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Victory in Failure.

BY ALEXANDER MACLAREN, D. D.

Be of good cheer, I have overcome the

world.—John 16: 33.

These words are our Lord's last

words to his disciples, when with-

in an hour of Gethsemane and a day

of Calvary. The circumstances

seem strangely to contradict them.

If that were victory, to have all but

utterly failed in his attempts to win

men to God and goodness, to have

taught lessons which no man re-

garded, to have had love repelled

and help refused, to have been mis-

understood, hated, rejected of men,

to have lived a life of poverty and

loneliness, and to die at last in the

most shameful and unattended

by any one but a few renegade

spies, and two or three brave

women—if this is victory, pray

what is defeat? And yet, looking

back on the whole life, Christ sees

it as one long triumph, and looking

forward to the crisis of the fight,

which is yet impending, he is sure

that the cross is overcome, though

it has as yet to be endured. He

recognizes in it—that which the

world thought a conclusive defeat

—a perfect victory. Dear breth-

ren, if the life of Jesus Christ on

earth is the type of a victorious life,

most of us need to revise our judg-

ments of what real failure and suc-

cess mean, and a great many of us

need to revolutionize our practices.

If he was right, most of us are

wrong. "I have overcome the

world." There is a picture of a

victorious life.

Now I want this afternoon to say

two or three simple, plain things,

and I have no doubt perfectly

threadbare and commonplace

things, about this subject. In or-

der that I may help them stick in

mind and memory I will tell you

beforehand where I am going. I

will try to put three questions

which may gather up the teaching

of this passage in a memorable

form. First, what is a victorious

life? Second, was there ever such

a life? Third, if there was, what

does it matter to me? I think we

shall get an answer to all three

questions in the words of my text:

"Be of good cheer, I have over-

come the world."

First, then, with our catechism.

What sort of life is an overcoming

life? I need not remind all my

hearers, I suppose, of the special

Joannean use of the word "the

world." Biblical writers call it

the Joannean. John learned it

from Jesus Christ. The world, as

it is designated in the gospel and

in the Epistles, does not, as we all

understand, mean the material and

visible creation *per se*, but the ag-

gregate of visible and material

things and persons, considered as

separate from God; and if they are

separated they can be antagonistic,

and if they are separate they are

antagonistic. And so all these

gracious and separate things, which

God has set us in the midst of in

order that they may help and fur-

ther our growth and our assimila-

tion to life, and may be so dealt

with by which of us that they shall

thwart the very purpose for which

we and they exist, and come to be,

instead of a medium by which we

can get to God, a wall and a barrier

between us and him. The world

as it comes from God is meant to

be our stepping-stone to him. In-

stead of a stepping-stone, we make

it to be a stone of stumbling and a

rock of offense. If we give more

aphorism to the nations of men as a

band segregated together, apart

from God, and constituting the

world, then it comes pretty nearly

the same thing as the idolatry of a

great many people. That is what

they call society and public opin-

ion. What is represented in its dis-

cordant opinion as a successful life

is the life that secures the greatest

possible amount of what the world

calls good, and by failure is meant

the life that does not get these

prizes. If that be the general

rough idea of what the Lord and

his apostles meant by the world, it

becomes pretty plain that the world

conquers me, whether I have got a

big idea of it or not, when either

the possession of, or the hankering

after, any visible, material creature

of good comes stealing in between

me and God, and intercepts my af-

fections and desires, and hinders

me from seeing the invisible, made

visible in the visible, and when

men, so far as they are the world,

ram their godless or God-forgetting

maxims down my throat and make

the rules of my conduct. No

matter whether a man has succeed-

ed in appropriating external bless-

ings or not, he is a beaten man if

he has the having of them, or the wanting

of them, or the lusting for them,

or the rejoicing in them has blind-

ed his eyes to God and has shut out

the glories that are beyond. Victo-

ry lies in using the world for

what God meant it when he made

it, and after he made it when he

made you. Defeat means the failure

to apprehend and appreciate

these high purposes. It comes to

be a very close and personal ques-

tion, "Have earth and all things

that are within reach of sense and

bounded by time, have these mo-

nopolized of intercepted my love,

my desire, my trust, or have they

not?" Do I use this present world

for the same purpose for which the

leaping poles and other apparatus

in the gymnasium are employed,

to develop muscle? For the world

is here in order that it may make

character, and all material is for

the moral and religious life what

the scaffolding is to the building,

and whoever has used this earth

for the developing in him of a Chris-

tian character, his is the victory,

whatever else he has failed or suc-

ceeded in.

Then comes the plain question,

"Have I used the world as a means

of seeing, or as a means of blotting

out my Father's face? The stained

glass of a cathedral window glows

with a rich color. A man may look

at the blushing tints, or he may

gaze on the light that streams

through them. Life, like a many

colored dome of glass, stains the

light radiance of eternity, but it

is only the eye that looks through

the many-tinted dome and perceives

the light beyond dissected from all

that color, that seizes the light that

is nearest him for its highest pur-

pose. If I see God and may be

helped to see him beholding his

glories in some measure veiled in

created things, as the sunshine

caught and tangled in the moist

cloud can be looked at by the eye

that can not gaze upon the orb; if

I have done this, then the world

has served its highest purpose to

me, and I have conquered. Now,

dear brethren, all classes of people

in our land want that lesson very

much to day. I suppose that we

—I speak to myself as much as to

you—in commercial communities

we specially want it brought into

our lives in a very practical man-

ner. I know in the district in

which I live what failure or suc-

cess means, and I suppose it means

much the same in the ordinary par-

lance in Warwickshire and Staf-

fordshire as in Lancashire. The

man who has won the prizes, the

lawyer who has got all the briefs,

the man of business at his finger-

ends and a good balance at his bank-

ers and a good property that brings

in comfortable dividends—these are

the kind of people that are said to

be successful. That is the man

who is popularly said to be suc-

cessful. But is that man like Jesus?

Is he a better man than he was

twenty-five years ago when he was

a poor, struggling workman? Has

he grown Christ-like or has he not?

If he has, he has beaten the world;

if he has not, even if he has got a

great lump of it the world has ben-

efited him. And this success—may

be some poor old widow up in her

garret, perhaps getting parish al-

lowance for all we know who, if

she has got nothing else, has got a

character refined and moulded and

made patient by sorrows and soli-

tude, and in her solitude has found

Jesus Christ very near to her, and,

as earth has become bare and dark,

has lifted up her eyes unto the hills

where the unsetting sun is spark-

ling. Oh, brethren, there are dif-

ferent notions of failure and suc-

cess up yonder to what there are

down here, and you and I will be

wise people if we write down in

our hearts and try to remember in

our daily lives; in our aspirations

and aims and efforts that to over-

come the world is not to such the

last drop of sweetness out of its

ripe clusters, not to add the largest

possible amount of its treasures to

our stores; but to coerce and make

it auxiliary, helpful to us in seeing

God, in loving him, and in doing

our duty for his dear sake. That

is victory however sad and solitary

our life may be, and all else is de-

feat. "I," the pauper Christ to be

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OUR BOARDS.

The State Board of Missions, located in Montgomery. W. C. Bledsoe, Corresponding Secretary, Montgomery, Ala. Board of Christian Education, Montgomery, Ala. Board of Christian Education, Montgomery, Ala. Board of Christian Education, Montgomery, Ala.

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OUR SCHOOLS.

Howard College, East Lake, Ala.—Prof. A. D. Smith, Chairman Faculty. Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala.—W. H. Averett, President.

