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colored white Baptists.

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The breaking out of war between
China and Japan, with Korea as
the battle ground on land and the
bone of contention, caused Chris-
tians in this country to become
alarmed for the safety of the mis-
sionaries residing in those countries.
These fears became known there,
and assurance is given, on what ap-
pears to be good authority, that
missionaries who do not give occa-
sion for offense will not be molested,
at any rate by official authority.
Of course no one knows what law-
less mobs or turbulent soldiers may
do.

How is it that some young men
and older ones, too, run
through the congregation and
through the town during the pro-
tracted meeting trying to persuade
people to come to Christ and be
saved, and then during the balance
of the year they give themselves over
to silly pleasure-seeking and fun?
The Lord deliver us from this class
of church workers! Their approach
to a sinner during revival services
is like an ice water shower bath in
August.—*Arkansas Baptist.*

Those members may have gone
from Alabama, but they left others
behind.

It is said that a young man re-
cently applied for admission to
Vassar College, and was refused.
He thought that as men's colleges
are opening to women, *vice versa*
should be the rule.—*Exchange.*

And that same thing might occur
in Alabama, since some of our col-
leges have opened their doors to
young ladies. But it would only
show that the young man who made
application for admission to the fe-
male college saw a logical connection
where none really existed. If
the male and female schools were
organically connected, the argu-
ment would be more plausible; but
each is independent of the other,
and neither is bound by an act of
the other, and so the "logical"
young man must state where he be-
longe.

Some of the Baptist leaders in
North Carolina have been discuss-
ing, with earnestness and ability,
the sound policy or the rightfulness
of the state supporting schools for
the higher education of its youth.
The idea appears to be that the state
should give only a primary or com-
mon school education, and leave it
to denominational schools to do the
rest. At any rate, that whatever
the state does in the way of higher
education must be something that
is not done by the denominational
schools. This limitation would
take a pupil pursuing a full course
from the state common school into
the denominational college, and
then from college into the state
school of agriculture, mining and
mechanics.

Outside of North Carolina there
are some public men who, without
thinking of denominational schools,
contend that the state ought not to
give its youth any more than a pri-
mary education—that when that
has been done the state has dis-
charged its duty; and moreover,
that if it did not spend so much
money in giving collegiate educa-
tion to comparatively few, it would
be able to give a much greater
number of children an education
that would at least enable them to
make a good start in life.

Report of State Board of Mis- sions to the State Con- vention.

The State Board of Missions begs
leave to submit its annual report
covering the eight months which
make up this convention year. Not-
withstanding it has been, even
more than the previous year, a time
of financial distress, business de-
pression, political and industrial
unrest, and a time too when it is
feared that as an after effect of the
Centennial Campaign there would
be a falling off in the gifts of the
churches, we are able to report an
aggregate of work and results in
view of which we may well thank
God and take courage.

ACTUAL CONSOLIDATION REALIZED.

The final consummation of the
consolidation of the old Colportage
and State Mission Boards by the
removal of the Marion office to
Montgomery, and the retention of
brother J. B. Collier as office secre-
tary and bookkeeper, was effected
in December and we were able to
begin the new year with the two
departments in one office, under the
same roof with the ALABAMA BAP-
TIST, and with brighter promise of
a more united and effective work.
This promise, we are sure, has al-
ready been sufficiently realized to
justify amply the plan of unifica-
tion and the removal to Montgom-
ery. The future, we trust, will af-
ford yet fuller evidence of the wis-
dom of that plan. We are con-
vinced that there is no better cen-
ter than Montgomery from which to
operate—none affording finer ad-
vantages of accessibility and mail-
ing and shipping facilities, and
none giving the secretary a better
vantage ground for his multitudi-
nous outgoings and manifold work
throughout the state.

The new arrangement has ren-
dered the colportage department an
important service by making the
work of sending out periodicals and
books to Sunday-schools and col-
porters more prompt and satisfac-
tory, and thereby helping to in-
crease the patronage materially.
The number of Sunday-schools or-
dering literature through the board
has greatly increased; many negro
schools, through brother McAl-
pine's influence, are now placing
their orders with us. The secre-
tary reports also a large number of
churches on our books which have
never been interested previously in
general denominational work.

Other influences have contributed,
no doubt, to these results, as the
ALABAMA BAPTIST; but this
change of base and plan of opera-
tions has played a palpable and im-
portant part in the matter.

THE YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED.

Notwithstanding a debt was left
us by the Board of Ministerial Edu-
cation, and extra expense was in-
curred by removal to Montgomery,
the financial exhibit for the eight
months under review compares
favorably with that made in any
other year for the corresponding
time. The response to the secre-
tary's appeals in behalf of our mis-
sionary students was prompt and
liberal, and sixteen students at
Howard College, and one at the
Seminary received aid at our hands;
yet we report a deficit of only \$200
on our account. The amount
raised for State Missions, though
no associations have yet met, is
within \$300 of the amount reported
for the same period of last year.
Our people have fallen behind un-
accountably in their gifts to Home
Missions, having given only \$3,753,
but we have collected as much for
Foreign Missions as in any year of
the past except two, and one of
those was the Centennial Year, \$7,-
497. Our evangelists have done a
good work, chiefly in regions where
there was crying need of their ser-
vices, and little encouragement to
take collections; but between this
and fall it is expected that at pro-
tracted meetings and "rallies"
which they will hold at important
centers, they will be able to collect
a considerable part of their salaries.
From the secretary's "summary of
work" it will be seen that four new
churches have been constituted,
twenty-seven Sunday-schools or-
ganized, 318 persons received by
letter, and 333 baptized by our mis-
sionaries, or in connection with
their labors; and that,
\$2,741.72 was col. for Meeting Houses,
\$66.08 " " State Missions,
\$50.98 " " Home Missions,
\$12.10 " " Foreign Missions,
\$113.15 " " Minis. Education,
\$5.52 " " Orphan's Home,
Of \$3,812.15 in the aggregate;
and that in addition to 126 sub-
scribers which were secured to the
ALABAMA BAPTIST, and 195 to
Foreign Mission Journal. These
figures are richly suggestive of the
variety and effectiveness of the
work done. The success of most
of our colporters has been excep-
tionally gratifying. They have
wrought most effectively in Ran-
dolph, Henry, Conecuh, Chambers,
Tallapoosa, Lee, Marengo, Clark,
Marshall and Geneva, and mod-
erately so in some other counties. We
invite special attention to what the
secretary says about their work. In
spite of the hard times their sales
have been remarkably good, espe-
cially in small Bibles and Testa-
ments on which, however, we make
no profit. We urge that the most
earnest effort be made in all our
churches and associations to in-
crease the present Colportage fund
until it will afford us a working
capital not to be encroached upon
for current expenses, and that our
Sunday-schools send their orders to
this department. We call special
attention to so much of the secre-
tary's report as we herewith sub-
mit, and especially to the recom-
mendations looking to the proposed
summer campaign, the placing of
our colportage work upon a firmer
and more self-sustaining basis, and
such increase of our force of mis-
sionary evangelists as will be likely
to result in a wider awakening
and a truer development of our
people in denominational activity
and the grace of giving.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SEC- RETARY.

