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terest to write for terms. This paper has  
a wide circulation in Alabama among the  
100,000 white Baptists.

Entered at the Post Office at Montgom-  
ery, Ala., as second class mail matter.

A railway contractor recently ad-  
vertised for three hundred wooden  
sleepers. By return post he re-  
ceived a letter from a neighboring  
carpenter offering him the whole  
of his congregation on reasonable  
terms.—Saturday Review.

The New York Tribune tells  
something of Mr. Hesig, a promi-  
nent politician in Chicago, and  
office-holder under President Cleve-  
land, which seems incredible. He  
went to the tax assessors, told them  
the assessment of his property was  
too low and insisted on their in-  
creasing it. Disgraced can put out  
his lantern and take a rest.

Preachers have done a great  
many things in the world besides  
preaching. At one time a preacher  
discovered that a woman was a prech-  
er that invented a new way for sepa-  
rating chaff from grain. It was a  
preacher that invented detonating  
gunpowder. It was a preacher that  
invented reaping machines. It  
was a preacher that invented the  
steam plow and potato planter. It  
was a preacher who made photo-  
graphy what it is. It was a preacher  
who invented balloons.

An able seaman once said to me:  
"In fierce storms we have but one  
resource, we keep the ship in a  
certain position; we fix her head to  
the wind, and so we weather the  
storm." This is a picture of the  
Christian, he adopts a certain posi-  
tion—"My hope and help are in  
God, he is faithful." Weeping  
may endure for a night, but "I  
will bear the indignation of the  
Lord." The man who has learned  
this heavenly navigation shall  
weather the storms of time and  
eternity, for he trusts a faithful  
God, and he leads him faithful.—  
Cecil.

A queer mongrel has appeared  
among North Carolina Methodists.  
It is a young thing that dances all  
the year round except during Lent.  
Think of it! A festive-footed Meth-  
odist too pious to dance during Lent.  
We do not wonder that the North  
Carolina Advocate in reporting the  
case had to resort to its smelling  
bottle.—Richmond Christian Ad-  
vocate.

The same queer animal is found  
among some of our "Baptist"  
Baptists. We are glad to say, how-  
ever, that the breed is very rare  
specimen of the Age species.—  
North Carolina Baptist.

All newspaper offices have one  
trouble in common—the presence  
of the type. We have some of our  
own—but let that pass. The best  
thing to do with venereal  
wounds of this variety is to turn them  
into occasions for laughter. A  
number of such occasions will be  
found in one of the Wilmington  
papers of Tuesday. Here is a sketch  
of Dr. Landrum's sermon: "Amer-  
ica, also, he pictured as a temple  
of the Lord, which because of im-  
migration and mammon worship  
which paralyzed this text, and al-  
ter while we will go up and meet  
him." It must be borne in mind  
that the statement is not made that  
our eloquent friend "paralyzed  
this text." The phrase is a good  
one and worth remembering. But  
the types were not kinder to our  
Grace street pastor. Here is the  
way they treated him: "Dr. Hatcher  
is a great man among  
faith and duty is a temple of the  
Lord in need of repairs." Dr. D.  
I. Parson becomes "Percer," and  
is made to preach on "Greatest  
through Serving." And there  
are others.—Religious Herald.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

### Let's Change the Plan.

Under the present plan every as-  
sociation proposes to hold a general  
meeting of its own in connection  
with every fifth Sunday in the  
year. As a rule the attendance of  
ministers and active laymen is  
small, and composed principally of  
the same persons quarter after quar-  
ter and year after year. The im-  
pression on the churches is neither  
very extensive nor very profound.

Let us try another plan. Let  
each association appoint only two  
fifth Sunday meetings of its own  
for the year. Let the other fifth  
Sundays, with two or three days  
preceding, be set apart for a great  
rally of preachers and other lead-  
ers of the churches.

At these meetings, where the people are  
able to entertain such a crowd.  
This would bring together talents  
enough to make the proceedings  
highly profitable to hearers and  
participants. The utterances of  
such a body would command  
thoughtful attention from individ-  
uals, churches and associations.

This arrangement would also  
leave the ministers free to travel  
beyond the bounds of their asso-  
ciations occasionally, and come in  
contact with brethren whom they  
have never met before. Herein is  
an important means of improve-  
ment to all ministers, especially the  
young.

Can't some plan of concert be  
agreed upon before the associations  
begin to meet? NEHEMIAH.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

### All Things in Jesus.

O. G. PRYTON.

How vast is the scope and how  
infinite is the variety of the rela-  
tionship of Jesus to this universe in  
which we dwell.

He is the creator of all things! John  
tells us: "All things were made  
by him; and without him there was  
not anything made that came into  
being." Paul says: "For by him  
were all things created, that are in  
heaven, and that are in earth, visi-  
ble and invisible, whether they be  
thrones, or dominions, or principal-  
ties, or powers: all things were  
created by him, and for him."

In him all things subsist! John  
again writes: "In him was life; and  
the life was the light of men."  
Paul, again, says: "He is before all  
things, and by him all things con-  
sist." In Hebrews we are taught  
that he is "sustaining all things by  
the word of his power."

Through him God rules over all! From  
the lips of Jesus himself we  
have the statement: "All power  
in heaven and in earth is given unto  
me." Again he says: "All things  
that the Father hath are mine." We  
read: "It pleased the Father that  
in him should all fullness dwell." Unto  
the Son he saith: "Thy throne, O God,  
is for ever and ever: a sceptre of  
righteousness is the sceptre of thy  
kingdom."

In him shall all things be accom-  
plished! "That in the dispensation  
of the fullness of times he might  
gather together in one all things in  
Christ, both which are in heaven,  
and which are on earth; even in  
him." What matchless sublimity  
here! "Wherefore God also hath  
highly exalted him, and given him  
a name which is above every name:  
that at the name of Jesus every  
knee shall bow, of things in earth,  
and things under the earth; and  
that every tongue shall confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the  
glory of God the Father."