WE SPENT two days very pleasantly with the Central association, which met at Alexander City last week. Thirty-six churches were represented. An intelligent body of Christian men composed the delegation. One noticeable feature was the prompt attendance of members on the business sessions. All our denominational work was reported upon and wisely and well discussed. The old officers, brethren Hastie, Martin and Pennington, were re-elected by acclamation.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Whitley, and was very acceptable. During the three days session brethren Catt Smith, G. S. Anderson, J. L. Thompson, A. C. Smith, O. P. Bentley and W. J. D. Upshaw preached to the edification of the people. We must be pardoned for making mention specially of the sermon by our young brother O. P. Bentley, of Goodwater. Only a few months ago he was ordained to the ministry, and has therefore been preaching only a short while. His sermon was full of spirituality, grace, and appropriate warning. He was composed and deliberate, made no effort at rhetorical flourishes, but spoke the truth with force and soberness. Bro. Bentley

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The Baptist Courier prints the names of fourteen preachers who left South Carolina for the Seminary at Louisville one day last week, and says that two or three others may go later. The Courier adds: "This is four more than were present from this state at the opening last year, from which it is evident that the recent attacks made on Dr. Whittitt have not injured either Dr. Whittitt or the Seminary with South Carolina Baptists. We are glad this state will be so well represented in Louisville. Our young preachers could not be entrusted to safer men than our Seminary professors."

A NOTE from Rev. J. L. Lawless, former pastor at Marion, but now at St. Joseph, Mo., closes thus: "I am prospering in my work in this city at Patee Park church. It was a great grief to me to hear of Dr. Averett's death. It was not to me, however, so unexpected as it was perhaps to some who were nearer to him. The Lord bless you, Alabama will ever be dear to my heart. Come to our General Association."

We have received from the Wharton & Barron Publishing Co., Baltimore, Dr. L. G. Broughton's book entitled, "The Ups and Downs of Youth; or, Lessons from the Prodigal Son." It is a delightful little volume, full of freshness and originality. Every discourse

and the ALABAMA BAPTIST one year, \$2.30, to old or new subscribers. To any one sending us few new cash subscribers for one year at \$1.50 we will send a copy of the book. For six renewals at \$1.50 we will send a copy of the book. To pastors, the paper one year and a copy of the book for \$1.80. The offer extends to both old and new subscribers. Take notice, it is all strictly cash. We are sure that every Baptist ought to read Dr. Whittitt's book, no matter what may be his opinion as to the correctness of the position taken. We are more sure that every Baptist in the state should read the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

For the Alabama Baptist, Howard College.

The opening of the Howard on the 22d day of September was all that its friends could have expected. On account of the summer drought, which cut short the crops, and the embarrassment caused by the college debt, there was much less anxiety about the opening on the part even of the most hopeful. But notwithstanding all these things were against it, the Howard had a splendid opening, quite above the average. There were about one hundred boys on the ground the first day, and that number has steadily increased until there are now one hundred and thirty.

The opening exercises were unusually interesting. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. W. A. Whittle, and Rev. W. D. Hubbard, of Greenville, led in prayer. As has been the custom for years at the opening, an hour or two was spent in speeches by the various visitors present, and the first heard at this time was Rev. W. D. Hubbard, an old Howard boy, and one who never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his alma mater. Rev. John D. Jordan, secretary of Baptist Young People's Union, followed in one of the happiest speeches of the occasion. Mr. Jordan is an orator of the old Kentucky sort. Dr. B. D. Gray, of the First church, delighted the audience with one of his characteristic speeches, full of humor and good sense. Dr. P. T. Hale, president of the board of trustees, spoke fittingly and hopefully of the condition of the college. After a few remarks by the pastor of East Lake church, and Dr. T. J. Dill, of the

preachers, patrons and townspeople, there was a full hour of prayer, present of whom seventy were boarders. (During the number was increased to ninety.) Mrs. King presided at the organ, and under her touch seemed a thing of life and melody. The young president, who took charge, we sang together, blantly, "All hail the power of Jesus name." He read with a tremulous with emotion the hundred and third Psalm, a fervent prayer was offered by one of the visiting ministers, brief talks made by brethren Patrick and son, of Tuscaloosa, and the

and, with "the benediction of prayer," the Judson entered the new session. It was a bright day, but there was quite a shadow to temper the glad sun." Still all seemed to their best to keep back the

and to make the inevitable simply the background, brightness and heartiness of the college, which was much to be desired. Officers, patrons, all seemed imbued with the trustful spirit of him whose we scarcely dared to mention, to enter upon the work which had marked out and organized wisely and well with a strength and purpose which seemed to from the conscious presence approval of the dear, dead leader at the great "Silent Partner."

At night the trustees met perhaps as grave a sense of crisis they had ever felt in the history of the institution. Never before the school lost a president by death. They patiently and prayerfully considered all the facts of the situation and all the applications for presidency. Not until 2 a. m. the important session closed; closed in the cheerful light of and not in the gloom of fear. It is enough to say, now, that it is in the choice of one who, in judgment, is pointed out by the reverence and peculiarly fitted to the successor of Dr. Averett. In time they will make full announcement of their choice and the reasons for the most sanguine expectations of a successful session, a great future for this cheer school for the higher education of our girls and young women—bear saying more until the announcement is made. Only our pastors, friends and know that the work of the

J. F. Watson, Louisville: I have given up my work at Alpine, Winnebago, and Childersburg, which is certainly a most delightful field, to pursue my studies at the Seminary. To say that I am pleased with what I find in this great institution does not express my sincere feelings.

Rev. J. F. Gable, of Howard College and the Seminary, preached at South Montgomery church last Sunday morning and night. The members were so well pleased that they gave him a hearty call to become their pastor. At last advice he had not given an answer, but has expressed himself as being pleased with the outlook of the church. Bro. Gable is a good preacher, and is spoken of quite favorably by his school associates.

This from a young business man at Columbus, Ga. It needs no comment: "I received last night a letter from my mother, who lives in Columbia, Ala., telling me I must not so as to keep up with denominational matters in my native state, and as she is always right, I trust you. Please send me a bill, and I will remit you."—CHAS. H. DAVIS.

W. G. Coxwell, Bradley: A few dots from Macedonia, Escambia county: Rev. J. M. Sweeney, pastor, and Rev. J. H. L. Henley closed a meeting of three days at this place on the 13th inst. with 15 accessions by baptism. Our church has been very lukewarm for some time, but it seems that the good Spirit has visited us. The prayers of our pastor and members have been earnest and the Lord has answered them. We have a membership of about 65. While we pray, we ask the brethren to do likewise in our behalf.

Abner Williams, Oxford, Oct. 3: By invitation, and under auspices of the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, Hon. J. Wellington Vandiver, of Talladega, delivered here last night, to a good and appreciative audience, his lecture on "Our Missing Rib," which held his audience's undivided attention from opening to close, sometimes convulsing them with laughter, but nothing was said which the most cultured or refined could object, and his peroration was exceedingly chaste and pathetic. Mr. Vandiver is a success as a lecturer, which is a rare accomplishment.

He is now pastor at Woodlawn, near Birmingham. Rev. Jas. D. Ray has left his home at Boom and gone to Howard College, at East Lake. Rev. J. E. Barnard fell upon a post office with the long and laborious name of Chattahoochee, Ga., and had his present there for the summer, but he is now back at East Lake and the Howard. Rev. B. F. Brothers asks us to change his paper from Riverside to Talladega. Rev. John H. Logan has gone from Laverne back to Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Rev. W. B. Carter has removed from the same place to East Lake.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Will meet in twenty-first annual session with Mt. Zion church, near Inverness, Bullock county, on M. & G. railroad, on Thursday, October 15. We hope to meet a full attendance of the delegates from the churches and have a pleasant and profitable session. In view of the fact that the association will be called on by report of the executive committee to supplement the

of the pastors salaries, I bespeak for that enterprise a liberal response. We recommend to clerks of churches to use the printed blank letters in giving full statistics. I especially call the attention of standing committees to the importance of making full and complete reports, and having them ready in due time. Visitors by rail will be met at Inverness, on M. & G. railroad. We extend a special invitation to brethren representing our denominational interests, and to all we extend the Macedonian cry.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, Moderator.

