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CANDIDATES FOR THE SUPREME COURT.

The following sketches we have

prepared with great care out of such

material as was available, and now

give them to our readers as infor-

mation. Much more might be said

in commendation of these gentle-

men, but our purpose is simply to

give facts and history in a totally

impartial manner. Any inaccura-

cies will be cheerfully corrected.

THOMAS NICHOLAS MCLELLAN

Is a candidate for the office of Chief

Justice of our Supreme Court. He

was born in Limestone county, in

this state, in the '50's. He received

his literary education at Oak Hill

Academy, where he graduated in

1879, and began the practice of his

profession in Athens the same year.

In 1874-5 he was Register in Chancery

for Limestone county, and in 1880

was elected to the State Senate

from the district composed of Lime-

stone and Lauderdale. He served

until 1884, when he was elected

Attorney-General, to which office

he was re-elected in 1886, and again

in 1888. As Attorney-General,

Judge McClellan was a success,

ranking with his illustrious pre-

decessors.

In 1889 Governor Seay, under an

act increasing the number of Justices,

appointed Judge McClellan to the

Supreme bench, and in 1892 he

was elected to the same office by the

people, and is now the senior

Associate Justice. He is a fine

lawyer, an eminent judge, a close

student, and has made a successful

and satisfactory career. He is thor-

oughly qualified for this high sta-

tion.

THOMAS WILKES COLEMAN

Who also stands for Chief Justice,

and who is now one of the Associate

Justices, is a native of Greene

county, this state. His early edu-

cation was under Dr. Henry Tat-

ter, at Greene Springs, where

whom Alabama never had a super-

ior as an educator. From here he

went to Princeton, where he grad-

uated in 1853, and two years after-

wards he was licensed to practice

law by the Supreme Court of this

state. He served during the Con-

federate war, until severely wound-

ed at the battle of Missionary

Ridge, as an officer; and was a

member of the Constitutional Con-

vention at Montgomery in 1865. He

was elected Solicitor of the fifth cir-

cuit, but was removed under recon-

struction acts in 1868. In 1878 he

was appointed to the same office

by Gov. Cobb, and in 1880 was elected

by the legislature for six years, in

1887 he was appointed by Gov.

Seay Chancellor of the South-

western Chancery Division, and shortly

thereafter was appointed to the of-

fice of Associate Justice of the Su-

preme Court. In 1892 was elected

one of the Associate Justices of the

Supreme Court, receiving the high-

est vote cast, which office he now

holds. We know Judge Coleman;

we were boys together, went to the

same school, (Greene Springs) and

were partners in law in 1860. He

is a lawyer of splendid ability, log-

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true, tried and fearless. He is a

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"God tests obedience by requiring patience." This declaration may not be fully appreciated unless prayerfully analyzed and applied, and yet it is true. There are various tests in Christian life. Cain and Abel presented their offerings, which were a test, in a measure, of their sincerity and purpose. Hannah, dedicating little Samuel to the service of God, told the secret of her convictions and her devotion. Jonathan exhibited his true friendship for David by self-sacrifice. He imperiled his life to preserve his friend. Here was a perfect pattern of friendship. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." But patience, under difficulties stern and inflexible, brings out the pure gold of Christian character. Who was more patient than Noah? For one hundred and twenty years, amid the jeers and scoffings of a wicked and gainsaying generation, he held fast to his faith in God. Each day brought him to his work. Each day strengthened his faith, because he was obeying the commands of God. He worked and waited. He illustrated by his patience that a religion that is worth anything can stand the strain of common-place, every-day life and relations. The man who cannot be godly at home and in business cannot be godly anywhere. Was it necessary to ask whether Noah believed in God? Come and see. There he is, day in and day out, working away at the ark. Enough. Religion is obedience. While the old Patriarch may keep silence, his ark tells the story. All through those years of patient toil, obedience was linked with his efforts. The ages have been taught in this example a three-fold truth: "God requires faith in his Word; requires active obedience as the expression of the faith; and God requires patient persistence in the active obedience."

This illustration of patience, coupled with obedience, should be a comfort and encouragement to faithful pastors. They work and preach to their congregations, and long to see a gathering of souls into their churches, and are disappointed. They pray over it, and perhaps become discouraged, and then begin to consider a change of pastorate while the good work is going on. Noah did not become impatient. One

act is not evidence of faith fixed and steadfast; it is seen in a series of acts, a long-continued series, best seen in a whole life. We close by asking you to read Rom. 5:3, 4; Tim. 3:10; Matt. 18:26-29; Jas. 5:7, 10, 11; Rom. 8:25; Heb. 10:36. Here the law of patience is definitely defined, from which we should learn the Lord's will.