Rev. Geo. B. Eager, D. D., Pres.

Dear Brother: For the eight
months which constitute this con-
vention year, I have proce-
ded with the work committed to my
hands to the best of my ability.

At every point I have had to con-
front difficulties which often seemed
insurmountable.

But God has been with me and
with the other employees of the
Board in marvellous ways and
blessed us, though the means of
supporting the missionaries have
been meagre.

At the December meeting it was
determined finally that the book
department should be removed to
Montgomery, and I was instructed
to look out for suitable quarters
and take the necessary steps for the
removal. After reflection, I felt
that the time had come for the two
offices to be at the same place. I
recommended, therefore, to the ex-
ecutive committee the removal of
the Marion office to Montgomery,
which they readily approved.

I was also instructed to retain
the services of brother J. B. Col-
lier as office secretary and book-
keeper. Accordingly, on Decem-
ber 31st the Marion office was re-
moved, and soon after the books
came over from Opelika. By ar-
rangement with the ALABAMA
BAPTIST, the two departments of
our work are under the same roof
with the paper, thus greatly less-
ening the cost of the board. On
account of the expense incurred by
removal, the expense account this
year may be excessive. The wis-
dom of the change to Montgomery
cannot be questioned. The demoni-
stration generally has approved it.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

was committed to your board by
the last convention with a consid-
erable debt to be provided for. In
March I made a special appeal to
the churches for aid to support the
ministerial students at Howard
College. The response was prompt
and liberal, and I have the pleasure
to report nineteen ministerial stu-
dents in the college, sixteen of
whom received aid, six of whom
schools provided for by their high
schools, and five at the Seminary;
only one of whom asked aid at our
hands. We are due Howard Col-
lege now about \$200. There is no
cause we foster which is nearer the
hearts of our people than the edu-
cation of our young ministers.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The amount contributed to Home
Missions by the Baptists of the
state to April 30th, the close of the
Southern Baptist Convention year,
was \$7,753.75; and to Foreign
Missions \$7,497.71.

For your convenience I submit
the following table, showing the
contributions for the Mission
Boards from 1886 to 1894:

Year.	State.	Home.	Foreign.
1886	\$ 6,396	\$ 2,254	\$ 3,374
1887	7,599	3,618	4,619
1888	8,183	2,817	3,913
1889	11,970 (16 mos)	3,695	4,532
1890	8,795	4,318	6,359
1891	8,255	5,471	7,253
1892	7,617	6,210	6,868
1893	8,745	9,097	15,994
1894	4,844.75 (8 mos)	3,753	7,497

STATE MISSIONS.

It will be remembered that the
eight months of this year have not
embraced the time of meeting of a
single association. Notwithstanding
this, and the unprecedented finan-
cial depression, we have raised
for State Missions within \$300 of
the amount reported for the same
period last year.

It is painful to see how far short
we have fallen in Home Missions;
but it is gratifying to know we
have not fallen behind in State
Missions, and we have given as
much for Foreign Missions as in
any year of the past, except two,
and one of those was the Centen-
nial year.

A MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

to be prosecuted for three months
in the summer, the Boards of the
Southern Convention co-operating
with the State Board in arranging
for the meetings and paying the
traveling expenses of such brethren
as may take part in the program.
Probably five hundred dollars
would cover the entire expenses for
a single year, and much of that
could be collected at the meetings
held. I see no hope for much ad-
vance in our mission work till some-
thing of this kind is adopted.

my experience because of
my inability to settle promptly with
the men we have employed. Some
of them have really suffered for the
want of their salaries.

Hoping for better times we made
arrangements looking to the en-
largement of the work, but the
churches failed us, chiefly because
of the scarcity of money in the
country. We began the year with
a debt of \$868.25. We now owe
the missionaries in the neighbor-
hood of \$1,000.

Our two evangelists have done a
good work, laboring for the most
part in regions where their ser-
vices were most needed. They will
hold protracted meetings and Bap-
tist rallies, till the associations be-
gin to meet in September, at im-
portant centers. I hope they will
be able to make better collections
in this way, and provide a consid-
erable part of their salaries. I be-
lieve the number of evangelists
should be increased as soon as we
are sure we have the right men and
good reasons to believe their sala-
ries can be provided.

The plan of supplementing the
salaries of pastors, I think, should
be given up now except in rare
cases.

MISSIONARY COLPORTERS.

The experiment of employing
missionary colporters, paying them a
small salary from the missionary
fund, has worked admirably. We
have them in nine associations regu-
larly employed. Brethren Caine,
in the Bethel; Parker, in the Rock
Mills; Bell, in the East Liberty; Regis-
ter, in the Geneva; and Stewart, in
the Columbia, have done remarkably
well in spite of the scarcity of
money. Besides these, we have
favorable reports from some others.
They report great demand for small
Testaments and Bibles. On these
the colporters report the sale of
all this class of books in a few
hours.

As fast as the means can be pro-
vided and suitable men secured we
ought to increase the number of
Missionary Colporters, hoping fi-
nally to have one in each associa-
tion in the state.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

The office secretary has been
faithful, prompt and accurate. He
believes that if we were well locat-
ed on a ground floor the increased
sale of books would more than
meet the incurred expense.

It is gratifying to see that an attempt
to get an increase of the colportage
fund in hand, by asking the associa-
tions which contributed the origi-
nal fund to add something to it an-
nually, and that we also ask the
other associations to raise perma-
nent funds for this purpose.

There are seventy-five associa-
tions in the state. Twenty-seven
of these, with the Bozeman church
and the Sunday-school of the First
church at Montgomery furnished
the original colportage fund,
amounting to \$2,464.83. All of
these gifts or funds do not represent
one hundred dollars each, as was
intended.

This fall at the meetings of the
associations the plan suggested to
the convention ought to be carried
out.

ENCOURAGING FEATURES.

Amid the gloom that surrounds
us this very trying year, I am glad
to call your attention to a few
things which, to my mind, are
cheering. More churches and Sun-
day-schools are adopting the month-
ly plan of taking collections for
missions. The number of individ-
uals who practice the titling sys-
tem is increasing. We have on our
books this year a large number of
churches which never gave before.

