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### CLIPPINGS FROM HERE AND THERE.

Christian opportunity is Christian duty.

The sermon that makes people think is the sermon that makes people act.

It is not yourself only you will serve by the formation of hopeful views and habits; you will be a perpetual cordial and tonic to all those among whom your lot is cast.

Disraeli.

The date selected for the dedication of the new German church at Jerusalem, Oct. 31, is the date on which Martin Luther nailed his celebrated theses to the door of the church at Wittenburg.

The mistake we make is to look for a sort of comfort in ourselves, and we cannot ever be happy.

Robertson.

It takes a great many lives, in a great many different ways and places, to make a world. It takes many places, many alterations of work and holiday, week-day and Sabbath, sad and bright, calm and intense—much mixing even of spiritual and natural—to make a single living.

A. D. T. Whitney.

A Baptist association has been formed in South Africa, having for its field the Transvaal. Its meeting for organizing was held at Johannesburg, and it contemplates not only fellowship, but aggressive work. It is expected to form a sort of an advance guard of the South African Baptist Union in a northern movement toward what is known as Rhodesia.

Texas Baptists not only have raised the \$15,000 asked for their State Mission work, but the board actually reports a surplus. The Tennessee Baptists are also out of debt.

And Secretary Bledsoe says that if the pastors will make one more strong pull, the Alabama State board also will be out of debt.

"Who is the Religious Herald's candidate for president of the seminary, to succeed Dr. Whitsett?" The Religious Herald has no candidate. It is perfectly willing to let the trustees attend to that matter. There is quite a number of available men, who would fill the position with honor and success. There are doubtless others, who could be secured, who would be successful.

Whitsett was a member of the seminary to a large portion of the seminary's constituency. We trust the board implicitly, and do not doubt that they will make a wise selection.

Religious Herald.

Memorial services commemorative of Yeoman George H. Ellis, the only man killed in the battle of Santiago, were held in the Washington Avenue Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Sunday, the 23d inst., and were attended by over 2,000 people, including Captain Cook, commander of the Brooklyn, beside whom Ellis stood at the time of being struck by a cannon ball; Commodore Philip, late of the Texas; Captain Sigbee, formerly of the Maine, and Ambassador Woodford, who made the principal address, in which he paid a high tribute to the young officer for his Christian character and fidelity to duty. He was a member of the Washington Avenue Church, and saved a wife and one or more children. There is a place for a pension.

Journal and Messenger.

## On the Wing.—No. 12.

B. F. RILEY.

When I was a boy I read a startling account of the destruction of Herculaneum and Pompeii from the pen of Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton. A visit to the latter of these buried cities recalled the vivid impression made upon my childish mind. It was a bright, clear morning on August 5th when our party of four engaged a cab and drove fully ten or twelve miles to Pompeii, the scene of the great Vesuvian catastrophe, which occurred in A. D. 79, entailing the loss of the two cities named. Herculaneum is but partly excavated, so we drove past that to Pompeii. As we watched Vesuvius there was an occasional gust of London ash, which began to fall in a slight sprinkle upon us long before we reached its base. A side of several hours brought us to the point where we were to begin our tour of inspection. We alighted at a small restaurant where we took some light refreshments, engaged a guide, and were soon upon the edge of the once buried city. The Italian government has removed the results of the eruption, and has left the walls, arches, streets and pavements of the city as it was at the date of the fatal overthrow. We passed along the stone-paved streets, just wide enough for one vehicle, for the streets of all ancient cities are narrow, and our attention was called to the ruts worn in the stone by the chariot wheels. The streets were built at least two feet lower than the sidewalks, and at all the crossings there was a large stone placed in the center of the intersection over which the pedestrians would step. At these intersections a man stood at a bell to prevent a chariot entering a street where another was coming. In the edge of the flag stones were holes drilled for hitching purposes. Where persons had so many centuries crossed the streets where they met hollow places had been worn in the wall against which hands had so often pressed. Running along the edge of the sidewalk at the base were water pipes with stop cocks very much like those used today.

The ruins of the temples dedicated to the heathen gods were magnificent in their splendor. These pagan worshippers certainly built magnificent temples of worship to their imaginary deities. The magnificent floors with great figures wrought in mosaic, the flat ceilings that supported the ceiling, the beautiful frescoes, the statues for the greatest possible beauty and effect. Theatres, temples of justice, private residences, places of business, banks and baths were shown us through the city, only partly reclaimed from the ashes. With one fact I was greatly impressed—the excessive wickedness of the people as is shown in the pictures that remain on the walls. Highly wrought and shockingly indecent pictures show the pitch of depravity of the people of this ancient city. The public baths of men were highly adorned, while those of women were plain and devoid of ornament. This indicates the servile condition of women in those early pagan ages.

