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BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION OF ALABAMA.—Prof. P. H. Melli, Auburn, President; L. W. Terrill, Birmingham, Secretary and Treasurer.

This is the second Judson issue we have given our readers. It is intended as an appeal for female education. We are encouraged by the statement to us, by President Patrick, that the Judson issue of last year greatly aided him in his canvass.

It is proper to state that both last year and this we offered to the trustees and faculty of Howard College the columns of the paper to get out an issue for that institution. We make this statement to show our people that we are treating both schools alike. We feel a deep interest in Howard College, and would have been pleased to issue a Howard number of the paper. It costs some labor to get out a creditable educational issue in behalf of either of our schools. We believe that incalculable good is accomplished in this way. We treat the Howard will have an issue next year. Be it known that one of the great objects of the ALABAMA BAPTIST is to promote the various enterprises of our denomination as well as to advance the interests of our churches.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

It is a matter of grief to the trustees that so many young ladies who could profit so much by a source of study in the Judson are yet unable to attend because of the lack of funds. Yet the Judson has no funds to help these worthy applicants. The Ayerett Memorial Association has wisely determined to come to the relief of this situation. Yet there might be much more done along this line. There are men and women of means in Alabama who might endow a scholarship in the Judson. Nor need they wait until they die to do this. They might take the Judson into their business now by giving their notes for the amount they may want to invest, and paying the interest annually, so long as they live, and then let the institution collect the principal out of their estate. Thus you can keep the money in your business, and yet carry out your benevolent wishes as regards the education of worthy girls. There ought to be many Scholarships of this nature.

THE ALUMNAE.

One of the crying needs of the Judson is a better and more efficient organization of the Alumnae. There is already a general organization, but there should also be local Alumnae societies in all communities where there are many of the old Judson girls. This would help the dear old college in many ways. Thus they could contribute to the further culture of the character of the college; they could make known her good work by calling attention to those who have already received its benefits, and induce others to enjoy its superior advantages. What an advertisement its alumnae would be! The minds of benevolent men would be turned to it as an opportunity to invest their substance for good. It would promote those pleasant social relations formed at college, and make them contribute to the pleasure of the life of each alumna. How much of the pleasure of life is gotten from such social relations? It is a pity to let a life so rich in power to bestow happiness go to waste. And we trust the time is not far distant when the Judson itself may, through the printed page and its coming extension courses, contribute much to the life of her alumnae. At least an organization of them would hasten this consummation. Let us hear from the daughters of the Judson on this subject.

TO THE PASTORS OF OUR CHURCHES.

The Judson greets the pastors of the Baptist churches of Alabama. She has no truer friends than these men of God. During all these years in which the institution has been growing into maturity and strength, they have extended to her a genuine sympathy and generous help. Her present excellent character as an institution of learning is in a measure the product of their prayers and wholesome influence. Be it said to the praise of these men of God, even though there be now and then a seeming exception, that as a class they have ever sought to conserve the interests of this Baptist enterprise. The wanton iconoclast and hinderer has not been found among them. They have nobly contributed to the forming and equipping of the institution, and presented its superior advantages to those in position to avail themselves of them. Thus the right kind of girls have been brought to the college, on whom the best work was possible. The superiority of the Judson graduate is not a little due to this. The college appreciates these true and tried friends in the pastors of the state, and welcomes every opportunity to reciprocate their good offices.

As co-workers in Christian education you can do great good by making known the superior advantages of the Judson, and inducing the young ladies in your flocks to enjoy its unequalled benefits. You know who these young ladies are. Will you not put them into communication with the president, and encourage them in seeking the priceless blessing of a Christian education at the Judson?

Owing to this being an issue devoted almost exclusively to the Judson, we had to defer till next week the publication of several articles, among which are one each from Mrs. Henry Mellen of Livingston, and Miss Lida B. Robertson, of Mobile, two of our most zealous, devoted and consecrated workers. We hope to print in next issue all articles now on hand.

It will be observed that this issue contains a group of most of the former Presidents of the Judson, and also of the present President. The likenesses are very good. We suggest that our Baptist people frame this picture and give it a prominent place in the home. It is a part of the history of the Judson, and will be a constant reminder of our duty to this institution to send our daughters there.

THE COLLEGE AGE.

When ought a girl to enter on her college course? Of course no iron-clad answer can be given to this question, but we offer the following merely as a suggestion: Let her enter college at fifteen or sixteen, and spend three years. Let her go to the University at eighteen or nineteen and spend two. Let her spend three or four years in society, and get married at twenty-four or five. Five years in school, four in society, and the remainder of her life in wedded felicity. How is that for a program?