Union Springs.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Practice vs. Preaching.

In the next thirty days many of our associations will meet, and then comes the convention. At these associations there will be reports on Temperance and on the 3d day of November there will be a call for every man to practice his preaching.

Now is the time to urge the practice of prohibition as well as the preaching of it. That which is worth preaching is surely worth the practice. It is not enough to talk and practice temperance, abstinence, prohibition, but vote it. Votes count. That pastor or other minister who preaches on temperance and prohibition on Sunday, and votes against the candidates of temperance and prohibition on Tuesday, Nov. 3d, will make the manufacturer and seller of whiskey and brandy laugh at his double-facedness—practise vs. preach.

For the Alabama Baptist. Tallapoosa River Association. This association will convene with Antioch church, near Church Hill, Tallapoosa county, on Wednesday, October 31st.

Visiting brethren will be met at Natusula or Waverly, if they will write Bro. D. A. Baker, Church Hill, notifying him of the time they expect to be at the station. Now, brethren, we expect you to come; we are preparing to entertain you, and will be disappointed if you fail.

We want Bro. Bledsoe to come and talk to us about missions. We want Bro. Stewart to come and tell us about the Orphanage. And Bro. Harris—well, Bro. Harris, if you know how well we need the help of the ALABAMA BAPTIST over here, I am sure you would come over and let us subscribe for it.

Come, brethren, and bring your folks with you. Please put this notice in large type, and emphasize the words Bledsoe, Stewart and Harris. J. R. BROOKS.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Good Report of a Local Missionary.

First protracted meeting at Pine Level, eight miles west of Greenville. Church greatly revived. One restored and six baptized, which were the first in six years. Next meeting was with Mt. Pisgah, eleven miles west of Greenville; five baptized, two good working Methodists among them. We are building a new church at this point, also developing a good working body of men and women. Next with Brushy Creek. General settling of old troubles and fine development of the members; twenty-five baptized, six received by letter and restoration; seven Methodists in the number. Our church was burned in June by an incendiary, but we are building, and hope to worship in our new house during this month. This church is six miles east of Greenville. Nearly every male member now prays in public, which is having fine influence.

Next at Starlington, seven miles east of Greenville. Received 20 by baptism, one restored, three by letter; among the number an old man seventy years of age, badly afflicted and had to be hauled to the water. He is doing more effective work now than I am by simply telling to others what the Lord has done for him in the latter end of life.

Next with Mt. Olive, ten miles east of Greenville. General burying of old folks; great revival in the church; fourteen baptized, two by letter; two excellent Methodists in this number; another old man seventy years of age was baptized, who knew the writer's mother before his birth, had to be hauled to

Glazier has been pastor here for 30 years. My mind was to go next to Ar-muchee church, Floyd county, but the Holy Spirit forbade and led me to Mt. Olive church, Cherokee county, Ala. Here I found the people hungry for preaching and the Holy Spirit was present. Results: church revived more than for ten or fifteen years; 24 conversions, 12 additions to the church. I was told by the members that this church had been practically dead for several years. I then returned to my field at Oakman. Pastor doing the preaching for first four days, at which time Bro. W. A. Whittle came and preached for twelve days. The pastor then continued to preach three days after Bro. W. left. Bro. Whittle did some effective preaching, under which strong men were won to keep. Before Bro. W. came we had received 24 members, received 15 after his arrival. I do not know when I was made to forget so much of this world, and to think more of heaven than under Bro. Whittle's preaching.

At our last conference the treasurer made the best monthly, quarterly and annual reports in his history. The monthly report for September was \$182.85. The letter to the association showing the following results for association year, ending Sept. 25: Financial report, \$500.77; received by baptism, 23; by letter, 17; excluded, 6; died, 1. This church gives to all the denominational enterprises, but has preaching only once a month. They need a pastor to live in the town and preach twice a month. My last work for the summer was to assist Bro. W. J. Ray in his meeting at Dolomite. Bro. Ray has a good people and they have a good preacher. As a result of my summer's work there were 59 additions to different churches; 72 by baptism, 17 by letter. J. E. BARNARD.

Sound on Temperance.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Central association at its recent session: Whereas, Whisky is one of the greatest evils we have to contend with, precipitating crime, pauperism, widows and orphans, shame and disgrace upon our nation; therefore, be it—Resolved, 1. That it stands condemned by this association as such, and that we reaffirm our emity to the liquor traffic as suggested by previous reports and resolutions adopted by this association (see Minute). And we hereby ask the temperance committee to report on the subject concerning each church as is reported by other standing committees of this association.

2. This body then shall act according to resolutions adopted by this body in faithfulness to Christ's cause, and shall not fellowship any church acting contrary to such resolutions.

For the Alabama Baptist. Seminary. A great many more students this year than last. A finer body of students have never assembled in the Seminary. Two hundred and thirty-two have already entered. If they continue to come, as last year, after the opening, the final matriculation will not miss five hundred very far. Alabama has a fine representation, not so large in quantity as some states, but cannot be excelled in quality.

There were one hundred and six old students present on the first day and many more have come since. Bro. Hendon, of Alabama, has been appointed superintendent of the students' mail for this session. Bro. Lee has been elected president, and the writer secretary of the Alabama delegation.

Prof. McGlothlin delivered the annual address of the Seminary in Norton Hall Friday night. His subject was, "Contribution of the Monuments to Old Testament History." It was also his inaugural address. He is the junior member of the faculty. It was a masterly effort—showed much thought and critical research. Visitors in New York Hall have been numerous this week. Among the more prominent were Dr. Thomas of the Baptist Courier, Dr. Pickard of Broadway Baptist church, Dr. Jones of McFerran Memorial church.

Dr. J. L. Sproule, recently of Mississippi, but now pastor elect of Huntsville Baptist church, was shaking hands with the old students at the opening. He is a grand man and a valuable addition to our ministerial force in Alabama. Our own professor from Alabama, Dr. Sampey, is at his place looking like he was prepared for hard work this session. He is a great favorite among the students—always pleasant and genial, kind and tender both in words and disposition.

Dr. Whittitt said in his opening address: "We are glad to see the increase in students, but we want an increase in study and religion this year also. We stand for good learning—don't forget that—but for good religion also."

JOHN BASS SHELTON.

In the last twenty-five years our Presbyterian brethren have grown from 446,361 to 915,716. In the last twenty-six years the Baptists have grown from 1,224,340 to 3,720,235. The Presbyterians have grown 110 per centum in twenty-five years, and for the same period our own growth, reckoned from the report above, is 196 per centum.

Only the sufferer knows the misery of dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases of this disease.

and we see great promise in him as a preacher. Dr. B. D. Gray represented the Home Mission board and Howard College, and absolutely and without exception captured the crowd. He wins where he goes.

Secretary Bledsoe was in attendance, and in a clear and earnest way put before the association his work and the work of the State Board of Missions. Bro. J. L. Thompson, president of the board, was in attendance, and gave great assistance in representing our mission work. We were delighted to meet and strike hands with our more elderly brethren, Brewer, Shaffer, Cumbe and Roby. We were especially gratified to note the cheerfulness and healthfulness of Bro. Roby, who during the summer was not quite so well. He seems all right now.

Another interesting feature of this assembly was the hand-shaking of the old Confederate soldiers who were present as delegates. It was suggested that a song be sung and all these old soldiers should come to the front and clasp hands. It was done, and many a tear flowed while it was going on. It was an object lesson to our younger brethren.