These improvements have been
brought about through circular let-
ters sent to the clerks of the churches
and through the influence of the
ALABAMA BAPTIST. Thousands of
copies of the paper are sent to the
clerks of the churches for distribu-
tion, and every number of the pa-
per, since the last convention, has
been brimful of the convention
work. Instead of issuing the State
Mission Quarterly as heretofore, at
an expense to the board, the pro-
prietors of the ALABAMA BAPTIST
issue now, each quarter, an extra
edition of two thousand copies of
the paper as a missionary number.

For these extra numbers, I think
it would be reasonable for the board
to pay at least the cost of the extra
issue. The small balance of the
Quarterly fund, I paid out for this

purpose as long as it lasted, as I
had many names on my list of sub-
scribers to the Quarterly which time
had not expired. However, let it
be understood the proprietors of the
paper make no demand on the
board, but leave it to you if you
feel able.

My connection with the paper
this year has saved much to the
Board in the way of traveling ex-
penses, though I have traveled two
or three times more than at any
time since my connection with the
Board.

SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

I would recommend that the
plan of taking collections every
month, for some object specified, be
pressed. My experience the past
year impresses me that this is the
best plan for all churches, and if
generally adopted would be great-
ly productive of good.

I dispose of all their work
and to compromise with
doctors where, in his judgment, it
is best.

Praising the Spirit's guidance for
the board and the convention,
I am yours fraternally,

W. B. CRAMPSON,
Cor. Sec'y.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Number men employed	45
(This includes 11 Miss. Col.)	4233
Days of service	25083
Miles traveled	1792
Sermons delivered	449
Addresses made	186
Churches constituted	4
Number of persons baptized	318
Baptized by others in connection	147
with their labors	318
Ladies' Miss. Societies organized	20
Restored	192
Sunday-schools organized	27
Sunday-schools addressed	102
Subs. for Min. Education	41
Prayer-meetings held	418
Number regular preaching sta- tions without churches	514
Number visits to preaching sta- tions	539
Number of churches visited	646
Number of visits made	5053
Subs. to ALA. BAPTIST secured	446
Subs. for Min. Education	113
Pages of tracts distributed	23010
Meeting houses commenced	9
Meeting houses finished	3
Money col. for meeting houses	\$2741.73
Money col. for State Missions	686.68
Money col. for Home Missions	50.98
Money col. for Foreign Missions	132.10
Bibles and Testaments donated	113.15
Money col. for Orphan's Home	93.52

REPORTED SALES OF COLPORTERS.

Number books sold	1116
Value books sold	\$547.39
Bibles and Testaments sold	539
Value Bibles and Testaments	\$176.00
Bibles and Testaments donated	113.15
Value Bibles and Test. donated	\$ 15.27

the office in time to go in this re-
port.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Pointer for Parents.

It has been remarked of Johns
Hopkins University, that the propo-
sition of men who went there
solely for the purpose of study was
so great that they had given color
to the mass, and that consequently
the work done was of a very high
order. In fact, I believe it is grant-
ed that no better work is done on
this side the ocean.

Now, although the Howard does
not claim to do the work of Johns
Hopkins University, yet the same
thing is true of her students. The
majority of them going there with
their hearts set on making the best
possible preparation for after life;
their influence has made itself pow-
erfully felt in the school. So far
as my knowledge extends the per-
centage of successful men among
her alumni is unusually great. This
must be due in some degree to the
moral atmosphere of the school.

This atmosphere, and its fine system
of education, and its fine system
of fact that it has given us such
men as Sampey, and Lyon, and Daw-
son, and Macon; men who perhaps
do not pretend to be "leaders of
thought," yet are acknowledged
by all to be able to do their own
thinking. If these young men are
only given requisite time for ex-
tended thought in their chosen
lines, they not yet be recog-
nized as profound thinkers? These
men, here educated, in no case has
it suffered loss.

If you want your boy to win the
admiration of society as a leader of
the German, Howard College is
not the place for him; but if you
want him to be a worker in the
world, to have a purpose in life,
I know of no better school for him.
The Howard only asks to be
judged by its work.

SHERLEY.

The sixth Annual Report of the
American Baptist Educational So-
ciety is a valuable document, con-
taining as it does not only the Re-
port of the Board, but also the very
able addresses of Messrs. Hatt,
Thomson and Dr. Hoyt on the
educational work of the Society.

Those of President Andrews, Drs.
Wood and Harris on Denomina-
tional Schools. Besides these, there
is a list by States of 205 Baptist
institutions of learning, a chronologi-
cal list by decades showing the
great educational activity of the
denomination in recent years; also,
statistical tables of the principal in-
stitutions. The Society has done a
good work in publishing these ad-
dresses and these facts about our edu-
cational work.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Forty Odd Years in China.

VIII.—CONCLUDED.

Troublesome Times.

At the same time things were
looking dark in America. Dr.
Taylor, our corresponding secre-
tary, wrote Mr. C. March 22, 1861,

"My dear brother: I address
you at Shanghai, because we do
not know where you will perma-
nently settle. We are feeling solici-
tous on this point, desiring that
you may select some position where
you may be able to lay a deep and
broad foundation; and, as you are
something like the apostle, not lik-
ing to build on another man's founda-
tion, I trust you may be guided by
the Divine wisdom. It will require
much circumspection to decide this
question aright, but if the Lord
will, I will be glad to hear from
you."

I see you have been at Nanking.
What are your impressions? Mr.
Roberts is publishing long and
flaming notices of his great influ-
ence with the rebels. I enclose to
you a specimen. Do you think the
influence of this insurrectionary
movement is to be favorable to the
spread of the true gospel?

As I suppose you will desire to
learn the condition of things in our
country, I will state a few facts
bearing on the question. Nothing
could be more unhappy than the
state of our country, excepting the
actual occurrence of war. Three
weeks have passed since the eleva-
tion of the Republican president
and party, and every day the ex-
pectation has been, all through our
land, that collision between the
two sections would occur.

The forts Sumter and Pickens in South
Carolina and Florida, are yet held
by the United States, with every
preparation on the other side to
take them by force, if not surren-
dered. Mr. Lincoln declares him-
self resolved to collect the revenue
and to hold the forts in the seceding
states, while they as persistently
declare it shall not be done. Thus
you see that war may at any mo-
ment be precipitated upon us. I
assure you the hearts of the people
are filled with dread, lest fraternal
blood should flow and a deep, bitter
hate take place between these sec-
tions of the land.

The "Confederate States" are
proceeding with all the form and
force of a separate government,
having marshaled large forces ready
for service.

