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They who deny themselves for

Christ shall enjoy themselves in

Christ.—J. M. Mason.

There is no greater sign of a gen-

eral decay of virtue in a nation,

than a want of zeal in its inhabi-

itants for the good of their country.

—Addison.

We sleep, but the loom of life

never stops. The pattern which

was weaving when the sun went

down is weaving when it comes up

to-morrow.

No sin is small. It is a sin

against an infinite God, and may

have consequences immeasurable.

No grain of sand is small in the

mechanism of a watch.—Jeremy

Taylor.

God does not take away the Red

Cloud, but goes within through them

all—a cloud by day, a pillar of fire

by night.—James Freeman Clarke,

D. D.

Keep the altar of private prayer

burning. This is the very life of

all piety. The sanctuary and fam-

ily altars borrow their fires here;

therefore let this burn well. Sec-

ret devotion is the very essence and

barometer of vital and experimen-

tal religion.

To have right notions and tem-

pers with relation to this world is

as essential to religion as to have

right notions of God. And it is as

possible for a man to worship a

crocodile and yet be a pious man as

to have his affections set on the

world, and yet be a good Christian.

—Law.

Many a preacher may learn a les-

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ladi to Pistol: "If thou hast any

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Far over the deep main we could

see vessels floating as if carved

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sky. On Saturday night, July 30,

we reached Rome. The station at

which we left the train is the loca-

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OPENING OF THE JUDSON.

We are requested to announce that the Judson will open on Wednesday, the 28th of September, at 8:30 in the morning. All pupils are earnestly requested to be present at that time.

Dr. Patrick, president of the Judson, will be in Montgomery Monday and Tuesday, the 26th and 27th of September, to meet all young ladies on their way to the Judson. He will also meet on Tuesday afternoon in Selma those coming from Birmingham, Knoxville, etc.

The Judson will have a representative at Akron to meet any young ladies coming that way, if they will inform Dr. Patrick in time.

A WORD WITH PARENTS.

In many homes these summer days there arises a question which is gravely considered, or discussed with manifest impatience, or with a sigh, according as parents appreciate the issue involved. It is the question of education. While there is abundant room for a clearer knowledge of what education really is and for a deeper appreciation of its value, the subject weighs on many hearts as never before. Boys and girls, healthy, vigorous, aspiring, have attended the neighborhood schools until it is hardly profitable for them to continue longer. If henceforth they make any progress along the paths of learning, they must be sent away; and that means a great deal. It involves separation, expense, possibly privation at home, and more or less danger, especially to boys, at school. But the question is up, and it presses for decision. On its settlement depend in large measure the happiness, usefulness and success of the young people. Now with them is the seed-time, and according to the sowing will the harvest be.

In some of the homes where the ALABAMA BAPTIST is read, a few suggestions may be appreciated. At any rate they are offered for what they are worth.

First, let it be granted that in the case of some boys, it is useless to send them to the higher institutions of learning. Some colts are scrubs, and all the coaching of the experts will not give them the gait of a thoroughbred. Some boys are limp, and languid, and dull. They are not of the material to do any form of continued study, and they rebel against every effort to arouse their intellectual activities. They are indolent and degenerate. Probably they have already fallen into vicious habits, and do not contain the material necessary for the making of a man. Such boys ought to be kept at home. And yet many a boy has seemed stupid and unambitious for lack of opportunity. There has been nothing in his life to open the possibilities of the future and stir his sluggish pulses. In the larger world that has lain before him, in the brisk and bracing atmosphere of a well regulated high school or college, he might feel the kindlings of power. Give him a chance.

And the gifted boy. He has kept well up to the front in every school he has attended. In fact he is getting a little conceited about it. He has a fair education now, better than his father had, much better than his grandfather; and he gives fair promise of success in life. But he ought not to stop school. He is just getting a good start; just beginning to find out what he can do, and how much there is to be done. He has just tasted the sweets of knowledge, and whetted the appetite for more. It would be an irreparable pity for him to be turned aside to other pursuits.

In 1912 in every community in this state there will be some lawyer, physician, minister, business man, planter, who will be regarded by his neighbors as the rising young man of the neighborhood. Other things being equal, he will be the man who has been poised and polished in the schools. Whose son shall he be?

The highest honor that comes to parents comes to them through their children. As old age comes on, parents sometimes have many regrets. They may occasionally regret the methods of education which they adopted, or wish that they had been wiser in selecting a school for their children; but where is the father who regrets his efforts to give his boy or girl the best possible education?

Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of Jefferson Davis, has been seriously sick with disorder of the stomach at Narragansett Pier, Rhode Island, for some days.

LAST week we had the pleasure of attending the Bigbee association, in Santer county. This was once our home, and we love the old Bigbee. Rev. J. R. Larkin was elected moderator and Rev. J. D. Cook, D.D., was elected clerk. All the churches except perhaps one were represented. Every enterprise was fully discussed, and much interest manifested. It was a fine session, and no doubt resulted in much good.

The attendance was large and the hospitality boundless. The Judson and Howard and State Board of missions had their representatives on the ground.

Several sermons were preached. Dr. Bledsoe, Bro. W. A. Parker, evangelist, and the two beneficiaries at Howard College from this association, Renfro Curry and H. B. Woodward. These two young men are very promising. They will be, indeed, are now good preachers. Just here let us say that this association has pledged itself to raise \$250 to pay the expenses of Brethren Woodward and Curry at Howard College. This is a great move in the right direction. These Bigbee brethren believe in an educated ministry.

We congratulate the Bigbee on its successful meeting. Everything went off charmingly, and the messengers returned home full of enthusiasm and determination to do more work for the cause.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST has many staunch friends in his association. The next session will be held at Eataw.

The following letter from Dr. Eager, under date of Sept. 10, will be read with interest and pleasure by his friends in the city and elsewhere:

Please stop the paper sent me at Bronxville, N. Y. I leave Monday for Louisville, where I will preach for my brother's congregation on Sunday, the 18th, after which I will take my little family on a brief trip to the Great Lakes.

I have had a most restful and helpful vacation thus far—one week with my brothers and sisters in "God's own country," and nearly three weeks in this delightful region on the beautiful and historic Hudson.

Two Sundays I have supplied for Rev. Dr. W. A. Granger, at the First Baptist church, Mount Vernon, and tomorrow I hope to worship with his good people in the morning and hear him deliver his first message to them after a six weeks vacation spent abroad, and to preach to a little mission church at night.

The dear old paper has come back to me from home, week by week, and has ever been a most welcome visitor. It has helped me not a little to keep up with our multifarious work in the state and to keep it in my thoughts and prayers.

I trust I shall be able to return to my work greatly renewed in body, mind and spirit, and that pastor and people, under God, will be enabled to do the best work of their lives in this sacred relation.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. B. EAGER.

NEWS NOTES AFTER THE WAR.

Justice White, of the U. S. supreme court, declined the appointment as one of the peace commissioners to sit at Paris. Judge White is a Roman Catholic (from Louisiana) and the newspapers called attention to the fact that Mr. McKinley tendered him the appointment soon after Archbishop Ireland, one of the most active Romanists in the country, had called at the white house. It thus appeared, whether true or not, that Judge White was appointed because he was a Catholic, and that he would be expected to take special care of the large interests of the Catholic church in our treaty with Spain for the acquisition of the islands involved. Of course his motives and his acts would be interpreted as being inspired by a desire to serve the Catholic church instead of the United States; and as a public man he could not afford to incur such criticism, whether just or unjust. This incident suggests the fact that in acquiring new territory we are confronted with the question of recognizing the Catholic church as a distinct organization whose rights and claims must be specially considered. Senator Gray, who is not a Catholic, has accepted the place which Judge White declined.

Gen. Wheeler is reported as saying to a prominent citizen of North Alabama that he and the President fear there may be trouble with Spain—possibly more fighting—before the matter of the Philippine islands is settled. The Spaniards claim that the battle which forced the surrender of Manila and the Spanish forces was fought after the peace protocol was signed, and that the surrender is therefore void. It is contended on our side that by the difference of time in Manila and in Washington, the battle was fought just before the signing of the protocol.

The situation in the Philippines is not satisfactory. The natives

attack the Spaniards on the islands where our forces are not near enough to keep the peace, and Spain complains of us; and Aguinaldo, the insurgent leader at Manila, has a strong force with which he defies both the Americans and Spaniards. Two more war ships will be sent to Admiral Dewey.

Admiral Cervera and more than 1,700 men who were captured with him sailed for home from Portsmouth, N. H., on Monday. One hundred and four of the men were sick; thirty have died since they have been prisoners. Admiral Cervera has frequently expressed his thanks for the kindness shown him and his men.