One of the most interesting discussions was on the liquor question. The strong and ringing resolutions adopted concerning this matter points most unquestionably to the determination of the Central association: We requested the clerk to give us the resolutions for publication, that other associations may see how this one stands on the subject. "We believe the Baptists are taking the lead in the fight against whisky-drinking. Let us never stop until we triumph. Take it all in all, this was as profitable and delightful a meeting as we have ever witnessed. There was no friction, and the vicegerent of the devil, politics, did not dare to show its head. Glad were we to hear that harmony and good fellowship prevailed in every church save one, and we appeal to brethren who live near this church to use every effort to bring about a reconciliation.

Alexander City is a nice, cultured, solvent and well-to-do town. Its hospitality is boundless. We were the guest of Bro. Jackson at the Howard, and were royally treated.

With these brethren we did not quarrel, and we did not quarrel with the Alabama Baptist.

and the publication will prove a public benefit. Price, \$1.00.

An observant and thoughtful brother in another State writes as follows about the Whittitt controversy. Surely some Baptists should read it with profit:

"I have attended the associations where they talked White for the Seminary, too, by the day. When that was passed, everything else was rushed through under the five-minute rule, and in a little while everybody was on his way home. The result of it all will be, as I diagnose the case, that most of the men from the back districts will not be in the Seminary. I think this no great calamity, if they will attend the colleges instead, where really they belong. Maybe after the broadening there for a year or two they will go to the Seminary, where they will do some good. I am sure that nearly half of those in the Seminary last year would have done better in the colleges. I think the Seminary professors begin to see it that way now. We are living in a strange period, it seems to me. The crazy fanaticism we see in politics, seems to take hold of our people in this Whittitt controversy. I have never witnessed anything like it. The old brethren are the principal aggressors. Seminary men have displaced them in the more important fields, and they are exceedingly sore over it."

DR. WHITTITT'S BOOK.

We have received from the publisher, C. T. Deering, Louisville, the book by Dr. Whittitt, which has been looked for with eagerness in which he makes defense of his statement as to Baptist history which has been so severely criticized. We have not had opportunity to give it such critical examination as would justify an opinion as to whether or not he sustains himself in the controversy. A slow and careful reading will be necessary to that. But we have been forced to admire the Christian spirit in which he writes.

Dr. Whittitt makes in the introduction such statement of his belief as to immersion that no one can doubt his being a Baptist to that extent, at least. He may be wrong on history, but he is sound on immersion.

The retail price of the book by mail is \$1.00, but we make

THE RETAIL OFFER.

A copy of the book, post paid,

and the faculty, took charge in a way that seemed to mean business. The boys, old and new, have set about their work in a way that promises to make this session one characterized by hard work.

With the earnest efforts of all who love the Howard, we may confidently hope for a brighter day in its near future. So favorable an opening under such unfavorable circumstances, shows that Howard College lies near the hearts of the people, and should encourage us all to greater efforts for its immediate and permanent relief.

East Lake. W. A. HOSBON.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Judson's Auspicious Opening, Dr. Averett's Successor, etc.

Ed. Ala. Baptist: On my return from Montague last Wednesday morning I had barely time to see my family safely at home before I set out for Marion. At the union depot I took charge of a body of girls bound for the Judson. At Lowndesboro, Selma and other points the number was increased, so that when we reached Marion they numbered twenty-seven. The scene at the station was lively indeed and full of inspiration. The dear old town seemed to have turned out to greet the incoming girls, "old" and "new." There were many happy reunions, of course, and many an exchange of smiles and glances between "the boys" and "the girls."

Dear Dr. Averett was not there to greet us, but his absence was not so often felt, but not so often felt as he had been. The new pastor, Rev. R. G. Patrick, the second Dr. Winkler of the Siloam church pastorate. He and his lovely wife, daughter of Dr. Charles Manley, name ever dear to Baptists of Alabama and the South, were as ubiquitous, alert and affable as possible, quick to recognize the "old girls" and to welcome the "new."

At night we gathered in the familiar old church in a prayer meeting where nearly half the audience were Judson girls. Words of welcome and good cheer were spoken by the pastor and the visiting preacher, and the voice of prayer and praise seemed singularly heartfelt and fervent.

At 10 o'clock next morning "the opening" took place in the Judson chapel, and was most auspicious and inspiring. Besides the officers and teachers who were all in place, and a goodly sprinkling of visiting

same in quality and scope. The thing gradually attained to the thing Averett's administration. The thing will be left undone to make a standard, increase the number of students, and even augment the usefulness of the institution which for more than half a century has been the pride and the hope of the Baptist community in the southwest.

GRO. B. EAGLE.

Montgomery.

We have for sale the latest of church letter to the association. Price, three for five cents, or ten cents per dozen, cash. Good in time.

H. R. Schramm, Cor. Sec. of the State Sabbath association, requested to meet at the Bible Institute, Montgomery, October 8, 4 p. m. By order of the Executive Committee, the following were appointed: W. R. Whitley: Baptist church at Rockford last service at Rock Mills; one awaits baptism at Salem. Had a good service at Smiths Station. Let us tell people that we can have a fall and winter as well as a summer time.

Rev. W. B. Carter resigned churches at Luverne and Rutledge, but yielded to the earnest request of Goshen church, Pike county, will continue to preach at that place. He recommended Dr. S. Anderson as his successor at that place.

We have printed and returned notice informing the churches which issued the letter that the bearer has been received into membership. Will be sent by mail fifteen cents per dozen, cash, stamps or money.

J. P. Hunter, LaFayette: Had a large congregation at the city church, Le County, on Sunday. Raised more money for missions than was promised to the last association. Received the young ladies into the fellowship of the church by experience and baptism.

meeting at Natusula was again good—six additions—making twenty since July. Sunday-school and contributions growing.—Had a pleasant time at the dedication of Corinth church, in Coosa, on 4th Sunday in September. The church is exerting a most salutary influence in the community. Had a meeting in connection with dedication, conducted by pastor, Bentley and Bro. Culpepper, that was refreshing, and resulted in fifteen additions, 11 by baptism. The church is starting out right. The two young brethren Bentley and Culpepper have been successful this summer.

H. C. Hurley, Jasper: The North River association, which met with the church at this place, closed Monday. The attendance was good, and much interest was shown in the discussion of the various subjects concerning our denomination. At work. Dr. Bledsoe, our beloved secretary; Bro. Hardy, of Greensboro, and Bro. J. E. Barnard, of East Lake, were with us, and added much to the interest of the meeting and the pleasure of us all. The brethren are delighted with secretary Bledsoe—he made a good impression. We are anxious that the State board appoint an evangelist for this section. We will contribute our share to his support.

J. J. Pipkin, Nanafalia: Our last meeting here was a good one. The right and to express your principles and your prayers, and God will not let your vote be thrown away.

It is not so much a question as to whether our money shall be of white or yellow metal, as it is whether the people shall be robbed of millions upon millions of millions, of whatever money they have, by taxes to support widows and orphans of the murdered, criminals of every kind, prisons and courts merely to enrich monopolies and trusts.

No state or government, city or county, has the right to sell the privilege to the few to rob, murder and destroy the many, soul and body. We may not elect Levering and Johnson, in this state, but we do expect "to elect" that we are for the good of the people, soul and body, and not for the enriching of our own party financially with party spoils. You will determine by your vote which stands first with you, the principles of Christianity, (virtue, honesty, prosperity) Democracy or Republicanism. C. W. BUCK.

friends of Prohibition met in convention at Montgomery and nominated eleven good and true men as electors on the national prohibition ticket for the state of Alabama. These men were selected from as different denominations as far as we could know. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, is a Baptist of the true stripe. Hale Johnson, of Illinois, is a member of the Christian church.

The electors nominated were men chosen for their earnest and zealous advocacy of the principles involved. No clearer ticket has ever been offered for your votes. In another column of this paper you will find a list of the electors; study them so you will know them when you come to vote.