Dr. Taylor, our secretary, in a
letter sent through the blockade,
authorized the mission to borrow
money on the credit of the Board
for the support of all while the war
should last, but fortunately we were
not driven to this necessity. Dr.
Burton, who had returned to the
U. S., sent in 1862 a year's salary
to Mr. Hartwell, and later an addi-
tional sum of five hundred taels
(ounces of silver) to him, and also
to each of our other missionary
families. Mr. C., with Dr. Bur-
ton's consent, donated the five hun-
dred taels given him to the rebuild-
ing of the Sung Way Dong. Mr.
Holmes had resigned his salary at
the opening of hostilities and en-
gaged in a lucrative business at the
newly opened port of Chefoo. Af-
ter his murder by banditti, in Oc-
tober, 1861, Mrs. Holmes was al-
lowed one-third of the profits of
the firm, which, with the proceeds
of some cotton smuggled through
the blockade by the Board, proved
sufficient for her maintenance.

It is not true, so far as I know, that
any of our missionaries on the field
needed to aid each other pecuni-
arily.

Besides the land agency, Mr.
Yates accepted the situation of in-
terpreter to the Municipal Council
of the English Settlement at a good
salary. When he joined his wife
and daughter in Europe in 1864, he
turned the position over to Mr.
Hartwell, who, by this time, had
found it necessary to leave Tung
Chow in order to make a support
for his family.

Thus our wants and the necessary
expenses of the mission work were
provided for during the terrible
American war, and until our peo-
ple at home had some time to re-
parate. A letter from Dr. Taylor,
written two years after the fall of
the Confederacy, states that our
missionaries in Shanghai and Shan-
tung met the Board's liabilities
during the five years 1861-1866,
for salaries and working ex-
penses (including Dr. Bur-
ton's donation of two thousand two
hundred and fifty taels) of twelve
thousand six hundred and eighty-
one taels (12,681), equal at that
time to eighteen thousand dollars
U. S. gold.

Dr. Taylor further wrote: "The
Board appreciates the energy and
activity of these brethren, and their
wonderful skill in the fearful crisis
which they had reached. They
thus saved the churches of the
South from liabilities which would
have seriously crippled, if not en-
tirely broken up, all our operations
in heathen lands. As it was, our
brethren nobly

Alabama Baptist

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Dr. Henson makes this apology for Sam Jones: "Yes, gentlemen, Sam Jones fishes with worms, but there is a hook in every worm." Have you never felt his hook?

OUR subscribers could save us a great expense in postage stamps if they would send in their dues to us before the little reminders are sent out.

We were pleased with the brief outline of the course in English Literature that will be given by Prof. Giles, of Howard College, to those who may be in his class. We hope the boys will listen and learn.

ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS.—Rev. W. A. Whittle writes as follows:

"Reports from all parts of the state lead me to believe that the Howard will have a very fine opening. The old students almost to a man will return, and we expect an unusually large number of new ones."

CHURCH LETTERS TO ASSOCIATION.—We are prepared to supply them to clerks of churches at very small cost. Inclose five cents in postage stamps, and we will send by return mail three of the blank letters. Twenty cents will get one dozen. Don't wait, but send in your orders at once.

We commend to evangelist Robert from Dr. Taylor, the following candid testimony of the late Dr. Philip Schaff: "Respecting the form of baptism, the impartial historian is compelled by exegesis and history substantially to yield the point to the Baptists, as is done in fact by most German scholars." It is easy for large men to be candid.

At Howard College your boy will form friendships with those who will in great measure become his associates and conferees in after life. He will meet his old college friends in social and business circles, in political conventions, and especially in Baptist assemblies. The fraternal feeling that was generated in college days will be of service to him in the duties and enterprises of manhood.

It is announced in the papers that the Methodists have abolished the custom of receiving members on probation. It is said they have learned enough about human nature to see that if a man proposes to serve the Lord at all, the only safe course is to make a full and complete surrender at once, and burn the bridge behind him. Some other people knew that long ago.

The next session of Howard College will begin September 25th. Now, boys, make your last half dozen farewell visits to your sweethearts; ask mother to make ready such of your clothing as may need her attention; look through your books and refresh your minds in your studies; help father get the fall business well under way, and on the 23d or 24th of September start for Howard College at East Lake.

PERSECUTION.—The following telegraphic dispatch explains itself. The Baptists of Alabama feel a special interest in Bro. Moseley:

Washington, Aug. 21.—Some days ago dispatches from Mexico announced that Rev. H. R. Moseley, a Baptist missionary, had been imprisoned at Saltillo, Mexico, as the result of publishing a pamphlet entitled "Three Centuries of Romanism in Mexico." As the Mexicans who profess any faith are generally Catholics, this publication caused a great deal of excitement in the country, and it is probable that the persecuted missionary was arrested by the local authorities to preserve him from harm quite as much as to punish him. At any rate, they made no objection when United States Consul Dannelly requested his release, and the consul general notified the state department that he had escorted the minister safely across the border.

FIELD NOTES.

Tuscaloosa Baptist church is undergoing repairs inside.

Rev. W. K. Red, late of Alabama, has removed from Hazlehurst to DeSoto, Miss.

Dr. Eager, of the First Montgomery church, will spend the month of September at Monticello, Tennessee.

Bethesda church, at Sprague Junction, begun a series of meetings last Sunday. The beginning was quite encouraging.

Pastor Clifton, of Anniston, will play a short while in Virginia. Of course he will tell the people there what a good state Alabama is.

A stress of matter forced us to put Dr. Riley's letter from Europe on the fourth page this week; but it is interesting reading for the family.

Rev. Manly E. Weaver writes from Natchitoches, La., that he is pleased with his work out there, but he isn't happy without the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The Alabama Press Association will meet in this city September 12th and remain in session two days. Montgomery will be pleased to have the brethren of the press within our gates.

Deacon James Bryant, of Mt. Gilead church, Lowndes county, spent sometime in our office one day last week. It is like good news from a far country, or rain in summer, to meet some people.

Brethren, in writing reports of your protracted meetings, please bear in mind that our space is limited, and that many others are to be heard from. As a rule, a postal card will contain all that the public care to read, or that we have room for.

M. P. Reynolds, Midway: Our meeting here has been going on nine days. Bro. Underwood, of Clayton, was with us five days, and did some excellent work. So far we have received five—one by letter and four by experience. The interest is growing.

Northport Breeze: The Baptist preachers of Northport and Tuscaloosa are engaged in stumping the county in the interest of missions, Sunday-schools and the general work of the church. This is an excellent move and we hope it will result in much good.

C. L. Matthews, Crittenden's Mill: I have just enjoyed a two days meeting at White Rock church, Pike county, which resulted in ten accessions, all by baptism. I have received since the second week in April 107, the greater part by baptism. The gospel in its true light is doing its work.

