know what a treasure they possess in the Judson Institute. Dr. Averett and his faculty have never done a finer year's work than this that is just now closing. It has been done in the face of the most trying times that ever confronted any school. The president and teachers have been faithful, the pupils industrious and enthusiastic.

The Education exercises, the Art display, the Grand Concert, and the Commencement proper, were all pronounced by those who were good judges as equal to anything ever witnessed at the Judson. The "Class night," which has come to be a part of the exercises, was probably the most enjoyable. Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, of Lafayette, gave the class a chapter of good advice, in an impressive speech. Though he was put at the disadvantage of speaking at the close of the evening exercises at rather a late hour, he received the close attention of the large and cultivated audience to the end.

THE GRADUATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

GRADUATE IN ART.
Miss Julia Daughdrill, of Alabama.
ELECTIVE GRADUATES.
Miss Edna Bingham, of Mississippi.
Miss Annie Ellis, of Mississippi.
Miss Kate Ellis, of Mississippi.
Miss Lily Long, of Pickensville, Ala.

FULL GRADUATES.
Miss Lula Brake, of Warrior, Ala.
Miss Julia Daughdrill, of Marion, Ala.
Miss Zaidie Ellis, of Greenville, Ala.
Miss Carolyn Harlan, of Selma, Ala.
Miss Julia Hughes, of Florence, Fla.
Miss Mary Lovelace, of Marion, Ala.
Miss Rosa Moore, of Marion, Ala.
Miss Birdie Ward, of Abbeville, Ala.

Among these names will be recognized the daughters of some of our most prominent Alabama brethren.

At the close of the exercises on commencement day, Dr. Averett, in a voice choking with emotion, commended to them the class motto they had chosen:

"Let us do the best we can."

He afterwards said to me, "This is the most unpretending class I have ever seen."

The Board of Trustees, composed of the local members and brethren Welch and Ellis, labored diligently to solve the intricate problems before them. Their conclusions will be published in due time. And now let every Baptist in Alabama who has a daughter to educate away from home, seriously consider the claims of the Judson.

A brother from another state said to me, "Why do you not have one hundred and fifty boarders from Alabama in the Judson? The school certainly deserves it." Can anybody give the reason?

Some say, it is because of the excessive charges; but time and again these have been compared with the published prices of other boarding schools of the same grade, and it was found that the prices were about the same.

The rumor is afloat that the Judson is a high priced school. We ask our brethren to do the fair thing by their own school—investigate the rumor by comparing the published catalogues, and it will be found that it is without foundation, and that it is generally set about by agents of rival schools. Brethren, this is your school, and it deserves your patronage. When the Baptists of this state cease to own this school and the Howard, I will cease to urge their claims upon our people; but I shall insist upon it, that as long as they are ours, and the standard of scholarship is kept where it is, it is the duty of Baptists to patronize them if they send their children away from home to school, and to work for them among their neighbors. While the

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Is not a Baptist school, it will be gratifying to the many friends of Col. J. T. Murfee, its president, for me to say a word about it. The session closed on May 30th. It was my privilege to be present. The large audience of probably five hundred people, which assembled in the college chapel, were well entertained by the splendid program gotten up for the occasion.

Five young men graduated in book keeping, one in the school of Latin, and seven in all the schools of the institution, receiving diplomas and the degree of Bachelor of Science. They were as follows:

W. H. Patterson, Dawson, Ga.; W. T. Hendon, Jr., Marion, Ala.; J. A. Carney, Carney, Ala.; P. B. Ray, Marion, Ala.; T. D. Berry, Brookston, Texas; H. C. Howard, Marion, Ala.; S. L. Nabors, Birmingham, Ala.

We congratulate our brother W. H. Patterson, long moderator of the Eufrasia association; Col. W. T. Hendon, well known about Midway and Evergreen as himself a fine educator, and Bro. Ray, the evangelist of our board, on the success their sons have achieved in winning diplomas from this good

school. This old chapel, so well known to the Howard boys, has been made, by the touch of the painter's brush, one of the handsomest halls to be found anywhere. A fine portrait of Dr. W. W. Wilkerson, former president of the Howard and the Marion Military Institute Boards of Trustees, overhanging the beautiful marble tablet to his memory, adorns the wall.

After the exercises there was a prize drill for the soldiery medal, which was easily won by Mr. Davis, over seven competitors. In the midst of tumultuous applause, such as school boys alone know how to get up, the medal was delivered by T. T. Daughdrill, Esq., of Marion. W. B. C.

Heading Toward Marion.

Every association in the state cooperating with the convention, and numbering five hundred members, will be entitled to three delegates in the convention, and one for every five hundred additional. The Executive committees of said associations should appoint them at once, as those bodies have not had a meeting since the last convention. Every church has a right to one delegate, and one additional for each fifty members over the first fifty. Besides these, each church may have one delegate for each one hundred dollars paid to State, Home or Foreign Missions, Bible and Colportage, Ministerial Education, or the Orphanage. Besides these, any man who is a member of a Baptist church, who has paid one hundred dollars to any of the objects mentioned above, can become a member.

Brother T. T. Daughdrill, of Marion, is the chairman of the committee on hospitality, and is ready to assign houses to delegates, if they will write him at once. Besides the delegates, the committee will engage to furnish homes for the Woman's Central Committee and the vice-presidents of said committee from each association. It will save trouble to the local committee and all concerned if the delegates will send on their names at once. Please write to the committee, and to no one else. I am writing this in behalf of the committee. W. B. CRUMPTON.

LITERARY NOTICE.—Of the numerous excellent helps for Sunday-school workers, none excel in literary merit and practical usefulness the Baptist Teacher, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. In the July number, Dr. Weston contributes an admirable article upon the four gospels, eminently worthy of being preserved for future and frequent reference. Pres. Broadus, in his usual clear and definite style, outlines the doctrinal points in the lessons of the coming quarter. Dr. Marsh graphically pictures the boy Jesus in home, school and temple. This is an excellent magazine, only 50 cents in clubs of five and upwards, and deserves a large list of subscribers.

SECULAR NOTES.

Crenshaw has a good crop of oats.

Recent rain made Coosa farmers glad.

Registration in Tallapoosa was pretty full.

The oat crop of Pike is said to be unusually large.

There was a pretty full registration in Dale county.

Crop prospects about Newton, Dale county, are good.

A railroad from Pensacola to Memphis is now the talk.

The voters of Crenshaw appear to have registered pretty well.

Typhoid fever and dysentery have been prevalent in Lowndes.

Dry cool weather had a bad effect on corn and cotton about Tusculum.

Storms and floods have done great damage in some parts of Texas and Colorado.

Cotton in Monroe was affected by the cool weather, but crops generally look well.

Reports from various precincts in Monroe indicate that the registration of voters was light.

The striking miners in Alabama are quiet, and it is hoped that the troubles will soon be settled.

The Tuskegee News, of May 31, thanks Mr. J. O. Adams for the first water-melon of the season.

A great deal of land is advertised for sale in Jefferson and Colbert counties for non-payment of taxes.

The Alexander City Outlook announces that the June-bug is at zero, but does not say what he hopes to accomplish there.

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