TO GIRLS WHO ARE ENGAGED.

The Judson girl usually marries, and the proportion of them that marry well is unusually large. This is not a little due to the fact that the Judsonian character commands itself as genuine and cultured womanhood. They are women of heart, and their love is constant and strong. Every man ought to seek to have his betrothed go to the Judson. Her capacity to love him will richly repay any postponement of the happy era. Young lady, present your intended husband with a Judsonian wife. It will be the best and most lasting bridal present he could receive. Ah, how the happiness of that future home of which you are to be the mistress will be enhanced by such a present.

EDUCATION AS AN INVESTMENT.

Do you wish to make an investment for your daughter? There are many ways in which you may do it. You may buy for her some stocks or bonds, which financial reverses may render worthless, and which will be subject to other vicissitudes of such properties. You may buy for her real estate and entail it, but unless it is wisely managed it may become unproductive and be eaten up in the course of time by taxes. Or you may invest in an education which will increase her capacity to earn a living and harbor whatever of prosperity may come to her in coming years. Also, it will give to her standing in society, so that she can form better relations in life. If she marries, she will probably do better educated than uneducated; if she pursues teaching or any business occupation, her education will contribute to her attaining a higher degree of success. If

you invest in an education it is inalienable, in that it will be a part of herself and be hers so long as she lives. So we conclude that anything you may desire to give your daughter is best invested when put into an education. Is it not good business sense to educate our daughters?

NEWS NOTES AFTER THE WAR.

A body of Spanish troops and some natives had a severe fight in Porto Rico last week. The Spaniards claim that the natives attacked them. It is said that the natives have burned many houses that as a class they have ever sought to conserve the interests of this Baptist enterprise. The wanton iconoclast and hinderer has not been found among them. They have nobly contributed to the forming and equipping of the institution, and presented its superior advantages to those in position to avail themselves of them. Thus the right kind of girls have been brought to the college, on whom the best work was possible. The superiority of the Judson graduate is not a little due to this. The college appreciates these true and tried friends in the pastors of the state, and welcomes every opportunity to reciprocate their good offices.

The Chickamauga camp turned out to be so unhealthy that the troops have been sent elsewhere. It appears that no place is good for a large body of troops to be camped close together. Typhoid fever and dysentery appear after a while.

Hood's regiment of immunes at Santiago are reported as behaving much better than at first. The Alabama immunes there are camped some distance from the city, and write that they are well satisfied.

There is ferment in the 1st and 2d Alabama regiments at Jacksonville, Fla. Most of the men prefer to be discharged, but the officers, who get good pay, want to go to Cuba. Some of them have threatened the men with imprisonment and irons if they signed a petition asking to be discharged. The men say they are willing to fight if needed, but they would prefer not to go to Cuba to do police and scavenger duty when there are so many others who would be willing to remain in the army and do menial service.

The Spanish soldiers are still leaving Cuba for Spain. They are said to be in pitiable condition. Most of Shafter's army have arrived at Montauk Point, Long Island. There is much sickness among them. Gen. Wheeler is in command of the camp.

The latest news from our Alabama regiments is that nine companies of the 2d Alabama will be mustered out shortly at their own request.

REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE JUDSON.

Many fathers and mothers now face the duty of selecting a school for their daughters during the next session. It may help them to decide this question by calling their attention to some reasons for patronizing the Judson.

1. The Faculty is unexcelled by that of any other institution of its kind in the South. The teachers have enjoyed the best advantages in this country and Europe, and are all experienced and skilled educators.

2. The appointments of the Judson are all that could be desired in the way of libraries, gymnasium and laboratories; and the equipments for the departments of Music, Art and Eloquence are unexcelled.

3. The Judson pupils come from the best families of Alabama and other states. Nothing is more important for a young woman of school age than proper environment and companions.

4. The character of the Judson is the product of sixty years of the most painstaking care of the ablest educators, and is conducive to the culture of the noblest womanhood. The Christian spirit reigns in the Judson.

5. Because of the value of a Judson diploma, which is always a guarantee of genuine scholarship. Graduates of the school are in great demand as teachers.

6. Because of its location—the health of the girls has been uniformly excellent. Serious cases of illness have rarely occurred. The delightful climate of Marion furnishes a sure safeguard against the bronchial and pulmonary troubles which are formidable to young persons in places farther north. It has an atmosphere of singular purity and freedom from malarial influences, especially during the autumn, winter and spring months.

7. The terms are moderate for such excellent culture. They are not shaved down to the level of the cheapest schools, but in view of the advantages offered they are a marvel of cheapness.

