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Notes from Riley's History.

"The Tensas and Tombigbee settle-
ments in South Alabama, seem to
have been the first made in the
state."

"Washington county was estab-
lished in 1800. In 1808 Madison
county was organized. Washing-
ton, Baldwin and Madison counties
embraced all the settled region
within the present limits of Ala-
bama in 1810. The whites num-
bered 3,481."

The first American school taught
in Alabama was established by
John Pierce, a native of New Eng-
land, at the old barn yard on the
Tensas river.

The first trace of Baptists was in
the Tennessee Valley. Shortly af-
ter, near St. Stephens, in Wash-
ington county, the first capital of
the state.

In 1808 Revs. John Nicholson,
John Canterbury and Zadock Baker
appeared in North Alabama. To
the first of these belongs the honor
of organizing the first Baptist
church in the state. That church
is the Flint River church, which is
located a few miles northeast of
the city of Huntsville."

It was organized with about a
dozen members at the house of
James Deaton.

There were no roads in those
days, only Indian trails. The main
trail extended from Nashville to
Pensacola.

St. Stephens came ultimately to
have a population of 5,000 inhabi-
tants. There seems to have been a
Catholic church in the town prior
to the withdrawal of the Spaniards,
but for many years after, there was
not the semblance of public wor-
ship in the town. It is said that a
Baptist preacher visited the place
and wanted to preach. He was
placed in a canoe and carried across
the river and warned never to re-
turn.

Rev. William Cochran, of Geor-
gia, about 1810 began his minist-
erial career in Washington and
Clarke counties. Rev. Jas. Court-
ney organized the first church in
South Alabama, which was the sec-
ond in the state. It was Bassette
Creek, near the present site of
Choctawhatchee, in Clarke county.
It was organized March 31st, 1810.
It had twelve members, and Joseph
McGee was the first pastor.

In 1803 Lorenzo Dow came from
Georgia with a batch of emigrants,
visited the neighborhood of St.
Stephens and preached."

Brother Baker. These are a few
notes from the first chapters of this
valuable book.

To put it down after I opened its
lid. You called attention at the
time to my mistake about Grants
Creek church. That was the birth
place of the first Baptist school, and
not the convention, as I wrote.
You are right. It was Salem
church, near Greensboro, where the
convention was organized. The
convention at Grants Creek is so
full of interest to me I want to give
it to the readers of the ALABAMA
BAPTIST.

"In 1833 another effort was made
to hold a Convention. It was
called to meet at the Grants Creek
meeting house, Tuscaloosa county.
Some events had occurred which
awakened a slight hope of reviving
the State Convention. Thursday,
August 16th, 1833, the appointed
day for the meeting of the dele-
gates arrived. They came. It was
an occasion of disappointment and
humiliation. Only four were pres-
ent. These were McCraw, Ryan,
Thomas and Holcombe. Never
were men sadder. They were per-
plexed. It seemed that the exten-
sive effort had been made to have
a full meeting. All means had
been exhausted to induce the at-
tendance of the brethren, and here
were four! Even Holcombe, the lion-
hearted, the man of fertile resources,
was disconcerted. The four scarce-
ly had sufficient heart to allude to
the situation. Only a few curious
attendants came in from the neigh-
borhood. After some informal
consultation it was resolved not to
undertake to organize the first day."

To give the proceedings in full
would be too long for this article.
I sincerely hope our people will at
once provide themselves with this
deeply interesting book. Its perusal
will do great good. The pub-
lishers have done their work well.
I have discovered one mistake
which I hope every purchaser of a
book will correct with his pen. On
page 75 is the picture of Rev. John
Dennis. I have written the name
in my book as it should be, "Rev.
John Dennis." See pages 227-8.

W. B. C.

Notes and Comments.

"At church there are a few
good sisters who give regularly, but
the brethren have all quit since the
association at T—." A number
of them were there, and they claim
that it was proven to be a failure,
and you allowed it to go unre-
buted." So writes a pastor in re-
sponse to my letter. God bless
those few sisters who give regularly.
The brethren refer to some
rather harsh criticisms of the Board
which were indulged in on that oc-
casion. It shows how incalculable
harm may come from such criti-
cisms. The cause of missions was
hurt at that meeting. Twenty years
from now some who were there
will be harping on what they heard

then against the board. All that
was said about the good the board
had done was overshadowed in the
minds of those brethren by the
faults and failures of the board
which were dwelt upon by the crit-
ical brethren.

"Are you never going to visit
our part of the vineyard?" Yes,
brother, sometime; but there are so
many other parts of the vineyard
where I am so much more needed.

A pastor of country churches
says that "Economy and Industry
will knock out hard times every-
time, if you give them a chance. It
is not only a sure cure, but it is a
certain preventive."

A brother making a remittance
for State Missions and colportage
says, "A brother got up in confer-
ence and said your circular letter,
one of which he received, was the
best missionary sermon ever
preached to him. Yes, and the
sermon is doing good in a great
many places."