Gen. Shafter's men, 15,000, are rapidly leaving the camp at Montauk, Long Island, to which they went from Santiago. The few remnants of volunteers had already gone home, and the regulars are now going to the different posts at which they were stationed when the war began. Two or three hundred are still too sick to travel.

One of the saddest events connected with the war was the drowning of Gen. Whipple, a young lieutenant named Kirkpatrick, at Montauk Point, near the camp, Sept. 7. The young man's clothes were found on the beach, which was the first intimation that they were drowned. They went in bathing in the ocean, and it is supposed they were carried out to sea by the undertow. Search failed to find them, but after many hours their bodies were washed ashore. It is described as a sad sight to see the old general sitting in his tent, with his three daughters and other son near him, all in tears as the body of his youngest child, seventeen years of age, who had been with his father through the battles of Cuba, lay cold and dead before him. Great sympathy was manifested in the camp, and the entire country mingles its sorrow with that of the soldiers. The young man was buried on Monday last at the family burying ground in Lawrence county, in this state. There was a large number of people present.

Gen. Coppinger reports that his men are rapidly regaining their health in the camp at Huntsville. Everything is quiet at Santiago. Public schools have been opened, and English is to be taught in them.

The Spanish and American commissioners on evacuation in Cuba and Porto Rico have had one or two preliminary conferences, but at last accounts had not held a regular session. They will hold secret sessions.

There is said to be at least one case of yellow fever among the troops at Ponce, Porto Rico. It now appears that the 1st and 2d Alabama regiments will return this week to be mustered out—the 1st to Birmingham, the 2d to Montgomery.

Dispatches report that there is no yellow fever in Florida outside of Key West, and there it is isolated, and none in New Orleans. One case, a railroad section boss, developed at Jackson, Miss. but had not spread. The fever continues at Taylor and Orwood in that state, but the general situation is improved and excitement is subsiding.

FIELD NOTES.

P. M. Bruner, Moderator, Evergreen: Conecuh association meets Tuesday after the third Sunday in October (18th day) with the church at this place. Chairmen of committees are requested to be on hand and have their reports ready.

W. E. Fendley, Blocton: Am in a good meeting here at Mt. Carmel church with Bro. Geo. W. Freeman. We had an excellent meeting at Scottsville, with nine accessions. I have been chosen pastor of the Baptist church at that place, and will accept. I go there next Sunday to administer the ordinance of baptism to a worthy young sister. The Methodists also have one to baptize there at that time by immersion.

Here is an invitation quite out of the usual order. We are invited to be present at the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Buck, which will occur at their home at Salem, Lee county, September 15. A prominent feature of the occasion will be the marriage of the daughter, Miss Belle, to Mr. A. D. Quirkles, at the same hour, 2 o'clock p. m., at which the father and mother of the bride were joined in wedlock just forty years before. The invitation to this novel affair is written with pen and ink, and the form is not only unique, but the manner in which the pen is used would do credit to a teacher of ornamental penmanship. We extend congratulations, and wish for all parties many years of peace and happiness.

J. M. Smoke, Hackney: Unity association will meet with Bethesda church, near Independence, Autauga county, on Tuesday, October 4. The church is five miles from Kingston, on the M. & O. railroad. Those who expect to come by rail will please write to J. M. Jones, Independence, and conveyance will meet them at Kingston station on Monday.

Rev. R. E. Conger, Hackneyville, Tallapoosa county, sends his subscription with his accustomed promptness and gives us additional pleasure with this appreciative note: "My old wife and I cannot do without the paper. Although we are seventy years old, we are glad when the day comes each week for its instructive visit. I have taken it almost from its infancy, and it gets better."

J. H. Creighton, Whately: The next session of the South Bethel association will meet with Pennington church on the 29th of September. The church is eight miles north of Jackson, Clarke county. Delegates and visitors who come by the Montgomery road will get off at Jackson. All who will conveyance from Jackson to the church will please inform brother J. W. Mathews, at Jackson, what day they will be there, and conveyance will meet them at the depot.

Milton Robertson, Bayou la Batre: Rev. L. N. Brock, of Collinsville, has just left us after three weeks work, as follows: Union, one week, 9 conversions; Grand Bay, one week, 2 conversions; Shady Grove, one week, 4 conversions. All in Mobile county. Grand Bay and Union are under my care, and Shady Grove is in charge of Bro. Bynum. Bro. Brock is a very forceful and earnest man. We all enjoyed having him with us, and have been benefited.