R. M. Allen, Sikesville: Last Saturday I closed an eight days meeting at Union church. The Lord was with his people. I had the help of Rev. J. L. Gooch, and he did some of his best preaching. The church was much revived, and seed sown that will be gathered soon. Received eleven by baptism and one by letter.

The Religious Herald announces that Rev. John V. Dickinson, of Virginia, has accepted the call of the Baptist church at Gadsden. We shall be glad to have Bro. Dickinson in Alabama, and hope that he will not only meet with success in the Lord's work, but also find health and pleasure for himself and family.

John H. Pool, Birmingham: I closed a meeting at Compton on the second Sunday, which resulted in a good revival. All denominations seemed to be interested in the meeting. We had eleven additions by baptism, and several made profession that will come in later. This church is not yet a year old, but has a bright future.

We felt sure that more of the brethren wanted the ALABAMA BAPTIST than are now reading it. It turns out to be true. As the money season approaches, and the crops promise well, letters are coming in saying, "Send me the paper, and I will pay in a few weeks." We ought to have at least a thousand new subscribers by Christmas.

W. D. Gay, Montgomery: The Rev. John Bass Shelton, who held one of the most successful meetings in the history of Montgomery, doing a work in West Montgomery which few men could accomplish, will conduct a series of meetings at Wetumpka this week. Bro. G. W. Townsend began the work there Sunday with large congregations and very fine interest.

September 30th will be Sunday-school Missionary Day. All Sunday-school workers please read Dr. Bell's letter in Central Committee column. Begin preparation now, that all may be ready. A beautiful program has been prepared, which will be furnished free. Send to Baptist S. S. Board, Nashville, Tenn., for a program for each child old enough to use it, and a card for every one.

Keep in your mind and on your heart the tent meeting that is in contemplation by the Baptists of Montgomery. The exact day on which it is to begin has not been settled upon, but it is expected to be soon. Dr. Purser, of New Orleans, has accepted the invitation to take a leading part in the meeting. It is expected that the leading singers of Montgomery will compose the choir.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, President C. C.: May I not urge the sisters to redeem this month all the pledges made for the foreign mission debt, and to forward money to Bro. Crumpton and reports to the Central Committee? Again, be patient with me when I beg that every society that has not made a contribution to this fund send \$1.00 immediately. This is not much for one

society to give, but if the 200 societies which have not contributed at all will respond to this appeal, Alabama will be the banner state when the records are made up by the W. M. U.

We met Dr. McGaha, of the Howard, at the railroad station a few mornings since. It was at an hour when the thoughts of the traveling man eagerly turn toward those things which the carnal appetite demands. After a brief question and answer, the college president remarked, in plain Alabama English, "I'm going to get something to eat," and he departed, and there was no need that any one should show him the way. Finis.

We know the pastors will not regard us as meddling if we ask how many of them have answered those letters from Howard College asking their co-operation in getting students for the college. We merely wish to remind our brethren that their help is needed in this matter. What Baptist enterprise can succeed without the general active assistance of the Baptist pastors? Brethren pastors, the success of our college is largely in your hands.

O. E. Comstock, Sheffield: This has been a glorious time with us on Furnace Hill for the past two weeks. Bro. Kelley, of Light, Tenn., came and assisted in a protracted meeting. Attendance was large, and there was a fair amount of conversion. Baptisms five Sunday afternoon, and one came under watch care of the church. Bro. K. is a faithful and earnest preacher, and gave our people gospel sermons. There are others that we do not doubt come with us ere another week.

C. A. Locke, Monroeville: It was my privilege to attend a series of meetings at old Salem church. My father, Rev. W. A. Locke, was assisted by Rev. Sam Ridgway. Bro. Ridgway did some excellent preaching, and the church was thoroughly aroused. I don't know when I have seen the Lord manifest his presence so forcibly to his people. There were no accessions to the church, though there were quite a number up for prayer who no doubt would have joined had the meeting continued.

C. E. Yates, Florence: On the first Sabbath in August, at our association held at Liberty church, we beheld the glory of the Lord. When we arrived there we found Bro. J. M. Moore in the midst of a grand meeting, and souls being converted to the Lord. There we heard the cry of Bro. W. J. N. Wylie, "Come over and help us," so on Saturday, 11th inst., we took stage to Gravelly Springs. We had a great deal of Campbellite opposition, but for all that the house was full. Souls were awakened, back sliders reclaimed, and five young women converted and five inquiring the way. After baptizing two on Monday, we sang at the water's edge that sweet hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," we bade them good-bye.

Bro. Gay feels that the eight days tent meeting at La Pine was a success by the blessing of God. Three persons were baptized. It is expected that a Baptist church will soon be organized there with fifteen members. Six hundred dollars were promised for building a church house, Bro. Jesse Dickson taking charge of the collection, and making reputation as the best beggar in the state. As one of the effects of the meeting, a Baptist church will be built at Bradleyton, and perhaps churches of other denominations. Bro. Pinckard will preach monthly at La Pine, the Methodists having kindly given the use of their church. Fourteen dollars were raised for the Orphanage, and twenty dollars for expenses of meeting. Of course it is remembered that Bro. Stewart, general agent of the Orphanage, did a large part of the work of the meeting.

At Work Again.

I tried to obey the instructions of the Board and take a month off, but at the end of three weeks I find all my correspondents answered and plans all arranged for the fall campaign; so I must be off in the field. The stay at home has been pleasant and the rest delightful. I trust I shall be stronger and more able to bear the burdens of my office.

THE OUTLOOK.

Is not so gloomy as it was a year ago. Good crops have been made over the state except in a very few neighborhoods. The oat and corn crops are abundant. More potatoes and meat will be raised than for many years. In Central and South Alabama the fine crops of sugar cane insure an abundance of syrup. The cotton crop is good enough. Where it was not fertilized, on thin lands, it is greatly injured with rust; the rain has done much damage, and the negro tenants, by stopping the plow too soon in many places, have almost lost their crops, after making them, by the growth of vines and grasses; but with all these drawbacks, enough will be made. The price is wretchedly small, not enough to pay the expense of raising it where one had to hire labor; but there are thousands of white farmers in the state who will have their cotton crop entirely surplus. Some of them didn't need any advances, and others couldn't get credit. The crop has been made at less expense than was ever known in the history of the state.

The campaign just closed was conducted on a higher plane than that of '09. The speakers were the best the parties could muster, and for the most part they discussed the situation in a manner that was commendably free from partisan bitterness. Often, in many of the counties, the opposing candidates divided time, so that the people heard both sides presented from the same platform. The reports are unanimous that the election was the most quiet in the history of the state. Not a drop of blood shed in any of the counties on election day on account of the election. That was very remarkable. No doubt there was fraud in some of the counties, but it is given up by all with whom I have conversed, that it was the fairest election we have had in the state for many years. So far as I can gather, the people are generally satisfied with the result. Of course, somebody had to be disappointed.

