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## On the Wing. No. 1.

A trip abroad is always contemplated with mingled feelings of pleasure and sadness. Severance from affectionate and familiar associations represents one side of one's recreation, while the prospect of new and animating scenes inspires from the other direction. On this occasion the tedium is largely beguiled by the company of three bright young friends who have just been the recipients of their diplomas, one of whom bore away the first honor of the class, and another of whom shared equally the second honor. This party of four has been spending a few days in New York prior to sailing, in order to get matters into ship-shape. Our tickets are purchased for the entire trip, extending from New York and back, and covering a period of nearly three months. We go straight to London on the first

abundant in buttons, pins, miniature flags, and endless contrivances that keep alive the national feeling, and absorb all the stray currency. From almost every building floats the national flag. Women wear little flags in their belts and hats, and vendors menace every street corner with trays of ingenious and grotesque devices. Show windows are adorned with busts and pictures of Dewey, Samson, Lee and Hobson. Roosevelt is popular in New York. He is known as a heroic, dashing fellow, and it is believed that he and his "Rough Riders" will achieve lasting fame, if only the opportunity is given.

I am somewhat surprised to find business so brisk in the Metropolis. It is said that the excitement of the war has quickened local business, while it is impaired in the outside currents. More money is in circulation in New York than has been for a long time.

But I must not weary your readers with too long a letter. I will write from London, where our party lingers for a season, perhaps more than once.

B. F. RILEY.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Items from West Alabama.

Perhaps a few items from this section of the state during these dull times might be of interest to your readers.

After a protracted drought, deluged with rains have fallen through out all this section. Crops are now looking well, and from a temporal stand point, every prospect pleases.

From a religious stand point the outlook is not so inspiring. While our religious forces are holding their ground, there is little positive aggressive work being done.

Things seem to be at a stand still, and I sometimes think that in this Black-belt country the Baptist cause is rather going backward than forward.

In ante-bellum times this was the stronghold of the Baptists of the state. At that time our strength was mainly in the country.

Now, conditions have changed. Owing to the difficulties attending farming operations many wealthy Baptists lost their property and went away to Texas and elsewhere, thus leaving in ruins many of our strongest Baptist communities.

It is a sad fact that all over this country where were once handsome, happy homes and flourishing Baptist churches, scarcely a trace of them can now be found. They are dispersed abroad and are now doing their work in other fields.

The pedit-Baptists, especially the Episcopalians and Presbyterians, have taken the place of the Baptists in the towns, and in a large measure occupy them still. Having firmly established themselves in these centers of influence, it is an easy matter for them to hold their ground.

A few Baptists who have held their lands and prospered, finding themselves shut off from church and school privileges, are moving into town, and in this way our town churches are gathering some strength. The truth is, in this black-belt country, with a few notable exceptions, the white Baptists have little to hope for in the country, which is now largely occupied by negroes.

Hence it is clear to my mind that our aim should be to develop and strengthen our cause in the towns.

God has greatly blessed our efforts in this direction. In the prosperous towns of Demopolis, Unaloma, Eataw and some others which might be mentioned, where a few years ago our cause was almost extinct, now, through the aid given by our State Mission Board, churches have been re-established, and have become strong factors in those towns, and liberal contributors to the work of missions in the regions beyond.

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Should any one see this who has a mind to help the really deserving I am sure you could not help a more worthy object.

The Bigbee association meets with the New Prospect church, five miles east of Livingston, on Friday before 2d Sunday in September. As the editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST was once a member of this association in its palmy days, I am sure his presence would be an inspiration to us all.

W. G. CURRY.

Livingston, July 8th.

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"A Different Opinion" Endorsed.

Mr. Editor: I read the article from "Virginia" a few weeks ago, and also the article from "Jay H. Bee" in a later issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. I heartily endorse every word of the latter. Yes, by all means keep the Mormons in the road. 'Tis true they appear very Christ-like in conduct, and are meek and affable. These traits coupled with their genteel appearance, have a tendency to win people to them. But let them come in and go out of a community at intervals for a few months, with some encouragement, and one will get more than a surface knowledge of their views. One of them was heard to say, in this community, that in his opinion "The more wives and children a man had on earth the greater would be his reward in heaven."

We have the gospel in its purity and sweetness without any adulteration by Mormonism, and should keep it free from such persons; so let all sting the Mormon elders as they sting the Mormon women, then they will be compelled to go "where the woodbine twines," or go to a hole in the ground.

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A Cheerful Missionary.

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Dear Baptist: It has been some time since I wrote anything for the many friends in Alabama, but I am always praying for them, and it is very encouraging to know they are praying for me.

We are so much encouraged just now in our work. Have established or organized a new church at the East Gate of the city, and will baptize a new member there tomorrow. Will also baptize eight or nine for Old North Gate church. We have been holding a special meeting, and every night ten or twelve arise for prayer.

Last Sunday we ordained a native pastor and two new deacons—one for the North Gate church and one for East Gate.

The work at the out-stations is very hopeful just at this time. The last trip, made to Quin San there were eight earnest enquirers, all women of considerable intelligence and character; four of them are six years old and have worshipped the Goddess of Mercy for many years. Pray with us for them, that they may be established in the faith.

I have done a great work in that city with picture cards among the children, and I hope you will all send some for me to Mrs. W. B. Crumpton, Georgetown, Ky., who will send them to me by Rev. E. F. Tatum when he returns in the autumn.

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simple as you would want to take it. My plan, however, is to take the glasses to the wash bowl, and give them a good soaking in warm water. Then apply soap freely and rub it off by the use of a soft tooth or nail brush. After that give them a polish with any of the usual tooth powders, and then clean them with tissue paper, which is much better for the purpose than amoniac skin or anything else that I know of.

...arks immediately following mislaid him as to the cause of the laughter that followed the ark. We presume he did not know it that way, but that is the way it stands on record.—The Inquirer, Atlanta.

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builds up the shattered nerves  
transforms weak, sickly, nervous, de-  
pendent invalids into happy, healthy wives  
and competent mothers. It fits for wife  
and motherhood. It makes "exam-  
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suggest substitutes for a little addi-  
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a terrible, untroubled, an exhausting dream, constipa-  
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bles. I was told to try Dr. Pierce's Pleasant  
Pill. I tried it, and my health has been fully restored and I thank  
you for it. I am now a well woman to-day. I used  
bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription  
was completely cured."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets

A detailed map of the Gulf of Mexico and surrounding regions. The map shows the coastline of the United States, Mexico, and Central America. Key ports and cities are labeled, including New Orleans, Mobile, and various ports in Mexico and Central America. Shipping routes are indicated by lines with arrows, showing connections between the Gulf and the Atlantic Ocean. The map is oriented with North at the top.

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Southern Cultivator, Atlanta, one  
year, \$2.

With Home and Farm, Louisi-  
ane, \$1 75.

NOT REMOVED.

I have moved my Shoe Shop to Coosa street, opposite First Baptist church where I will be glad to see my friends and customers; who wish Boots and Shoes made or repaired.

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**Clubs.**

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST and the Southern Cultivator, Atlanta, one year, \$2.

With Home and Farm, Louisville, \$1 75.