S. O. Y. Ray, Midway: Our meeting commenced here on the first Sunday and lasted until the following Friday night. Three were received for baptism and the church much revived. I was assisted by Rev. A. P. Pugh, of Union Springs, who preached the Word in a very acceptable way to our people. I was quite sick part of the time and missed much of the meeting. We commence the work with our strength renewed and much encouraged.

J. P. Shaffer, Dadeville, Sept. 12: Last week Bro. G. L. Bell preached a series of sermons for us at Camp Hill, which were very helpful and much enjoyed by our people. Bro. Bell ranks among the best preachers of his age in this section of the state. He is very practical, and preaches so as to touch those whom he addresses with the duty of immediate obedience. Dr. Bledsoe also preached for us once, and a very fine sermon. The Dr. is quite thin, and looks rather tired.

Mrs. C. M. Hankins, Berry Station: Will the readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST pray for the up-building of the Baptist church at Berry. We had our first Children's service this year, which was bright and interesting. We are so much in need of Baptist leaders. We have a good pastor to preach once a month. We also have a good man as superintendent of the Sunday school (Bro. Gammons), but he is very much discouraged and anxious for some one to take his place. May we have the benefit of your prayers?

H. G. Darby, Sylacauga: Our pastor invited Rev. J. V. Dickinson, of Pratt City, to preach a few days following our conference meeting in August. Bro. D. preached two sermons a day from Monday until Friday. This being his second visit to us, we looked for his coming with much pleasure. The gospel in simplicity, in power, in earnestness and in sweetness was meted to us till we were filled with overflowing. God be praised for such a season, and for such exponents of Holy writ. Result: twelve church strengthened and encouraged to work in earnest.

W. B. Carter, Birmingham: The meeting at Cottondale, Tuscaloosa county, was a great success. Twelve converts were added to the church, the church itself revived and the community moved. I did most of the preaching. The Methodist pastor, Rev. Mr. Howell, preached one sermon. He is a good man. Rev. L. H. Huff, the new pastor, preached Sunday morning and night. He was pastor of the church in its prosperous days in the past. Now that the cotton mills have begun work again, it is hoped that the church will resume its former high position.—Come over to the Tuscaloosa association, which meets on Wednesday after the first Sunday in October.—The Lord has blessed my work in protracted meetings this year.

A. T. Sims, Georgiana: I have recently held good meetings with our churches at Bethel and Starlington, Butler county, and Gravelly, Conecuh county. We had three additions at Bethel, nineteen at Gravelly and nine at Starlington. Bro. W. M. Murray, of Georgiana, assisted at the two former places, and Bro. J. T. Porter, of Fort Deposit, assisted in the Starlington meeting. Our people greatly enjoyed the preaching of these two brethren.—Two additions by letter at Prattville last Sunday. We expect to protract there at our meeting in October.

Rev. P. M. Callaway, Jr., recently visited his venerable father at Newton. Returning to his work in Washington county he stopped over at Evergreen and had a pleasant visit. Of the Orphanage he writes as follows: "What a treat to visit and see for one's self so many bright little faces and neatly clad bodies, which so plainly manifested the particular care and parental affection, as well as ingenious skill, of those under whom they are placed for training. I wish every child of the Orphanage; surely it would stimulate each one to make greater efforts at securing larger donations from his churches for the support of this grand and noble institution."

Greenville: In the absence of the usual rain, good congregations enjoyed their Sunday privileges as listeners to the preaching of Pastor Hubbard in the morning, and to E. N. Stewart (better known as "Eldred") in the evening. The boy preacher in the home pulpit presented a pleasing picture to "mother" and friends, among them a college mate, W. A. Taliaferro, as he preached in an earnest, simple manner from the text, "Let your light so shine," etc. We hurriedly state the unwelcome fact that during the evening service Pastor Hubbard tendered his resignation, to accept the pastorate at Eufaula. Coming suddenly as it did, many were both shocked and grieved by this announcement.

J. I. Kendrick, Furman: We had a good meeting at Pleasant Hill, Dallas county, in August with Bro. J. H. Riffe, formerly of Monroeville, but late of Monroe City, Mo. His preaching was of a very high order. There is no attempt at display, but he does very effectively all he professes to do, and that is to preach the gospel. Bro. Riffe assisted me in a meeting at Pleasant Hill.

deared himself very much to the people. His return this year only served to heighten their already good opinion of him. It is indeed a pleasure to labor with such a man. The meeting resulted in a revival among many of the members, besides seven professions of faith so far.