If you believe that silver or gold is of more importance to you and the country than temperance, virtue, morality and the deliverance of the country from the vile power of the liquor traffic, then vote for gold or silver; but if honor, truth, virtue, a clean church and happy homes seem best, to the glory of God, and expresses your desires and hopes, then in the name of our God, and for the love of his creatures, vote to put away this mighty evil from our land.

Take the silver and gold out of the whiskey trust and the liquor traffic, and the manufacture and sale of it will die in a day. I know what you will say, "It will only be throwing your vote away." Admit it; but if any other candidate is defeated, is not every vote cast for him also thrown away? But if Levering and Johnson are defeated, your vote is not thrown away. You have done what you could for the right and to express your principles and your prayers, and God will not let your vote be thrown away.

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Had fine meeting at Butler Springs third Sunday in August; baptized five, two Methodists in the number. This church has doubled its membership this year—twenty-seven baptized, five by letter; Ladies' Aid Society have done nobly; church paid its pastor promptly; met all demands for missions and Orphan's Home, also about a good organ. This is the banner church of Pine Barren association.

I have devoted half my time this year to mission work under the direction of the Chapman Baptist church. All these points are marked as mission points, excepting Butler Springs and Brushy Creek. There has been a grand total of 120 additions to this work since December last, eighty-seven of them in two months. Three of these points have been brought up to self-support, and have called the writer for a salary paid what can be done by the grace of God and the help of an individual church in supporting a missionary to organize our broken down and pastorless churches. Each one of which I have written was in that condition Jan. 1st of this year. By the help of the Lord I hope to put the ALABAMA BAPTIST in every family of these churches, but it takes hard, persistent prayer and work to accomplish this as well as other work for Christ. God be glorified for all these good things, and may we as his servants have all the consolation.

W. M. RAB.

Georgiana.

P. S.—Total number of Methodists baptized, twenty.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Howard Student's Vacation.

After commencement, I filled regular appointments until the 4th Sunday in June, at which time I entered upon regular protracted meeting work and continued until September 24th, with the exception of one week.

Guin was the first meeting I held on my own field. The meetings continued ten days and nights, and the pastor did all the preaching. More members reached than in any meeting held with the church in the four years of my pastorate there. As a whole, the church was revived more than I ever saw it before; ten conversions, seven additions; most of the preaching was directed to the church. Bro. Q. D. Haney will succeed me as pastor there.

I then spent one month holding meetings in Georgia. Lively, Chattooga county, was the first meeting. Good revival; 19 additions to the church. Bro. J. H. Glazier is pastor of this church. Sardis, in the same county, was my next appointment. Good revival; 13 accessions to the church. This church "liberated" me to preach before I was of age. Bro.

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MONTGOMERY, OCT. 8, 1896.
Directory for the Baptists of Alabama.

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OUR SCHOOLS.
Howard College, East Lake, Ala.—Prof. A. D. Smith, Chairman Faculty.
Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala.—S. W. Averett, President.

WE SPENT two days very pleasantly with the Central association, which met at Alexander City last week. Thirty-six churches were represented. An intelligent body of Christian men composed the delegation. One noticeable feature was the prompt attendance of members on the business sessions. All our denominational work was reported upon and wisely and well discussed. The old officers, brethren Hastie, Martin and Pennington, were re-elected by acclamation. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Whatley, and was very acceptable. During the three days session brethren Cat Smith, G. S. Anderson, J. L. Thompson, A. C. Smith, O. P. Bentley and W. J. D. Upshaw preached to the edification of the people. We must be pardoned for making mention specially of the sermon by our young brother O. P. Bentley, of Goodwater. Only a few months ago he was ordained to the ministry, and has therefore been preaching only a short while. His sermon was full of spirituality, grace, and appropriate warning. He was composed and deliberate, made no effort at rhetorical flourishes, but spoke the truth with force and sobriety. Bro. Bentley

The following ministers were in attendance:—J. H. Colley, L. H. Hastie, D. S. Martin, S. B. Culpepper, O. P. Bentley, J. D. Hughes, A. C. Swindall, W. R. Whitley, Visitors.—J. P. Shaffer, Z. D. Roby, G. S. Anderson, Geo. B. Brewer, J. R. Stodghill, J. L. Thompson, W. J. D. Upshaw, C. J. Bentley, C. H. Morgan, Cat Smith, A. S. Smith, R. A. J. Cumble, W. C. Bledsoe, B. D. Gray, Marshall Johnson, J. A. Butts, J. R. Conger.

Our fourteenth annual meeting of the Baptist Congress will be held in Nashville, November 10th, 11th and 12th. An attractive program has been arranged, with such speakers as Drs. J. P. Greene, H. H. Harris, T. D. Anderson, Wayland Hoyt, T. J. Morgan, J. L. M. Curry, I. B. Lake, W. H. Felix, R. H. Pitt, L. A. Crandall, J. B. Hawthorne, J. T. Beckley, H. C. Applegarth, P. T. Hale, S. H. Greene.

THE Baptist Courier prints the names of fourteen preachers who left South Carolina for the Seminary at Louisville one day last week, and says that two or three others may go later. The Courier adds: "This is four more than were present from this state at the opening last year, from which it is evident that the recent attacks made on Dr. Whitsett have not injured either Dr. Whitsett or the Seminary with South Carolina Baptists. We are glad this state will be so well represented in Louisville. Our young preachers could not be trusted to safer men than our Seminary professors."

A NOTE from Rev. J. L. Lawrence, former pastor at Marion, but now at St. Joseph, Mo., closes thus: "I am prospering in my work in this city at Patee Park church. It was a great grief to me to hear of Dr. Averett's death. It was not to me, however, so unexpected as it was perhaps to some who were nearer to him. The Lord bless you. Alabama will ever be dear to my heart. Come to our General Association."

We have received from the Wharton & Barron Publishing Co., Baltimore, Dr. L. G. Broughton's book entitled, "The Ups and Downs of Youth; or, Lessons from the Prodigal Son." It is a delightful little volume, full of freshness and originality. Every discourse

and the ALABAMA BAPTIST one year, \$2.50, to old or new subscribers. To any one sending us five new cash subscribers for one year at \$1.50 we will send a copy of the book. For six renewals at \$1.50 we will send a copy of the book. To pastors, the paper one year and a copy of the book for \$1.50. The offer extends to both old and new subscribers. Take notice, it is all strictly cash. We are sure that every Baptist ought to read Dr. Whitsett's book, no matter what may be his opinion as to the correctness of the position taken. We are more sure that every Baptist in the state should read the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

For the Alabama Baptist. Howard College.

The opening of the Howard on the 23d day of September was all that its friends could have expected. On account of the summer drouth, which cut short the crops, and the embarrassment caused by the college debt, there was more or less anxiety about the opening on the part even of the most hopeful. But notwithstanding all these things were against it, the Howard had a splendid opening, quite above the average. There were about one hundred boys on the ground the first day, and that number has steadily increased until there are now one hundred and thirty.

The opening exercises were unusually interesting. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. W. A. Whittle, and Rev. W. D. Hubbard, of Greenville, led in prayer. As has been the custom for years at the opening, an hour or two was spent in speeches by the various visitors present, and the first heard at this time was Rev. W. D. Hubbard, an old Howard boy, and one who never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his alma mater. Rev. John D. Jordan, secretary of Baptist Young People's Union, followed in one of the happiest speeches of the occasion. Mr. Jordan is an orator of the old Kentucky sort. Dr. B. D. Gray, of the First church, delighted the audience with one of his characteristic speeches, full of humor and good sense. Dr. P. T. Hale, president of the board of trustees, spoke fittingly and hopefully of the condition of the college. After a few remarks by the pastor of East Lake church, and Dr. T. J. Dill, of the

preachers, patrons and townspeople, there were a full hundred pupils present, of whom seventy were boarders. (During the year the number was increased to eighty-one.) Mrs. King presided at the organ, and under her touch seemed a thing of life and sympathy. The young president, who took charge, we sang together, bilantly, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." He read with a tremulous with emotion the hundred and third Psalm, a fervent prayer was offered by one of the visiting ministers, brief talks were made by brethren Patrick and Dr. son, of Tuscaloosa, and the wife, and with "the benediction of prayer," the Judson entered the new session. It was a bright day, but there was quite a shadow to temper the gladness of the sun." Still all seemed their best to keep back the sun and to make the inevitable shadow simply the background of brightness and hopefulness.