This year the people of Alabama will be called upon to elect five Supreme Court Judges, whose term of office will be six years. That our readers may know who are the candidates, we have prepared a short sketch of each, which will be found on our front page. This is the most responsible and important tribunal in the state. Into the hands of these men is committed the construction of the constitution and the laws, and they will pass upon the rights of persons and property. It is the court of last resort. Their decisions are final. Hence the very wisest, purest and best men should be chosen. Personal friendship or political affiliation should not overshadow qualifications. Men of the highest type of moral character should be sought—high-minded men.

As a religious newspaper, having the best interests of the commonwealth at heart, we regard it a sacred duty to inform our readers upon great civic matters, as well as vital religious questions. We want good government, and to secure this, we must have honest, competent, moral and faithful officials. Hence every candidate should be subjected to the most rigid criticism, whether he aspires to the highest office or the most humble. When a man asks the people to elect him to an office, he may expect his character to be sifted, and if there be found a spot or blemish, his antagonists will expose it. Pure, efficient, fearless officers will give us an honest administration and good government. Let each voter, therefore, thoroughly scrutinize and investigate the competency and character of every aspirant before he gives him his support.

REV. C. S. BLACKWELL, D. D., Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of the South, addressed the local unions of Montgomery, four in number, on Sunday last at the First Baptist church. The lecture room was comfortably full. Much interest was manifested throughout the entire address. He outlined in a very telling manner the line of work for each Union, emphasizing the central thought—Bible study. To this we most heartily agreed. The very basal rock upon which the Union must stand is a more thorough knowledge of God's Word for our young people. A second strong point is, every Union owes allegiance to the church to which it belongs. It is a part and parcel of the church, and hence should make reports at least quarterly to the church conference. The union is designed as a helper to the church in equipping its young members for church work.

Dr. Blackwell is a forceful speaker. It makes one feel proud of being a Baptist when he recounts so many important works which God had given the Baptists to do in taking the lead. His visit amongst us has been an inspiration, and will, we are sure, kindle afresh a love and enthusiasm in the work. The unions in Montgomery are doing a progressive work.

WE CALL especial attention to the address of Bro. Preston in this issue. He means business. If the pastors in the counties mentioned will at once give the matter their best efforts and make known the program, and set about organizing their churches for such work, a lively interest will soon be felt. Let no one wait for some one else to start the work.

Pale people need iron to color their blood. Give us live, active pastors and we will have a correspondingly live membership.

THE NEW YORK World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1898 has reached us. It contains 568 pages, about 500 of which are devoted to the almanac and all kinds of information about railroads, banks, gold and silver and paper money, population, labor, commerce, agriculture, and almost any other subject about which one might wish to get important facts. Send 25 cents to the World Almanac, Pulitzer Building, New York.

Tuskaloosa association will hold a Sunday-school convention with the church at Woodstock on Jan. 29 and 30. As this association has held a number of conventions of like kind, we suppose the good effects are encouraging. Let every other association follow the example.

Seek the things which are above.

FIELD NOTES.

We received a pretty printed program of the dedicatory services of Emmanuel Baptist church at Alexandria, La., Jan. 16. Dr. Tichenor, of the Home Mission Board, was to preach the sermon.

It is announced in the papers that the Baptists of Etowah, Blount and Marshall counties have decided to establish a college at Walnut Grove, in Etowah, and that the buildings are to be completed by Sept. 1st next.

The Tusculum Dispatch says that the Baptist church of that city has secured as pastor Rev. Ray Fleming, of East Tennessee. He had conducted a series of meetings there, and the members became attached to him.

Rev. F. L. Wimberly, of Shorterville, was called to the pastorate of Southside church, Eufaula, and began work there on Sunday, Dec. 19. The members have great hope that the church will prosper and be highly useful in the Master's service.

Dr. W. Stephens Tucker has accepted the pastorate at Clifton, S. C., and enters at once upon his work. It will be remembered that Dr. Tucker recently came to the Baptists from the Presbyterians.

We wish him most abundant success in his new field.

Prof. McVey, principal of the South Alabama Baptist Institute at Thomasville, Clarke county, died last week of pneumonia. Prof. McVey has been a laborious and successful teacher, and his death is a serious loss, not only to his family, but to the school.

I. N. Langston, Elba, Jan. 10: I am pleasantly located here. I have accepted the call to Clintonville also, and will preach for them once a month. Bro. Preston was with me yesterday at Clintonville, and preached two excellent sermons. He will visit us at Elba on the 13th.—The field in this part of the state is indeed "white unto harvest," and we need many faithful workers in the Lord's vineyard.

