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ery, Ala., as second class mail matter.

The prayers that we are proud of

never receive any attention in heav-

en.—Ram's Horn.

When things are come to the execu-

tion, there is no secrecy com-

parable to celerity.—Lord Bacon.

The Chicago Tribune says that

liquor was the sole cause of 748

murders published in its columns

in 1892.

God speaks to you in your deeper

convictions of duty. See that you

turn not away from him who

speaks.

Every evil to which we do not

submit is a benefactor. We gain

the strength of the temptation we

resist.—Emerson.

One of the byways of a newly

organized church among the Zulus

is, that "no member shall drink

the white man's grog."

Men are seldom, if ever, converted

to truth by pounding. Calling

hard names is not a means of re-

form, nor promotive of divine grace

in the soul.

Great Britain and the United

States spend annually fifteen hun-

dered million dollars on intoxicating

liquors, and the sum of ten millions

for missions. What a fearful show-

ing!

The office work of the Spirit

should have distinct and constant

recognition. Individual Christian

life is originated and sustained by

conversion and sanctification are

his work. The believer is de-

clared to be the temple of the Holy

Ghost.—Christian Inquirer.

Hope nothing from luck, and

the probability is that you will be

so prepared—forewarned—is fore-

armed—that all shallow observers

will call you lucky.—Bulwer Lyt-

ton.

Speaking of prohibition and poli-

tics, it occurs to us that while we

hear a good deal of "the power of

the saloon in politics," we hear

nothing of the power of temperance

in that phase of existence. Now

why? Is politics unworthy the

good influence of temperance men?

When a man forget the drink evil

must he vote?—Biblical Recorder.

What God may hereafter require

of you, you must not calculate. Every-

thing he gives you to do you must

do as well as you can, and that is

the best possible preparation for

what he may want you to do next.

If people would but do what they

have to do, they would always find

themselves ready for what came

next.—Exchange.

Dr. A. T. Pierson says that

the uniform use of the morning hours

—say from eight o'clock till one

o'clock—for purposes of study and

intellectual work, has enabled him

to accomplish all his preparations

for public addresses, and to per-

form all his duties as an author and

editor, with scarce an instance,

during forty years spent in study,

of either mental or physical fatigue.

It is said that the fear of a moth-

er's curse prevents many Chinamen

from listening to the claims of the

gospel, for, notwithstanding their

degradation, heathen mothers have

great influence over their sons. An

intelligent Hindu exclaims: "It is

the women who maintain the sys-

tem of Hinduism. Christ and his

gospel are the only levers that have

raised the nations. But in all the

Orient only a woman's hand can

adjust these levers to the corner

stone."

## For the Alabama Baptist.

Address to Missionaries

On their Departure to China and Japan.

Delivered at Walnut Street Baptist

Church, Louisville, Oct. 21, 1894.

W. L. PICKARD, D. D.

Honored Brethren and Sisters: I

am not here to give you advice.

It is a common saying that "advice

is cheap." This is not always true.

I think now of at least two cases

that contradict this. I once knew

a young lady who was advised to

marry a young man because he was

of a famous family. She took the

advice. He became a wreck, and

also wrecked her life. She lived

in sorrow and died of a broken

heart. I knew a young man who

was devoted to a lovely belle who

was uncertain, coy and hard to

catch. His parents advised him to

go slowly and cautiously in pressing

his suit. He took the advice, and

the man took the girl. Some-

times, I think, we are inclined to

be impatient and afraid, I refuse to

attempt to advise you.

Nor is this an occasion of con-

dolence. Time was when a farewell

service to missionaries was a kind

of farewell prophecy. It was a ser-

vice at which the missionary was

buried alive. 'Tis not so now.

The missionary problem is the prob-

lem of the age touching civilization

and redemption; and the man or

woman who enters the field should

be regarded as one of God's happy

mathematicians, consecrating himself

to the solving of the greatest ques-

tion of the human race. Hence, we

are met to try to do you honor, and

to assure you of our interest in your

welfare and your work.

The speaker was appointed to

address you on behalf of the Bapt-

ists of Louisville. In this address

I fear that I must speak from the

standpoint of this host of Bapt-

ists ought to be, rather than from

what they are; for even Louisville

Baptists have not attained unto the

full status of giving to Christ Jesus.

We honor you because we feel that

you are, by the guidance of God's

Spirit, separated unto a peculiarly

great work. The man or woman

who is separated being—separated

unto and devoted to any special

work for the amelioration of the

human race—is deserving of the

honor that other hearts can bestow.