In the local museum were shown us the petrified bodies of persons as they had been recovered after almost two thousand years.

Here were the bodies of two women with their money wallets around their necks. Here was the form of a woman with fingers clutched so as to show the intense agony of dying in the midst of the lava. At another point was a woman wearing a ring, and showing in the stony face deep agony. Here was a negro slave, known to be such by the shape of his head and feet, who was evidently on the run, as the position of his hands and feet indicated. Here was still another man, who was evidently asleep when the eruption came; for his face is one of great repose. The figure of a small child was shown representing the contortions with which the little thing died. At still another point there was a dog, that was certainly tied, as the collar about his neck indicated, and his drawn body showed.

The forms of a mother and daughter lying near together, found only a short while ago, were pointed out. Being found so near each other, and bearing such striking resemblance, lead to the conclusion that they were thus related. A well-preserved chariot wheel, bread, pickles, preserves, ropes, cake—all charred, are on exhibition. I did not visit the chief museum of these preserved relics in Naples, where there is a soldier who was found standing against the wall, his javelin in his hand, and as immobile in countenance as if nothing was occurring.

As this is the last letter that will relate to Italy, I wish, in rather a fragmentary way, to call attention to a few items which have been necessarily overlooked in previous communications. One of these relates to the wretched currency of Italy. It has only paper and copper money. It has less of silver, but it scarcely appears before it leaves the country. Italy is a fertile and beautiful region, with incomparable maritime advantages, as it sticks like a boot far into the Mediterranean, but the decline of the Latin race is so great that the people fail to improve what they have, and to develop their resources. It is a nation of great pauperism. One is assailed at all times and everywhere by an army of beggars. The government does nothing to relieve the poor by furnishing employment. Hordes of unemployed men and women infest every public place in a city. Suicides are frequent because of life's burdens. There is a noted place in Rome where men and women are frequently killing themselves. Yet in the face of all this, in the absence of industries and of all means of activity and employment, the people are ground to dust by oppressive taxes. Italy feels that she must have a strong navy and a strong army, and she preserves both. Her soldiers are paid at the rate of two cents a day, food and clothing being given of course. I learned that the food furnished is of the most wretched character.

I strolled through the streets of the greatest cities of the kingdom, and the squalor and filth are indescribable.

They care nothing for Sunday. Nothing really indicates the presence of the holy day. Business proceeds as on all other days of the week.

I could not help feeling that if there was the infusion of some American life into Italy, it would be roused from its slumbers as a sleeping giant.

I made my way across the Apennines eastward from Naples to Brindisi, where I took an Italian steamer across the Adriatic to Patros, Greece. Here we were assailed by draymen, agents, solicitors, beggars and vendors of fruits and wares—without number. We took a slow train to Athens. The most luxurious vintage my eyes have ever rested upon is to be found between Patros and the famous Grecian capital. For forty or fifty miles we saw nothing growing but grapes. Purple and golden clusters more than a foot in length swung from the vines in the most luxuriant profusion. Hundreds of acres stretched before us right and left mile after mile. Thousands of bushels were already gathered and were exposed to the sun to be cured. These were currants, and the current, when first ripe, is the sweetest grape I ever tasted. Many hundreds of men, women, boys and girls were plucking the delicious fruit and bearing it away to be sold on either side of which.

As we approached the city, the thousands of bushels were being borne. The grapes grew so temptingly near the railway track, that passengers would leap from the train when it would stop, dash out and pluck many luscious clusters, and return with wild laughter to the train. Our party ate so many of the large golden grapes were almost equal in size to a partridge egg, and tender, pulpy and sweet beyond description. Near the close of the day we reached Athens.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Colbert Association.

This body convened with Liberty church, at Town Creek, Lawrence county, on Thursday, the 13th inst. All the churches represented except two. The most perfect harmony prevailed throughout the entire meeting, and many expressions of pleasure and gratification were heard from those who attended the sessions.

The old officers were re-elected, and visiting brethren were recognized and requested to participate in the meeting. The reports from the difference committees were encouraging, elicited hearty speeches and assurances of earnest co-operation in every branch of our work.

The pledges made by the churches at the last session were for the most part redeemed, and delegates seemed determined to try for better results another year.

The discussion of missions occupied all the forenoon of Saturday, and liberal pledges were given for their support. Education, temperance, Sunday schools, the orphanage, and other enterprises fostered by the denomination received united attention, and won the sympathy of the association.