The State Mission Board of South Carolina asks the Baptists of that state for \$12,500 for State Mission work this year. The largest and the smallest amounts asked of the associations are \$500 from each of two associations and \$50 from one other. Of the others the amounts run from \$300 down to \$150. This is for State Missions only. Rev. T. M. Bailey, who will be in the present, which was encouraging. China being the subject for the meeting, much of interest was told and read about the country and the people. A letter from Miss Willie Kelly at Shanghai, also her photograph, highly delighted the little ones. Oh! what a beautiful sight, when the offerings for China were made. Each child had a mite box, and one at a time walked forward, placed his or her box on the table, and stated the amount of money and how 'twas earned. Some had carried wood, some fed the stock, some "rocked the baby to sleep for mamma," and so in various ways they had made their money for the Christmas offering, which amounted to \$10.37.—May this encourage some sister to undertake the work of a Sunbeam Band. Oh! let us teach the children to give gladly into the Lord's treasury.

J. W. Mitchell, Harrisburg: The church at Mt. Gilead, Perry county, has been for some years progressing slowly. Rather, it did look sometimes that the Spirit had been withdrawn. Fourteen months ago I was called to the pastorate there. I found the membership very much disorganized, some of them did not even speak to each other, nor attend church. One of the mainstays of the church, a deacon Stewart, was bed-ridden and afterwards died.

Greenville: Unusual attendance at all services during the past weeks; weather unfavorable, too. Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Cobb.

D. D. Hughes, Lebanon: I see that my subscription was up Sept. 25. I enclose to you my check for \$1.60. The extra ten cents will pay interest. Why have you not sent a dun before this?—[You see, brother, when your subscription expired, and for sometime afterward, it was all we could do to dodge yellow fever microbes and publish the paper; and when that was over there were other matters that needed attention. We appreciate the ten cents "interest."

Sometimes a brother, when he subscribes for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, will say, "Stop the paper when the time is out," and now and then a subscriber will write us to discontinue the paper at the end of the time for which he has paid. We repeat what we have heretofore said, that we cannot employ a clerk to go through our book and keep up with such cases. The easiest and surest way is for the subscriber to write us just as his time expires and notify us that he wishes the paper discontinued. Agents and subscribers will please bear this in mind.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Cobb.

Bro. Cahall preached Sunday morning; text, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Evening sermon by pastor Hubbard on "Church Discipline." Announcement was made in the different pulpits that all would have the opportunity to hear an address by Dr. Blackwell, Secretary Southern B. Y. P. U., Monday evening, Jan. 17. Our people anticipate a treat.—As a stimulus to the entire church, and in addition to the already active Sunday-school, a Home Department has been organized and a house-to-house canvass will be made this week. Superintendent Powell expects great things.

Rev. J. B. Appleton, of Collinsville, in sending his renewal, uses the opportunity to write us a most readable letter, which we would be pleased to publish, though not so intended, if we had space for it. He tells us that one of his brothers was perhaps fatally ill with a stroke of paralysis. Also that he celebrated that day, the 13th inst., forty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, by renewing for the ALABAMA BAPTIST. He has been a reader of the paper through all these years, and can't well do without it. Bro. A. pays a tender tribute to Dr. D. I. Purser, whom he knew personally. The last we wrote of this paper in the Whitesett matter, and his sincere hope that its columns will continue in the future to be filled with subjects of greater importance.

Judging from the number of programs of fifth Sunday-meetings to be held the last of this month, we are encouraged to believe that brethren mean work for the year. It is a good sign and augurs well for our people.

Every brother or sister who can attend these meetings do so. Let us be helping hand. Work, earnest work, is the watch-word. How delighted we would be to present a list of them; but this is impossible. Be assured our prayers will be for you. Now, brethren, don't forget to encourage the people to take part. Ask for new subscribers and renewals at every meeting.

J. H. Wallace, Salem: I have been called again to the foreword churches that I served last year, and that I will continue in the same field.—At Union Grove we have six baptismal services, making an increase of about twenty young converts. The church gave more missions last year than it had for some time, and has paid the pastor, and subscribed more for this year than it was asked to pay. They contribute monthly to missions, also some to their pastor. We had a comfortable house of worship and enjoyed it yesterday for the last time a pleasant service, as it was destroyed by fire in the afternoon. Benches, chairs, books, lamps, etc., were saved. No insurance. If any are willing to help us, as individuals or churches, send contributions to me, at Salem. Yes, times are said to be hard, but Christ says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you." Remember us in prayer.

Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Demopolis: Sunday afternoon, Jan. 9, the Sunbeams of the Baptist church here had a most interesting meeting. The occasion was the Christmas offering for China. About fifteen bright, joyous little faces greeted the Leader promptly at 3 o'clock.

Number of older people present, which was encouraging. China being the subject for the meeting, much of interest was told and read about the country and the people. A letter from Miss Willie Kelly at Shanghai, also her photograph, highly delighted the little ones. Oh! what a beautiful sight, when the offerings for China were made. Each child had a mite box, and one at a time walked forward, placed his or her box on the table, and stated the amount of money and how 'twas earned. Some had carried wood, some fed the stock, some "rocked the baby to sleep for mamma," and so in various ways they had made their money for the Christmas offering, which amounted to \$10.37.—May this encourage some sister to undertake the work of a Sunbeam Band. Oh! let us teach the children to give gladly into the Lord's treasury.

J. W. Mitchell, Harrisburg: The church at Mt. Gilead, Perry county, has been for some years progressing slowly. Rather, it did look sometimes that the Spirit had been withdrawn. Fourteen months ago I was called to the pastorate there. I found the membership very much disorganized, some of them did not even speak to each other, nor attend church. One of the mainstays of the church, a deacon Stewart, was bed-ridden and afterwards died.

Greenville: Unusual attendance at all services during the past weeks; weather unfavorable, too. Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Cobb.

D. D. Hughes, Lebanon: I see that my subscription was up Sept. 25. I enclose to you my check for \$1.60. The extra ten cents will pay interest. Why have you not sent a dun before this?—[You see, brother, when your subscription expired, and for sometime afterward, it was all we could do to dodge yellow fever microbes and publish the paper; and when that was over there were other matters that needed attention. We appreciate the ten cents "interest."

Sometimes a brother, when he subscribes for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, will say, "Stop the paper when the time is out," and now and then a subscriber will write us to discontinue the paper at the end of the time for which he has paid. We repeat what we have heretofore said, that we cannot employ a clerk to go through our book and keep up with such cases. The easiest and surest way is for the subscriber to write us just as his time expires and notify us that he wishes the paper discontinued. Agents and subscribers will please bear this in mind.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Cobb.

Bro. Cahall preached Sunday morning; text, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Evening sermon by pastor Hubbard on "Church Discipline." Announcement was made in the different pulpits that all would have the opportunity to hear an address by Dr. Blackwell, Secretary Southern B. Y. P. U., Monday evening, Jan. 17. Our people anticipate a treat.—As a stimulus to the entire church, and in addition to the already active Sunday-school, a Home Department has been organized and a house-to-house canvass will be made this week. Superintendent Powell expects great things.

Rev. J. B. Appleton, of Collinsville, in sending his renewal, uses the opportunity to write us a most readable letter, which we would be pleased to publish, though not so intended, if we had space for it. He tells us that one of his brothers was perhaps fatally ill with a stroke of paralysis. Also that he celebrated that day, the 13th inst., forty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, by renewing for the ALABAMA BAPTIST. He has been a reader of the paper through all these years, and can't well do without it. Bro. A. pays a tender tribute to Dr. D. I. Purser, whom he knew personally. The last we wrote of this paper in the Whitesett matter, and his sincere hope that its columns will continue in the future to be filled with subjects of greater importance.

Judging from the number of programs of fifth Sunday-meetings to be held the last of this month, we are encouraged to believe that brethren mean work for the year. It is a good sign and augurs well for our people.

Every brother or sister who can attend these meetings do so. Let us be helping hand. Work, earnest work, is the watch-word. How delighted we would be to present a list of them; but this is impossible. Be assured our prayers will be for you. Now, brethren, don't forget to encourage the people to take part. Ask for new subscribers and renewals at every meeting.

Notes from Secretary Bledsoe.

The board has assigned to me as a field for evangelistic labor, when not otherwise officially engaged, the churches along the line of the L. & N. R. R. from Montgomery to Talladega on the Southern, and from Childersburg to Talladega, I am arranging for a tour of a part of this territory at once. Have been to Jemison and Clanton, at both of which points I had a most pleasant and profitable service.

The churches from many parts of the state are responding liberally to my appeal for immediate help for our work. If the churches will continue to send forward with promptness, the needed help will soon be given. Now, brethren, if you have not already done so, let me beg you to take a special collection for State missions at once. Just a little extra effort now will put us where we can undertake an enlarged work.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Cor. Sec'y.

For the Alabama Baptist.

To the Baptists of Southeast Alabama.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: In entering upon my second year as your Secretary, I feel the need of your sympathy, prayers and co-operation. I also feel that it is exceedingly important that we should understand each other. There are two phases of the work to which I desire to give special attention.