At night the trustees met, perhaps as grave a sense of crisis they had ever felt in the history of the institution. Never before the school lost a president by death. They patiently and prayerfully considered all the facts of the situation and all the applications for presidency. Not until 2 a. m. the important session closed; closed in the cheerful light of day and not in the gloom of fear. enough to say, now, that it is in the choice of one who, in judgment, is pointed out by the audience and peculiarly fitted to succeed Dr. Averett. In the time they will make full announcement of their choice and the sons for the most sanguine expectations of a successful session. great future for this college for our girls and young women. bear saying in our own hearts, "The future of our nation is in the hands of the young."

J. F. Watson, Louisville: I have given up my work at Alpine, W. Va., and have returned to Louisville, Ky., to pursue my studies at the Seminary. To say that I am pleased with what I find in this great institution does not express my sincere feelings.

Rev. J. F. Gable, of Howard College and the Seminary, preached at South Montgomery church last Sunday morning and night. The members were so well pleased that they gave him a hearty call to become their pastor. At last advice he had not given an answer, but has expressed himself as being pleased with the outlook of the church. Bro. Gable is a good preacher, and is spoken of quite favorably by his school associates.

This from a young business man at Columbus, Ga. It needs no comment. "I received last night a letter from my mother, who lives in Columbus, Ala., telling me I must stay so as to keep up with denominational matters in my native state, and as she is always right, I hasten to obey. Please enter my name on your subscription list and send me a bill, and I will remit you."—CHAS. H. DAVIS.

W. G. Coxwell, Bradley: A few dots from Macedonia, Escambia county: Rev. J. M. Sweeney, pastor, and Rev. J. H. L. Henley closed a meeting of three days at this place on the 13th inst. with 15 accessions by baptism. Our church has been very lukewarm for some time, but it seems that the good Spirit has visited us. The prayers of our pastor and members have been earnest and the Lord has answered them. We have a membership of about 65. While we pray, we ask the brethren to do likewise in our behalf.

Abner Williams, Oxford, Oct. 3: By invitation, and under auspices of the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society, Hon. J. Wellington Vandiver, of Talladega, delivered here last night, to a good and appreciative audience, his lecture on "Our Missing Rib," which held his audience's undivided attention from opening to close, sometimes convulsing them with laughter, but nothing was said to which the most cultured or refined could object, and his peroration was exceedingly chaste and pathetic. Mr. Vandiver is a success as a lecturer, which is a rare accomplishment.

he is now pastor at Woodlawn, near Birmingham. R. v. Jas. D. Ray has left his home at Boom and gone to Howard College, at East Lake. Rev. J. E. Barnard fell upon a post with the long and laborious name of Chattahoochee, Ga., and had his paper sent there for the summer, but he is now back at East Lake and the Howard. Rev. B. F. Brothers asks us to change his paper from Riverside to Talladega. Rev. John H. Logan has gone from Laverne back to Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Rev. W. B. Carter has removed from the same place to East Lake.

For the Alabama Baptist. Centennial Association. Will meet in twenty-first annual session with Mt. Zion church, near Inverness, Bullock county, on M. & G. railroad, on Thursday, October 15. We hope to meet a full attendance of the delegates from the churches and have a pleasant and profitable session. In view of the fact that the association will be called on by report of the executive committee to supplement one of the pastors salaries, I bespeak for that enterprise a liberal response. We recommend to clerks of churches to use the printed blank letters in giving full statistics. I especially call the attention of standing committees to the importance of making full and complete reports, and having them ready in due time.

Visitors by rail will be met at Inverness, on M. & G. railroad. We extend a special invitation to brethren representing our denominational interests, and to all we extend the Macedonian cry. GEORGE WILLIAMS, Moderator.

For the Alabama Baptist. Practice vs. Preaching. In the next thirty days many of our associations will meet, and then comes the convention.

At these associations there will be reports on Temperance and on reports on Intemperance, and on the 3d day of November there will be a call for every man to practice his preaching. Now is the time to urge the practice of prohibition as well as the preaching of it. That which is worth preaching is surely worth the practice. It is not enough to talk and practice temperance, abstinence, prohibition, but vote it. Votes count. That pastor or other minister who preaches on temperance and prohibition on Sunday, and votes against the candidates of temperance and prohibition on Tuesday, Nov. 3d, will make the manufacturer and seller of whiskey and brandy laugh at his double-facedness—preach vs. practice.

Next at Starlington, seven miles east of Georgiana. Received 20 by baptism, one re-baptized, three by letter; among them an old man seventy years of age, badly afflicted and was hauled to the water. He is doing more effective work now than I am by simply telling to others what the Lord has done for him in the latter end of life. Next with Mt. Olive, ten miles east of Georgiana. General burying of old feuds, great revival in the church; fourteen baptized, two by letter; two excellent Methodists in this number; another old man seventy years of age was baptized, who knew the writer's mother before his birth, had to be hauled to

For the Alabama Baptist. Tallapoosa River Association. This association will convene with Antioch church, near Church Hill, Tallapoosa county, on Wednesday, October 21st. Visiting brethren will be met at Natusuga or Waverly, if they will write Bro. D. A. Baker, Church Hill, notifying him of the time they expect to be at the station. Now, brethren, we expect you to come; we are preparing to entertain you, and will be disappointed if you fail us.

We want Bro. Bledsoe to come and talk to us about missions. We want Bro. Stewart to come and tell us about the Orphanage. And Bro. Harris—well, Bro. Harris, if you know how much we need the help of the ALABAMA BAPTIST over here, I am sure you would come over and let us subscribe for it.

For the Alabama Baptist. Good Report of a Local Missionary. First protracted meeting at Pine Level, eight miles west of Greenville, church greatly revived. One re-baptized and six baptized, which were the first in six years. Next meeting was with Mt. Pisgah, eleven miles west of Georgiana; five baptized, two good working Methodists among them. We are building a new church at this point, also developing a good working body of men and women. Next with Brushy Creek. General settling of old troubles and fine development of the members; twenty-five baptized, six received by letter and restoration; seven Methodists in the number. Our church was burned in June by an incendiary, but we are building, and hope to worship in our new house during this month. This church is six miles east of Georgiana. Nearly every male member now preys in public, which is having fine influence.

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Glazier has been pastor here for 30 years. My mind was to go next to Ar-muchee church, Floyd county, but the Holy Spirit forbade and led me to Mt. Creek church, Cherokee county, Ala. Here I found the people hungry for preaching and the Holy Spirit was present. Results: church revived more than for ten or fifteen years; 21 conversions, 12 additions to the church. I was told by the members that this church had been practically dead for several years.

I then returned to my field at Oakman. Pastor doing the preaching for four days, at which time Bro. W. A. Whittle came and preached for twelve days. The pastor then continued to preach three days after Bro. W. left. Bro. Whittle did some effective preaching, under which strong men were made to weep. Before Bro. W. came we had received 24 members, received 15 after his arrival. I do not know when I was made to forget so much of this world, and to think more of heaven than under Bro. Whittle's preaching.