A pastor sending a contribution
from his church writes: "Sometime
since I made a strong appeal for
our state mission work after a ser-
mon on missions, and one of the
wealthiest members of the church
gave one cent in the collection. If
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An Error.

"To err is human." If the frail-
ties of man crop out in high life
and among the intelligent, what
may we expect of the rustic or am-
bitious philosopher in embryo? But
errors should be, and perhaps are,
less frequent among God's minist-
ters than any other class. It is
possible, however, for ministers to
miss the mark in making a strong
statement that conveys more than
the whole truth. And to tell a half
truth, whole truth, or more than the
truth in such a way as to intention-
ally deceive, is the same in the
speaker as if he had told a point
blank falsehood. It would be false-
hood in fact for a minister to over-
state his own side or understate his
opponent's side of a question in or-
der to carry a point. The tendency
to exaggerate grows on one, and
when the ever-listening ear of the
world begins to detect fallacies in
statements, then every other utter-
ance is discounted at a large per-
cent, and replies will be as follows,
"Divide that by the square of the
distance," or, "Believe one third
of that," or, "Well, you know that
fellow." And however truthful he
may be in any statement, it is large-
ly discounted.

Then, egotism should not be once
named among them, but they should
"have good testimony from them
that are without" rather than from
publications of which they are the
authors. "To some home at 12
o'clock at night from a trip and
call up an editor and ask him to
announce in the morning paper that
the 'Rev. Dr. — has returned,'"
would be in bad taste, and pecu-
liarly so if the D. D. had never
been conferred. To announce "a
profound impression" made by "a
great speech" would not sound
well when spoken by the author of
the discourse, and worse still if the
speaker had paid some one else to
write the oration for him.

To supply for a brother, and then
report to the paper that "Bro. —
preached ably at both services,"
when the brother Blank himself
wrote the report, would not be wise.
Better let some member of the con-
gregation say that.

It would make bad impressions
for young ministers to volunteer to
do mission work without remunera-
tion, then talk to the members of
the congregation at the fringes
about "preaching being as much a
business as anything else," and hint
to the poor members that "the
young ministers are not paid as they
should be." And many other things
might be suggested.

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merse excludes and forbids sprink-
ling and pouring, so God's moni-
tary law excludes and forbids all
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ling and pouring for baptism is no
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which expresses immersion, and
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thing else for baptism.

3. "And if a man wishes to sell
the products of his labor at a low
price, with the understanding that
the purchaser is to apply the profits
to the cause of Christ, is there any
law, either expressed or implied, to
forbid it?"

Certainly not. Any one has the
right, and divine sanction, to make
a free-will offering of time, labor,
money or produce as his heart may
incline him. There ought to be
more such offerings than we have.
No one should be content to stop at
the minimum of the old Jewish
law. Let us render unto the Lord
that which belongs to him, and then
make our free-will offering of as
much as circumstances require and
admit. If a man wishes to buy
soap, for instance, and make a free-
will offering of his time and trouble
in selling the soap, he has a perfect
right to do so, and I see no harm in
such a transaction. If my business
were such that I could give my en-
tire time to buying and selling
goods, and let the profits go into
the treasury of the Lord, there
would be no harm in doing so, pro-
vided I did not interfere with the
just rights of my family or some
one else.

If a woman or a set of women
see proper to give a portion of their
time and labor to the cause of
Christ by making a quilt, bonnets,
or ice-cream or a supper, the profits
of which go into the treasury of
their church, I can see no harm.
This is only an offering of time and
labor. The same as if a man who
has no money to offer should give
ten days work on a church building.
No one thinks that there is any-
thing wrong in such an offering.

But, my dear brother, a free-will
offering of money, time, labor or
produce is a very different thing
from "raising money." For in-
stance, a church needs a few dollars.
She gets the young people to give
a party—a bottle is filled with
beans, and a cake is offered to the
best guesser. The boys pay ten cents
a guess and the money is raised, and
the church robbed of blessedness of
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A hundred other inventions of men
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OUR PASTORS.—The Alabama Baptist, Montgomery, Ala.

A colored Baptist presbytery in St. Louis recently refused to ordain two of the brethren to the office of deacon on the ground that the candidates were not sufficiently acquainted with Baptist faith and practice. Would it not be well if our white presbyteries were a little more careful?

SECRETARY CRUMPTON has received for distribution the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention. They ought to be generally read, being unusually interesting. Write to him or to J. B. Collier, if you wish a copy. If you will send five cents in stamps it will save the State board that amount.

Miss Kelley's friends, in writing to her at Shanghai, China, are reminded to put on the letter, in addition to name and post office, the words "Old North Gate, Via San Francisco." And be sure to put on plenty of postage. It takes five cents to pay postage on a letter weighing half an ounce, and the least fraction over that makes heavy postage at the Shanghai end of the line. Some put on only two cents, and wonder why the letter is over the legal weight (in either case Miss Willie has to foot the bill, and it is no small burden).