The oculist who separates himself

to that study and work by which

he helps the human eye the better

to see, deserves all honor. How

much more is it our duty to recog-

nize the man who would aid the moral and spir-

itual vision of men!

The Holy Ghost said to the dis-

ciples at Antioch once: "Separate

me Barnabas and Saul for the work

whereunto I have called them." God

worked with them and he works

now. Behind that transaction at

Antioch that day stood the eternal

God. And though eighteen and a

half centuries have past since then,

we believe that the same eternal

God stands behind this separation.

God never did an insignificant

thing. His smallest plans reach

out into the farthest measures of

eternity, and all his plans are

couched in the superlative degree

of wisdom. He may select instru-

mentalities which the philosophy of

men call weak. But be still and

wait till you see his work, and

you will see that God's weak things

confound man's mighty things.

Moses' rod seemed small in com-

parison with Pharaoh's war char-

iot, but when in obedience to God's

command it was stretched out, the

mighty sea became dry land. The

ram's horns used by Joshua's war-

riors seemed very insignificant in

comparison with the walls of Jeri-

cho, but when, in keeping with

Joshua's plans, the walls that men

blew them, the walls that to men

seemed so mighty were but scattered

duff. The eye that was blind, and

that defied the skill of all medical

science, kindled into seeing when

Christ annointed it with spittle.

Behind all of these things stood

God clothed with Almighty power.

In the light of God's dealings with

the human race it smacks strongly

of the words of the apostle: "What

can God do?" Apart

from this moral impossibility to do

wrong, there is nothing impossible

with God. Every atom of force in

the universe is connected with the

hollow of his hand. Hence he

maketh all things work—and he

maketh them work together—and

he maketh them work together for

good to them who love him, who

are the called according to his

purpose." And he does the call-

ing, and he makes us love him, and

he furnishes the purpose, and he

makes us the willing instrument in

the day of his power.

Hence we honor you because we

believe that in a special sense God

is behind this separation. It is he

who has worked in you to will and

to do the work to which you are

separated, and fellow workers with

him, yet trying duties where there

is in your souls a feeling of peculiar

weakness and unfitness for the work

in which you are engaged, remem-

ber that behind your littleness and

weakness is the greatness of the

Almighty. Remember that he who

commissioned you has promised to

go with you even to the journey's

end. Three of God's elect ones

were once cast into a furnace.

While there they met a fourth per-

son. And I have no doubt that the

one thing that is dearest to the He-

brew children is all of their expe-

riences is the experience of the

fiery furnace. Why, friends, it is

worthwhile, the experience of the fur-

nace to get to have such a moment

with God. I have no doubt that

one of Christ's most cherished mem-

ories is that of Gethsemane, because

he met God's angel there.</



# Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, NOVEMBER 8, '94.  
Directory for the Baptists of Alabama.

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## OUR SCHOOLS.

Howard College, East Lake, Ala.—A. W. McGhee, President. Indian Female Institute, Marion, Ala.—J. A. Allen, President.

The board meeting will be on Monday night, the 12th, at the mission house, instead of the 13th, at the First church.

DR. PICKARD, of Broadway church, Louisville, has written a historical romance, which Dr. Broadus and others pronounce excellent.

BROTHER, what you are due is a very small amount to you, but it is a great thing to us because there are so many just in your condition. Won't you let us hear from you at once?

WANTED.—Will the clerks of associations please send me, as soon as published, three copies of their minutes? I need them very much. I will be glad to return the kindness by sending the clerks the minutes of the State and Southern Baptist Conventions.

A letter from Miss Willie Kelley, written at Tacoma, tells of the safe arrival of the missionary party in good health and fine spirits. They were to sail on the 30th. When you read this, reader, think of our missionary out on the broad ocean, and pray for her.

Through the very many friends where promise was made to pay in a month or six weeks. We hope these friends will remit soon. We have to pay our printers every Saturday night, and cannot go on the credit system with our subscribers.

"NEARLY eighty per cent. of the foreign mission board's men on the field are Seminary men." Dr. Broadus said that at the farewell service at the Walnut Street church, Louisville. If the Seminary is doing that much for the foreign mission field, what Missionary Baptist will not bless God for the school of the prophets?

We met Bro. Stout as he was returning to Georgia from his Alabama appointments. He will give all his time to Georgia churches in future—half to Thomaston. He is Stout and happy, as usual, and is pleased with Georgia. We will not say all the good things he said of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, lest the Index should get jealous.

WHY NOT?—When you call on persons who advertise in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, or when you write inquiring about their advertisement, why not give the paper the benefit of a word by letting the advertiser know where you saw his advertisement? It will cost you nothing, and will help the paper wonderfully. Please remember this small request.