At our last conference the treasurer made the best monthly, quarterly and annual reports in the history of the church. The monthly report for September was \$18.85. The letter to the association showed the following results for association year, ending Sept. 25: Financial report, \$500.77; received by baptism, 23; by letter, 17; excluded, 6; died, 1. This church gives to all the denominational enterprises, but has preaching only once a month. They need a pastor to live in the town and preach twice a month. My last work for the summer was to assist Bro. W. J. Ray in his meeting at Doi-omite. Bro. Ray has a good people and they have a good preacher. As a result of my summer's work there were 89 additions to different churches; 72 by baptism, 17 by letter. J. E. BARNARD, East Lake.

Sound on Temperance. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the Central association at its recent session: Whereas, Whisky is one of the greatest evils we have to contend with, precipitating crime, pauperism, widows and orphans, shame and disgrace upon our nation; therefore, be it—Resolved, 1. That it stands condemned by this association as such, and that we reaffirm our enmity to the liquor traffic as suggested by previous reports and resolutions adopted by this association (see Minutes); and we hereby ask the temperance committee to report on the subject concerning each church as is reported by other standing committees of this association. 2. This body then shall act according to resolutions adopted by this body in faithfulness to Christ's

and we see great promise in him as a preacher. Dr. B. D. Gray represented the Home Mission board and Howard College, and absolutely and without exception captured the crowd. He wins where he goes.

Secretary Bledsoe was in attendance, and in a clear and earnest way put before the association his work and the work of the State Board of Missions. Bro. J. L. Thompson, president of the board, was in attendance, and gave great assistance in representing our mission work. We were delighted to meet and strike hands with our more elderly brethren, Brewer, Shaffer, Cumbe and Roby. We were especially gratified to note the cheerfulness and healthfulness of Bro. Roby, who during the summer was not quite so well. He seems all right now.

Another interesting feature of this assembly was the hand-shaking of the old Confederate soldiers who were present as delegates. It was suggested that a song be sung, and all these old soldiers should come to the front and clasp hands. It was done, and many a tear flowed while it was going on. It was an object lesson to our younger brethren.

One of the most interesting discussions was on the liquor question. The strong and ringing resolutions adopted concerning this matter points most unquestionably to the determination of the Central association. We requested the clerk to give us the resolutions for publication, and other associations may see how this one stands on the subject. We believe the Baptists are taking the lead in the fight against whisky-drinking. Let us never stop until we triumph. Take it all in all, this was a profitable and delightful meeting as we have ever witnessed. There was no fiction, and the fragrance of the devil, politics, did not dare to show its head. Glad were we to hear that harmony and good fellowship prevailed in every church save one, and we appeal to brethren who live near this church to use every effort to bring about a reconciliation.

Alexander City is a nice, cultured, solvent and well-to-do town. Its hospitality is boundless. We were the guest of Bro. Jackson at the hotel, and were royally treated. Our stay with these brethren was exceedingly pleasant, and we did not fail to tell the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

the publication will prove a public benefit. Price, \$1.00.

AN observant and thoughtful brother in another State writes as follows about the Whitsett controversy. Surely some Baptists should read it with profit:

"I have attended the association where they talked Whitsett down, and the Seminary, too, by the day. When that was passed, everything else was rushed through under the five-minute rule, and in a little while everybody was on his way home. The result of it all will be, as I diagnose the case, that most of the men from the back districts will not be in the Seminary. I think this no great calamity, if they will attend the colleges instead, where really they belong. Maybe after the broadening there for a year or two they will go to the Seminary, where they will do some good. I am sure that nearly half of those in the Seminary last year would have done better in the colleges. I think the Seminary professors begin to see it that way now. We are living in a strange period, it seems to me. The crazy fanaticism we see in politics, seems to take hold of our people in this Whitsett controversy. I have never witnessed anything like it. The old brethren are the principal aggressors. Seminary men have displaced them in the more important fields, and they are exceedingly sore over it."

DR. WHITSETT'S BOOK. The book by Dr. Whitsett, which has been looked for with eagerness, and which he makes defense of his position as to Baptist history which has been so severely criticized. We have not had opportunity to give it such critical examination as would justify an opinion as to whether or not he sustains himself in the controversy. A slow and careful reading will be necessary to that. But we have been forced to admire the Christian spirit in which he writes.

Dr. Whitsett makes in the introduction each statement of his belief as to immersion that no one can doubt his being a Baptist to that extent, at least. He may be wrong on history, but he is sound on immersion. The retail price of the book by mail is \$1.00, but we make THIS LIBERAL OFFER. A copy of the book, post paid,

men of the faculty, took charge in a way that seemed to mean business. The boys, old and new, have set about their work in a way that promises to make this session one characterized by hard work.

With the earnest efforts of all who love the Howard, we may confidently hope for a brighter day in the near future. So favorable an outlook under such unfavorable circumstances, shows that Howard College lies near the hearts of the people, and should encourage us all to greater efforts for its immediate and permanent relief.

East Lake. W. A. Hanson, For the Alabama Baptist.

The Judson's Auspicious Opening, Dr. Averett's Successor, etc.

Ed. Ala. Baptist: On my return from Montague last Wednesday morning I had barely time to see my family safely at home before I set out for Marion. At the union depot I took charge of a body of girls bound for the Judson. At Lowndesboro, Selma and other points the number was increased, so that when we reached Marion they numbered twenty-seven. The scene at the station was lively indeed and full of inspiration. The dear old town seemed to have turned out to greet the incoming girls, "old" and "new." There were many happy reunions, of course, and many an exchange of smiles and glances between "the boys" and "the girls."

Dear Dr. Averett was not there to greet us in his usual cordial way, as on former occasions, but now he would have played the part better than the beloved temporary president, Rev. R. G. Patrick, the second Dr. Winkler of the Silom church pastor. He and his lovely wife, daughter of Dr. Charles Manley, name ever dear to Baptists of Alabama and the South, were as ubiquitous, alert and affable as possible, quick to recognize the "old girls" and to welcome the "new." At night we gathered in the familiar old church in a prayer meeting where nearly half the audience were Judson girls. Words of welcome and good cheer were spoken by the pastor and the visiting preacher, and the voices of prayer and praise seemed singularly heartfelt and fervent.

At 10 o'clock next morning "the opening" took place in the Judson chapel, and was most auspicious and inspiring. Besides the officers and teachers who were all in place, and a goodly sprinkling of visiting

same in quality and scope, gradually attained under Averett's administration. will be left undone to make standard, increase the and even augment the use of the institution which for half a century has been the and the hope of the Baptist of Alabama and the southwest. Geo. B. Egan, Montgomery.

FIELD NOTES. We have for sale the latest of church letter to the association, price for five cents, or cents per dozen, cash. Get in time.

H. R. Schramm, Cor. Sem. way: The executive committee of the State Sabbath association requested to meet at the Bible Sem. at Montgomery, October 2, 3 and 4 p. m. By order of the President, W. R. Whatley: Baptists at Rockford last service; at Rock Mills; one awaits baptism at Salem. Had a good service at Smiths Station. Let us teach people that we can have real fall and winter as well as any other time.

Rev. W. B. Carter resigned churches at Laverne and Rutledge, but yielded to the earnest request of Goshen church, Pike county, will continue to preach there. S. Anderson as his successor.

We have printed letters of invitation for church members to return next fall, and announced which issued the letter that bearer has been received into membership. Will be sent by mail, five cents per dozen, and stamps or money.

J. P. Hunter, La Fayette: We had a large congregation at the Fall church, Lee county, on meeting. Rained more money than was promised at last association. Received young ladies into the following churches by experience and baptism.