We met next year at Siloam church, four miles north of Russellville.

A. J. IVIN.

Sheffield.

It gives us sincere pleasure to announce that another great step has been taken in bringing the Baptists of the North and South into closer relationship. Committees of conference have been appointed, representing the Baptist Home Mission Society and the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, looking to co-operation in missionary work in Cuba and Porto Rico.

The Examiner.

Archbishop Ireland takes a hopeful view of the Catholic situation in Cuba and Porto Rico. He says the priests there will fall into line with American ideas. We hope so. It is not yet settled whether Cardinal Gibbons' authority shall extend over these islands.

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### TO THE WOMEN WORKERS.

The following note is of interest to the faithful Baptist women of Alabama: "Will you please announce through the columns of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, that the Central Committee, the associational Vice-presidents, and a delegate from each Woman's Missionary Union are invited to attend the annual meeting of the W. M. U., to be held Nov. 9, 10, at Opelika at the time of the Baptist State Convention."

Mrs. W. M. E. HUDSON, Pres. W. M. U., Opelika.

### SEND IN YOUR NAMES.

Rev. John F. Purser, pastor of our church at Opelika, with which the convention will meet, writes us the following note. If delegates fail to receive convenient homes it will be by their own fault. Bro. Purser says: "Will you not urge the brethren to send in their names. We desire to entertain all regularly appointed delegates to the convention, but the names are coming in so slowly that we are unable to estimate how many

are yet to come. Capt. A. M. Avery, who resides near Havana, Hale county, was stricken with paralysis. We were grieved to hear this news. Capt. Avery went with us to the Confederate war in 1861 as first lieutenant of the company we commanded. He was a fine officer, a noble-spirited man, always faithful to duty. We sincerely trust he may recover soon. LATER.—News comes that he is improving, one side only being affected.

ARTHUR T. FOWLER, in The Standard, crowds into a small space some very significant truths that ought to be pressed home to the hearts and consciences of pastors and people. A denominational paper may not be considered a "deep" paper, if it is not teeming with skeptical metaphysics and misleading higher criticisms, but if it is reaching the masses, doing its work in uplifting them to a higher plane of activity in Christian zeal and satisfying them, then it is accomplishing its mission. There is such a thing as putting the fodder too high. Heresy is the offspring of a bewildered mind, the result, sometimes, of too much misplaced learning. Listen to what Mr. Fowler says:

"A religious paper should be in every home, and by this we mean a denominational paper representing the church to which the family, or members of the family, may be connected. It should be a paper that will give to the home with such a paper are a sacred obligation, the fulfillment of which is essential to good influence in the home. It is better to be deprived of some things which may be 'considered' necessary than to be without good reading."

The church member who does not read his denominational paper will soon become shriveled, narrow, anti-missionary, and then go into 'innocuous desuetude.' On the other hand, a church member who reads and becomes an agent in his church for a religious paper, is a benefactor. He is performing a service for Christ and the church, which is second to none. A pastor who will from time to time call the attention of his people to important articles, special numbers, and will urge upon his congregation the value and need of taking a religious paper, and will then follow it up with a little earnest solicitation, will strengthen himself among them. They will become informed, appreciative, and responsive to the denomination and to Christ."

CHEERFULNESS is one of the best tonics ever given to man. It is the opposite of fretfulness. People can fret without uttering a word. The very manner speaks louder than words. John Wesley used to say, "I feel and grieve, but, by the grace of God, I fret at nothing." There is no denying the assertion that a cheerful man is pre-eminently a useful man. He makes the dark places bright, the sad hearts comfortable, and the low-spirited look up. He has his burdens and tribulations, but he sees in every state that people may be cheerful. He looks at the natural world; he sees the lambs skip, the birds sing and fly joyously, puppies play, kittens all full of joyance, the whole air full of cheering and rejoicing insects; that everywhere the good outbalances the bad, and that every evil has its compensating balm. "You are on the shady side of seventy, I suppose?" was asked of an old man. "No," was the reply, "I am on the sunny side; for I am on the side nearest to glory."

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## FIELD NOTES.

Rev. H. A. Guinn, who has been for some months at Boykin, E. Cambia county, is preparing to move with his family to Florida.

Brethren have recently sent us a greater number of reports of associational meetings than we have heretofore received. One or two will lie over until next week.

We give each week as much space to obituaries as we can spare for that purpose. There are a number yet on hand, which will be printed as we can find room for them.