The estimate of Moody by the Christian Advocate is the best we have seen from any pen. Moody has religion, is desperately in earnest, and relies entirely on the old, old story, aided by the Holy Spirit. We hope some of the Birmingham brethren will give us the results of the meeting. From what we have seen, it was the greatest revival Birmingham has ever enjoyed.

BRO. T. P. BELL, of the Sunday-school Board in Nashville, sending a check for \$100 to the corresponding secretary for mission work in Alabama, says: "Isn't it nice to have the tables turned and have me send the checks to you, instead of you sending them to me, as you used to do when I was in Richmond?" It may not be generally known that the Sunday-school Board pays into our state mission treasury \$400. So that the Sunday-schools which use the Convention Series published at Nashville, get their literature and at the same time make a contribution to missions.

We have received from Prof. Lorenzo Inskip, once in the Judson Institute, now in California College, at Oakland, a catalogue of that institution. We are gratified to know that the college is in a prosperous condition.

BRO. DICKINSON, in your "Wanted—A Biblical Society of the New Testament," aren't you bordering on theological hair-splitting when you say: "A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus never has been in actual existence. \* \* \* Certainly there was none in the days of the Apostles," when the inspired Apostles of the Lord Jesus called them churches? If they were not churches of the Lord Jesus, what were they?

SOME one reports Dr. Kerfoot as saying he would not lay hands on a man to ordain him unless he was willing to give to foreign missions. Suppose all the preachers determine to examine all candidates for ordination on their notions about missions. If a man says he does not believe in missions and is not going to try to promote this interest among the people, should he be ordained? There is a query for you.

A pastor being asked how his church was getting along, replied, "very well, considering that the number of brakenes so far outnumber the engineers."—Exchange.

Putting on brakes is a common thing in many of the churches, and the brakenes are numerous. It is well enough to watch and not go too fast, but we sometimes think that our churches had better move a little faster, even if there is danger of a run off now and then. We believe in moving on. We'll get nowhere unless we do.

BRO. McCOLLUM, of Japan, and his wife with their two little children, passed through Montgomery on their way home in Dallas county. They have been away nearly five years. Japan seems to have agreed with them. Mc. is a thorough Jap. Talking about the war, he said if England and Russia will keep hands off for six months, "we will whip the Chinese, sure." There has been much apprehension on the part of Miss Willie Kelley's friends lest it was a mistake for her to go to China just now, while the war is raging. We were gratified at the assurance Bro. McCollum gave us that there was no danger to them in Shanghai, to which point Miss Willie has strong inclination. The sufficient to quell any out-break that might occur.

CAPT. HARVEY E. JONES, of Mobile, who has held the position of recording secretary under Gov. Jones for four years, has been tendered the important place of private secretary to Governor-elect Wm. C. Oates. This is a deserving compliment. At the age of 19 Captain Jones entered the 3d Alabama regiment, April, 1861; was promoted to Adjutant of the 43d Alabama, commanded by Col. Gracie, and when this officer was commissioned brigadier-general, Capt. Jones was made adjutant-general of the brigade. At the battle of White Oak Road, 31st of March, 1865, he lost his right leg, and ever since has used crutches.

He was a brave, efficient and faithful soldier, honored and respected by his comrades and brother officers. He is well known in the state, and no purer citizen or truer friend lives among us. On his return from the scenes of war he married Miss Minnie, the only daughter of Rt. Rev. Bishop Wilmer, a cultured, refined, benevolent Christian woman. We are glad that Gov. Oates has tendered Captain Jones this important place in his office, and we are confident the people will endorse it, and that the Governor will never have cause to regret his appointment to so important a trust.

BRETHREN who are behind with their subscriptions must bear with us, if we seem very persistent in our effort to collect what is due us. We have been indulgent with many because of the scarcity of money, and now we are in most pressing need. We are getting ready to send out statements again.

SUNDAY was a great day in Dothan. It was the time set apart for the dedication of the handsome Baptist church which has been finished at a cost of \$11,000. Pastor Burr and his people were very happy. We knew that they were erecting a handsome church, but had no dream of such a building. We think we can safely say it is the handsomest and most commodious Baptist church in the state. Pastor Burr and the noble spirits who have stood by him in all this long struggle deserve great credit for the work they have done. Dr. Eager preached the dedica-

don sermon. Those who know him are prepared to hear that he performed the task grandly.