First, I want to make an earnest effort to have all the destitutions in my territory supplied. Now, brethren, if you know of any destitution, please notify me at once.

Second, I want to be as helpful to all the churches and preachers as possible. There are a large number of churches in Southeast Alabama which could be greatly helped by an all-day service, or a kind of missionary rally, in which the preachers of the surrounding communities should take part, and discuss such subjects as Temperance, Sabbath-schools, Support of pastors, Duties of pastors and deacons, The importance of reading the ALABAMA BAPTIST and Mission Journal, and above all, Our duty to preach the gospel to every creature.

I find it a good plan to invite the singing classes with their note books, and spend the day praying, preaching and singing.

Now, brother, if your church feels the need of such a meeting as this, please notify me, so that I may include it in my list of appointments. If you fail to notify me, and your church is left out, please don't accuse me of partiality. I shall try to visit every church in the following counties from which I receive an invitation, viz.: Macon, Russell, Bullock, Barbour, Pike, Dale, Henry, Geneva, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Butler, Conecuh.

With churches in Florida along the line, which co-operate with our State Board. In writing, please give the name of your church, association and county, together with the names and post office of your clerk and pastor. Fraternally,

A. J. PRESTON.

Newton, Ala.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Young People's Work.

The Secretary for the Young People's Union for the State of Alabama is now sending out letters to the different pastors relating to the Union work, to which he hopes prompt attention will be given; if not, there is only one conclusion to reach, and that is, that those who should not have the proper interest in the work. If the pastors and the leaders of the Unions do not manifest the proper interest, the work cannot succeed; and it will be useless for a few to be wasting time on it. I asked once for the different pastors and leaders to send me a communication in regard to their Union, and received only one reply. I naturally concluded that very few pastors carefully read their state paper. Now I am, as far as possible, writing to each pastor individually to see what effect this will have, and I do earnestly request that they give attention. Your secretary and executive cannot do this work without your help, and to make anything of a show and have anything of a meeting in July, you must help us. So please get to work in earnest and help us. Answer the letter at once, and if you have a Union, and all about its work, and how many members. Awaiting with anxiety to see what interest you are taking in this work, I am fraternally,

L. W. TERRILL, Sec'y.

Birmingham, Ala.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Bro. Metcalf's Churches.

Our Sunday-school had a beautiful Christmas tree, and the pastor and his wife and children all received valuable presents. I want to tell the kind friends that we appreciate them all very much indeed. Our Sunday-school is one of the best. Others are larger, but our town is small, and yet our school numbers more than one hundred; and the interest could not be surpassed. Prof. Thigpen, our superintendent, knows exactly how to manage the school. He can do more by the snap of his finger than many others could do with their best efforts. The teachers are all wide awake to duty, and are earnest, consecrated men and women. We have good congregations at preaching services, and the prayer meeting is doing well.

The prospects at Seairight and Hephzibah are also bright. The former numbered only six members six months ago, but now it has

twenty-six, and the church is well organized.

Please tell Bro. Bledsoe to send an appointment to preach at Brantley, and he shall have a good attendance both from the town and the surrounding country. It will help the mission cause.

A. B. METCALF, Brantley, Jan. 7.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Prohibition Ticket.

Rev. Wm. D. Gay, of this city, has notified the people of Alabama, through the Advertiser, that the Prohibition party (of which he is Secretary of the Executive Committee) will put out a state, county and city ticket on the following platform. He earnestly requests you not to give your promise to any candidate until you give the Prohibition party a chance:

1. We stand for upright, honorable men for all offices.
2. We stand for the enforcement of all laws.
3. We stand for the free vote and the fair count of every citizen.
4. We stand for the best educational legislation.
5. We stand for the ultimate abolition of the manufacture and sale of liquor as a beverage.

Those in sympathy with this platform will please let him know it.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At Evergreen.

Our work has opened up nicely since the holidays. Our Sabbath-school was larger yesterday than for some months past. There were present about 130. Our congregation was as usual. Our young men's prayer meeting is well attended, and is growing in numbers and interest.

We have been doing much in our B. Y. P. U. work, but we look for a fresh impetus in the work after the anticipated visit of Bro. Blackwell on the 18th inst.

Our regular church prayer-meetings are well attended by the young people of the town.

Our new Methodist pastor, Rev. Mr. Hamilton, is at his post, and promises to prove quite an accession to our Christian forces. He is a godly man, and we give him a hearty welcome.