Brethren, let us get upon the  
heights. The Redeemer we offer to  
men is beyond all our efforts of im-  
agination in power, dominion,  
majesty, glory and honor. We pro-  
claim him to men with the union  
of the Holy Spirit and in words  
that burn, convict and convince.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

### They Believed in Prayer.

It is a very noteworthy fact that  
all of the kings of Israel and Judah,  
in Old Testament times, believed  
in prayer. So far as I have ob-  
served there was not a single ex-  
ception. And among those kings  
were many wicked men, yet they all  
seem to have taken it for granted  
that God did answer prayer. I say  
that this is a remarkable fact. And  
not only is it true of the kings, but  
also of the great mass of people in  
those days. One cannot fail to ob-  
serve this fact as he thoughtfully  
reads the Old Testament. It is es-  
pecially observable in reference to  
events of more than ordinary mo-  
ment. Whenever there was a war  
impending we see that there was a  
great desire to know the mind of  
God in regard to the course to be  
pursued. God was inquired of with  
special anxiety. The king and his  
people wanted to know what God  
thought of the situation. If war  
were proposed, the question was,  
Does God approve of our now en-  
gaging in battle? "Shall we go up  
against the enemy?" Now, why was  
it that there was such a general  
belief in prayer, all through the  
old dispensation? Why was it that  
even wicked kings believed in prayer?  
It cannot be said that it was  
owing to superstition, though many  
in these days say it was. Nor  
was it owing to a delusion. Nor,  
again, can it be charged to credulity.  
The people in those days were as

naturally given to the tendency to  
doubt as they are now. The facts,  
God had so impressively revealed  
himself to the people on different  
occasions that they could not fail to  
realize that he was Almighty God.  
The immanence of God impressed  
itself upon the general conscious-  
ness of the nation. Moreover, God  
had given many indisputable evi-  
dences that he did answer prayer.  
Every Israelitish warrior knew that  
God had always delivered them  
when he said he would. Through  
his prophets he repeatedly told  
kings and generals, on many an oc-  
casion, that the result of certain bat-  
tles would be in their favor; at other  
times he declared that the result  
would be against them; that the gen-  
eral faith of a large number of the  
leaders among the Israelites in  
prayer ought to have great weight  
with people in this day, even if we  
had no New Testament with its  
commands and encouragements to  
pray.

C. H. WETHERS.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

### Bro. Preston's Appointments.

IN JULY.

- a Haw Ridge, 3d and 4th.
- b Clintonville, 5th.
- c Enterprise, 6th.
- d Mt. Pleasant, 7th.
- e Center Ridge, 8th.
- f Friendship, 9th.
- g New Hope, 10th.
- h Leonia, 11th.
- i National Bridge, 14th.
- j Sardinia, 15th.
- k Piney Grove, 16th.
- l Albion, 17th.
- m Elba, 18th.
- n Damascus, 19th.
- o Cool Springs, 20th.
- p School house, Keyton, 21st.
- q Line Creek, 22d.
- r Daleville, 23d.
- s Providence, 24, 25th.

Churches marked a belong to  
Haw Ridge association; b Pass  
River association; c Geneva as-  
sociation; d Sardinia association; e  
Newton association. Brethren will  
please bring dinner to the church  
and have an all day service. We  
desire these meetings to be of great  
benefit to the churches.

JOHN F. REGISTER.

## For the Alabama Baptist.

### W. A. Parker's Appointments.

Eld. Wm. A. Parker, evangelist  
for Southwest Alabama, will fill  
the following appointments:

- Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
11, 12, 13, a missionary convention  
at Monteville, at which time, aided  
by local and visiting brethren, we  
will discuss questions of vital im-  
portance to the cause of Christ. I  
will be at Perdus Hill, on Monday,  
June 14, 8 p. m.
- These churches are in the Beth-  
lehem association. Other appoint-  
ments are published in county  
papers.
- I will also preach in June, ac-  
companied by Elder J. W. Dun-  
away, at the following places in the  
Unity association:  
Plantersville, Friday, June 18th,  
8 p. m.
- Fellowship, Saturday and Sunday,  
19th, 20th.
- Stanton, Sunday, 20th, 8 p. m.
- Randolph, Monday, 21st, 8 p. m.
- Antioch, Tuesday, 22d, 11 a. m.
- Mt. Zion, Wednesday, 23, 11 a. m.
- Centerville, Wednesday, 23, 8 p. m.
- also Thursday and Friday, 24, 25.

The meeting at Centerville is de-  
signed to be a special missionary  
and ministerial rally, and we ear-  
nestly urge all the pastors to be  
present. The program for discus-  
sion will be arranged and published  
in due season.

WM. A. PARKER, Evangelist.

## Appointments of Rev. Joseph Shackelford.

I will preach at the following  
churches and places in the Muscle  
Shoals Association at the times  
mentioned. When not stated other-  
wise, 11 o'clock will be the hour:

- IN JUNE.
- Town Creek, 12th and 13th; two  
services.
- Mt. Hope, 12th, at night.
- New Prospect, 14th; two services.
- Gum Spring, 15th; two services.
- Oxons, 16th; two services.
- Mt. Zion, 17th; two services.
- Macedonia, Franklin, 18th; two  
services.
- Bethel, 20th; two services.
- Bethany, 21st.
- Liberty, 22d; two services, day  
and night.
- Leighton, 23d, night.
- Mt. Pleasant, 24th; two services.
- Mt. Stanley, 25th; two services.
- Mr. James Porter's, 25th, at night.
- Hillsboro, 26th and 27th.
- Flower Hill, 27th, 31 p. m.
- Trinity, 28th; two services.
- Robinson's School House, 29th.
- Macedonia, 30th.
- Shady Grove, July 1st.

Where we have two services in  
the day, the brethren are expected  
to have dinner at the church. The  
members of the churches are ear-  
nestly requested to come out.

JOSEPH SHACKELFORD.

The haunts of happiness are var-  
ied, but I have more often found  
them among little children, home  
friends and country homes than  
anywhere else.—Sidney Smith.

Extracts from the Report of the  
Sunday School Board.

The report made by Dr. Frost to  
the Southern Baptist Convention of  
the condition and operations of our  
Sunday-school board was in every  
way highly gratifying. Some  
brethren said the success of the  
board was indeed marvellous. We  
can give only a few of the many in-  
teresting facts presented in the re-  
port.

The board has changed printers,  
and now has its work done by three  
different firms. This will lessen  
the cost of the printing.

## PURCHASE OF PRINCIPLES.

Unchanged, so that it does not  
show any part. The cost price was  
in the aggregate \$11,000, all of  
which has been paid but about \$2,  
000, and an effort was made to pay  
that, but the holder of the note did  
not wish to surrender it before it  
was due, as it is drawing interest  
and is a good investment. The  
property is regarded by business  
men as worth the price paid. The  
purchase of this property has given  
the board many advantages, and has  
met with almost universal favor  
throughout the denomination. It  
is held by the corresponding sec-  
retary as trustee for the convention.

## CHANGE OF POLICY.

Notwithstanding the outlay for  
the purchase of the house and its  
equipment, the board has not fallen  
off in its appropriations. We have  
thought it wise, however, to make  
a change in our policy, and instead  
of giving cash as heretofore, to  
make our appropriations largely in  
the gift of Bibles, books and tracts,  
and to make them for the most part  
either directly to State boards or  
under their supervision and endor-  
sement. The cash which has been  
given this year to Sunday school  
missions was for the most part  
given to complete the appropri-  
ations which came over from the  
previous convention year.