8. Every provision for the comfort and happiness of the pupil has been made. The Judson is loved as a beautiful Christian home by all her pupils. Former patrons and pupils are most enthusiastic in their praises of the Judson.

THE JUDSON AND THE BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA.

Just sixty years ago some Baptists in this state, in the name and in behalf of their brethren, founded the Judson as an institution through which they might, in a concrete, practical shape, express their interest and exercise their energies in behalf of the higher education of woman. During all these years they have faithfully fostered this plant, and have reason to felicitate themselves upon its great and good work. How many homes have been blessed with cultured wives and mothers from this institution! How many churches have enjoyed the trained talent of women equipped for leadership in woman's work by a course in the Judson! How much better society has been made by the queenly influence and refined and refining demeanor of her daughters! Through the Judson a great benefaction has been made to the uplifting of society in the state and the Southland. This great work of producing an educated womanhood in society is not a large body of troops to be camped close together. Typhoid fever and dysentery appear after a while.

The relation now existing between the denomination and this college is manifold. In the first place, the denomination to-day is the trustee of the results of the labors of those who have wrought in other years. To conserve the highest efficiency of what has already been accomplished is the duty we owe to the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before. To keep in good order its handsome material equipment in grounds and buildings, in library and other furnishings, bequeathed to us in trust by our fathers, is one obligation resting upon us. And to add thereto as need may be of our own substance is a privilege they taught us to value and enjoy, so that in coming generations it may be yet more adequately endowed. In the second place, to preserve and promote that fine character which the moral energies of its benefactors in its long career have wrought into its life, is yet a still higher and more delicate trust. Every educational institution has its own peculiar character, just as each person. It has its own standard of thinking, its own trend of feeling and affection, its own cause of conduct in its peculiar methods and habits. The standard of gentle and cultured womanhood, which dwell first in the character of the Judson and then, we are persuaded, in each of her favored daughters, has been the product of long and painstaking labor, which we are trustees to foster and cultivate in our day and time as did our fathers in theirs. May we be appreciative of this trust, and so true thereto that when we pass it on to another generation it may be yet more rich and pure. Let us not lower the standard of the Judson in either scholarship or gentility, but raise it yet higher, so that coming ages will not look back on us as corrupters of their bequest, but call us blessed because of the rich increment it received while in our hands.

Now the denomination administers this trust, bequeathed by the

benevolently disposed for the benefit of its intended beneficiaries, through a board of trustees or directors it selects from time to time. These are the more immediate guardians of these responsible and delicate interests. They are selected from their brethren because of their peculiar fitness to faithfully discharge the duties of their office in behalf of their brethren. Because without material compensation they bear for us the trust's responsibility, they ought to receive our cordial sympathy and cooperation. Because they devote their time and attention to a close study of its every interest, they ought to receive due deference and consideration at our hands. No trustee, whether he be on the board or one of the brotherhood to select that board, can act arbitrarily without being guilty of a breach of trust. Baptists have need to consider these questions, and if they will only stop to think, they will see the reasonableness of this position. Let us realize that primarily these interests are entrusted to each of us, and our duty in this situation is to help conserve this institution through our agents, the board of trustees. To complete its material equipment, and conserve and promote its character and reputation, is the duty of every Baptist of Alabama. The situation does not admit of wanton iconoclasm, both because there is no need of any, and because the nature of a trust is abhorrent thereto. That our people appreciate these truths, we are glad to say is beyond dispute in the face of their loyal and cordial devotion to this enterprise.

Rev. J. R. Stodghill reported on Aug. 20 that the meeting at Lineville church, Clay county, resulted in 16 accessions and the gracious revival of the church. We will print his article as soon as we can.



Nine Presidents of the Judson.

S. S. Sherman, LL.D. Noah K. Davis, LL.D. A. J. Battle, D.D., LL.D.
M. T. Sumner, D.D. Milo P. Jewett, LL.D. L. R. Gwaltney, D.D.
Robert Frazer, LL.D. S. W. Averett, LL.D. Robert G. Patrick, D.D.
Dr. Jewett was first President of the Judson and Dr. Sherman second. Photographs of two of the former Presidents could not be obtained, viz., President W. G. Nash, who preceded Dr. Battle, and President Rawlings, who preceded Dr. Sumner.

THE JUDSON'S POSITION IN EDUCATION.