We still have with us our beloved Bro. Carter Helm Jones, of Broadway church, Louisville, Ky. He is recuperating, and his wife and son have joined him. We are all very much in love with him and his amiable wife also, and would wish to keep them with us. One has to know Carter Helm to fully appreciate him. We are trying to induce him to give us one of his inimitable lectures, and hope to succeed, as the ladies of our church have the matter in hand.

Everything considered, the Christians of Evergreen are very hopeful things for God next year, and are expecting greater things from him.

S. P. LINDSKY, Jan. 10.

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For the Alabama Baptist.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Of the Alabama Association will convene with Siloam church, Crenshaw county, Friday before the fifth Sunday in January.

1. What is the distinction between the soul and the spirit of man? M. J. Burns, E. J. Hancock.

2. Is the doctrine of eternal and particular election taught in the Bible? If so, by whom practiced? L. H. Helmes, S. T. Kelly.

3. What is it to sin against the Holy Ghost? E. M. Andrews, J. E. Helmes.

4. Is it right for Baptist churches to engage in church fairs and church suppers for the purpose of raising money? W. P. McQueen, J. W. Holloway.

5. How can we better enlist our members in more active church work? J. A. Rhodes, J. C. Ronton.

6. Explanation of John 10:1, 2, 3; J. M. Carter, J. H. Sexton.

7. Is it Scriptural for members of Baptist churches to contribute to missions? C. E. Morgan, E. L. Harrison.

8. Did God through Christ make it obligatory on church members to wash feet? If so, when and where must they do it? J. M. Stephens, J. S. Brunson.

T. T. DORRIS, Chairman.

JOSEPH KIERCE, Secretary.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Sketch of the Life of Rev. Thos. McDonough Barbour.

Dear Bro. Editor: The following sketch of the life of my lamented friend, requested by his family several months since, has been delayed by circumstances beyond my control.

Thomas McDonough Barbour was born near Hickman, Tuskaloosa county, Ala., on the 4th of February, 1830. By the removal of his father, he was brought to the city when about two years old, and here grew up to manhood. In 1846, when 16 years old, he joined a company of volunteers from Tuskaloosa and Mobile, enlisting for three months in the Mexican war. William H. Platte, of Mobile, was elected their captain, and the company was mustered into service by Hon. C. C. Langdon, of Mobile.

On their arrival in Mexico, the company was attached to the 5th regiment, Louisiana volunteers, commanded by Col. Bailey Peyton. They went as far as Matamoros, and at the expiration of their term returned to Mobile and were discharged. After a short visit to his home, he re-enlisted "for five years, or the war." With his newly organized company, commanded by

Capt. John D. Marrast, of Mobile, he landed at Vera Cruz, and participated in the series of marches, battles and victories that culminated in the capture of the City of Mexico, and in the conquered peace.

When he came back home after the close of the war, he was employed as clerk and salesman in the mercantile house of Chancellor & Shelton, and in that capacity rendered them efficient service for twelve years. In the midst of these years, on March 5th, 1851, he was happily wedded to Miss Caroline Atkins, of Northport, who has so lovingly and so faithfully stood beside him beneath the weight of life's burdens and toils. Rev. Asa Van Hoose, then pastor of the Tuskaloosa Baptist church, officiated in their marriage ceremony.

In 1858 he was, on a profession of his faith in Christ, baptized by Rev. Reuben Dodson into the fellowship of the Northport Baptist church. This was an epoch in his life that marked a great change. His friends took knowledge of him that he had been with Jesus. He was inspired with the high and holy purpose of doing good, and was thenceforward an active, earnest, useful Christian.

In April, 1862, he was elected captain of a volunteer company just formed, and entered the Confederate service. This became Company D, 43d Alabama regiment. He was a faithful, kind-hearted officer, greatly endeared to his men, whom he valiantly led at Missionary Ridge, Chickamauga and several other of the bloodiest battles of the war. He richly earned the promotion accorded to him when he was made major of the 43d regiment, of his new office.

While at home on furlough in 1864, the Northport church, basing their action on reports of the religious services conducted by him in the army and on those they had now witnessed, called a presbytery consisting of Revs. A. A. Spiller, J. P. Thompson and J. M. Chism, to examine him for ordination to the full functions of the gospel ministry. The presbytery being present with the church, and all being satisfied with the propriety of the course suggested, proceeded, on the 4th of September, 1864, solemnly to induct him into the holy office.

The work of grace which had been progressing in Lee's army before he left a virgin had continued to enlarge. On his return he entered with new zeal into the religious services of his comrades, often conducting the exercises of prayer and song and preaching in the dark, cold trenches of Petersburg until a few weeks before the close of the siege. Then his health utterly failed, and he was sent home sick.