Dr. Cleveland, from Columbia, followed him. His was the difficult work of collecting \$2500 in these hard times. He manfully addressed himself to the solution of the problem, and lacked but little of accomplishing it. A little later we hope to have the cut of the building and a description of it.

## TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

The Birmingham Ministers' Conference, some time since, adopted a resolution requesting the pastors to preach a sermon on Temperance on the 2d Sunday in November, and that a collection follow to assist the State Temperance League in defraying its expenses. The Executive committee of the League endorsed the action of the conference and asked the pastors of all denominations to preach a sermon on that day, or on some Sunday which they might select. In conducting the correspondence we must have stationery and postage, and we must have some printing done. During the session of the legislature this winter, we may have to pay the board of some men to watch legislation. The League intends to have their representatives in Montgomery by the score, if need be. Money will be used liberally to fasten this worst of all curses upon us.

Is it asking too much for the great cause of Temperance, that we have sufficient means in hand to pay the board and traveling expenses of some one who shall look after our matters before the legislature? Not a cent of the money will be wasted. Next Sunday is the appointed day for the sermon and collection. We hope to hear from many pastors.

Forward all money to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, President, Montgomery, Ala.; or to Rev. E. M. Glenn, Secretary, Elyton.

## NOTES ON THE TENNESSEE CONVENTION.

In the report on State missions in the Tennessee convention lately held in Nashville, the fact was brought out that "whole counties in the state are destitute of Baptist churches." "Right here," says the Reflector, "near Nashville, is Cheatham county without a Baptist church."

In the report on Denominational Education, the committee called attention to the fact that "the Convention, and owns no property for that purpose. Our girls are left to accept the training they can secure in local schools or drift to colleges of other denominations. Realizing the great need of strongly educated Baptist women, we recommend the appointment of a committee, to be composed of the presidents of our Baptist colleges, to negotiate with the managers thereof to see what inducements and encouragement can be secured for the establishment of a college of high grade, to be owned and controlled by the Baptist State Convention of Tennessee, for the education of our girls, the results of this investigation to be reported at the next meeting of the convention."

This is a very strange world, and the people are "mighty funny." Here is a Baptist State Convention deploring the fact that they do not own a school for girls. There are a half dozen colleges in the state under Baptist control, but the convention does not own one of them, and some of the brethren are not happy. In a state adjoining, the Baptists own a school for girls. It is acknowledged to be first-class in every particular. Its graduates are known throughout the South. But many of the Baptists are indifferent to its claims, while some say there is no need of the Baptists to own a college at all. A state line is only imaginary, but the folks on the two sides are often very different.

The question of consolidating the State Mission and the Colportage Boards came up for discussion, and it was finally decided to continue the two boards. We predict the union of the two boards are long, as was done in Alabama. We do not believe it possible for two boards to work without conflict in the same territory. The members of the boards may be pure, conscientious men, and the officials true and pious, but they are all human, and sooner or later some root of bitterness will spring up somewhere to mar the harmony of the denomination.

The Tennessee Convention resolved about a historical committee. How many times the Alabama convention did the same thing, all to no purpose! That is one good thing done by the Baptist Congress. It furnished the occasion

when the Historical Society was organized. How easy it was to do when the time came. And now our history is complete and in the hands of the printer. But there is other work to be done by our Historical Society. What we have done is only the beginning. The Tennessee brethren ought to quit resolving and appointing committees. Organize a Historical Society at once, brethren, and elect a historian and put him to work.

EVERY one is interested in the advertisement of Lewis Nickel, of this city. Those who have country produce to sell and those who eat will find him a safe and pleasant man to deal with. Call and see him.

WHITE, Woodruff & Fowler have a large advertisement in this paper. This is perhaps the oldest business house in the state. For many years the public have been familiar with the name of Joel White, as book-seller and stationer, in Montgomery, and every one expects good treatment in dealing with him. The younger members of the firm are Montgomery boys who are pushing their way to the front.

MANY of our readers call on us, and we would call their attention to the advertisements of some of the leading houses there. These are:

The Selma Printing Co., printing and blank books; Walter S. Butler, books and stationery;

T. A. Hall, boots and shoes; Selma Marble Works, by J. N. Montgomery & Son.

These houses can safely be recommended to those who may wish goods in their line. Try them, friends, and tell them you saw their advertisement in this paper.

## FIELD NOTES.

Rev. J. E. McClurkin, formerly of Alabama, has removed from Lott to Reagan, Texas.

The attention of the B. Y. P. U's is directed to the letters from Birmingham and Florence.

S. J. Ansley, Howard College, Nov. 3: We now have 158 students, and still they come. A fine body of students, doing good work.