BRO. WM. ELLISON, secretary of the Virginia state mission board, has begun the campaign in Richmond to raise money for his board. The campaign has also begun in Alabama, the immediate object being to relieve the state board of debt. Secretary Crumpton visited St. Francis Street church, Mobile, on a recent Sunday and a good collection was taken, the exact amount of which has not been reported to him. Now let other city churches make an effort in the same direction before their members leave for the heated term. Country and village churches are not excluded from immediate action.

In a speech at the convention Dr. Hawthorne mentioned the well known fact that many years ago the large majority of Baptists and Baptist churches were in the country. Said he, "I remember when my father, who was a country preacher, came home from a meeting of this convention lamenting the condition of the poor city churches. The city churches were helped by the country churches. This large and strong First Baptist church of Washington City, which has now become rich, and in whose magnificent building we now sit, was helped by the country churches of the South in the days of its poverty and weakness."

Just how much good may be done by helping a poor church that is in the right place, no one can tell.

In 1846 Dr. Richard Fuller wrote a letter to the Seventh Baptist church of Baltimore in response to a call to its pastorate, in which he said, among other things:

"Some say you are the noblest body of Baptists in the land; others have some grains of scruple as to that, and doubt if any pastor would please you. All this is moonshine. If you are Christians and feel that you and yours are Christ's, we could easily adjust minor things."

There is something which ought to be seriously considered by members of those of our churches that are so often without a pastor. If they would act as Christians, and place themselves and all they have subject to the will of the Master, they would not be so hard to please in a pastor. They could get along with any good and sensible man.

We are glad to have Dr. Tichenor's response to our paragraph of last week. When he made the remark which was quoted as we understood it, his back was toward us and he spoke in rather low tone. With pen and pencil in hand we wrote it down as we caught it. But it was not a very wide mistake after all, as there may not be a very great difference between "disintegration" and "dismemberment."

In what we said last week there was no criticism intended. It was only a partial expression of what we have thought for some years, namely, that there ought to be more distinctiveness or prominence given to the church building department of the work of the Home board.

We have supposed that Dr. Tichenor was over-loaded, and that in keeping up one department of his work he must of necessity in some measure neglect the other. This impression has been confirmed by the fact that when he was trying to build the Valencia Street church, New Orleans, his public talks at one state convention were almost exclusively upon that subject. So, too, when he had the Havana house in hand. He has been much without an assistant secretary, and we have been impressed that he needed, that the cause needed, either a distinct division of the work, or some one to assist in the field as well as in the office in one or other department of the board's work. To our mind it has been clear that more ought to be done in the way of church building, and we have been ready to support a movement in that direction.

Dr. Tichenor's note tells us more than we knew as having been done by the Home board in the matter in question. Like many others we are not given to wading through columns of figures and putting this and that together to find out what has been done. We like to have a statement made in words, without the book-keeper's brevities and technicalities. We congratulate Dr. Tichenor on what his board has done in the important matter of church building, and are gratified at having drawn out the information in plain words, even though the spirit in which we wrote was apparently misapprehended.

After the foregoing was written the Texas Baptist Standard came with this paragraph:

"It is a pity that the resolutions of Dr. G. A. Nunnally concerning the creation of a church edification board were not carried by the Southern Baptist Convention. We do not share the opinion that the existence of such a board would cripple the resources of the home board."

In the convention at Washington, Dr. Gansbrell offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed, three of whom shall be the secretaries of the boards of this convention, the duty of which shall be to hold a meeting as early as practicable, at some suitable point, to consider, in connection with the secretaries of the state boards, how we may better reach the masses of Southern Baptists and bring them to more thoroughly cooperate in the work of the convention; and that the expense of the committee be divided between the boards.

This is an important committee, and it is to consider a most important matter. On the committee will be J. B. Gambrell, Charles Manly, G. W. Hyde, B. H. Carroll, T. Tichenor, R. J. Willingham and T. P. Bell, besides the secretaries of the state boards, including of course, Secretary Crumpton, of Alabama. The meeting will be held in Atlanta, on June 19. May the Lord give wisdom to all.

This Central Baptist, of St. Louis, says: "An examination of our list reveals the gratifying fact that a large majority of our pastors receive the Central Baptist." We have no doubt at all that the fact that Missouri pastors so generally read their state paper explains the fact stated by Bro. Brown, of that state, at the convention, that the 120,000 Baptists of Missouri gave to missions during the convention year \$118,000—nearly one dollar per member. And the fact that so many Alabama pastors do not read their state paper in good measure explains why it is that the Baptists of this state contribute so little in proportion to numbers. There are better papers, in a general sense, than the ALABAMA BAPTIST printed outside the state, but not one of them, nor all of them, can take its place or do its work with Alabama Baptists. Some pastors know this.

I am hearing from some of the thousands of personal letters lately sent out. But many have forgotten them. Six hundred go out this week to the sisters. Wonder if they won't treat me better than the brethren do?