The Judson has its peculiar position and function in the world of education. Of course it is not feasible to attempt primary work, because the necessity of constant surveillance and care of parents over their daughters at that age render their absence from home undesirable. But even among young ladies the Judson has its peculiar work. It is not intended as a school primarily for the training of one in a handicraft to be a bread-winner in the industrial world. Of course any woman would be but the more efficient in her industrial art if she had as a basis such a course of liberal learning and training as the Judson offers, and every one who can afford it ought to seek first this course. But industrial skill is not the end specially sought in the Judson, though opportunities in this line are there offered. It is not a technological school, but one of liberal learning in the arts and sciences. It aims to give a broad and deep culture to character of mind and heart. As means to this end it gives the very best culture in languages, sciences, music and art. The mastery of these lines of learning makes one a cultured personality as well as an efficient and skilled expert. To furnish the mind with an adequate stock of the best information commonly cur-

rent among the best informed, to cultivate habits of higher and nobler nature, to refine, purify and intensify the affections and emotions, in a word, to develop every faculty into well-rounded womanhood is the first end sought in this course of training. We would first of all make of your daughter the very best woman of which she is capable, and equip her to appear with ease and grace in society. Thus, whatever station she may assume in life, she will be the more competent to fill it with comfort to herself and usefulness toward others. Thus, in whatever station the vicissitudes of coming years may bring her, she will the better be able to adapt herself to it and pursue life with contentment and success. Should she follow the bent of the great majority of women and seek her happiness as a homemaker, husband and children will be more to her than they otherwise would have been, and she will be a blessing to them in every hallowed relation because of this culture. We would have nobler sons-in-law and grand-children if each parent would thoroughly do his duty toward giving them a cultured wife and mother. Ah, how much happiness hinges on this! What better bequest can you make to your children's children than to give them a cultured mother? Also, in all the social relations in our com-

plicated social life, your daughter's success and capacity to enjoy life largely depend on her education. Her church, her friends will be more to her, and she in return a larger contributor to them because of this training, this Christian culture.

But should your daughter desire to follow some pursuit in the world of art, or become a teacher, or a musician, not only does the Judson give her a better self for her mission, but equips her for her specialty. In competency to prepare one to teach, or pursue a musical course, or to be an artist, the Judson challenges competition. Our literary, scientific, art and musical corps of instructors is selected from the very best in each line, and at much expense. We do not profess to offer the public a cheap article in quality. Our mission is too vitally important to the happiness of our patrons and the weal of human society to permit of this. We want the best results, and hence have gotten the best talent. We offer it to the public at cost, and it is hard to see how anything could be cheaper than that.

P. M. Callaway, Franklinville, Washington county; Rev. J. W. Dickinson, of Ozark, assisted me in our protracted meeting here week before last. Received three by baptism and one by restoration. The number of accessions was small, how much good was done,

THE JUDSONIAN CHARACTER.

We have elsewhere called attention to the fact that each college has its own peculiar character. Let us here set forth some of the most striking characteristics of the Judsonian. First, we would mention its love of the genuine and hatred of sham in everything. Its scholarship is solid, not veneered. There is much veneering done in these days of short-cut methods of education. Boys and girls are taught a limited vocabulary, and to pronounce a few technical terms, and turned out on the public with a blue ribbon as learned in language and science. Now, the Judson does not propose to do this. It will guarantee no one a diploma until well earned. Its scholarship must be genuine. Also, this love for the genuine comes out in the unaffected demeanor of its graduates. The absence of affectation and punctilious mannerisms is especially noticeable in Judson girls. Their manners and deportment are those natural to cultured and refined womanhood. It does not veneer undeveloped, uncultured womanhood with "society manners." In this sense it is not "a finishing-off school." It first cultivates a real, genuine, all-around woman, and then she needs no veneering, but is already finished so that refined and elegant bearing comes naturally to her. Another characteristic of the Judsonian is modesty and simplicity of taste. The love of display, extravagance of dress, excess of jewelry, are not to the Judson taste. Life is to them something more than an advertisement of one's millinery. They leave this last to the dummies in the shop windows. You seldom see the Judson girl among those named in the society column as the "belles at the ball" or latest "function," famed for the latest fashions that she had diamonds and lace. Seldom is her costume more brilliant than her conversation, or her hat more attractive than her head. The costume is selected that it may set off the woman, and not the woman that she may show off the dress. A woman has some nobler mission in society than that of furnishing a back-ground for feathers and flowers. We believe many a father would save money in the curtailment of millinery bills by sending his daughter to the Judson and having her taste disciplined in this matter, so that extravagance in dress would not be essential to her happiness.

But why specify any further? There are over five thousand women in Alabama who are living epistles of what the Judsonian character is, and doubtless some of them are known to each reader, and he can see for himself. They may not be all equally Judsonian, for it requires the finest material to receive the finer touches of that refined womanhood, and sometimes the Judson has had to work on poor material like other colleges. But in proportion to the capacity of each you may read the character of the Alma Mater in her daughter.