Rev. R. M. Guy has removed from Deer Park, Ala., to Meridian, Miss., where he will take charge of First Avenue Baptist church.

Rev. Robert Jones has removed from Bangor to Cullman, and has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist church.

In the report of the meeting at Monroeville, printed last week, there was an error in the statement of additions to the church. Corrected it reads thus: "Added 19 to her fellowship, 13 by experience and baptism."

Rev. W. Wilkes sets out on his third year's pastorate in the Warrenton church, with a unanimous and enthusiastic call. Also one of his old churches five miles from his home has given a united call for him to return to their service.

C. E. Bruner, Macedonia: In this section of Lowndes county there will be plenty of corn and molasses and a fine quantity of meat.—Now, brother, tell your well fed neighbors about the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and persuade them to subscribe for it.

We are informed that the B. Y. P. U's of Montgomery have decided to invite the other Unions in the state to meet in this city. The expectation was that December 14 and 15 would be named as the time for the meeting, but that was not decided at last report of the matter.

Bro. D. C. Davis, of Vincent, drew five dollars out of his pocket and jumped three years and a half at one bound. One more name on the honor roll. He says if we are as soon as he gets it. Yes, brother, send it by the next mail, if convenient.

Bro. A. J. Brooks and wife, of Indianapolis, paid us a visit a few days since, which we greatly enjoyed. They were for some years among the Baptist leaders of Verbenia and of the Unity association. Sister Brooks left five dollars, and carried away a receipt in accordance with the facts in the case, the honor roll included.

We would say to brethren Hunter, Brown and others that we intend to re-publish the sermon of Rev. John Robertson, the Scotch Presbyterian, or print it in tract form, at a very early day. We have no copies of our paper containing the sermon. Bro. R. M. Hunter wants twenty copies of the tract and Bro. Brown, of Florence, wants a hundred.

W. H. Lantrip, Sulligent: Bro. Glenn is with me in a meeting this week. He is a strong power for good. He is doing some excellent preaching. His sermon last night

would be hard to excel—sound to the very "middle." Interest very good. We hope for great things from our God. Had a precious meeting yesterday. Pray for us. Will report again soon.

The readings and recitations by Mrs. Fraser, on Monday night, in the interest of the Orphan's Home, was one of the most pleasing entertainments our people have enjoyed in a long while. We have never seen her excelled by a professional. The large audience was delighted. Her own high standing in society and in her church adds interest to an entertainment which can easily stand on its own merits.

J. H. Curry, Northport: Had a meeting of a week at Northport. Bro. L. O. Dawson did the preaching, and it was well done. It was a feast to the church. One young lady was baptized.—I assisted Bro. Lovelace at Carthage, Hale county, last week. The church was revived and sinners were converted. This is a newly organized church. It began in September with 17 members, and now numbers over 40.

Bro. W. A. Whittle was too unwell to prepare two short articles which he wished to appear this week. One of these articles would have expressed his earnest endorsement of the proposition to hold a state association or convention of Baptist Young People's Unions. The other would have reported, with suitable comments, a handsome gift to Howard College from Miss Tullah Dickinson. He will perhaps write the latter soon.

We sent to Rev. J. W. Phillips, of Barbour county, a number of sample copies. He sends a pleasant list of renewals and new subscribers, and says: "Great interest is being taken in reading the paper, and I expect to send you more subscribers soon.—I have had the care of three churches this year, and we have had good meetings and a good many additions. My churches are Antioch and Spring Hill, in Barbour county, and Salem, in Dale.

"Bottled syrup." While at Dothan we heard a brother speak of bottled syrup. On inquiry we learned that it is discovered that syrup put in the bottles while it is fresh and warm at the mill, will keep perfectly fresh for any length of time. This is a discovery worth remembering by the syrup makers.

It will enhance the value of the syrup, as it can be kept and sold after the barreled molasses has become rancid and thin. J. G. Lowrey, Clanton: Have just closed a good meeting at New Salem church, near Strassburg. I preached for them by request of the church on the 4th Sunday night in October, and on day and night till Saturday, Nov. 3d, when I led eighteen happy converts down into the water. There were more than 30 forward for prayer at the first service, and the interest increased at each service to the last; 20 united with the church, one restored, and one is awaiting baptism. The church was very much strengthened and revived. I baptized one man, his wife and three grown children. It was a precious meeting.