In talking with business men, I find they are counting on great relief coming from the passage of the tariff bill. They say confidence will soon be restored and capital will begin to seek investment in the South. The price of everything that goes to make up a living is very low, and the tariff bill will bring the prices still lower on many of the most essential things. So that I am cheered by the outlook. I honestly believe we have passed the hardest point in the hard times, and the country will now enter upon a career as fine as ever grew.

After several years of almost entire failure this abundant crop is filling the breasts of the people with abounding joy.

I saw brother Joseph Shackelford, one of the ablest men of the denomination. He is strong and healthy, and may be doing the grandest work of his life in founding a high school at Danville, under the patronage of several associations in the valley. He speaks hopefully of the session soon to open.

In a two hours stay at Decatur I had opportunity to talk with Bro. Preston, the pastor of two of our churches in that city. He has just returned from a trip in Clay county where he rested for a month by preaching twice daily in protracted meetings. He reports good meetings, with many additions to the churches. The cause in the Decatur is not in an encouraging condition, but if Preston can hold on a little while the light will dawn upon the twin cities.

BRO. A. E. BURNS.

After a hard struggle, he decided to give up his pleasant pastorate at Tusculum and accept the Board's appointment as evangelist for the Tennessee Valley. He and his deacons had a precious season of prayer over the matter. Finally all agreed that it was his duty to enter upon this wider and harder field.

No pastor was ever more loved by his church, no man was ever more devoted to the pastorate, and no father ever loved home more; but for the Master's sake he leaves all to follow where his providence leads. The field which he is to occupy is an important one. It is thickly settled, the soil is productive, and the Baptists numerous. The Board is reaching out to broaden its work and increase its force of workers. Will the churches give us the increased contributions which the increase of workers requires?

W. B. C.

For the Alabama Baptist. A Great Revival and a Seashore Baptizing.—A Unique Scene.

In the lower end of Gloucester county, Va., between the mouths of the York and Ware, is a neck of land thickly settled by a hardy race of fishermen and truckers. From the rivers and bay into this neck of land project salt water inlets, creeks and coves, and along these are the homes of the people. In these waters are treasured the best oysters and fish that delight the palate of the city bred epicureans. It is in accordance with the fitness of things that this should be a Baptist country, for like Enon there is much water here. And so it is, for here is Union Baptist church, with a strength of 525 members, so far as my knowledge goes, the largest country Baptist church in the world. The recent rapid development of the Baptist cause here is due to the consecrated wisdom of pastor R. A. Folkes. He has lengthened the cords and strengthened the stakes. Two miles below Union church is Lower Guinea, thickly settled and heretofore scarcely touched by gospel influence. Pastor Folkes has here established a mission, and a neat little chapel now nearly completed begins to shed its blessed influence into the homes of a simple-hearted people.

It was my privilege to assist the pastor in the first revival service held in this chapel. Dr. Landrum had preached a week at Union and with manifest power for the conversion of souls, so that when I came to continue the work at this place and extend it to the chapel, the field was ripe unto the harvest. During the two weeks there were 96 professions of faith, and 79 have thus far joined the Baptist church. The meeting was full of unique incidents. Three brothers who were heads of families, living in sight of the mission chapel, were converted in one meeting. Six men between the ages of 65 and 80 gave the remnant of their days to the Lord. A man 78, his daughter 54, and his granddaughter 13 years of age, making three generations, were converted at one service.

At the point where a creek widens to the bay is the delightful home of Capt. Shackelford, and here at a crescent shaped beach is an ideal baptizing place. By three o'clock, August 20, the multitude had gathered. They came by land, and the shore was a mass of vehicles, for every description; they came by water, for skiffs and sailing ves-

sels are anchored in crescent form about the chosen spot. Sixty-four have reported for baptism. Of these all except five aged sires are formed in line—four abreast—and together marched down the beach to the water. At the proper depth the pastor signals and the company divide into two lines that face each other about ten feet apart. The pastor in the midst now buries each in the liquid grave, and in companies of ten or more, greeted by appropriate songs, they are brought to the shore. When the baptism of the females was concluded there stood in the water two lines of stalwart men and ruddy boys waiting each other. The aged sires facing upon the shore were now taken into the water. They and the pastor were all old Confederate soldiers, and abreast with military precision they marched between the lines of men on right and left, until reaching the place of baptism. The pastor signals "Right about, face!" and the veterans faced the multitude on the shore. Though long they waited, now at last they have enlisted for Christ, and in the solemn hush of the great throng that encircled the waters they followed the footsteps of the great Captain. As one by one all this goodly company in holy symbolism rise to newness of life, we trust that as good soldiers of Zion they will shoulder their shields, fight the good fight of faith. Save the never ceasing rippling of the waters as the tide ebbs and flows, the scene is silent now, but a great wave of influence has gone forth—it will roll down the ages—and God and his angels are glad. J. S. DILL.

Richmond, Va.

For the Alabama Baptist. Additional Dots from the Selma Association.

Rev. I. A. White is a power for good in the Selma Association. His opening sermon had a wholesome and inspiring effect on all the sessions of the body.

Brethren A. J. Dickinson and W. M. Hays preached one noble sermon each during the association, which will not soon be forgotten by those who heard them.

The missionary sermon by Bro. W. J. Elliott was one of the best—thoughtful, unctious, up to the times and bristling with facts.

The laymen of the body are workers of whom nobody need be ashamed; men of consecrated brains, hands and pockets, from the moderator down.

Mrs. Clara Ansley was on hand in the interest of her numerous "family." By the way, it is not generally known that she has an hereditary right to be eloquent and to be interested in the orphans. She is a lineal descendant of the great English preacher and pleader of the cause of the orphans, George Whitfield.

The temperance question waxed warm in the discussions, but there was very little intemperance of speech.

This scribe was a visitor at the association for the first time, a sort of looker-on in Vienna. He had heard much of the Selma as a model association. Well, suffice it to say, if he was disappointed in the numbers in attendance, he was not in any other respect. He has rarely seen at such meetings a higher average of intelligence, refinement, good behavior, hospitality and sustained interest in the proceedings than he noted at Mt. Wiling. In many respects, surely, it is "a model association." G. B. E.

For the Alabama Baptist. Greeting from Pastor Hubbard.

Having spent two months in Evergreen, I feel very much at home. The flush of joy and enthusiasm which one feels during the years of preparation soon gives place to something more deep and abiding, when once he enters the real conflict of life. Feeling at least that I can take part with the many friends and earnest workers throughout the state, permit me to extend to them my greetings.