## A RECORD OF SIX YEARS.

Beginning in May six years ago  
and running until the following  
December without income, even  
having to borrow money to cover  
expenses, the board were yet able  
to come to the convention with all  
obligations met and over a thou-  
sand dollars cash in hand with  
which to begin a new year. Since  
that time no bill has been presented  
to the board that has been delin-  
quent.

With which to pay it. Indeed there  
have been but a few times in the  
last five years that the board's bal-  
ance in bank fell below a thousand  
dollars. This statement is made  
simply as indicating the board's  
financial condition, and also its  
methods of conducting its affairs.  
The following statement will show,  
as well as figures can show, what  
the board has done for the further-  
ance of our denominational in-  
terests in the way of financial help:

Gifts of Bibles, books, tracts  
and periodicals to mission  
schools.....\$ 8,707 99  
Cash for Home and Foreign Missions.....13,311 74  
Cash to Sunday-school Missions.....9,101 25  
In the different states.....17,277 78  
Expended for other denomina-  
tional interests.....2,362 46  
Purchase and equipment of  
houses.....9,101 25  
Cash balance on hand.....2,126 10  
Other assets.....11,384 86  
Summary for six years.....\$64,703 13

## John Johnson Everywhere.

A Baptist pastor at Charlotte,  
N. C., got along with his church  
very smoothly for several years,  
and not until after a man named  
John Johnson was received into  
membership did the good pastor  
find cause of uneasiness and annoy-  
ance. At length, his patience was  
worn out, and he resolved to  
seek another field of labor.

He came north to Richmond,  
Va., and there told to Dr. Jeter  
his reason for desiring to leave his  
people. The Doctor advised him  
to return, saying: "I have a John  
Johnson in my church, but I pay  
no attention to his criticisms of my  
sermons, or his fault-finding at my  
remissness in not making so many  
visits to his family as they ought to  
receive. There is no vacant pas-  
torate here or in Virginia, so far as  
I know."

The good man declined the ad-  
vice given, and, at his request, Dr.  
Jeter gave him a letter of introduc-  
tion to Dr. Stoughton, of Wash-  
ington, in which he made a high  
reference to John Johnson. When  
the interview was had, Dr. Stoughton  
repeated Dr. Jeter's advice,  
adding that he, too, had in his  
church a John Johnson, who made  
him more trouble than all the other  
members put together. He did  
not know of any vacancy to which  
he could recommend him, but, if  
he concluded to go farther North,  
he would give him a letter to Dr.  
Branly, of Philadelphia. This  
was done, and the case was given  
to the Philadelphia divines.

It then flashed upon the pulpit  
seeker that there was in every  
church a John Johnson, and he en-  
joyed highly the ruse practiced upon  
him by the eminent pastors, who  
had greeted him cordially and en-  
tertained him hospitably. On the  
whole, he thought the John John-  
son in his church might be the least  
obnoxious of all the men of that  
name, and he returned to his peo-  
ple, among whom he continued his  
ministry acceptably and success-  
fully until it closed by the infir-  
mities of old age.

Moral: Never try to get away  
from John Johnson.

## State Treasury.

We give below a matter of con-  
cern to all our readers. Every citi-  
zen must feel a lively interest in  
the financial condition of his state.  
This statement comes to June 1st,  
1897:

Editor Advertiser: By special  
request of your Mr. Melver I hand  
you herewith a statement of the  
financial condition of the state  
treasury at the close of business  
this evening, the 31st of May, 1897,  
also showing receipts and disburse-  
ments since January 1st, 1897. By  
deducting the receipts from the  
disbursements it would appear that  
there is a larger amount of cash  
on hand than at the same time last  
year.

It is upon this fact that the pre-  
sidence and power of his sym-  
pathy for as founded. He does  
not understand our temptations  
merely by an omniscience which  
stands outside of and apart from  
our lives and looks on like a spec-  
tator, and knows everything about  
them simply because it cannot help  
knowing. He understands sym-  
pathetically, because he has been  
tempted just as himself and knows  
how hard it is to resist.

This special knowledge and sym-  
pathy, in addition to his universal  
love, qualify him to prompt him  
to deliver us from every temptation  
to which we are exposed. He under-  
stands just how to send the angels  
which we need and when, whereby  
the encouragement of his Spirit in our hearts  
or by the suggestion of friendly hu-  
man counsel, assistance. He was  
subjected to temptation bodily,  
intellectually and spiritually. The  
whole range of temptation as man  
is capable of is known to him.

He is not only the most com-  
mon, but the most cruelly tempt-  
ed of us all, and fear applying to  
him for help in vain.—The Con-  
gregationalist.

## The Hem of the Garment.

Very few readers of the New  
Testament probably ever stop to  
think how brief the biography of  
Christ is, and how much must be  
omitted from the narrative.  
There have been another history  
of the divine teacher, written  
not by the hands of his disciples,  
but in the hearts of those whom he  
had cheered and helped by the way.  
There must have been a beautiful  
unwritten gospel passed from mouth  
to mouth for many generations, the  
light of which faded very slowly as  
the night of barbarism and wander-  
ing came on. For a personality  
like Christ's filled with divine com-  
passion and love, must have poured  
itself out in a thousand unseen riv-  
ulets as well as in the great chan-  
nels so definitely marked in the  
New Testament story. There must  
have been thousands to whom he  
spoke words which were not re-  
corded; there must have been mul-  
titudes whose lives were renewed  
by his power of whom no mention  
is made. As this was true of the  
divine personality known to men,  
so it is also true of every human  
personality. The most searching  
and influential power that issues  
from any human life is that of  
which the person himself is largely  
unconscious. It flows from him in  
every form of occupation, in every  
relationship, in fact or in work, in  
silence or in speech, at home or  
abroad. The fathers and teachers  
whose words are without conscious-  
ness of the fact. Light shines  
from them and help flows from  
them at times when they are utter-  
ly unconscious that the hem of the  
garment is being touched. The  
real test of the possession of the  
highest power of character and the  
most perfect devotion to the noblest  
things in life is not the quality of  
the direct touch; it is the presence  
of the virtue even in the hem of the  
garment.—Selected.

Ninety-three years ago Dr. Low-  
ell Mason, the famous music com-  
poser, was organist of the Inde-  
pendent Presbyterian church in  
Haverham, at which time he com-  
posed the music of that world re-  
nowned "Hymn to the Mounts,"  
which was first sung in that church.  
Recently the Sunday-school held its  
ninety-third anniversary, and among  
the hymns sung was this familiar  
one that was born—in its musical  
part—in that church and Sunday-  
school nearly a century ago.—At-  
lanta Journal.