Rev. J. M. Rowe, of Elba, a faithful old soldier, writes us the following short sketch of his life: "In July, 1838, during a revival in the city of Eufaula I was regenerated, united with the church, and was baptized by the pastor, Bro. Tryon. Forty-two years ago I began preaching to the people in this county. I have reared and settled twelve children in this (Coffee) county, and almost without remuneration from the churches. I am now seventy-five years of age, and as able to preach as ever, if the brotherhood would give me food and raiment. My children are all members of the church except one, and he ought to have been several years ago. I feel that I have been greatly blessed in my labors. Two years ago at one meeting I baptized fifty-eight persons before leaving the pulpit, and during the year baptized 104."

J. J. Pipkin, Nanafalia: We are having interesting services at all my churches. On the second Sunday in August I baptized a man through such service for our Master; they are themselves a blessing to the Baptist cause in the regions round about in strengthening the weak churches, and in leading lost souls into the King's high way.

3. THE PRESENT STATE OF FINANCES.

The board assumed \$7,725.50, of this amount \$1,025.80 was collected at close of last session, leaving a balance due the college on Ministerial education of \$669.70. The board made a note and borrowed this amount from bank and settled with the college in full. This note is due Sept. 20, and we have about \$200 of the amount in hand.

W. A. Hobson, President Board.

Oxford, Sept. 10: The anniversary service at the Baptist church last Sunday was very gratifying, both to pastor and church. During the past year the church has collected and paid out for all purposes more than \$1,584.85; \$262 of this amount were for missions. Nearly \$400 were sent away from home. The pastor's salary has been more than paid. Rev. J. E. Barnard, the pastor, has preached in Oxford 123 sermons, and at other places 58, making a total of 181. He has also conducted sixty-five prayer-meetings, at each one of which he made a talk from twenty to thirty minutes long; number of visits made 600. During the year the church has received by letter thirty-two, by restoration twenty-five, by baptism twenty-five; total fifty-nine.—Pastor Barnard tendered his resignation as pastor of the church on last Wednesday night, to take effect the fourth Sunday in September. The resignation has not yet been accepted.

The sudden death of Col. H. C. Tompkins, of this city, on Monday last, caused a sensation of sadness among people of all classes. He had quite recently returned from a meeting of the American Bar Association at Saratoga, and had spoken of the pleasantness of the trip and of his excellent health. On Monday morning he went to his office and began to make preparation to argue a law case which would soon come up. Shortly after he went into his own apartment of the office he called his stenographer, and assistance came at once, but nothing effectual could be done. He died in a few minutes of what was supposed to be heart failure. Col. Tompkins ranked among the best lawyers of the state, and indeed of the country. He had held office, but was not a politician. If he knew the tricks of the politician he refused to employ them; but he was a strong and effective political speaker. He was justly entitled to be called "a clean man," and this, with his great talents, makes his death a serious loss to the state.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Some Valuable Information.

The following will be found of interest to those who expect to enter Howard College as beneficiaries of the Board of Ministerial Education, and will be valuable data for the brethren who are to prepare reports on Ministerial Education for their Associations.

1. REQUISITES TO ENTERING HOWARD COLLEGE AS A BENEFICIARY OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

1. Moral.—In addition to being a member in good standing of a Missionary Baptist church, the beneficiary must bring the endorsement of his church, expressing their belief that he is called of God to preach the gospel.

2. Financial.—The object of the board is to help only those who need help; therefore it refuses to contribute anything to a student who has resources of his own. The board very earnestly asks that the church and association giving endorsement of a brother, signify, at the same time, their purpose to render him financial aid to the extent of his necessities or their ability.

3. Educational.—The board at its last session decided to require all beneficiaries, hereafter, to be prepared for the Freshman class before entering Howard College.

2. FACTS CONCERNING THE MINISTERIAL CLASS OF LAST SESSION.

Number enrolled.....32
Number boarded in college.....23
Number who paid their own board.....6
Number who paid a part of their board.....6
Number whose board was paid in full by the Board Ministerial Education.....11

Twenty-two of the Ministerial students were actively engaged in preaching last session. Eleven had regular preaching stations, and eleven preached occasionally. In this way the young men get the benefit not only of school room training, but of personal effort as well. They preach on an average about eight hundred sermons during the session. A large number of which comes to the young men through such service for our Master; they are themselves a blessing to the Baptist cause in the regions round about in strengthening the weak churches, and in leading lost souls into the King's high way.