J. H. Riffe, Monroeville: Had good meetings at Burnt Corn last Saturday and Sunday. One received Sunday for baptism, a Methodist. This was our first meeting there since we closed our revival meeting one month ago, which resulted in a great revival in the church and added 17 to her fellowship (the full account of which I sent to the BAPTIST, but it has not yet appeared.) The mighty revival spirit seems to be continuing, and the outlook for the future seems very encouraging.—(If you will look at the second column of fourth page of this paper of October 18, you will find that report. And if you will read the bottom line of second column of editorial page, you will see that attention is called to the communications on fourth page. Now then!

R. Herring, Louisville, Ala.: That was a gala day with Antioch church on the second Sunday, when Bro. A. Aiken was ordained to the deaconship of said church. The presbytery consisted of your correspondent and Rev. J. W. Phillips. I was pastor of that church some years ago, and during my two years with them baptized a number of people. They then worshipped in a log building, but now have a neat frame house. How pleased I was to find them so comfortably situated; and what a pleasure to meet those whom I had learned to love so dearly while I was their pastor. I missed the hand-shake and pleasant smiles of some whose seats have been vacated. Death tells the story. Among them I cannot forbear to mention dear sister Jackson. I preached the sermon of the occasion, examined the candidate and gave the charge. Bro. Phillips, their pastor, made the ordination prayer.

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## From the Alabama Baptist.

### Florence Notes.

The church at Florence has fully organized its forces for another campaign. This work is done every year in October, as soon as the schools and colleges open. The Sunday-school has about doubled its membership, and has as good a set of officers and teachers as can be found in any school of like size.

The State Normal College is in a flourishing condition, there being close to 300 students enrolled this term. The faculty is fine, all earnest Christians, being well proportioned among the different denominations.

The college Y. M. C. A. is well attended and doing a good work.

In the colleges there are over thirty Baptist students who are members of the churches, and about that many more from Baptist families who are not members. All these are looked after by the pastor here as carefully as if they were members of his own church. Most of these are preparing themselves for school-teachers. What a mighty influence they can and will wield for good and the truth when they go trained in head and in heart for Christ and the gospel.

The young people have a live, active B. Y. P. U. in the Baptist church, presided over with becoming grace by a young man of much promise, who is only of about seventeen summers. The B. Y. P. U. heartily second the move to have a state organization, or a department in connection with our regular convention, with wisely pre-arranged program.

Would it not be a step forward to have all the departments of our churches meeting at the same time with our state convention? While it is considering the great mission work committed to it, the others, as auxiliaries, such as the Woman's Mission Societies, Young People's Unions, Sunday-school Workers, all meetings as so many departments, Training and gathering enthusiasm while discussing some well prepared program. Many reasons suggest themselves to me why this would work well and prove a source of much profit to all. We have this in miniature in the church all the time where it is well organized.

The East Florence Mission still continues to grow. Have had quite a number of baptisms from there this summer. It promises to be as large as the church ere long. They have a Sunday-school and a Woman's Mission and Aid Society that are moving right along. The Thursday night prayer meeting is well attended, being mostly composed of young people from the wagon works, cotton mills and other factories.

W. S. BROWN.

## From the Alabama Baptist.

### Unity Association.

Met in its fortieth annual session with Mr. Zion Baptist church, ten miles from Clanton, October 9th, and continued until 1 p. m. on the 11th. W. J. Ruddick preached the introductory sermon on "Wisdom in soul winning."

J. G. Lowrey was elected moderator, W. J. Ruddick, clerk, and W. I. Mullins, treasurer. Bro. Mullins is the successor of K. Wells, who has been treasurer for twenty years.

The first afternoon was spent in letter reading, organization and appointment of committees to report this session.

Bro. J. W. Dunaway preached the missionary sermon, and Bro. Lowrey preached at night. Both were good, helpful sermons. There were some good speeches on Bible and colportage report. A strong effort will be made to raise a colportage fund of fifty dollars or more in memory of Rev. A. Andrews, who died a few years ago.

Missions were discussed briefly, but the report on temperance brought several brethren to their feet. Bro. Dunaway expressed himself as favoring free whiskey, and thought we could then control it. I will be glad to see a healthy Christian sentiment against it in our homes and churches, and we can then fight it to the end. The reports on the Orphan's Home, periodicals, family training and Bible schools were adopted without discussion.

Lowrey, Dunaway and Ruddick were the only preachers of the Unity present. We fully expected some visitors: especially did we look for S. O. Y. Ray and J. W. Stewart, who were expected to read to our own talking. Twenty-four churches out of thirty-four were represented. Most of these reported something for missions, and sixteen reported Sunday-schools. Verbenia church leads in benevolence, and Bozeman next. In one of the letters fifty cents was announced for foreign missions from Bro. A. G. Patrick. This amount has come regularly for some years past, (and that is all for missions from that church.) This brother is about 85 years old, and has been nearly blind for ten or twelve years, but his heart is warm for that great cause.