We rise with Christ when we  
raise others to Christ.

of \$156,297 80, special funds for  
special purposes, as designated by  
the treasurer in his statement.  
These funds, however, are always  
included in both the total annual  
receipts and total disbursements.

Included in both the receipts and  
disbursements is a temporary loan  
of \$100,000, certified into the treas-  
ury in November, 1896, and re-  
turned during January, 1897. The  
Advertiser certainly congratulates  
the people of the state upon the fa-  
vorable financial condition of the  
state treasury at this time.

With every matured liability paid  
or provided for, and exclusive of  
special funds there is still a balance  
of \$116,648 88 in the treasury.

Under and Auditor agree in the ag-  
gregate up to 31st of May, 1897.  
There may be some little disagree-  
ment as to special funds set apart  
by each; the auditor, for instance,  
sets aside as special fund certain  
school indemnity funds, and  
amounts due several counties in the  
state on account of solicitors' fees,  
because the statute makes it his  
duty to distribute this latter fund;  
but until the warrants have been  
drawn and paid, the treasurer is  
not justified in setting aside the so-  
licitors' fees, hence it will be seen  
there is a difference in both these  
items, and in addition some small  
er items against the convict  
fund, caused, perhaps, by war-  
rants now outstanding and un-  
paid by the Treasurer. As to  
the difference between the  
Auditor and Treasurer in the item-  
ized statement, they agree as a  
whole, and no doubt by the end of  
the fiscal year the small discrep-  
ancies referred to will be so adjusted  
as to appear on the Treasurer's  
books, when there will be no dif-  
ference except as to outstanding  
warrants. Hence we conclude that  
the statements of these two offi-  
cials exactly correspond, and con-  
firm each other. The financial con-  
dition of the state is healthy and  
satisfactory.

## RESOURCES.

Cash in treasury.....\$288,194 99

## LIABILITIES.

Amounts due the following special or  
trust funds:

- Confederate soldiers and  
widows.....104,073 81
- Two and three per cent fund.....189 00
- School indemnity fund.....4,200 00
- Convict fund.....8,372 06
- Agricultural fund.....39,540 23
- Colleges, agricultural and  
mechanical arts.....3,003 00
- Outstanding warrants.....15,840 81
- Due several counties as sur-  
plus solicitors' fees, fines  
and forfeits fund.....6,531 41
- General fund balance.....105,793 97

Treasury receipts from Jan.  
1st to date.....\$132,221 25

Disbursements from Jan. 1st to date.....\$132,221 25

Excess of receipts.....\$156,297 80

The Auditor also called on treasurer Ellis yester-  
day for a statement as to the  
condition of the treasury on the  
31st of May. With this request  
he very cheerfully complied, and it  
is as follows:

Financial condition of the state  
treasury at close of business May  
31, 1897:

- Balance cash in treasury.....\$ 58,319 40
- September 30, 1896.....\$ 58,319 40
- Receipts from October 1,  
1896, to May 31, 1897,  
inclusive.....1,885,067 57

Disbursements from Oc-  
tober 1, 1896, to May 31,  
1897, inclusive.....1,653,791 98

Total cash in treasury May  
31, 1897.....\$ 288,194 99

Charges against the above balance  
as follows, to-wit:

- Outstanding warrants issued  
by Auditor unpaid.....15,838 31
- Due soldiers and widows  
fund.....104,073 81
- Due agricultural fund.....39,540 23
- Due colleges of agriculture  
and mechanical arts.....3,003 00
- Due convict fund.....8,372 06
- Due two and three per cent  
fund.....189 00

Total outstanding warrants  
and special funds.....\$ 172,136 11

Leaving balance in treasury  
for general purposes.....116,058 88

Not included in both the re-  
ceipts and disbursements is a tem-  
porary loan of \$100,000, certified  
into the treasury in November,  
1896, and returned during January,  
1897.

The State Treasurer and the State  
Auditor, at the request of the  
Advertiser, furnished statements yester-  
day, showing the financial con-  
dition of the state treasury at the  
close of business this morning, the  
31st of May. These statements will be ex-  
ceedingly gratifying to the people of  
Alabama, as they show the state  
treasury to be in the most excellent  
condition. According to the treas-  
urer's report the balance in the  
treasury September 30, 1896, was  
\$58,319.40, and the total receipts  
from October 1, 1896, to May 31,  
1897, inclusive, were \$1,885,067.57,  
making a total of \$1,943,386.97.  
The total disbursements from Oc-  
tober 1, 1896, to May 31, 1897, in-  
clusive, were \$1,653,791.98, which  
leaves the total cash in the treasury  
May 31, 1897



# Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, JUNE 10, 1897.

## 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. Rev. R. G. Patrick.

### OUR PAPERS.

The ALA. BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.

## SECOND NOTICE.

The above heading may need some explanation. In January we sent out notices to all our subscribers who owed the paper on back dues. Nearly all of them have paid up. A few have failed to respond, hence we are now sending out affectionate reminders marked "SECOND NOTICE." Already one brother has become angry because we sent him a "SECOND NOTICE" and has ordered his paper "stopped." He was honest, however he paid up like a man. That's the way to do. If you stop, pay what you owe.

By invitation we visited the "South Alabama Institute," located at Thomasville, Clarke county, and delivered the annual address on June 1st. This institution was established one year ago by the Baptists of that part of the state. Two or three associations co-operated and brought forth one of the most successful and successful of the year. The Baptists in Thomasville and surrounding country are greatly enthusiastic over the results.

Prof. J. M. McIver, a graduate of Howard College, is president, and is assisted by a competent faculty. It was really refreshing and inspiring to note the interest manifested and the enthusiasm aroused in behalf of this enterprise. It is not intended as a competing school with the Judson or Howard, but is rather a feeder to both these institutions. We most heartily commend the enterprise, and earnestly call upon the Baptists in that section to rally around it. The school building is an excellent one, and well adapted to the demands. Thomasville is a progressive town on the Mobile & Birmingham railroad, and is peopled by a most excellent class of citizens.

PRESIDENT R. G. PATRICK, of the Judson Institute, passed through Montgomery Monday, en route to Anderson, S. C., to visit his parents, and attend and officiate at the marriage of his sister. His two little girls accompany him to see "grandma." He reports a very large attendance of visitors on the commencement exercises of the Judson. Hotels were full, and also the Judson. When it was announced from the rostrum that in addition to the payment of the interest bearing bonded debt, a \$3,000 floating debt had also been paid, great enthusiasm prevailed. The outlook for another year is bright and promising. The next session will begin on the 23d of September. President Patrick will return in a few days to look after his catalogues.