3. THE PRESENT STATE OF FINANCES.

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A Great Meeting.

This is the first time in his life that the writer can truly say that God used him in bringing about a great meeting. Two weeks ago Bro. Aldridge came after me. He had prepared an arbor under which I was to preach. This arbor was built within a quarter of a mile of the center and stronghold of the Cumberlandism of the beautiful Shade's valley. Here is a old established Presbyterian church and high school. For years the Presbyterians have held undisputed sway in this beautiful valley, situated between Red mountain on the north and Shade's mountain on the south. Here lives thickly settled a prosperous and intelligent people.

After preaching several days we organized a church with eight members. Then began the Holy Spirit to work mightily, and people of long Presbyterian and Methodist standing were taught the way more perfectly. They came pouring into the church till Sunday evening we closed with a membership of 62; baptized 35, one of these a Presbyterian elder. A daughter was forbidden by her parents to be baptized, and a wife by her husband. I am expecting at least 25 more soon to join. Organized a Sunday school with 50 scholars. Raised \$200 towards building a church; will have as much more in two weeks.

They want a good pastor, a man who will take hold of the work and press it wisely and vigorously. Write to J. H. Aldridge Ishkooda, Ala. Praise God, who has magnified his name among the children of men.

Brethren Earnest, Craig and Parish were faithful helpers.

Avondale. R. M. HUNTER.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Economical Education.

The most economical education is where you get the best return for your money. This is usually to be found neither in the highest priced or in the lowest. When you get above a certain grade of education, usually the price increase more rapidly than the article received. When you get below a certain grade the article falls off more than the price. Now, the most economical education is to be found between these. If you reduce the comforts of the student so that she is unhappy, she cannot do her best work. If you supply her with too many luxuries she will not work. Now, the aim of the Judson is to strike this golden mean, where the student will be comfortable and contented, so as to enjoy the work and address herself to it with full capacity. Hence it has provided for everything that will conserve the comfort and contentment of the student as being most economical to parents in the end. They will get a better return for their money when their daughters are situated so as to do the best work. Thus they will accomplish in one year

much longer time, and hence a greater expense of money and time. When you want your horses to work at their best you care for them well. Shall we do less for our daughters? It would be no economy to patrons for us to reduce our rates, as thereby it would curtail the comforts of their daughters and reduce their efficiency in study. We have already put our rates as low as it is possible to maintain our present high grade of work.

A. J. D.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Birmingham Association.

The Birmingham association met with the Springville church Tuesday, Sept. 10th. The old officers, Prof. R. J. Waldrop, moderator, and Rev. M. M. Wood, clerk and treasurer, being models in their offices, were of course re-elected.

One brother suggests that Prof. Waldrop be nominated next May for Hon. Jon. Haralson's successor in the presidency of the Southern Baptist Convention. Among the visitors were Dr. W. C. Bledsoe, Revs. J. H. Curry, J. W. Stewart, Dr. R. G. Patrick, and others. It was a bright, spicy, inspiring meeting, and every attendant had a good time. The Springville pastor and preacher entertained us right royally. The preacher of the introductory sermon, Rev. W. M. Blackwelder, being, to the regret of all detained at home by the sickness of one of his children, that service was performed by Rev. W. R. Ivey. It was a departure from the regular services—consisting of bright, helpful, inspiring comments on texts thrown at him from the audience, and was delightful indeed. No man among us knows the English Bible better than Ivey.

Young people's work was discussed in exceptionally clear and informing speeches by Dr. B. D. Gray and Bro. G. Herbert.

The reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were read and discussed together. Dr. Bledsoe leading the discussion in a clear and pathetic speech on the condition of affairs with all these boards. He was followed by the writer and Brethren J. G. Lowery, W. R. Ivey, James Hogan, Glenn and others. At the close of the discussion the Missionary sermon was preached by J. V. Dickinson on the commission as recorded by Matthew, of which the following was the analysis: (1) go; (2) disciple; (3) baptize; (4) teach the observance of all commandments. II. The warrant for missions—"all authority," &c. III. Incentive to missions—"I am with you," &c.—(1) We work under the direct superintendency of the Master, and should not dare neglect his work; (2) His presence should inspire and encourage us.