While loving hands ministered to him here, the last sad wail of our expiring cause went out from Appomattox, and the moaning wires, shuddering under the burden of their message, told of Lee's surrender.

New and hard problems now confronted thousands of poor, discharged soldiers. The gateways to compensative occupation seemed closed up. The scant supplies of the country were threatened. The spoiling of the victors had begun. Dark days had dimly dawned, and brought but little light and hope. The drear, uncertain battles of reconstruction were thrust upon us. Discouragements loomed up ominously and cast their dense and dismal shadows on every enterprise. Heroically he set himself to the task of providing an honorable support for a growing family. Cheerful, hopeful, trusting in God, he persistently pressed forward to the accomplishment of this object. This done, one of his highest pleasures was to extend a liberal hospitality to his friends. Often, in his house, I have been impressed with his filial reverence for his aged father, who, in his declining years found a home of gladness under the roof of this dutiful son.

Meanwhile he did not neglect to study and to preach the gospel, always so dear to himself. His gifts were quickly recognized, and his services were held in demand. He was sought after for pastoral work, and within the thirty-four years he was at different times the honored pastor of about one-fourth of the churches of the Tuskaloosa Baptist Association. One year, (and I think longer) of this time, he was the laborious and efficient missionary of this body, enduring great exposure and performing arduous work.

He was a Master Mason, and pronounced faithful. He was a devoted

husband, a loving father, a kind neighbor, an enterprising and useful citizen. He represented Tuskaloosa county in the legislature of 1892-4.

Rev. T. M. Barbour belonged to that class of men usually denominated "self-made." The endowments of a nature and of grace are apt to determine how well they are made. He was gifted with a clear, quick, active mind and a wonderful retentive memory.

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For the Alabama Baptist

Fifth Sunday Meeting

With Central Ridge church Carlowville.

Friday, 11 a. m.: Sermon, A. J. Dickinson.

2:30 p. m.: Missions. 1. Are the heathen saved without the gospel? J. M. Fortune and T. E. Whaley. 2. Has mission work in foreign lands been a success? J. J. Kendrick, Law Lamar. 3. Do we have New Testament authority for carrying on mission work through a body of men known as the board? W. A. Parker, sr., J. W. Bailey.

7 p. m.: Sermon, by J. L. Kendrick.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m.: Devotional exercises; Henry Yates.

10 a. m.: What should be the attitude of Christians toward worldly amusements? W. A. Parker, jr., J. R. Crumpton.

11 a. m.: Sermon, by D. W. Ramsey.

2:30 p. m.: Devotional exercises, by E. L. Stewart.

3 p. m.: Duty of a pastor to his people; D. B. Edwards, Paul Carson.

4 p. m.: Duty of church members to their pastor; J. L. Kendrick, H. S. D. Mallory.

7 p. m.: Sermon, by J. M. Fortune.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m.: Sunday-school. 1. All the church in the Sunday-school; F. M. Stilwell, E. L. Stewart. 2. All the Sunday-school for the church; T. E. Whaley, O. A. Coleman.

11 a. m.: Sermon, by W. A. Parker, sr.

7 p. m.: Sermon.

J. B. POWELL.

I. A. WHITE.

J. F. SAVELL.

Committee.

Major Walsh, administrator of the Yukon district, has reported to the government at Ottawa that he has put a tax of \$2 per gallon on all whiskey carried into that district. If this did not prevent the importation he would increase the tax. All liquor drinkers who are meditating a trip to the Klondike must make up their minds to do without their drinks, if Major Walsh is a man of his word.

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vices; six additions to the church.

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ier missionary, the Ladies' Union

having previously sent one valued

at \$35 to the missionary. The new

year opened hopefully for the

church.

Woodland—Pastor preached at

morning service to a good congre-

gation; assisted in ordination ser-

vice of Bro. Logan at East Lake at

a 9th. Bro. Taliaferro, of How-

ard College, supplied pastor's

pulpit at evening service. His sermon

was well enjoyed.

East Lake—Pastor preached at

morning service on "The conditions

of acceptable prayer." At night

Bro. A. A. Logan was ordained to

the ministry, requesting being made

by Mr. Zion church for his ordina-

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Word from Bro. Orr.