A. J. D.

For the Alabama Baptist.
The Power and Importance of a Musical Education.

BY MRS. W. A. KING.

The art of music, like every other fine art, has in it two elements: An outer, or technical, wherein rules, teaching and study are the principal means of progress to a trained intellect; and an inner, the imaginative or musical feeling, which can indeed be strengthened by judicious hearing of music, but which if wanting, cannot be supplied by the teacher or the laws of music. There is no fine art which reflects the activity of the spirit more perfectly than music.

In this age, when music schools are so numerous, concerts so continuous, and when music makes so large a part of general education, especially that of young ladies, it may seem strange to say that the greater part of the work of becoming musically cultivated remains to be done by one's own exertion. In this respect music does not stand apart from other branches of education. Primarily it appeals to the emotional side of our nature—responds to our every mood, lending its aid to interpret thoughts and feelings that would otherwise lack expression.

Many, to whom music is known only under this aspect, fail altogether to realize that in order to appreciate its charms fully we must look at it from another point of view. The beautiful strains which afford so much delight are not the result of mere chance, but have been evolved in accordance with laws as strict as those which govern the periods of the planets. Only by strict attention to the laws of form can the composer hope to render his music intelligible and his work life-giving. Only by patient study of these same laws can we ourselves hope to enter into the composer's mind to receive and understand the deeper meaning of his message. It may encourage us in our study, and stimulate us to fresh exertions, if we consider briefly the patience and perseverance displayed in the production of some

of the musical treasures which have descended to us as a rich legacy, and will remain a precious possession through all time. Beethoven revised and re-revised the subject of a small rondo as carefully as if it had been one of his most important works. On another occasion he is represented to us as ceaselessly humming and gesticulating during a long country ramble, and on his return, raving up and down the key-board of the pianoforte for more than an hour before he could satisfy himself with a subject for the finale of a sonata. His note books, year after year, contain hints of what eventually formed the subject of the Choral Symphony. The same untiring energy characterized the other masters. The development of the art of music has kept pace with the deepening of mental activity in general, so that in these later times when the movement of mind is so much greater than in ancient times, it has come to a period of unprecedented richness and strength. Twenty-five years ago the works of Richard Wagner were considered unmusical. Whereas now they are heard with pleasure by hundreds who flock annually to Bayreuth, where Lohengrin and others of his operas are performed. This shows a decided advance in musical education.

It is with pleasure we recognize the fact that History of Music, sight-reading and harmony are not only taught, but are considered of prime importance to a musical education in our wide-awake schools and colleges. Let all who study music study harmony likewise. The art of improvisation—for it is an art as well as a gift—affords endless pleasure to the skillful harmonist as well as to his hearers; but what shall we say of the sickly performance of the would-be improviser whose consecutive fifths and octaves grate harshly upon the attentive ear? Said good Bishop Beveridge, who could touch an instrument himself, "When music sounds the sweetest in my ears, truth commonly flows the clearest into my mind; and hence it is that I find my soul becoming more harmonious by being accustomed so much to harmony."

Science, literature, mechanical inventions and pictorial art have long since found worthy representatives in our country, whose productions have won an universal recognition for their authors, and given positive proof that American thought and talent stand highly respected by contemporary nations. Effort, progress and achievement have been and always will be strong attributes of American character, and a nation of thinkers and workers who have won for their country a position among the first powers of the earth will in time, as the conditions become more favorable, produce creative artists whose names will take a prominent place in the history of the world's art development. Already we are proud to place the name of our own Dudley Buck among those composers who occupy the front ranks. As a sacred song writer he is almost unequalled. There is scarcely a city church in America or England whose morning and evening services are not enriched by the rendition of his Anthems and grand Te Deum. So beautiful are they that they have found their way into remote little towns of culture. Other American artists are making rapid strides in the same direction. That all cannot be Beethovens and Wagners is of itself a self-evident truth, nor need it be a stumbling-block to useful and honorable activity; for whatever tends to elevate the national art standard is a step in the right direction, and any work capable of attracting the respectful attention of educated musicians is a foundation stone, however small, upon which the superstructure of American musical art is to rear its lasting edifice.

For The Alabama Baptist.
Not Forgotten.

Dear Baptist: On the suggestion of Bro. N. A. McNeil, Enon Baptist church, Monroe county, at her regular meeting in August, raised in cash seven dollars, and the Masonic Lodge in regular session five dollars, a total of twelve dollars, for the relief of the family of Rev. W. A. Locke, deceased, consisting of wife and three little children. The money was put in care of Bro. McNeil for delivery. This is a precedent, it is hoped, which will be emulated by all the churches in Bro. Locke's former field of service. A. J. LAMBERT, Pastor.