We have had no representative of the state board with us for several sessions. Hope to see some one next year at Fellowship, six miles from Plantersville. Bro. Longier was adopted as our beneficiary at the Howard.

Bro. Dunaway has moved from Stanton to Perryville. He is in poor health, and was hardly able to sit up when he moved. May God spare him and restore him to his wonted health.

Stanton. W. J. RUDDICK.

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## From the Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Farwell Said.

MISSIONARIES TO CHINA, AND JAPAN RID GOSPELERS AT THE WALNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

A very large audience gathered in Walnut street Baptist church at the missionary farwell services yesterday afternoon. Before the hour for opening the services, the house was well filled, and some latecomers failed to find seats.

The following gentlemen occupied the platform: Drs. J. M. Warder, W. L. Pickard, D. Y. Bagby, R. J. Willingham, R. T. Bryan, of China; Dr. J. M. Weaver, Dr. W. B. Crumpton, of Alabama; Dr. J. T. Christian, the Rev. M. P. Hunt, Dr. T. T. Eaton and the Rev. Carter Helm Jones. Dr. John A. Broadus opened the exercises by announcing the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign." Dr. J. M. Weaver then prayed. Dr. Broadus selected for Scripture reading the close of the gospel of Matthew and of Luke. He introduced the Rev. Dr. Willingham, of Richmond, Va., who said:

"Brethren and Sisters: It is a peculiarly sweet and peculiarly sad occasion to me this afternoon. We have selected Louisville, where so many interests are centered, as a place for a farwell meeting. Six of these missionaries, Brother and sister R. T. Bryan and four others, go to China, while Brother and sister Maynard leave for Japan. I want to call your attention to a few facts of this foreign mission work. God's Son was a foreign missionary. These brethren who leave us are the successors of the Son of God and his apostles. Have you noticed what God has done in this work? How the doors of the nations have been opened to this work?"

"I believe to-day the war in China means the opening of that country to the gospel as never before. Not only that, God has blessed us in the language being learned. Beginnings have been made. The word of God has been put in 320 languages and dialects. The greatest work that is being done in the world to-day is the winning of souls to Jesus Christ. It's God's work; it's a privilege to go after the lost in Jesus' name. As you send out these may your hearts go with them, and may the day be not far distant when we send others to join these and hasten the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ."

After a hymn Dr. W. L. Pickard delivered a short address. [The address is printed in another column.—Ed.] Mr. Bryan said: "Dr. Pickard, I want to thank you for your kind, cheering, sympathetic words. I came here to appeal for what you have done. I have been destroyed by my speech. Brethren and sisters, I want your hearts to go back with me to China. As you pray for us, pray that we may have more love for the Chinaman. We go back to our field rejoicing. I stand here, grateful to you; everywhere we have been gladly received. Some day when I shall stand before a large audience to tell of Jesus and his love and see not one sympathetic face, I shall think of this day, and your sympathy shall be a real soul-inspiration to me."

"I go back full of hope. I believe it will not be many years before the contributions of our people exceed the most sanguine expectations. I want to impress upon you two facts of China's great need of the gospel. As China, with her 400,000,000 souls, comes rolling on my heart it seems a burden too great to be borne. China doesn't need religion—the religion of Jesus Christ. The Chinese have no religion that tells them to love their idols or love one another. What do they need then? They need love, they need the Lord Jesus Christ. The grand triumph of the work already accomplished is my second point. Thank God, the blessings of God's Holy Spirit have transcended the work of all the churches who work in China. I am not going to ask you to hold the rope while I go down, but hold up your hands and grasp the ladder as we go up."

Mr. Maynard, of Maryland, a newly appointed missionary, spoke some words. He said he had been in South Carolina, made the closing remarks: "About eight months ago four young men went to Richmond, Va., to be examined for appointment as missionaries. We planned what we were to do in China. Some time ago I heard they could not go. I said: 'If I can't go with those boys I won't go there.' But I thought: 'No—God has called me to leave my home, and I must go alone. Will you think of us when we go? Will you pray that even in China we may stand up for Jesus, and that when duty calls us we will be there?'"