W. A. C.

FIELD NOTES.

Brethren, some of you sent your program of fifth Sunday meeting two late. They must reach us before Tuesday morning.

We tried to get some account of the sermons at the Evergreen commencement, but the brother whom we asked for it did not respond.

Monroeville Journal: Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Riffe left a few days ago for Cane valley, Ky., where they will spend several weeks with relatives and friends.

The Seaboard Air Line railroad is making great preparations to carry the delegates and visitors to the Baptist Young People's Convention at Baltimore.

Rev. A. C. Swindall requests us to change the address of his paper from Dexter to Wetumpka. And Rev. J. W. Willis requests that he be addressed at Fort Springs, Kentucky, instead of Louisville.

The Montgomery County Sunday School Convention will meet at Pine Level on Wednesday, 12th instant. Everybody invited. We have been given the program which has been widely distributed.

J. M. McCord, East Lake: We had pleasant services at my churches (Wilsonville and Bozeman) during the month of May. One baptized at Wilsonville and one received by letter. One baptized at Bozeman and two received by letter. Good collections at both churches for State Missions.

M. O. Pettus, Rep: A large number in Sabbath-school to-day. Pastor Hilliard preached to a full house. At the close of his discourse he made a proposition to the unconverted, whereupon 29 gave their hand for prayer. One was received by experience.

The Brundidge News says the Baptist church in that town has a new organ. That paper also contains this item: "We learn that Prof. H. C. Sanders will not be an applicant for the Brundidge High School again. Our information is that he takes this step in order to devote himself entirely to the ministry. His friends will wish him abundant success in his high and holy calling."

Geo. E. Brewer, Opelika: We had a good meeting at Notasulga again, and two more additions. Will protect at the meeting the first of July.—I am reading the report on tithing made to the Convention, injecting some arguments of my own, as one service at my church.

We make no objection, having known him for a long time. It comes of that kind of stock. The mill company has erected an elegant meeting house for the use of visiting preachers generally, which adds to the pleasure of preaching there.

Member, Newton, June 1: Bro. A. J. Preston, the pastor, on last night closed a series of interesting meetings. He was ably and faithfully assisted by brethren F. M. Callaway, Sr., J. M. Poyner, B. T. Jones, N. J. Peters and F. M. Callaway, Jr. The meeting has been one of the best held in our church for quite a long time. More interest manifested on the part of the ministers, members and the congregation generally, than has been witnessed in our town for several years. There were twenty accessions to the church, six by letter, and fourteen by experience and baptism; and the church left in good working condition. Brother Preston is an energetic, faithful and persuasive preacher, and never fails to entertain his hearers with gospel truths and irresistible Baptist doctrine. He is really what might be called a gospel preacher. The church here greatly appreciates his able, faithful and loyal services, and looks with much pleasure upon the success he has already achieved.

A. T. Sims, Georgiana: Our Prattville meeting has just closed with 27 additions. About 2 of this number were by baptism and four by letter. The meeting was one of interest, and could it have been continued a few days longer we would have received many more additions to our number. The congregations steadily grew to the last, so that we were greatly puzzled to find a house large enough to accommodate them. The Methodist church being very large, it was secured, and its spacious auditorium was filled to overflowing. Bro. Shelton is a strong and fearless evangelist. He does not hesitate to "beard the lion in his den" and fight him on sin wherever he finds it. And as a natural consequence some of those at whom he thrusts his darts become offended, but they are almost sure to continue their visits to hear him. Any of our churches needing the labors of a fearless evangelist, and one devoted to his work, would do well to secure the services of Bro. John Bass Shelton, of Montgomery.

live from two to three lectures each day. There will also be two sermons each day by Dr. Shaffer and others. All are invited to attend. We expect a profitable time. Come, preachers, one and all. It will be to us what the Mount was to Moses. It will better equip us for our summer's work. Let all ask the Holy Spirit's presence to sanctify the meeting to his glory. Free entertainment, of course.

Rev. J. H. Curry, Northport, May 28: Baptized four young ladies the first Sunday in this month, a young man the third Sunday, and another Thursday, May 23. The last named is a converted tramp. He had been in the tramp army seven years. Was converted last October—started at once on a mission to carry the gospel to the abandoned class. Joined the Methodist at his old home, Grenada, Miss., in November. Became dissatisfied with his church. Joined the Baptist church in Northport, May 23. As he travels he lectures. He shows what leads to the truth, life, and warns young men of that May God bless him and his work.

J. L. Tucker, Nannafalia: I noticed in the ALABAMA BAPTIST some time ago an account by Bro. S. O. Y. Ray of his trip through Marengo and Clarke. I want to tell him that he never gave an account of being in our town. I suppose it to be an oversight. The Parker brothers accompanied him, and at 11 o'clock W. A. Parker, Jr., preached a plain, practical and impressive sermon on the barren fig tree. A brother asked me if I ever heard Bro. Will, make a failure? I told him that was something he didn't do. In the afternoon Bro. George Parker gave us a very interesting and instructive map lecture. The congregation was small, and the collection was not as good as we would have liked for it to be.