In our church work we have the brightest prospect. During the long waiting between the outgoing and the incoming pastor the church failed not in its work. In the past few weeks there have been six new members added to us, five of them by baptism. In our last meeting, while there was nothing special to bring the people out except the regular study of the Bible, there were over two hundred present.

Our church feels proud of the Orphanage. When I first visited Mrs. Ansley, the matron, and the children came out to meet the new pastor, these were her words "We welcome you to this part of your charge." Bro. Stewart is with us very little. He is going continually and bending all his energies to "gather the children unto the fold." The few lines given now and then in the papers tell little of what is being done. You need to know Mrs. Ansley. You need to be present when she leads the devotions, and to hear her teaching them in that way which puts all red tape in the background.

On last Sunday morning the church in conference licensed Bro. W. A. Taliaferro to preach the gospel. Notwithstanding the past record of the old church in missions and other work, it has never had a son of her own in the ministry. Now it has one of the truest and best of her young men who, after being led along through some years trying to decide this question, says at last he will go. Amid tears and prayers that morning the church sent him forth. Dr. McGaha, in your meeting in Evergreen, do you

remember him? That was only the beginning. He will meet you again in September, and you must finish your work.

The older brethren say that one of the greatest needs to-day is a strong, consecrated young manhood in the ministry. Jesus said of John the Baptist that he was a "burning and a shining light." How can a light be shining unless it burns? Brethren of Alabama who stand in the pulpit, let us burn our way through this night which seems to be about us at present, and give the churches the purest and best teaching which our Bibles reveal. But it is not so bad as some would make us believe. Stirring reports are coming in from our associations.

The church has given the pastor two weeks rest, and he will be in his accustomed place the first Sunday in September.

W. D. HUBBARD.

Evergreen, Ala.

For the Alabama Baptist. Florence Association.

This body met with Liberty church, Threets' X Roads, Lauderdale county, the 3d inst. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Wyle before the writer arrived. Prof. Tate and the writer went with the Florence delegation, missed the road, went several miles out of the way, and reached the church just in time for "dinner on the grounds." We found a gracious revival in progress conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Moore, of Waynesboro, Tenn., assisted by Bro. Howse, a student from the Baptist University, Jackson. The association was a small affair compared with that of some of the other worships. They went right along holding two services a day, forenoon and afternoon, (no service at night) scarcely noticing our arrival.

The association organized in the school house. Rev. W. S. Brown was elected moderator, and Prof. H. C. Gilbert, clerk. Eleven churches were represented and representatives of another arrived Saturday morning. One church has been organized during the year, through the faithful labors of Bro. Wyle, which was received into the body. The churches reported twenty-nine baptisms and twenty-two accessions by letter. About sixty dollars has been given for missions, of which Florence church contributed the larger part. Brethren Brown and Wyle have done effective missionary work.

The various subjects annually considered were reported on and discussed. Temperance, missions and Sunday-schools received special attention. Saturday afternoon the association and revival were blended into a missionary mass meeting. This scribe led, discussing new methods of the State Board. Prof. Gilbert, Maj. Ashcraft, Rev. J. M. Moore and "Bro. Moderator," discussed Home missions; Foreign missions, "The field is the world," and missions among the heathen. A large congregation listened to these speeches for three hours. Doubtless that seed-sowing of missionary doctrine will yield a bountiful harvest to the glory of God and the growth of missionary enterprise by and by. The Florence association wants a colporteur evangelist. They will have him going soon.

Sunday morning by ten o'clock an immense throng had gathered in the grove to listen to speeches on the subject of Sunday-schools. Professors Tate and Gilbert and Maj. Ashcraft delivered splendid addresses. The writer preached. Bro. Brown took a mission collection amounting in cash and pledges to about \$50. Then Bro. Brown preached, after which a parting hymn was sung, an old-fashioned Baptist hand-shaking was engaged in, good byes were said, and the association adjourned.

Thus closed a most profitable meeting. There is a bright future before this young body. With the right man in the field as missionary colporteur (and they have their eyes on him), the association can be easily developed into a live working band. Having until recently been identified with Tennessee Baptists, they know little of Alabama Baptist enterprises. The writer made a speech for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, but failed to obtain a single subscriber, as nearly everybody was taking the Baptist and Reflector. They will come out of that.

Bro. Brown, the moderator, has almost unlimited influence among them, and he is wisely using it to the glory of God. Bro. Gilbert makes a model evangelist.

Bro. Moore, the live, energetic and consecrated pastor of Liberty church, is a Tennesseean. If he could only be induced to accept work in Alabama for all his time, our gain would be great. Notwithstanding the fact that our gain would be Tennessee's loss, we feel warranted in trying to capture him, since Paul exhorts us to "covet earnestly the best gifts."

Robert Perrin, president of Florence's flourishing B. Y. P. U., was the youngest member of the body. He will be heard from in the near future.

The next session will be held with Pleasant Valley church, near Centre Star, commencing Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1935.

A. E. B.

P. S.—A card from Bro. Moore informs me that the revival alluded to above continued till Thursday, the 9th inst., one result of which was fifteen public professions, among whom were some of the most influential citizens in the community. The meeting was a great blessing to the church and neighborhood. A. E. B.

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A Correction.

It was \$1, and not \$100, sent by the W. M. Soc. of Livingston for the Central Committee expense fund. But so great is the reputation of that church for liberality that the statement as it appeared in the Central Committee column, in its overwhelming munificence did not stagger the confidence of its friends, and one dear sister wrote, "I am so glad Livingston can do so nobly, wish it were possible for us to do as well."

PRESIDENT C. C.

Birmingham Conference.

Southside—Pastor Hale preached at 11 o'clock on the "Last Prayer," and at 8 p. m. on "And that rock was Christ." One received for baptism and another baptized at night. Large congregations. Pastor Hale rested last week by preaching to the Mt. Willing saints three times a day.

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The following appeared in the editorial columns of the Montgomery Journal of August 5:

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A chivalrous and grateful people will always honor and appreciate a faithful and efficient public servant. No man has ever retired from a public office in this state with more friends, and stronger endorsement than Major Harris. Faithful, efficient, progressive, watchful, unselfish, impartial; he has made a record that will commend his administration in all things, worthy of imitation. Our educational interests have never been more progressive and successful, or presented a brighter future. Not a word of complaint comes up from any quarter, on the contrary universal praise and endorsement is heard on all sides. As an evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the leading teachers in this state of both races, we give the resolutions passed by them at their annual convention, 1894:

Resolved, That the Colored State Teachers' Association, assembled in Mobile in its Thirteenth Annual Session, wish to endorse the administration of Hon. John G. Harris, who has served as State Superintendent of Education for four years.

Second, In endorsing the administration of Major Harris, we recognize his unselfishness, his broad, christian spirit, and his ability as an educator, and especially his deep and active interest in the education of the colored race.