At the close of the services all the missionaries stood upon the platform and the congregation moved forward to shake hands with each one. They are as follows: Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Bryan, with little Eliza, Kate and Lula Bryan; Miss Julia McKenzie, Miss Lottie Price, Miss Willie Kelly, Mr. W. W. Lawton and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Maynard. The congregation then sang "Yes, My Native Land, I Love Thee." The women's farwell meeting to the women missionaries was held on Saturday afternoon. The missionaries will leave for Chicago at 7:19 o'clock this morning. After remaining there one day they will start for Tacoma.

## Trip Notes.

The Coosa River association report appears in another column. I was unable to write it up as I wished. I will add a few personal notes. Bro. Wilkes, who wrote that article on "Lost Scriptures," was made moderator. If you didn't read it, turn back and look it up.

Bro. French and his church performed well their part as hosts. Bro. McCord, one of the best pastors in the state, preached a practical introductory sermon. The association has 34 ordained ministers and 3,200 members. What a country this is for Baptists! How they do flourish!

Bro. Law is another clerk that prints a fine minute. Nearly all the clerks who are put in year after year make a minute to be proud of. This changing clerks every year is ruinous. A man can't learn to make a minute in one year.

It is a little singular that I had to argue with brethren at the Coosa River longer to take the ALABAMA BAPTIST than at any place I have been. Wonder what it is because so many preachers do not take it themselves; but they will do better hereafter.

Bro. Henderson's missionary sermon fairly blazed with fine points. It will be published in this paper soon. The speech of Judge Bishop on Temperance was splendid. I will give some of his thoughts later on. "Talladega is a good town and it has one of the best Baptist churches in the state. Strong, young, intelligent and godly men you can count by the score among its members."

## A TRIP TO KENTUCKY.

I had promised Miss Willie Kelley, who has been for years as one of my family, to go as far as Louisville with her when she started to China. It was a pleasant trip, but it was in many particulars. Twenty-seven years ago, on my way to Georgetown College, I attended service at Walnut Street church, Dr. Lorimer was their pastor. This morning I heard Dr. Eaton in the same pulpit. I hope I will get time to give some of the splendid points in his admirable sermon. The farwell service in the afternoon was a memorable meeting. Dr. Broadus presided. He is indeed a master of assemblies. I have never seen an audience so admirably controlled.

In tender tones he read the commission, and then, "Lo, I am with you all the days," "that is it," said he, "all the days." "Remember, when you are in far off lands, and the dark days come, when you are sick or discouraged, the way I read this to-day, 'all the days.' God has never disappointed his people yet, and he will not disappoint you. He will be with you."

Bro. Willingham said he believed if he should make a call for missionaries, he could have from one hundred to one hundred and fifty ready to go in three months.

Bro. Maynard, in his excellent sermon, W. D. Gay, of Montgomery, Ala., who is supplying the means for his support. I saw Pickard, of course; was in his church at night. He preaches to large congregations. I met with the pastor's conference. What a drove of preachers attended! I think there were twenty-three. Two hours is a long time for a meeting like that, but the brethren seemed to enjoy it. A brother read a paper on immortality, full of bright and suggestive thoughts, and then they criticised it. It was a most helpful meeting.

I met brethren Nash and Osborne, of the Kentucky Baptist, in their cosy little office. They speak hopefully of the outlook for their brightly, newsy little paper. I had a peep at the Baptist Book Concern, with its immense stock of books, and by inquiry, I found the Recorder office. Why don't you put out your shingle, Bro. Eaton? Bro. Harvey was out of the city. The Seminary and Georgetown I must reserve for another time.

I saw Miss Willie off. Bright and happy creature! How the children and all who love her love her! I know she will win the hearts of the Chinese children to herself. She was a blessing to every home she entered here, and why will she not be the same across the waters? The women of Alabama never bestowed their means upon one who more richly deserved it, and God will let his blessings abide upon her labors, so that the contributors will have some one making known the glad tidings in China in their stead. W. B. C.

For the Alabama Baptist. Errors in Minutes. The minutes of the Selma association are just out, and I would like to call attention to some errors in the table which presents the financial status of the association. Selma church is credited with \$5.65 for State missions, when it should be \$5.65, and for church expenses the same church is credited with \$29.70 only, when it should be \$29.70. The column which presents the value of church property, read all figures as dollars, not cents. For instance, value of Ash Creek church property, read three hundred instead of three—and so with all the churches.

The printer, as well as the secretary, dislike very much to send out such errors, but it is too late to correct these mistakes in the table, and so I can merely call attention to them.

J. E. BARNES, Secretary Association.

[We think it worth while to say that the ALABAMA BAPTIST did not print those minutes. We are not printing minutes this year.]

Hood's Sarsaparilla acting through the blood, reaches every part of the system, and in this way positively cures catarrh.