Bro. Townsend, who is doing some evangelistic work, preached at Forrest, Butler county, on Sunday last. Here is located one of the large saw mills of the Flowers Company, with Bro. W. M. Flowers in charge. Bro. Townsend reports delightful services with large and appreciative congregations. He expects to be there again on the third Saturday and Sunday in July, at which time he hopes to organize a Baptist church. The preacher thinks it would be hard to find a man possessing more of the qualities of social and Christian character.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Howard Trustees.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Howard College is called to convene in the office of the president of the College at East Lake, at 2 o'clock p. m., Monday, June 10th. A full attendance is urged. By order of the president of the board, R. W. Barker, Sec'y.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Seminary Commencement.

As Dr. Whitsett pointed out, this commencement was notable as being the first in the history of the Seminary that was not ground by the graduates, and quickened by the magnetic personality of Dr. Broadus. For this reason it was a common remark to us, and yet it was at the same time a joyous occasion, for it emphasized the value of the living as well as the dead. Dr. Whitsett, always tenderly loved by his pupils, has become doubly dear to us since becoming our president, for now he stands not only for himself, a unique personality, but he also stands for Boyce and Broadus and for all the hallowed traditions of our noble institution. Dr. Whitsett is a product of the Seminary, the noblest example extant of what sort of men can be produced in the pure and wholesome atmosphere of our school of the prophets. Of all the rich and permanent endowments bequeathed to the Seminary by the genius, piety and self-sacrifice of its founders and patrons, Dr. Whitsett is the richest and most permanent of them all, for his character and influence are worth more to us than money, and his name will live as long as the Seminary and his influences shall endure. How eminently appropriate, then, that Dr. Whitsett should be made president; and how perfectly he fills the place, none but those of us who have seen him occupy it can appreciate.

The commencement exercises proper began on Tuesday evening, May 28th, with an address from Dr. J. B. Hawthorne to the Broadus Literary Society on the theme, "Intellectual and moral courage." Norton Hall was literally packed with the most cultured people in Louisville, and the address to which they listened was in every way worthy of the occasion and of the great man who delivered it.

On Wednesday morning the final meeting of the Missionary Society was held in Norton Hall, and after the business of the year was properly completed, final reports read and adopted, the meeting was addressed by Dr. Dargan, as only a Dargan can address it. His words always have electric points to them, they both pierce and thrill, and if you want to see hearty, whole-souled enthusiasm, see a crowd of Seminary students when Dr. Dargan addresses them.

Let me digress just here to say that the enthusiastic admiration and love of the entire student body for largely on the ground that the death of Dr. Broadus opened the hearts of all the students to appreciate the great worth of all his colleagues whom he left behind him. This is one of God's gracious compensations for our irreparable loss.

On Thursday morning, May 30, certificates were delivered to the graduates in the different schools, after which we were to have listened to an address by Dr. B. H.

HERE IS THE OFFER!

A copy of Holman's New Self-Pronouncing Sunday-school Teacher's Bible and the ALABAMA BAPTIST for one year—all for the small sum of Three Dollars and Fifty Cents! It is a regular Teacher's Bible, gilt edges, limp cover, with concordance, subject index, and many pages of useful information which assists in understanding the sacred Word. A prominent feature, as the title indicates, is that the pronunciation of proper names is given, so there will be no difficulty in reading them. Send us three dollars and fifty cents and get the Bible and the ALABAMA BAPTIST. If you have already paid for the ALABAMA BAPTIST for the current year, but want a copy of this Bible, send three dollars and twenty-five cents to J. B. Collier, Montgomery, and the book will be sent you by mail. The printing on the pages is 4x7 inches.

Brethren, it is a very serious matter, this state mission debt. We must put it on a solid footing this month. We are not as much in debt as some of the other states, and can easily get out if all will help now. St. Francis Street, Mobile, led off with a good collection. Will we hear from our other large city churches before the hot weather sets in?

W. B. C.

We are indebted to Bro. Burns for the following news notes:

Bridgeport is trying to get Bro. Gable for the summer. Gurley and Scottsboro churches have secured the services of Bro. Lee, one of our Howard boys who has been attending the Seminary. The First church, Decatur, has secured Bro. Edward Atkinson, a Georgian, just from the Seminary. Central church, Decatur, is trying to locate Bro. Hendricks, another Howard boy, who is just through at the Seminary. Half these plans are carried out, we look for a boom among the Baptists of the Tennessee Valley association.