We have had printed a supply of church letters to the association. Bro. W. A. Davis, Secretary of our State Convention, revised and corrected the form used heretofore, and it is much improved. Price the same as last year—three letters for five cents, one dozen for twenty cents. Strictly cash.

For the Alabama Baptist.
A Request.

I am sending out statistical blanks to the clerks of the associations. I need the address of the clerks of the following associations, viz: Big Bear Creek, Cedar Creek, Cullman, Etowah, Geneva, Gileam Springs, Liberty (Central), Mt. Moriah, Mud Creek, New Providence, Newton, Pea River, Sardis, Southeastern, Town Creek, Weogufka and Zion. Will some one be kind enough to send me a copy of their minutes for last year, or at least the clerk's address? Thanking the friends in advance, I am very truly, M. M. Wood, East Lake. Statistical Sec'y.

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chimney money and all the
trouble. But get the right
chimney. Go by the Index.

Write Macbeth Pittsburgh, Pa.

For the Alabama Baptist.
The Society of Alumnae.
BY MISS AMER VARY.

One of the graduates of the past
session writes: "Did you ever see
a Judson girl who did not love the
Judson? I never have. I did not
know how much I loved the dear
old school until I found myself fac-
ing the fact that the time for the
opening of another session is fast
drawing near, and I am not to re-
turn."

Dr. Patrick said, when present-
ing the class of '98 to the Society
at its annual meeting on June 2d,
"I am often asked if the Judson
has an endowment. To this I
reply that it has a rich endowment,
—the devotion of its Alumnae and
former pupils."

It was this devotion to their
Alma Mater which years ago led
certain graduates to band them-
selves together, believing that as
an organization their labors of love
would be more effectual in aiding
the institution. This same devo-
tion is to-day the tie which binds
the members of the Society togeth-
er, and is the motive which actuates
their work.

But what has the Society of
Alumnae done, and what is it now
doing? In a sketch read at the
meeting on June 2d, Miss Horn-
buckle stated that since its organi-
zation the Society has raised and
expended in aiding the Judson in
various ways over \$9,500, and has
assisted a number of girls in their
efforts to secure an education.

We have now two "Alumnae pu-
pils." These beneficiaries are se-
lected by the Executive committee
of the Society. One of them has
the benefit of the scholarship given
the Society by the trustees as an ex-
pression of appreciation on the part
of the board of the aid and sympa-
thy of the Alumnae in the dark
days after the building was burned.

The tuition of the other pupil is
paid by the society. The sum paid
is no longer a gift, as it was in for-
mer years, but it is simply a loan
The young lady who receives it ob-
ligates herself to return the money
in a given time. This plan was
adopted because the society has de-
termined to establish a permanent
interest-bearing fund, the interest
only to be used from year to year.

A very good beginning has been
made in this direction, for the soci-
ety is free from debt, and has a
neat little sum in bank. To estab-
lish this fund we need the hearty
co-operation of every member of
the society. The dollar we ask
yearly from each Alumna is no an-
nual dues, as it is sometimes
called; it is certainly not a financial
obligation. It is simply lending a
helping hand in the work of the
society, and aiding some worthy
young lady to enjoy the advantages
offered by the Judson. Surely this
is a privilege. The Treasurer will
be glad to receive dollars from any
and all members who wish to have
part in so good a work.

The prospects for the Judson
were never brighter than at present.
Dr. Patrick, our able and efficient
president, is untiring in his efforts
to keep each department of the
school fully abreast of the times.
The Society of Alumnae wishes to
aid in every way possible in ad-
vancing the interests of the school.
In addition to our work as a society,
let each Alumna endeavor to in-
fluence at least one relative or
friend to attend the Judson each
session. An increase in patronage
means greater prosperity.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Averett Memorial Scholarship.