Moral and spiritual conditions

met lively discussion at the hands of brethren B. D. Gray, A. B. Johnston and others. Religious Literature and Education brought forth fine speeches from Dr. R. G. Patrick, Prof. F. M. Roof, Rev. J. H. Curry, Dr. W. A. Hobson and others. Ways and Means was handled in speeches by Brethren H. H. Brown, W. R. Ivey and J. V. Dickinson.

The report of the Executive Committee was discussed by Bro. J. B. Gibson, Chairman, and others. Bro. Gibson is one of the finest laymen in our state, and makes a chairman of devotion to duty—wise, chairman of devotion, and a fine organizer. Bro. Gibson was recently elected to the legislature by the democrats of Jefferson county.

The Sunday School report brought Deacon Vann, of Trussville, the father of several splendid Baptist laymen, to the platform, who made a delightful talk on the blessings that had come to him in his long life of Sunday School work. He stirred the whole body and brought forth from Brethren M. M. Wood, H. H. Brown, W. R. Ivey, Jas. Hogan, T. V. B. Moor, J. G. Lowery and J. B. Gibson a stirring and really eloquent discussion.

Institute work was represented in a brief, clear, earnest speech by Bro. J. G. Lowery.

J. V. DICKINSON.

For the Alabama Baptist.

A Note from Prof. Waldrop.

Dear Bro. Editor: A word about Howard, please. The outlook for Howard was never better. The various members of the faculty have been and are still canvassing all over the state for the purpose of increasing our patronage during next session, and they are being greatly encouraged wherever they go. The request for catalogue and the many letters I receive every mail, seem to me to indicate that the tide has set our way. Scarcely a mail arrives that does not bring letters asking for full particulars as to entrance. In order to be fully prepared to meet the demands upon us, we have arranged to furnish each recitation room with "up to date" furniture, such as seats, desks, blackboards, wall maps—all such conveniences as tend to the comfort of the student. A splendid new bell has been purchased and will be in place opening day. Not only this, our gymnasium will be in working order for next session. The buildings are being carefully inspected and cleaned, new plastering in cracked or broken places on the walls; all these things being done looking to the comfort and convenience of the students. Our president and faculty propose to spare neither money, labor, nor time in getting everything spick and span by opening day, September 27.

Every indication seems to point to the largest opening for years. By the way, Bro. Editor, I have now in my possession five letters asking for a Howard graduate as teacher at Jacksonville, Montgomery and St. Louis.

able to meet the demand, for as far as I know or can find out every Howard graduate is well placed.

This state of affairs is encouraging to us, that our boys should be in demand.

To the Baptists of the state: We want your boys, and will do everything in our power to return them to you improved along all lines. To the undergraduates: Return and bring another boy with you—each one of you. To our Alumni: We need you, we want you, we expect your help and influence.

R. J. WALDROP.

Sept. 10.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Report from Bro. Sanders.

We had a most excellent meeting at Thomaston, beginning on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July. Rev. C. J. Bentley, from Ashland, was with us and did the preaching. Bro. B. is a very promising, godly preacher. He is profoundly in earnest, and he impresses one with his consecrated efforts. I baptized five, all grown young people except one.

I was with Rev. J. D. Cook at Cuba Station on the 5th Sunday. We continued the meeting until Thursday night. The meeting had, fairly begun when I had to leave, and pastor Cook was sick. There was as good promise as I ever saw in a meeting of its kind. Cook is loved very much by those people. He has been there ten years in all.

On Saturday before the first Sunday in August I began a meeting here. Rev. J. L. Thompson of the Clayton Street church, Montgomery, arrived on Monday. Then the meeting began in good earnest. In my own happy style he gathered from the common things of life such illustrations that cause Christians to love their Savior more, and sinners to see a new charm in the old, "old story."

Bethel association meets on Oct. 4th at Linden, Marengo county. We are anxious to have a good meeting this year; we want a spiritual meeting. We hope Bro. W. C. Bledsoe and Bro. J. L. Thompson and the editor of the ALABAMA BAPTIST will be there. Brethren, we need you, and you can do some good work in these parts. May the Lord put it into your hearts to come.

H. C. SANDERS.

McKinley. P. S. Tell Bro. G. S. Anderson we would be glad to have him come and lay his work before our preachers. We need something of the kind in this part of the country.

H. C. S.

One of the most important, yet one of the most difficult things for a powerful mind to do, is to be its own master. A pond may be quiet in a plain, but a lake wants mountains to compass and hold it in.—Anon.