The Rock Hill Buggy Co., of Rock Hill, S. C., has confidence in its own work, as is shown by its advertising so far from home. The buggies it makes are becoming widely known. See advertisement.

We have received a request from H. T. Wright, at Salina, Utah, for a few copies of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. He says he went to that territory from Alabama in 1894, but does not give the locality.

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A brother got so far behind with his subscription that he was startled when he looked at his figures. He at once sat down and enclosed us a check for a sufficient amount to place him on the right side, and added, "When I get behind, dunder me. I can't remember when you sent me even a statement." It may be that some other good brethren need a reminder, even a dunder. If they read this, nothing else may be necessary.

C. J. Bentley, Ashland: I wish you would say that Bethany church at Ware, Elmore county, regrets very much that the minutes of the last session of Alabama association fail to show but six dollars and thirty cents contributed by that church last year for our work, while the truth is that Bethany paid nearly fifty dollars for benevolence. The reason such misrepresentation is made is that the messengers failed to go to the association with receipts for our contributions.

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rayed in purple and fine linen and jewels, which they had come to display—but they felt that they were out of place at a church. Those people were not there to hear the gospel, neither did they hear it, however well it was preached. So we hope it is a misapprehension of the word when a brother writes that he had a "splendid" congregation, or that a preacher delivered a "splendid" sermon. Let us use plain words which neither magnify nor otherwise misstate the fact.

At the recent session of the Alabama association the question was asked Bro. Stewart whether or not blind orphan children would be received at the Orphan's Home. He replied in substance that the question had not come before the board of managers, but he thought that perhaps the board would need to have authority from the State Convention to receive such children. On the next day the subject came up again when the report on the Orphan's Home was under discussion, and it was agreed that they should be received.

The water works of the town being out of order, the Judson has its own water-works again in use. Nothing can put down the invincible spirit of our trustees and president. They are full of interest and energy in the cause of this grand old school.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Seminary.

The opening was in every way a success. I believe the matriculation the first day lacked a few of reaching last year's, yet they are still coming in. I doubt not it will eventually equal if not surpass that of any previous year.

We have thirteen from Alabama: Moseley, O'Hara, Barnard, Bennett, Curry, Ray, Dorsett, Hutto, Pettus, Spores, McRae, Hood, Tallafarro.

They are not only going to be preachers, but nearly every one of them has been preaching in or about the city here. On the gospel wagon, which is kept busy doing mission work, and reaching the slums and neglected parts of this great population, Alabama boys can always be found. The crew (this Sunday) afternoon consisted of thirteen, six of whom were from Alabama. It is a great and glorious work, and the people here in Alabama remember us and our work in their prayers, in our earnest petition.

The work here in the seminary is, and delightful. There is no place here for him who would preach a broad, years to preach the truth for the love of the Christ like LIN.

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**Birmingham Churches.**  
East Lake.-The first day of our revival was a gracious one. Pastor preached at eleven o'clock on Power for service, Acts 1:8; at night on The conditions of a Pentecostal revival, Acts 2. There were four additions to the church by letter, one under watchcare, and one by profession of faith. Dr. A. C. Davidson preached Monday night. Dr. J. S. Dill arrived Monday night and preached his first sermon Tuesday morning. The College students seem greatly interested in the meeting.

**Avondale.-**Pastor preached at both services. Morning theme, The checkers of the word, Mark 4:18-19. At night to a large congregation he preached from Heb. 2:1-4. Neglecting the great salvation. One accession by experience and two by letter. Married two couples during the week.

**Woodlawn.-**Pastor preached morning and evening. Three accessions to the church.

**For the Alabama Baptist.**  
Ordination.  
On Sunday, Oct. 16, at the call of the North Birmingham church, a presbytery composed of Elders A. C. Davidson, W. R. Ivey and R. M. Hunter, met to ordain to the full work of the ministry Bro. L. C. Kelly. Bro. Kelly is a young man of promise, affable, genial, full of good works and faith. He is now our pastor, beloved by the church and community. He preaches twice each Sunday and attends Howard College in the week. Bro. Hunter was made moderator of the presbytery. Bro. Davidson preached the sermon. Bro. Ivey delivered the charge. Bro. Hunter made the ordination prayer, and Bro. Kelly pronounced the benediction.