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Carroll, of Waco, Texas, but owing to recent illness he was unable to make the long trip to Louisville. Rev. Ernest Cook, of St. Louis, Mo., was caught up on the spur of the moment and asked to fill the gap made by Dr. Carroll's absence. This he did willingly and well, and for thirty minutes charmed us with two views of the Seminary. He spoke first of the "palmy days" when the Seminary had no fixed habitation of its own, and when the theologians camped at the Waverly Hotel. His reminiscences were both humorous and pathetic, and altogether illustrative of the character of the place and men with whom he was dealing. He showed what sort of students some of our professors were, and spoke feelingly of the manner in which the hardness of those days was endured by professors and students as by good soldiers. He spoke eloquently and hopefully of the present status of our institution, paid a high tribute to our new president, and closed by a brief and vivid glimpse at the glowing prospects for the near future.

The audience forgot to regret the absence of Dr. Carroll in the deep interest aroused by his substitute, for Bro. Cook won the praise and gratitude of us all by his felicitous speech.

The announcement that Dr. H. H. Harris, of Richmond, Va., has accepted the professorship of Biblical Introduction and Polemic Theology was greeted with loud and hearty applause by all the students and friends of the Seminary. His lectures on missions, in March, under the W. D. Gay endowment, won for him a warm place in the hearts of all the students, and that his reception will be a cordial one.

On Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the large auditorium of the Walnut Street church was crowded with an eager host, come together to witness the graduating exercises. Thirteen young preachers received the degree of Graduate of Theology, the English Graduate degree. Eight received the degree of Bachelor of Theology, the eclectic degree; thirteen received the degree of Master of Theology, the full graduate degree; and five received the degree of Doctor of Theology, the post graduate degree—forty-five graduates in all.

Addresses were delivered by five of the full graduates, and the speakers mutually surpassed each other in clear thinking, good judgment, and in grace of delivery.

The baccalaureate address of President Whitsett followed on the subject of "Public Prayer." This was the gem of the whole commencement. It was brief, pointed, appropriate, thoughtful and devout, combining in brief space all the characteristic excellencies of the speaker and the man. It was a theme on which no one could speak so well as Dr. Whitsett, for in all our ministry no one can be found who is more gifted in prayer than he.

I had been closed the work of one of the most memorable years in the history of the Seminary.

NOTES.

Alabama made an exceptional record at the Seminary this year. Every one of her students made a clean pass in every study, a fact true of no other state represented by more than one or two men.

Brethren Hagood, Pugh, Stamps, Manest and White, return to their respective homes for the summer. They are equipped and eager for work; let them have it.

Bro. Gable supplies for a month churches near Richmond, Ind., after which his movements are uncertain till he returns to the Seminary in October.

Bro. Lee accepts the pastorate of Scottsboro and Gurley churches in definitely. The place and the man have met, and you may listen for the noise of progress in that region.

Bro. J. A. Hendricks, an old Howard boy that we are proud of, received his degree of Th. B. Thursday, and departed on a visit to his home in Louisiana. There is a fine opportunity at present for getting him to locate in Alabama, and which we hope the brethren won't let slip.

Your scribe continues his pastorate at South Elkhorn church, Fayette county, Ky., and also supplies for the Elk Creek church, in Spencer county, through the summer till October.

J. W. WILLIS.

How Alabama Stands!

FOR THE ALABAMA BAPTIST BOARD, S. B. C. C. RICHMOND, VA. May 28, 1895.

Dear Brethren of Alabama: According to the amount asked for by the Southern Baptist Convention to pay off all obligations and support our missionaries in the field this year, we looked to your state for \$500. In that time we have received \$63.38.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—I Cor. 16:2.

The following states have paid more than was asked for from them for the above mentioned term: Virginia, Tennessee, and District Columbia.

R. J. WILLINGHAM, Cor. Sec.

Richmond, May 31.

A course of conduct that has to be defended to the conscience, may always be set down as wrong.

Life is made up not of great sacrifices or duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.—The Churchman.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Baptist Railies.

I will be at the following churches in June:

Town Creek, Sat. and Sun. 8, 9.

Colliere, Monday 10.

Ash Creek, Tuesday 11.

Hayneville, Wednesday 12.

Lowndesboro, Thursday 13.

Rutledge, Sat. and Sun. 15 and 16.

I have written the pastors of all these churches. We want to make these meetings of greatest interest and profit to the churches. Missions, Education, Sunday-schools, Temperance and Baptist doctrines will be discussed. We want the brethren to assist us in making them not only Baptist rallies, but rallies for everybody. Dinner on the ground each day.

S. O. Y. RAY.

Program of Montgomery Association.

The association convenes at Hayneville, Lowndes county, Tuesday, July 16th.

MORNING SESSION.

10 a. m.—Prayer service.

10:30—Organization.

11—Introductory sermon, S. J. Catts.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m.—Prayer service.

3:30—Report of Committee on Credentials.

3:45—Election of officers.

3:15—Receive correspondents.

3:45—Report on Home Missions, Rev. B. A. Jackson, chairman.

EVENING SESSION.

8—Song service.

8:15—Prayer.

9—Report on Foreign Missions, Rev. W. D. Gay, chairman.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

9 a. m.—Devotional exercise.

9:30—Report on Sunday-schools, P. N. Cilley, chairman.