Now that the Judson is free from debt, let every Baptist in the state give it the hearty support it richly merits. Send your girls there, for we are sure of one fact, that there is no superior institution of learning in all the land. Every girl who is educated there is sure to make an impression for good, in whatever circle she may move. Write to Bro. Patrick at Marion for catalogue.

At the recent meeting, at Pittsburgh, of the American Baptist Education Society, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, of Texas, was elected one of the vice presidents of the Society, and Prof. J. R. Sampey, of Kentucky, and Judge Jonathan Harrison, of Alabama, were elected members of the board of directors from the South.

## BAPTIST LOSSES.

The last Year Book records that 47,726 persons were excluded from fellowship in Baptist churches during the preceding year, and 18,850 more dropped from the rolls, while 5,632 took letters of dismission presumably to unite with other churches, but failed to lay them in, making a total depletion of 69,208, or about forty per cent. of the whole number baptized.

In any light the case is a sorrowful one; but there are certain other considerations which afford large relief. Of those who were excluded 24,885 saw the error of their way, and came back to the churches, and 12,560, about two-thirds of those whose names were erased from the rolls for absence or other causes, were received into other churches on a simple statement of their experience and their desire to serve the Lord. This brings the loss to less than one-sixth of the number baptized.

This loss must be reduced still further by the consideration that many of the thirty-one thousand have not utterly forsaken the Lord, but have turned aside into other denominations. Just how many belong to this class we have no means of determining. But every city pastor knows of some country or village Baptist who moved to town and for the most obvious reasons united with the denomination that claims to excel in what Sam Jones calls "society." But according to the old Baptist idea, if they ever had any religion, they still belong to the elect notwithstanding their lack of conviction and their need of a social life or a political pull. A little friction in the administration of church affairs, too, sometimes gives Satan an opportunity to get in his disintegrating work, and timid or resentful sheep are frightened or impelled into other folds, while in the realms of matrimony church relations are sometimes adjusted by sentiment or convenience rather than by the simple teachings of the New Testament, and Baptists suffer loss accordingly. But the loss is not absolute, and these who go out from us are sometimes more zealous in the new fold than they were in the old, and in this we do rejoice.

The net loss, however, is about one-sixth of all who are baptized. This is not a bad showing; but it is not enough, especially when we remember that many persons are retained in fellowship who give little or no evidence of regeneration, and shed no lustre whatever upon the Christian name, or their own profession of faith. From the beginning it seems that some were destined to go out from us, because they were not of us, and yet we think something might be done to make the number of departures less.

In this connection we suggest that there ought to be not only pastoral oversight, but a general helpfulness among church members. The usual covenant in a Baptist church proclaims a purpose to "walk together in brotherly love, exercising a Christian care and watchfulness over each other." But we fear that in practical church life this purpose, which so harmonizes with the spirit of the gospel and involves so much for the cause of Christ, is seldom carried out; and weaker brethren are left to grapple alone with the tempter, and be brought again into bondage.

There is neglect, too, in looking after absentees. A brother changes his place of abode, and for the lack of proper instruction from his pastor, he does not change his church-membership. He is deprived of religious privileges in the home church. He is a stranger in the new place, and takes little interest. His new associates soon note this, and little by little their interest in him wanes. He feels neglected, grows grumpy and turns down his nose. In the end he is a Baptist loss.

MINISTERS certainly need to be endowed with "power from on high." Their preaching may assume the form of rhetorical finish, of vigorous diction or of swelling periods; but if all these, and all else, is not brought into subordination to the higher element of spirituality, preaching becomes perfunctory, and the gospel but a hollow story.

Said an earnest man of God some time ago, "My soul hungers for the old-time preaching. The preaching of today does not feed my soul." There is much of practical philosophy in this. Whatever else may exist in preaching it should have the one indispensable element of spirituality. Without this, the bread of life becomes as husks, and the water of life as bitter as the streams of Marah. This should be a matter of deep and serious

concern to every preacher. In proportion to the height to which spirituality rises in his soul, will be the uplifting energy of the message which he bears to lost souls.

THE soul has its cravings and appetites no less than the body. It has its appropriate means of gratification just as the body has. When the pinch of hunger comes to the body, we feed it; when we thirst, we quench our thirst. The hungering and thirsting soul can be filled only at the ever-living Source. Personal religion is a matter of the highest moment. Closet religion is the most powerful. It is the banquet chamber of the soul when it enters into the secret closet. This needs to be assiduously cultivated.

But there are souls roving this dark world who hunger for sympathy. There is an outreaching of soul for something which will satisfy. By preaching in power, the pastor must thus come through that subtle agency known as influence. There should be shed from every Christian character that influence which will gladden and inspire, quicken and stir. A Christian is not enjoying his high privilege who does not communicate his religious influence to others.

REFERRING to the liberal contributions in the payment of the Judson debt, we have been informed that the large and generous donation by Bro. J. C. Bush, of Mobile, was given for his wife, who is a graduate of the Judson and one of our cultured, consecrated and devoted Baptist women. She will be remembered as Miss Ruth Tarrant, of Marion, Ala. Let us hope that others whom God has blessed in this world's goods will be inspired to give of their wealth to our educational institutions.

WE must with emphasis remind our good brethren who write for the paper that articles must not be too long. We can furnish only so much space and no more. Condensation should be the law. Only vital matters claim length. Our readers want much in little. If this rule is adhered to, then the paper will be enjoyed. If not, it is bound to become prosy and uninteresting. Therefore, our correspondents must not complain if we condense. We are in position to know what is best to do now.

## FIELD NOTES.

Rev. J. W. O'Hara asks us to change the address of his paper from East Lake to Columbiana.

Some changes are made in the dates of Dr. Shackelford's appointments. Those interested will take notice.

Dr. Beville has resigned at Fort Deposit, but expects to continue to preach at Letohatchee and Steep Creek.

Rev. R. P. McPherson, who has been for sometime pastor at New Decatur, now requests us to send his paper to Nashville, Tenn.

J. J. Hagood, Seminary, Louisville, Ky.: Please change the address of my ALABAMA BAPTIST from Louisville, Ky., to Clayton, Ala.

Rev. A. G. Moseley requests us to send his paper to Huntsville. So we suppose that Dallas Avenue church will have his services again. Those brethren and sisters were satisfied with him before he returned to the Seminary.

The Advertiser correspondent at Columbia, Henry county, reports that a burglar entered the residence of pastor W. C. Cleveland, the other night, and stole a suit of clothes. There must be some people down there who are afflicted with total depravity.

Rev. G. W. Townsend will assist pastor Gable in a series of meetings at South Montgomery church, beginning Sunday next. It is hoped that Christians will pray for the success of the meeting, and that the people generally will attend the services.