**A. N. HAWKINS, Clerk.**

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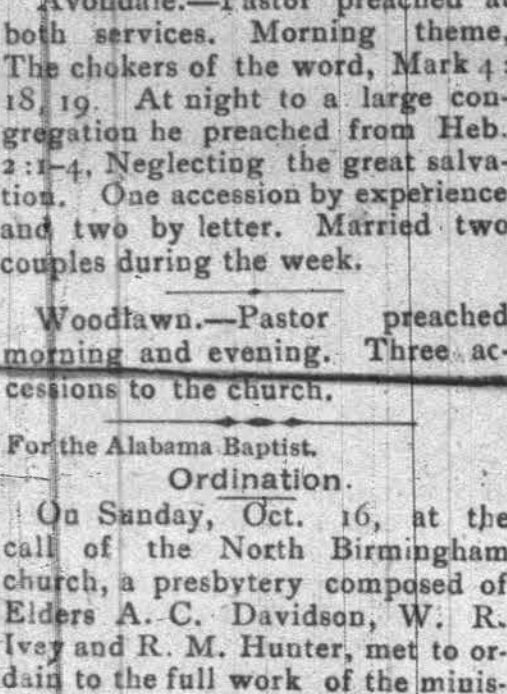
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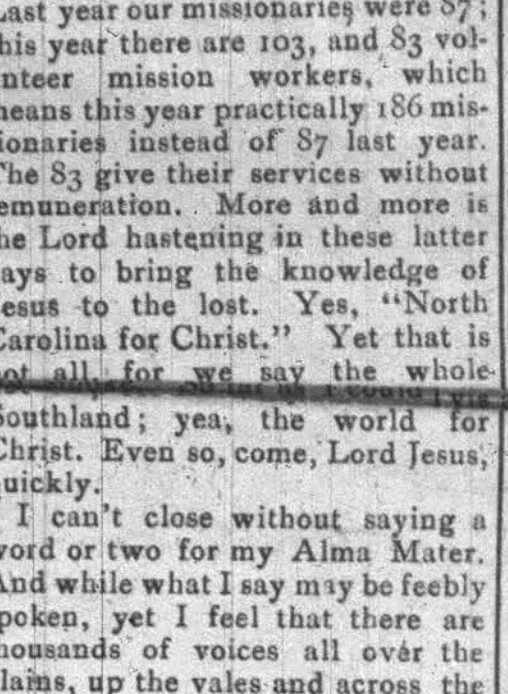
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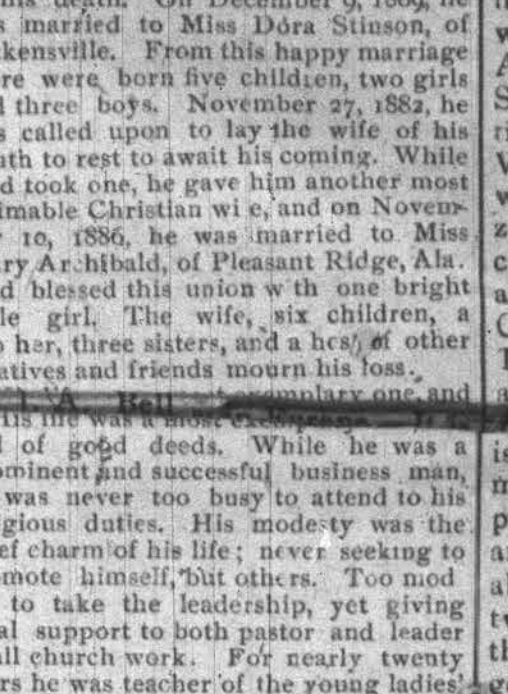
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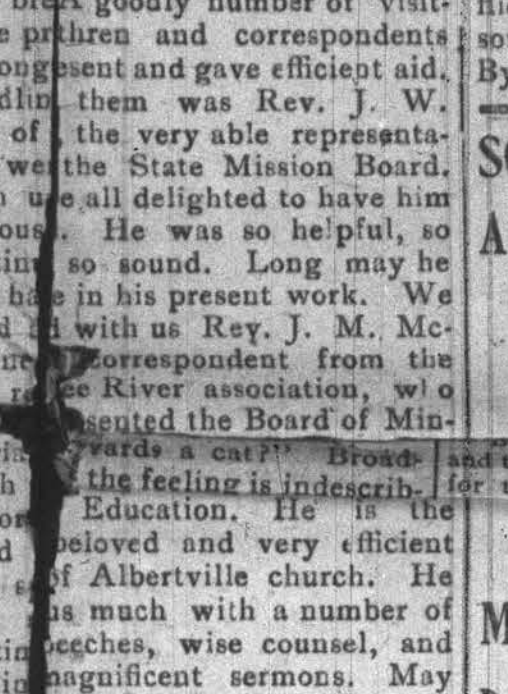
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