10:30—Report on Temperance, J. G. Harris, chairman.

11:30—Missionary sermon, Dr. Geo. B. Eager.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m.—Prayer service.

3:30—Report on Denominational Education, Rev. E. F. Baber.

3:30—Report on State Missions, Rev. W. J. Elliott.

EVENING SESSION.

8 p. m.—Song service.

8:15—Prayer.

9—Report on Ministerial Education, G. W. Ellis.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

9 a. m.—Devotional exercises.

9:30—Report on Woman's Work, Dr. Geo. B. Eager, chairman.

10:30—Report on Orphan's Home, Rev. B. J. Catts, chairman.

11:30—Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m.—Prayer service.

3:30—Report on Indigent Ministers, Rev. Geo. W. Townsend.

3:30—Report on Weak and New Churches, Rev. W. D. Gay.

EVENING SESSION.

8—Song service.

8:15—Prayer.

9—Miscellaneous business in order at any time during the sessions of the association.

The committee on Religious Exercises will fill the appointments for preaching left blank on the program.

Every church in the association is urged to send delegates, and in any event to send their church letter.

The churches are requested to send larger contributions than they have hitherto sent for the publication of the minutes.

The suggestion is made to delegates to preserve this program for their use at the meeting of the association.

It has been arranged for the early train, leaving Montgomery at 7 a. m. on Tuesday 16, to stop at Letohatchie, for the accommodation of those attending the association.

J. H. DICKSON, GEO. W. ELLIS, W. B. DAVIDSON, Executive Committee.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

The Trip to Washington.

As announced last week, I propose to write these notes of travel specially for the boys and girls who read the ALABAMA BAPTIST, but of course they will read them to their fathers and mothers, or tell them what it was.

When last I wrote we had arrived at Portsmouth, Virginia. This is an old city on the south side of Elizabeth river, and one of the navy yards belonging to the United States is located on the river just above the city. Quite a number of us visited the navy yard. Here government ships are made and mended, and it may be that cannon and shot and shell are also made here, but I saw no sign of it. They were made there many years ago. There was much more to be seen than we had time to look at. Among these were old cannon that had been used on war ships long ago, pieces of the iron work of ships that were destroyed in battle, and cannon captured in battle on ships of other nations. Among the curious things was a stone cannon ball that was brought from Constantinople. It is twelve or fourteen inches in diameter, and must have been made many years ago, as the Turks have long since had iron balls. Little Willie Elliott, who was along with his father and mother, and is hardly as high as a table, begged his father to buy that big ball for him. He wanted to carry it home to play with. He was like other boys, and grown people, too, in wanting something that he would not know what to do with if he had it.

Here is the dry dock. From my boyhood I wanted to see a place where ships were taken entirely out of the water so that their bottoms could be repaired, and I saw this when I was a soldier, and was in camp a few miles away on the other side of the river. A dry dock does not appear so wonderful when you look at it, and yet it required some good thought to think it out. An excavation, or, as a boy would call it, a four-cornered hole, larger than a large ship is made in the

ELECTROPOISE.

THE GREATEST CURATIVE AGENT KNOWN.

OPIUM HABIT CURED.

Six weeks' use of the Electropoise cured a friend of the opium habit. It also benefited me a great deal. I suffered with kidney trouble.—Rev. W. Bruce, Hopkinsville, Ky.

From the editorial columns of the Western Democrat, it is reported that board, stop the

board free, and then join Dr. W.

truth in men and women, it does

indeed benefit in hundreds of cases

of all kinds of sickness. A friend

who had suffered long with nervous

prostration wrote that it had

cured her. A gentleman in the

city, who, a year ago, seemed to

have only a few days of life left

him by consumption, has greatly

improved, has been able to go on

uninterrupted with his business.

Two other personal friends said

nothing had ever done so much for

their rheumatism. Nothing has ever

received so many testimonials from

trustworthy persons.

"One night's use of the Electropoise

gave me relief from brain

congestion and vertigo. I have

been a well man ever since."—Rev.

George H. Means, Covington, Ky.

WHAT TENNESSEE MINISTERS

Say About the Electropoise.

Rev. W. P. D. Clark, Nashville:

"The Electropoise cured my son of

acute mania, caused by nervous

prostration, superinduced by over-

work."

Rev. A. Owen, D. D., Nashville:

"I have proved by experience that

the Electropoise is a speedy and ef-

fective remedy for rheumatism and

neuralgia pains."

Rev. M. W. Millard, Nashville,

used Electropoise for St. Anthony's

fire and piles and says: "Since I

began the use of the Electropoise

the disease has disappeared."

Rev. T. J. Pentecost, Nashville:

"The longer I use the Electropoise,

the more I value it."

Rev. F. B. Webb, Columbia: "I

used the Electropoise successfully

in what seemed to be the beginning

of grippe, and I certainly believe

in it."

WHAT ALABAMA MINISTERS

Say About the Electropoise.