On the first day of June, 1897,
some of the students and teachers
of the Judson, and other most loved
friends of Dr. S. W. Averett, met
in the parlors of the Judson for the
purpose of organizing an associa-
tion for perpetuating his memory.
Knowing no nobler way, and none
more in keeping with his life, than
to establish a scholarship, this was
done, to be known as the Averett
Memorial Scholarship. Its object
is to raise the sum of \$5,000, the
interest of which is to be used to
pay for the board, the literary and
other ornamental branch of tuition in
Judson Institute, of some poor and
worthy girl. To become a member
of this association, one must pay
\$5 into its treasury. Those pay-
ing \$50 shall be known as Direc-
tors, and shall be entitled to vote
in the selection of a beneficiary.
This beneficiary shall be prepared
to enter the Junior class, and shall
receive the scholarship for two
years. In the selection of a benefi-
ciary, the society-at-large is rep-
resented by four directors, who are
chosen by those members who con-
tribute \$5. There are now about
sixty members and seven directors.
At the last meeting in June, 1898,
the treasurer reported about \$450
in the treasury, and much more
subscribed. Several years ago the
Conversation Club of the Judson
raised \$500 toward an endowment.
Being unable to raise any more, the
club kindly consented to turn this
over to the Memorial fund. This
will make a sum the interest on
of some girl. We hope to have a
beneficiary the next session. This
is indeed a noble work, and not only
is a monument to the memory of
Dr. Averett, whom we all loved so
well during those nine years of his
life he gave to the Judson and her
students, but will help so many
girls to obtain finished educations,
who are unable to help themselves.
Mrs. Averett and her children have
contributed \$65 to the fund, and
will continue to work for it.

As President of the association,

and one who feels very grateful to
Dr. Averett and the Judson, I urge
those interested in the Judson, the
cause of education and the eleva-
tion of society, to give any possi-
ble assistance in this undertaking.
Even if a little is all you can give,
it will be greatly appreciated. This
association meets annually, and all
interested are cordially invited.

ZAIDRA ELLIS.
Orrville, Dallas county.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Judson Female Institute.

My mind has been running much
for the last few days on Alabama,
and it's in me to write out my
thoughts. Two things have con-
tributed to this mental tendency,
and have brought the state with all
its great interests fresh to mind.

That was indeed a bold stroke
made by the Southside church at
Birmingham when they called Dr.
A. C. Davidson from the preside-
ncy of Georgetown College to be-
come their pastor. Every one
thought, and especially every one
in Kentucky, that Davidson was a
fixture for life, and the many let-
ters which come to my office indi-
cate the disappointment and sad-
ness that he leaves the state. As
for myself, I am both glad and sad
—sad immeasurably for the loss
which comes to the college, but
greatly rejoiced as I think of Da-
vidson retreating to the pastorate,
and so finding his heart's delight.

He has wrought a great work as
president, making a great success
in that sphere as any one could wish,
and yet, where can you find a man
better adapted to fill the high and
holy mission of a pastor? And I
am so glad too that he is going back
to Alabama, for I know how dearly
he is beloved and what a royal wel-
come he will have. But nobody
can think of his returning without
thinking of Marion, nor can be
think of Marion without thinking
of the Judson.

But then, too, Dr. A. C. Dickin-
son, of Selma, is at present supply-
ing for Dr. Hawthorne at the First
church, Nashville. This is the
church of which I am a member,
and they deserve the very best gifts
even for temporary supply. Dickin-
son is preaching great sermons to
the delight of those who hear him,
and will be sure to make for him-
self a warm place in the affections
of the people. I hear on every
hand enthusiastic praise for the no-
ble sermons which he is preaching.
He is fresh from Alabama and from
Selma, and very naturally has many
things to say that are of untold in-
terest to me. I have been espe-
cially interested in what he has to
tell about the Judson. According
to my thinking this is the greatest
female school in the South, at least
it is not second to any. I remem-
ber once to have heard Dr. Broad-
say that it was second to none in its
Literary department or in its de-
partment of Art. We sometimes
overlook the fact that a church and
school has its character, and makes
its reputation just as truly as a per-
son. The character and reputation
of the Judson through all these
years have been of the most delig-
ent and helpful kind. I was
much distressed when Prof. Averett
died, but God always seems to
call one to his place. This time
his choice fell on Dr. Patrick, who
succeeds in a line of great pres-
dents and is proving himself a
worthy successor of the best. I
have watched with genuine pleas-
ure the masterful way in which he
is holding and directing his great
trust.

The Baptists of the state ought
to be very proud indeed of this
great institution. A school of rare
merit, of noble history, of praise-
worthy work, it belongs to the Bat-
tists of the state. It is Baptist not
only in the sense of being under
Baptist control and in the sense of
belonging to individual Baptists
but it is distinctively the property
of the denomination, being owned
and controlled by the State conven-
tion. Whatever can be done for
the school is done by the conven-
tion. Whatever is done to foster
the interests of the school is foster-
ing the interests and enhancing the
property of the convention. In this
way the Judson is almost peculiar,
and its career justifies the owner-
ship of property by the denomina-
tion.

The predictions are running very
high on every hand that the com-
ing year is to be a great school year;
that our schools will all be well at-
tended, and that our young people,
more than for many years because
of the incoming tide of general
prosperity, would leave their homes
to look out for their schooling.
Surely we should all rejoice in this,
and I earnestly hope that the two
schools of Alabama, I mean the
two schools belonging to the State
Convention, will share in this gen-
eral uplift of school life.