Third, And that we feel in Maj. Harris, we have a friend who has stood by us and demonstrated that in him we have a true friend.

Fourth, We express our deep regret that his term of service is so soon to end, and hope the way may be opened by which we shall not lose his services to our race and to education.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, Pres. S. T. A.

R. B. HUDSON, Sec'y.

Resolved, By the Alabama Educational Association that our heartfelt thanks are hereby expressed to our retiring State Superintendent, Major John G. Harris, for his fourth and final annual address at this Thirteenth Annual Session—a masterly and complete exposition of the legal rights of teachers, pupils and parents.

Resolved, That we unanimously commend and endorse his able, conscientious and successful management of the varied and vital interest of education in Alabama during his administration of four years, and for his complete organization of our county and congressional institutes by aid of the benevolent and highly valued Peabody fund.

Resolved, That the best wishes and prayers of this association and of all Alabama teachers will ever follow Superintendent Harris in the future labors of his life whatever they may be.

J. B. GRAHAM, President.

The good and the true of Alabama are proud of her noble son, the manor born, and will, no doubt, again honor him with public tributes. He possesses such splendid elements of character, such conservative principles, such unswerving devotion to duty and right, and such an exalted patriotism, coupled with wise statesmanship and intellectual attainments, as to make him a man among men; a standard bearer. We congratulate Major Harris on his triumphant administration over all obstacles, and hope to see him equally as successful in his future business relations. His term of office will expire on the 30th day of next November.

For the Alabama Baptist.

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This great man loved to be called "Teacher," "Master," and was superior to the Doctor of the Law in his principles and methods as Dr. Arnold was to Dickens' Squeers, and this Master infused into his disciples his own spirit and ideas, so that human teachers though they were, yet they taught with superhuman power and skill and revolutionized the world's thought and action. Could the school teachers of our land come in contact with such teachers, how great would be the transformation and the resultant good. This is possible in a measure, at least, for we have the works of great teachers in their personal presence before their classes in the Teacher Training Schools, or through their books, now so numerous, out of which grow courses of study and training by which teachers may become as support with the great minds of their profession and grow into workmen that need not to be ashamed. If inquiring teachers will write the undersigned, he will tell them how this may be done.

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Resolutions of Respect

To the Memory of Miss Mary McWilliams.

Whereas, the talented young woman, Miss Mary McWilliams, who was a devoted member of the church, and whose life was a model of christianity, and whose death was a loss to the church and to the community, we, the undersigned, do hereby express our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family, and heartily recommend her example to all who knew her.

Resolved, That in the death of our sister, the Sunday-school has lost one of the most faithful and valued workers, the community a quiet and noble spirit, and the church has sustained an irreparable loss.

Resolved, That this Sunday-school tender its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family, and heartily recommend her example to all who knew her.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on our minutes, and a copy sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST and the Monroe Journal for publication.

MRS. C. C. McWILLIAMS, Mrs. H. C. JOHNSON, Miss MAJOR BUSBY, Zion Baptist Sunday-school, Aug. 20.

Time and Place of Meeting of Associations.

SEPTEMBER.

Shelby—Mars Hill, Jefferson county, Wednesday before 1st Sunday.

Tuscaloosa—Cottondale, Tuscaloosa Co., Wednesday before 2nd Sunday.

Cahaba Valley—Mt. Pisgah, St. Clair county, Friday before 2nd Sunday.

Elgin—Enon, Escambia county, Saturday before 2nd Sunday.

Coteau—Castellberry, Conecuh county, Saturday before 2nd Sunday.

Cherokee—Tennessee Valley, Marshall county, Tuesday before 3rd Sunday.

Pine Barren—Concord, Monroe county, Wednesday before 3rd Sunday.

Bethel—Beaver Creek, Marengo county, Thursday before 3rd Sunday.

Harris—Hatchee, Russell county, Friday before 3rd Sunday.

Liberty (North)—Round Island, Line county, Saturday before 3rd Sunday.

Mineral Springs—Chalchate Springs, Jefferson county, Thursday before 4th Sunday.

Cedar Bluff—Lecsbury, Cherokee county, Friday before 4th Sunday.

Bellevue—Zion, Monroe county, Saturday before 4th Sunday.

Town Creek—Loveless, DeKalb county, Saturday before 4th Sunday.

North River—Day's Gap, Walker county, Saturday before 4th Sunday.

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OBITUARY.

Rev. D.C. Culbreth quietly passed from our midst June 18, 1894, making earth poor, but heaven rich. Nay, we say, "not gone," for his works do live after him. Never more shall we hear that ringing voice, to fill our hearts with the lofty and sublime of his soul, that made his life sublime, and we will ever reverently remember, and feel the mighty influence of his wonderful power as a Christian and a minister.

He was born in Cumberland county, N. C., Jan. 30, 1855; was married to Miss Jennie Kennedy in 1874, who, with six children, survives his untimely loss. It is hard to give up our loved ones, and were it not for the consolation found in the "Friend of sinners," who could endure such a cross, and live to give life to the heart and life to Christ; was ordained to the ministry in 1877, and was ever a faithful and worthy representative of the church of Christ. He moved to Alabama in 1886, and his work in this state was grand success. God endowed him with a massive intellect, that by self-culture, and under the tuition of the Word and Spirit of God, impressed the hearer, winning his way into the confidence and esteem of both saint and sinner. His magnetic influence over an audience was most wonderful, bringing every one face to face with their God, and their duty to him, to their fellow man, and to themselves. He was a stranger to compromise, where truth was concerned, deriving his theology from the "fountain head," the Word of God, giving all the glory to him and teaching others to do the same.

Perhaps no pastor ever acquired a firmer hold upon the hearts of his people, the memory of which time may possibly dim, but can never efface. All these things we mourn and miss, but not as one without hope. To that God he revered, and to that Bible he loved so well, we commend his sorrowing ones. And may we all ever feel the touch of that spirit which inspired so many to a purer and nobler aim in life. Of such we say, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

A FRIEND.

DIED—At his home in Tusculum, the 21st inst. of Bright's disease, Rev. James M. Douthett, in the 60th year of his life. A native of Madison, converted in middle life, of the same occupation of his Master, he at once entered the ministry, throwing his whole soul and life into the work. The Lord abundantly blessed his labors, and in a few years he led many souls to Christ. While still in the prime of a vigorous manhood he was called to lay down the cross and sword and take up the crown and palm. He died in the triumphs of a living faith. "He rests from his labors and his works do follow him." The North Alabamian, published here, said of Bro. Douthett: "He was a gallant Confederate soldier, a staunch and true friend, a loving and devoted father and husband, a devout Christian and a most worthy and exemplary citizen."

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