A full account of the Judson commencement did not reach us in time for this week's paper, so it was decided to print none of it until next week, when it is hoped that the entire matter may be inserted in one issue, with an account of the Howard commencement also.

Bro. J. F. Sellers has twice requested us to discontinue his paper, but has not given us the slightest intimation of the name of his post-office. We cannot comply with a subscriber's wishes unless he tells us where he receives his paper. We do not remember each one's name and post-office.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cartwright, of this city, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Annie B., and Mr. Joseph S. Wing, which is to take place at Adams Street Baptist church on Wednesday, June 16, at 8 p. m. We join the many friends of the young people in extending congratulations and good wishes.

WE have received a copy of a tract or small pamphlet entitled, "The Great Salvation Illustrated," and another and larger named "The Two Covenants," both from the pen of Rev. J. B. Moody, of San Antonio, Texas. The price of the first named is five cents, and of the latter ten cents. Mr. Moody is well known among Baptists as a strong writer.

W. G. Curry, Livingston: Bro. Apsey and I have just closed a good meeting at Gainesville. The doors of this church have been closed for several years. As a result of the meeting, seven members were added to the church, with the prospect of others to follow. The church has been reorganized, and regular preaching and worship will be resumed again.

Next week to attend Howard College commencement, Rev. W. L. Cahall, of Forest Home, preached for us. Morning subject, "Eternal Life;" evening subject, "Words." Both sermons were greatly enjoyed. The usual mid-week prayer service proved very helpful. Pastor's impressive theme was, "My expectation is from him."

J. P. Shaffer, Dadeville: During the past two weeks our church at Dadeville has much enjoyed the visit and preaching of brethren J. R. Stodghill and C. J. Burden. They are both good men, and preached to us many sermons that we enjoyed. May the Lord bless them. During the meeting thirteen members were added to the church, seven of whom were received by baptism. Judge Cumbe also rendered us assistance.

The Rev. I. W. Martin, of this state, was married on Monday, May 31st, at Crown Point, Ind., to Miss Georgietta E. Ball, daughter of the Rev. T. H. Ball, D. D., at the residence of the bride's father, who performed the ceremony. So says the Western Recorder. Bro. Martin went from Marengo county, in this state, to the Seminary, and then was called to a field in Kentucky. The bride is a niece of Rev. J. H. Creighton, of Clarke county, Ala.

W. L. Culbertson, Attalla: We have just closed a very successful meeting which lasted two weeks. Our church was greatly revived, many souls were happily converted, there were twenty-two accessions to the church, and others will join soon. These make in all forty additions, some of them by letter, since I became pastor of the church last October. I was assisted in the meeting by Rev. J. A. May, of Walnut Grove, and others. Bro. May did most of the preaching, and won the affections of all who heard him.

J. P. Hunter, LaFayette: On last Sunday, at Farmville, Lee county, we dedicated our new house of worship. Rev. W. M. Blackwelder was to have preached the dedicatory sermon, but on account of sickness in his family he could not leave home. This was quite a disappointment to us, as he was once pastor of the church, and is much loved by all who knew him. The good music rendered by the choir, with Miss Ludie Ellington as organist, and the beautiful decoration by the young ladies, together with the new pulpit chairs, all helped very much to make the service delightful to all who were present.

Judson Strock, Verbena: The meeting of the third district of Unity association was held at Shiloh church, Chilton county. Rev. T. J. Deason was elected chairman and the writer secretary. The first question for discussion was, How shall we promote spiritual growth in our churches? Rev. C. Johnson preached the introductory sermon. During the remainder of the meeting the following subjects were discussed: The importance of religious training in the family; Missions; Sunday-school work. Rev. F. M. Woods preached to a crowded house. There was a small attendance of delegates, but it was felt that much good will come from the meeting.

T. W. Capps, Costello: At the fifth Sunday meeting of Geneva association much interest was manifested. Ministers present: J. F. Register, G. J. Canant, Bro. McIntosh, from Graceland, Fla.; Jno. Patton, J. L. C. White, Joseph Hinson and Bro. Nichols. Churches not very well represented. There was plenty to eat, good singing, animated speeches, good sermons, but little debate, and above all, the presence of the Holy Spirit. Much good was done. I wish you could have been here. It would have done your soul good even if you are just from a feast. Next

meeting will be at Zion Hill, 10 or 12 miles east of Geneva.

W. J. D. Uphaw, Roanoke: Our town has been greatly revived during the past few weeks. Bro. Whittle left us Friday morning after a ten days stay. The spirit of the Lord attended his sermons. Many were brought to repentance and faith. The meeting closed Sunday evening at the pool, where we buried with Christ 18 happy men, women, boys and girls. Ten others united by letter, watchcare and restoration. Our work in this community is on higher ground than for a long while, for which we give praise to God. One of the number baptized was my own little son Renfro. Brethren, rejoice with us. I would add that before Bro. Whittle left we raised nine hundred dollars by subscription for the purpose of building a parsonage. We take needed work. I regard his stay with us a great blessing.

J. J. Pipkin, Nanafalia: Rev. Wm. A. Parker, sr., evangelist, was with us the last third Sunday, and gave us two fine sermons. The church here gave him something over ten dollars for State missions. We have been enjoying the hospitality of the Thomsville saints while in attendance upon the fifth Sunday meeting and the South Alabama Institute. Prof. McIver, with his efficient faculty, is bringing things to pass. Every one was delighted with the fine sermon preached by Rev. I. A. White, of Orville. I am arranging for some good meetings in the near future.

J. E. Barnes, Greensboro: Miss Julia West, of Perry county, and Mr. Moseley M. Cross, of Meridian, Miss., were married on June 2d at the residence of Mrs. Mary West, the bride's mother, near Marion, the writer officiating. Miss Julia is the eldest daughter of the late Rev. J. L. West, who for a number of years was editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. She is a cultured and accomplished young lady, having been educated at the Judson.

Mr. Cross is a leading merchant of Meridian, and is a graduate of the A. and M. college of Mississippi. The young couple left at once for their future home at Meridian. May the divine blessing attend them through life.

R. G. Patrick, Marion: In some of our papers we have seen notices containing an appreciative notice of the address of Maj. John G. Harris on "Manners, Culture and Dress," on the evening of May 22d, were misplaced. The address was admirable in every way, being not only beautiful and pleasing, but making abiding impressions for good upon the large and attentive audience of young people present on the occasion. Maj. Harris was fortunate enough to marry one of the most accomplished of the Judson's graduates, and has a very tender love for the institution. This fact inspired him to introduce his address with some reminiscences, which greatly added to its interest. It would be a great deal of good if Maj. Harris would deliver this address to young ladies everywhere, and we hope that he may be willing to perform this service at other colleges for young ladies in our state.