J. W. Stewart, Evergreen: First contribution received at the Orphanage in October was one dollar from little Louie Bunch, Midway. A little girl less than six years old, and without a morsel saved her money, a nickel a time for the orphans. God bless the little girl. Her deed is a noble one.

meeting at Natusuga was again good—six additions—making twenty since July. Sunday-school and contributions growing.—Had a pleasant time at the dedication of Corinth church, in Coosa, on 4th Sunday in September. The church is exerting a most salutary influence in the community. Had a meeting in connection with dedication, conducted by pastor, Bentley and Bro. Culpepper, that was refreshing, and resulted in fifteen additions, 11 by baptism. The church is starting out right. The two young brethren Bentley and Culpepper have been successful this summer.

H. C. Hurley, Jasper: The North River association, which met with the church at this place, closed Monday. The attendance was good, and much interest was shown in the discussion of the various subjects concerning our denomination at work. Dr. Bledsoe, our beloved secretary; Bro. Hardy, of Greensboro, and Bro. J. E. Barnard, of East Lake, were with us, and added much to the interest of the meeting and the pleasure of us all. The brethren are delighted with Secretary Bledsoe—he made a good impression. We are anxious that the State board appoint an evangelist for this section. We will contribute our share to his support.

J. J. Pipkin, Nanafalia: Our last meeting here was a good one. The collection for missions was something over \$12.—On Monday and Monday night I worshipped with Pastor Wm. A. Parker and his noble church at Rembert. At the night service we ordained Bro. A. C. Thomas into the deaconship of that church. Bro. Thomas is a zealous Christian worker and we look for good results to follow.

Our association (the Bethel) convenes on Friday before the third Sunday in October with Ocoee Creek church, about two miles west of Lamison, Wilcox county, on the M. & B. railroad. We want the ALABAMA BAPTIST, our boards and colleges represented. Let the Ladies' Aid and Missionary societies be represented.

The address of Rev. J. G. A. Pace is now Russellville, instead of Mount. Rev. A. G. Moseley has returned to the Seminary at Louisville; and so, also, Rev. W. W. Lee requests us to change his paper to the Seminary from Fort Spring, Ky. Rev. W. M. Blackwell's address was formerly Farman, but

friends of Prohibition met in convention at Montgomery and nominated eleven good and true men as electors on the national prohibition ticket for the state of Alabama. These men were selected from the different denominations as far as we could know. Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, is a Baptist of the truest stripe. Hale Johnson, of Illinois, is a member of the Christian church. The electors nominated were men chosen for their earnest and zealous advocacy of the principles involved. No clearer ticket has ever been before for your votes. In another column of this paper you will find a list of the electors; study them so you will know them when you come to vote.

If you believe that silver or gold is of more importance to you and the country than temperance, virtue, morality and the deliverance of the country from the vile power of the liquor traffic, then vote for gold or silver; but if honor, truth, virtue, a clean church and happy homes seem best, to the glory of God, and to express your desires and hopes, then in the name of our God, and for the love of his creatures, vote to put away this mighty evil from our land.

Take the silver and gold out of the whiskey trust and the liquor traffic, and the manufacture and sale of it will die in a day. I know that some will say, "It will only be throwing your vote away." Admit it; but if any other candidate is defeated, is not every vote cast for him also thrown away? But if Levering and Johnson are defeated, your vote is not thrown away. You "have done what you could" for the right and to express your principles and your prayers, and God will not let your vote be thrown away.

It is not so much a question as to whether our money shall be of white or yellow metal, as it is whether the people shall be robbed of millions upon millions of millions of whatever money they have, by taxes to support widows and orphans of the murdered, criminals of every kind, prisons and courts merely to enrich monopolies and trusts.

No state or government, city or county, has the right to sell the privilege to the few to rob, murder and destroy the many, soul and body. We may not elect Levering and Johnson, in this state, but we do expect "to elect" that we are for the good of the people, soul and body, and not for the enriching of our own party financially with party spoils.

You will determine by your vote which stands first with you, the principles of Christianity, (virtue, honesty, prosperity) Democracy or Republicanism. C. W. BUCK.

the water for baptism. Had fine meeting at Butler Springs third Sunday in August; baptized five, two Methodists in the number. This church has doubled its membership this year—twenty-seven baptized, five by letter; Ladies' Aid Society have done nobly; church paid its pastor promptly, met all demands for missions and Orphan's Home, also bought a good organ. This is the banner church of Pine Barren association.

I have devoted half my time this year to mission work under the direction of the Chapman Baptist church. All these points are marked as mission points, excepting Butler Springs and Brushy Creek. There has been a grand total of 120 additions to this work since December last, eighty-seven of them in two months. Three of these points have been brought up to self-support and have called the writer for the next associational year at a salary paid up each month. These facts show what can be done by the grace of God and the help of an individual church in supporting a missionary to organize our broken down and pastorless churches. Each one of which I have written was in that condition Jan. 1st of this year. By the help of the Lord I hope to put the ALABAMA BAPTIST in every family of these churches, but it takes hard, persistent prayer and work to accomplish this as well as other work for Christ. God be glorified for all these good things, and may we as his servants have all the consolation.

W. M. RABB, Georgiana. P. S.—Total number of Methodists baptized, twenty. For the Alabama Baptist. A Howard Student's Vacation. After commencement, I filled regular appointments until the 4th Sunday in June, at which time I entered upon regular protracted meeting work and continued until September 27th, with the exception of one week.

Gwin was the first meeting I held on my own field. The meetings continued ten days and nights, and the pastor did all the preaching. More members reached than in any meeting held with the church in the four years of my pastorate there. As a whole, the church was revived more than I ever saw it before; ten conversions, seven additions; most of the preaching was directed to the church. Bro. Q. D. Haney will succeed me as pastor there.

I then spent one month holding meetings in Georgia. Lyerly, Chattooga county, was the first meeting. Good revival; 19 additions to the church. Bro. J. H. Glasgow is pastor of this church. Hardie, in the same county, was my next appointment. Good revival; 13 accessions to the church. This church "liberated" me to preach before I was of age. Bro.

cause; and shall not fellowship any church acting contrary to such resolutions.

For the Alabama Baptist. Seminary. A great many more students this year than last.

A finer body of students have never assembled in the Seminary. Two hundred and thirty-two have already entered. If they continue to come, as last year, after the opening, the final circulation will not miss five hundred. Alabama has a fine reputation, not so large in quantity as some states, but cannot be excelled in quality.

There were one hundred and six old students present on the first day and many more have come since. Bro. Hendon, of Alabama, has been appointed superintendent of the students' mail for this session.

Bro. Lee has been elected president, and the writer secretary of the Alabama delegation. Prof. McGlothlin delivered the annual address of the Seminary in Norton Hall Friday night. His subject was "Contribution of the Monuments to Old Testament History." It was also his inaugural address. He is the junior member of the faculty. It was a masterly effort—showed much thought and critical research.

Visitors in New York Hall have been numerous this week. Among the more prominent were Dr. Thomas of the Baptist Courier, Dr. Pickard of Broadway Baptist church, Dr. Jones of McFerran Memorial church.

Dr. J. L. Sproule, recently of Mississippi, now pastor elect of Huntsville Baptist church, was shaking hands with the old students at the opening. He is a grand man and a valuable addition to our ministerial force in Alabama.

Our own professor from Alabama, Dr. Sampey, is at his place looking like he was prepared for hard work this session. He is a great favorite among the students—always pleasant and genial, kind and tender both in words and disposition.

Dr. Whitsett said in his opening address: "We are glad to see the increase in students, but we want an increase in study and religion this year also. We stand for good learning—don't forget that—but for good religion also." JOHN BASS SHELTON. In the last twenty-five years our Presbyterian brethren have grown from 446,561 to 915,716. In the last twenty-six years the Baptists have grown from 1,222,340 to 3,720,235. The Presbyterians have grown 110 per centum in twenty-five years, and for the same period our own growth, reckoned from the report above, is 195 per centum.

Only the sufferer knows the misery of dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases of this disease.