I say two schools, for no one who
loves Alabama, and is interested in
her great work, can think of the
Judson without thinking of the
Howard. These two schools are
brother and sister, none the less so
now than when both were in Marion.
The removal of the Howard to
Birmingham did not break the
bond of kinship. I rejoice in every
good word that comes about these
schools, as I do about every other
interest in the state.

My own work moves on finely
with a glorious prospect for the fu-
ture. June gave us the largest day,
the largest week, and the largest
month we have ever had, not only re-
ceipts but in general output of busi-
ness. We have just closed the first
quarter of the convention year with
our receipts three thousand
dollars over what they were for the
same period last year. The Bat-
tists of Alabama have been very

loyal in their support to this great
interest of the Southern Baptist
convention. I am very grateful
for this, and earnestly hope to have
their help as the work continues to
grow. May I especially ask of
them that in making their orders
for Sunday school periodicals they
carry out the request of the State
Mission board and send their orders
direct to us at Nashville, and not
to Montgomery, as heretofore. The
schools will suffer nothing in this
change, while it will work an ad-
vantage in every way to all the
great enterprises of the board.

Nashville, J. M. Frost.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. J. R. Wells requests us to
change the address of his paper
from Briarfield to Randolph.

Our State authorities have estab-
lished quarantine against Galves-
ton, Texas, Franklin La., and Key
West, Fla., on account of yellow
fever.

Henry Malmgren, box 523, Hous-
ton, Texas, is looking for the heirs
of Robert W. Renfro, who went
from Alabama to Texas about sixty-
five years ago.

The Abbeville Times says it was
in error in announcing the removal
from that town of Rev. W. W.
Harris, the Baptist pastor. He had
only gone over to Georgia to con-
duct a protracted meeting, and will
return in time to occupy his pulpit
in September.

J. I. McCollum, Pastor: North
River association will meet with
Carbon Hill church, on the K. C. M.
& B. railway, 20 miles west of Jas-
per, Sept. 24. We cordially invite
the ALABAMA BAPTIST, Secretary
Bledsoe, and brethren representing
our other denominational enter-
prises to attend.

G. C. Motley, Daviston: Had a
glorious meeting at Macedonia
church, Randolph county. The
church was revived and the com-
munity moved. Six additions by
baptism and three restored. Bro.
Clarence Smith assisted me. He
is a warm, lively preacher, and the
brethren were drawn to him.

J. D. Cook, Clinton: We recent-
ly had a series of meetings at Cuba,
Sumter county. All the preach-
ing was done by Bro. H. C. San-
ders, of M. K. Kiley. The interest
was just beginning in earnest when
Bro. Sanders had to leave to fill
other engagements. We hope to
gather fruit yet from the faithful
and efficient labors of our brother.

Rev. J. D. Martin recently held
a meeting at Dogwood church, Bibb
county, which added nine members
by baptism and nine otherwise.
Congregations so large that services
were held in the grove. About
800 people witnessed the baptism.
Elders Smithman and Dison, and
young brother Kelly, of the How-
ard, rendered efficient service. The
mission cause has not been forgot-
ten.

Rev. J. G. Lowrey reports a
good meeting at Sycamore recently,
of which he says: "There were 11
additions by experience and 8 by
letter. Among those baptized was
Bro. H. Smith, superintendent of
the cotton mills at Sycamore, Bro.
F. M. Woods, of Blocton, was with
me one week and did the preach-
ing. His forceful gospel sermons
were enjoyed by all. The meeting
continued 10 days and closed with
a delightful service. The pastor's
salary was again paid one year in
advance, to Sept., 1899. Sycamore
talks of having preaching two Sun-
days instead of one each month.
They are a noble people."

We would be glad if the breth-
ren who write for our columns—es-
pecially those who send us news
notes—would settle the question
whether a church is of the feminine
or neuter gender, or in the plural
or singular number. One brother,
of fair education, in writing of a
certain church, will say "she" did
this and so; another will say
"they," and now here is still an-
other, who is a prominent preacher
and has been a successful teacher
of reputable schools, who calls a
certain church both "they" and
"it" in the same sentence. We
have our own opinion, and fre-
quently use the revising pencil ac-
cordingly; but we do not wish to
appear arbitrary, as intelligent
brethren differ on the question
raised, as also on the kindred ques-
tion whether it is correct to say
"the committee have," or "the com-
mittee has" done this or that.
What is the grammatical status of
a church?

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