A. C. Swindall, Wetumpka: In May we had a most wonderful meeting at Tallahassee, an account of which was sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication, but from some cause or other it was not published. [It failed, like other letters recently, to reach this office.]

Ed: The meeting began Saturday night before the first Sunday in May and continued to the third Sunday night. The church was certainly revived and did splendid work, the result of which we saw and felt during the meeting. Our number increased 86, and of that number 67 united with the church by baptism. I baptized on the second Sunday morning 44 members in the presence of about one thousand people. Rev. J. H. Taylor, of this place, did some good and faithful work during the meeting. It was one of the most quiet meetings I was ever engaged in, but at the same time all were enthused. Those uniting with the church were calm and quiet, being able to say, "The Lord hath done great things for me." I never saw a meeting and congregation hold up better and with as deep interest as appeared at every service. We could accommodate only about 800 people with seats, and many were turned away, hoping to be first at the next service. At the last service at least 75 people asked for prayer. The outlook is most encouraging. We took a collection tonight for state missions. Come to see us, Bro. Bledsoe, and we will make you feel good. The ladies are doing good work. Hope to organize the young people soon.

For the Alabama Baptist. Howard College Commencement.

The literary societies had their anniversary meetings on the evenings of the 3d and 4th. Not arriving in time to hear the addresses, I can only say that the universal verdict is that the young men all acquitted themselves with honor.

On Sabbath morning Rev. L. O. Dawson, of Tuscaloosa, a former graduate of Howard, and one of the already distinguished preachers of the state, preached the commencement sermon to a packed house, some sitting and some standing. His text, "The kingdom of God is within you," was very appropriate. His effort was to impress upon the minds of his hearers that the blessings of the heavenly reign were attainable here on earth and before death. He said that although a proper rendering of the text would somewhat change the phraseology, (I suppose he had allusion to the marginal reading, "is among you,") he backed by so many other passages of Scripture, he felt that he was within them; that "heaven was not where we are, but what we are." In a plain, earnest, unpretentious, yet most penetrating style, he lifted us to a conscious heavenly enjoyment. He left the rising generation present to feel and believe that the possession of Christian principles was the only sure road to safety, honor and happiness.

It is generally admitted by all that there has been a general uplift in East Lake by that service. At night your correspondent preached for them. There has never been such a universal expression of delight as to the year's management and the future outlook of the college. The report of the chairman of the faculty to the Board of Trustees. The boys are all universally delighted with Prof. Smith's administration, and clamor for his continuance, as do also all the faculty and citizens of East Lake.

Bro. Hobson graces the pulpit of the Baptist church still, and we thank God for him and all such as he. B. H. CRUMPTON.

For the Alabama Baptist. Ministers' Institute of East Alabama.

Rev. Geo. E. Brewer sends us a full report, which we must condense to suit our space.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Opelika Baptist church from May 28 to 30 inclusive, and proved a very pleasant occasion to those attending. The program was carried out by considering each subject by written essays or oral discussion, or both, and by the sermons preached.

The ministers in attendance were: Roby, Brewer, Hudson, Anderson, Lloyd, Wallace, Catts, Grimes, and W. G. Gregory, and J. F. Edens, of Atlanta, and Pack, of West Point. Those who preached were Wallace, Catts, Lloyd, Edens, Anderson, Hudson and Grimes.

Immediately following this meeting was the Ministers' Institute of East Alabama, commencing May 31st and ending June 4th. The officers acting at this session were: Z. D. Roby, president, Geo. E. Brewer, secretary and treasurer, and Anderson and Young teachers. The attendance and interest were both good. In fact it was regarded by all as the best session yet held. Those present for all or part of the time were G. S. Anderson, of Auburn, Ala., and W. H. Young, of Athens, Ga., as lecturers, and Z. D. Roby, Geo. E. Brewer, B. Maj. Harris, J. J. Woll, W. T. Foster, A. S. Brannon, A. M. Jenkins, S. R. Grimes, W. G. Gregory, J. J. Cloud, F. T. Hudson, W. E. Lloyd, F. H. Wallace, W. R. Adams, W. M. Whitman, C. W. Buck, W. P. Coffield, A. S. Smith, G. L. Bell, J. L. Gregory, W. T. Davis, J. R. Stodghill, J. O. Bledsoe, J. H. Bush, J. W. Hamner, W. C. Bledsoe, J. G. Harris and J. F. Edens; the colored brethren who attended were, I. T. Simpson, C. J. Davis, W. D. Slaughter, J. J. Chisholm and A. A. Godwin, making 34 as members.

The exercises consisted of a term of two sessions each a day, with a sermon at night. Each session was begun with a season of devotional worship. An hour was then used by Bro. Anderson in a lecture on sermon structure; the next hour was devoted to a lecture from Dr. Young on sermon delivery; and then, in the morning session, an hour given to popular discussion by members of the institute to some subject in the line of ministerial life. An interval of song came between each.

Bro. Anderson's purpose was to teach the principles of public discourse, and especially as applied to preaching. Whether one wishes to construct his sermon after Anderson's model or not, his system will certainly be very helpful to a student.

Dr. Young teaches how to deliver the sermon built, whether by Anderson's model or any other, so that the audience shall receive and be profited by it. His lectures are fine, and he is an adept in the art, having not only the theory but the practice well in hand.

The topics for popular discussion in this institute were, "The preacher as a sheep feeder;" "The preacher's relation to the world;" "The preacher's danger;" "The modes of Bible study."

Every member of the institute felt and publicly expressed himself as delighted, improved and intending to return to the work with renewed zeal, and with a higher conception of what the minister's work is, and of the brotherhood

that should exist among them. Bro. Edens, of the Index, expressed himself profited and delighted as he had been by nothing else which he had attended.

Those who preached at night were Drs. Edens, Young, (twice), A. S. Smith and J. W. Hamner. Resolutions were adopted reciting the importance of Bro. Anderson's work, and warmly commending it; also commending the State Board for prosecuting the work through Bro. Anderson, and recommending that he be allowed to give himself exclusively to that work.

Resolutions were also adopted thanking Dr. Young for his valuable service, and commending his teaching and his book.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

EDITED BY W. A. HOBSON, East Lake, Ala.

PRAYER MEETING TOPIC. June 13.—Overcoming Evil. Rom. 12:13.