Bro. Editor: As a call for other

business cut off any reply to our Big

Brother's discussion of the temper-

ance question, or rather the Prohi-

bition party, at the East Lake con-

vention, I beg to say I did not see

the necessity of arraigning the Pro-

hibition party, if it had been guilty

of the charge. The facts are, wo-

man suffrage was never incorporat-

ed in their platform, but referred

to the states, where it rightfully

belonged whenever agitated. Le-

gitimate inference: rather than the

noble women of our land vote,

better have the nefarious whiskey

traffic fastened on us for all time to

come. Bro. Editor, if I read the

signs of the times aright, the time

is not far in the future when woman

suffrage will prevail, and the li-

censed dram-shops will have moved

out of the United States.

Hartselle. JOHN C. ORR.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Spirituality.

In these days of half-hearted for-

malism, no need of the church is

more urgent than deeper spiritual-

ity. We need a deeper work of

the Holy Spirit.

like Stephen of old, "Full of faith

and the Holy Spirit." We need to

obey the command we find in

Ephesians 5:18, "Be ye filled with

the Spirit." This is a command

that is neglected by a great major-

ity of Christians. If we believe

that Christ came and died for our

sins, why not believe that he came

and lived for them? We must re-

cognize the fact that this is God's

gift through his Son, and not some-

thing that we can receive by any

work of our own. It is impossible

for us to merit it by our own works.

God bestows it only on a consecra-

ted life. If we want to receive it,

we must consecrate our lives to

him. We must get self out of the

way, and submit our whole lives to

him. Consecration is the first thing.

Not consecrate merely to receive

this Spirit, but to get all the diffi-

culties out of the way, and make it

possible for God to bestow it upon

us. We may rest assured of the

fact that he will not bestow his

Spirit upon us until all things are

out of the way.

We cannot consecrate ourselves

to him until we have the faith to

believe that he will fill us with his

Spirit. In order that clay can be

made into a vessel, it must be sub-

ject to the potter's hand. In order

that a Christian can be made a ves-

sel for God's honor, he must be

wholly abandoned to him. We

must give up all choice. We must

be guided by his direction.

The will of God is the most

blessed thing that can come to us

under any circumstances. It does

really seem that a great many of

God's children are more afraid of

his will than almost anything in

life—his perfect will, which only

When we were sinners he lifted

us out of the mire clay; now he is

to seat us in heavenly places with

himself. Each Christian has the

privilege of everything just as soon

as he is converted, but nothing is

really his till by faith he claims it.

According to our faith we receive.

Then, dear Christian, let us try to

receive all that God has promised

us. Let us receive that Spirit.

Then, as Paul said, let us go on to

perfection, whether we ever reach

it or not.

LONGER EMPINGER.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Beautiful Marriage.

Bro. Editor: You should have

been present at the recent marriage

of Miss Annie H. Lloyd, the lovely

daughter of our brother, Rev. J. R.

Lloyd, in the South Side Baptist

church of this city. Leaning upon

the arm of her beloved, Mr. J. E.

Davis, she moved down the aisle to

the altar with the grace and beauty

of a queen, where they were met by

her father, who in choice and feel-

ing words pronounced them man

and wife; whereupon the pastor,

Dr. P. T. Hale, invoked the divine

blessing upon the happy pair. Mr.

Davis is one of the rising business

men of this city, a devout Baptist,

and a man of sterling virtues, all of

which is more than merited by his

gracious woman who becomes his

wife. B. D. GRAY.

For the Alabama Baptist.

At Montevallo.

ALABAMA BAPTIST: In review-

ing our labor in the Master's cause

at this place during the year that

has recently closed, I feel less than

note some things which have not

been altogether satisfactory. On

the other hand, much has been ac-

complished for which I thank God.

I will mention a few of the latter:

"During the time mentioned we

have repainted our house of wor-

ship and put on a new roof; and to

meet the requirements, we have made

quite an addition of handsome new

pews. The church, notwithstanding

these extra expenses, did a good

missionary work, besides paying

the pastor's salary semi-monthly.

We received quite a number who

moving to our town, brought their

letters with them.

In entering upon the work of the

new year we are impressed with

the ever-increasing responsibilities

devolving upon our church; by the

presence of the large number of

young people who have come among

us to attend our Girls' Polytechnic

Institute. In view of these claims

upon us our people have decided to

strive to accomplish more in the

Master's cause than ever before;

and as the result of this resolution,

we are now having preaching ev-

ery Sunday.

We have about three hundred

and fifty girls and young ladies in

the above named school from vari-

ous parts of the state, and we fully

appreciate the fact that if they are

properly cultivated and taught the

truth as it is in Christ Jesus, in the

near future, as they return to their

homes, they shall be as so many

beautiful lights in the various parts

of our dear old Alabama, "holding

forth (in their sweet characters)

the word of life."

M. P. REYNOLDS.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Program.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the

Elim association will meet with

Atmore church, at 7:30 p. m., on