Rev. C. W. O'Hare, Columbia:

"I cannot find language with

which to express the inestimable

value of this most wonderful in-

strument—the Electropoise."

Rev. James A. Hearn, D. D.,

Florence: "I am a walking ad-

vertisement of the Electropoise."

Rev. L. A. Darcey, Lafayette:

"Every family ought to have an

Electropoise."

Rev. T. J. Beard, D. D., Bir-

mingham: "I take pleasure in say-

ing the Electropoise gave me per-

manent relief from neuritis of the

stomach and bowels."

Rev. W. C. Hearn, D. D., Tal-

lades: "My wife and I use the

Electropoise with good results."

Rev. M. B. Wharton, D. D.,

formerly of Montgomery: "I have

used the Electropoise with great

benefit to my health.

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ground, with one end a few yards from the water's edge. It widens from bottom to top, and is lined with large blocks of granite (some are lined with wood) laid like steps, and cemented so that the dock will hold water. Now a water tight gate is placed at the end next the river or bay. In this gate are three or four large round holes below the level of the water, which have plugs or stoppers in them. When all is finished the dirt is cut away between the gate and the water, and the dock is ready for use. When a ship comes for repairs on its bottom the plugs are taken out of the holes and as much water as is needed to float the ship is allowed to run in. The gate is then opened and the ship floated in. Then the gate is closed, the holes stopped and the water is pumped out by a steam pump. Large, strong benches are placed on the bottom of the dock, and when the vessel is in the dock the plugs are put in the holes and the water is pumped out to the bottom and sides.

What kind of repairs are needed on a ship's bottom? Sometimes in bad weather the vessel strikes a rock, and sometimes it comes in contact with another vessel, or some other object floating in the water, and some injury is done. Sometimes there is a defect in one of the planks, and frequently there are holes made by a little animal or worm that lives in the sea. I have seen men, who are called caulkers, on account of their occupation, bore out these small holes and other little defects with an augur, thus making a large round hole, and into this drive a tightly-fitting peg, and thus remedy the defect. But there is another reason why ships must sometimes go into the dry dock which you will think is quite curious. There is a little animal, or what you would call a water snail, as it has a shell, which sometimes cling to all the part of the ship that is under water like large numbers that they look like thousands of small stones fastened to the vessel. These prevent the ship gliding smoothly through the water, and so interfere with its speed. They must be scraped off in the dry dock. These little things are called barnacles. Have you ever seen a boy with barnacles on him? When he has so many bumps of bad temper and selfishness that he doesn't get along smoothly, but quarrels with playmates and brothers and sisters, and is not respectful to his father and mother, don't you think it may be truly said that he has barnacles on him? What is the best way to get them off? Men

scrape them off with a file, and then join Dr. W.

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was good. It was the cleanest kitchen I ever saw; but the cooks have nothing else to do but cook and clean up.

The guns! the guns! When this ship has its full number of men for war there are 490 of them, and there is a musket for each one, and perhaps others to supply the places of those that may be broken in a fight. And then there are small breech-loading cannon which can fire at least seven times per minute, and large guns thirty-six and a-half foot long. These big guns fire a sharp pointed shell weighing two hundred and fifty pounds, and is about three feet and four inches long, as I measured one of them with my walking cane. What destruction these terrible things can make! I did not ask the men how far these large guns would shoot, but some one said they could throw a shot ten miles. Perhaps they can, as some guns do that. But whether they shoot ten miles or one mile, I shall try to keep out of the way of all such guns. In fact, I would rather not get in the way of a pistol.

How large must a ship be to carry all those men and guns and everything else that is needed? I did not inquire as to the width of this vessel—it was forty feet in the widest part, I suppose, but it was 430 feet long. You can rest the feet to yards.

Ed. Ala. Baptist: Just after shaking hands with the president of the United States while in attendance upon the Southern Baptist Convention, I was walking in the park just in front of the White House when I came in front of the equestrian statue of Gen. Andrew Jackson, which is surrounded by four cannons, one at each corner of the statue. I was struck by the fact that an English sparrow had builded her nest in one of the cannons, and on the impulse of the moment, while there were hundreds of Baptists still shaking hands with the President, sat down in the park, and on the back of a Smithsonian catalogue wrote the following verses, which I ask you with the foregoing to publish, if you think best.

Golden time of the Union this is.

When there is no war to harrow.

When the cannon's dreaded mouth

Is the home of the English sparrow.

Across the way at the White House

A thousand patriots stand.

To show the loyalty of Southern hearts,

And shake the President's hand.

A concourse large from Southern soil

The Baptists of the South representing,

And as he gives the hand of state

They the hand of truth to him presenting.

A common cause, a common love

Thrills this mighty nation to-day;

Sainted past, their future beaming

Brightly seems to shine their way.

O! land of stars, O! land of joy!

Thy words of praise are in our mouth.

No truer, more loyal sons hast thou

Than these, the Baptists of the South.

And as once their blood ran red and rich

Upon the battle-field for home and right,

With the same courage they will stand

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