There has been a great and opposing field of battle on the human heart. The engagements are not occasional, but constant. There is never a day but that evil and good are present with us. The experience of Paul is the experience of every earnest Christian, "when I would do good evil is present with me." Which shall have the ascendancy in our lives, the good or the bad? this is the great question. It is worth our while to note that our natural tendency is toward evil, and if good is to prevail evil must be overcome. The carnal mind is at enmity with the law of God. The old idea that finds poetic expression in the familiar lines:

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,  
The eternal years of God are hers;  
But error wounded worse in pain,  
And dies amid her worshippers."

is misleading if it leads us to the conclusion that good is a plant of spontaneous growth, while evil only lives by cultivation. The truth is just the opposite in this world. If we do not overcome evil we will be overcome by it.

HOW, THEN, ARE WE TO OVERCOME EVIL?

The apostle tells us in a few words, "Overcome evil with good."

1. Evil cannot be overcome by evil. And yet it is just in this way we are apt to undertake its overthrow. It is hard for us to learn to "recompense no man evil for evil."

The man who renders railing for railing will never overcome the evil in his enemy, and will aggravate rather than remove that which is in his own heart. We are not to fight the devil with his own fire. Alas, how much trouble comes of a revengeful spirit! "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Two wrongs never make a right. When we add fire to fire we but increase the flame. One thing is certain, we cannot overcome evil with evil.

2. Our only hope of success is found in the opposite principle of good. Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Good and evil are not mere abstractions, but are at the bottom, living principles of real persons. If good be personified in the man Christ Jesus, evil is no less personified in Satan. Satan does not cast out Satan. He must be conquered by his living personal antagonist, who met and vanquished him in the wilderness. The spirit of Christ is all good, and it is in and by his spirit that we are to conquer the evil that is about us and within us. Christ and the virtues which the indwelling Christ creates in man are more than a match for evil, whether in our own hearts or in society around us.

"Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." The great principle a tap-root of our holy religion is love. If we wear the white flower of a blameless life, it will be due to the fact that we live in the atmosphere of love, and a soul of love rules within. Love is the conqueror. It was this which enabled the apostles to rejoice in suffering. We cannot always tell where and how it succeeds, but we may be sure of the ultimate triumph of unselfish love. If it does not seem to prevail in this world, it will in the next. Let us fill our souls from the unfailing fountains of God's eternal love, and our lives will be refreshing streams in the desert wastes of this hard and unfriendly world. The life that is filled with good has little room for evil. Where there is a good stand of wheat there will be few tares.

## SOME PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. Though our tendencies to evil are strong and deep-rooted, they may be overcome, for greater is that which is for us than he that is against us.

2. Prayer is one of the surest safe-guards against evil-doing.

3. If you would be good, be much in company with those who are good. The atmosphere of piety nourishes the flowers of purity.

The man who falls out with his work has served notice on his employer that henceforth he is not going to do his best. Our Master has as much right to our cheerfulness as to our strength. He sees every penny that goes into his treasury, and at the same time he looks into the face of the giver to read his feelings. He loves those who give cheerfully, and he loves those who are happy in their work.—Central Baptist.

For the Alabama Baptist. In the Carey.

Our district meeting was held at Providence church, near Hackneyville. Preachers present: W. T. Davis, J. R. Conger, and his venerable father, and J. J. McCord, Alex. Allen, Bro. Howell and the writer. Quite a number of other brethren were also present. Pastor Conger was active and successful in his efforts to make the meeting a success. Bro. Conger was made moderator, and Bro. J. J. Smith, clerk of the circuit court, was promoted to clerk of the meeting. The published program was discussed by the preachers and by Bro. Smith and others. The subjects, "Importance of prayer" and "The preacher's dependence on the Holy Spirit," elicited special interest. The meeting closed on Sunday with a profitable Sunday-school mass meeting and a doctrinal sermon by Rev. W. T. Davis, evangelist and co-pastor of the Carey. Providence church is in a good community, and has such helpful members as brethren Gilbert, Jones, Vernon and many others, with some good women who labor with

being lacking to make the meeting the complete success which it was pronounced to be by many was our confidently expected. It seems to me that our preachers do not get together often enough in consulting over the Lord's work. I got the idea from what I saw in Wilmington that the success of the States' work in some of our states is largely the result of earnest, loving co-operation and sympathy among pastors.

Brethren B. F. Luker, W. H. Howell and J. R. Conger were elected as committee to arrange for the next meeting of this district in 1898. C. J. BENTLEY, Ashland.

For the Alabama Baptist. In Coosa River Association.

Our fifth Sunday meeting convened at Tallahassee church, Talladega county, of which Rev. A. A. Hutto is pastor. Bro. Hutto was elected moderator, and the writer clerk.

The topics discussed were such as these: The relation of Christians to society; The Christian's work in the Sunday-school; Temperance; Is it profitable to be a Christian in this life? The responsibility of the pastor; The responsibility of church members.

Brethren Solley, Calloway, Woodward and Austin did the preaching.

It was decided that each church with 50 members or less shall be entitled to two delegates to the fifth Sunday meeting, and those with more than 50 members shall be entitled to four delegates.

Resolution of thanks to the church and community for hospitality was adopted. Every one joined in singing, "God be with you till we meet again," and we adjourned to meet with Fayetteville church on the fifth Sunday in August next. The presence of God in our meeting was quite manifest. E. HORN, Clerk.

For the Alabama Baptist. Pike County Preachers' Mtg.

Our Pike county Baptist preachers' confab on the 4th inst. proved a delightful affair. The attendance was good and the interest was fine. We were sorry for the absentees. We came together without a program, elected officers, read a Psalm, had prayer, then called on every brother present to state what subjects he would like to have the conference consider during the day. From the list of subjects thus made we determined by vote which subject should be considered first, which second, and so on till time to begin to shape up business for adjournment. Toward the close of the day it was resolved to make the institution permanent. The next session opens in Troy Baptist church at 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday the 8th of next month; program to be made after we come together, and the meeting to last one day, or longer, if the body may please. It will be decided at that session whether the regular meetings shall occur monthly or at longer intervals. The white Baptist ministers residing or having pastorates in the county are invited to attend. Free entertainment will be furnished by friends of the cause in the city.

The meetings are not for the public. They are meant merely to give ministers an opportunity to compare views privately and informally. Several brethren who are not ministers, but are in close sympathy with ministers in their aspirations and trials, attended the recent session and received a hearty welcome. A. B. CAY, President.

Appointments of Rev. G. S. Anderson Institutes to be Held.

Six Mile, Bibb Co., July 4th to 9th. Shiloh, Lamar Co., July 11th to 16th.

Bethel, Clay Co., July 18th to 23d. Alexander City, August 1st to 6th. Program for institute at Six Mile will be printed next week. Those wishing to hold institutes during the year should write us. Others have been arranged for, but dates have not been given.

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The missionaries have been the world's greatest benefactors.

Where really saving faith exists there cannot be wilful sinning. As worlds are made of atoms so great experiences are made up of little incidents.







