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For the Alabama Baptist.

Messengers to State Convention.

The Baptist State Convention meets at Tuscaloosa November 13-16. The church and community generally extend a cordial invitation and welcome to all the messengers. We hope that every part of the State will be well represented. We shall endeavor to make your stay pleasant while in our midst. Those of you who have been here before know that Tuscaloosa is a place of "magnificent distances." In order to avoid confusion and inconveniences as much as possible to visitors, housekeepers and the committee, we hope that every one who comes will heed the following suggestions:

First. If you wish free entertainment, send your name, post office address, and train on which you will arrive to the chairman of the Entertainment committee by or before Saturday, November 10.

Second. If, after sending your name, you find that you cannot come, or will be delayed, notify the chairman of the committee by letter or wire, and pay for the telegram in advance.

Third. If clerk or other party sends the list of entire delegation, be sure to give name, address, time of arrival of each individual. No attention will be paid to a statement that one or more will attend, unless names are given.

Fourth. Free entertainment is not offered to any who do not send names in advance.

Fifth. Parties who do not wish free entertainment, or do not like

to go to private houses, or do not send their names in advance, can get reasonable rates at the hotels. Address all communications to T. W. PALMER, Chm'n Entertainment Com., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Schedule of Trains to Tuscaloosa.

ALABAMA GREAT SOUTHERN.

No. 3, leaves Birmingham 4:40 p. m., arrives at Tuscaloosa 6:35 p. m.

No. 1, leaves Birmingham 10:10 p. m., arrives at Tuscaloosa 11:38 p. m.

No. 2, leaves York 2:13 a. m., arrives at Tuscaloosa 4 a. m.

No. 4, leaves York 7:23 a. m., arrives at Tuscaloosa 9:48 a. m.

SOUTHERN (SELMA AND AKRON).

No. 17, leaves Selma 4:05 p. m., arrives at Tuscaloosa 3:15 p. m.

MOBILE & OHIO.

No. 4, leaves Montgomery 8:25 a. m., arrives at Tuscaloosa 12:18 p. m.

No. 3, leaves Columbus, Miss., 1:25 p. m., arrives at Tuscaloosa 3:35 p. m.

A reception committee will meet all of the trains except Nos. 1 and 2 on the Alabama Great Southern. Parties arriving on those trains will go to the hotels for the night, and report to the committee at the church next morning.

Those who arrive on all other trains will take the dummy at the depot and report to the Entertainment committee at the Baptist church, and their homes will be assigned.

The Eatonton, Ga., Star has this interesting piece of information:

It might be well for other churches to follow the example of the Baptist church at Bowman. According to an amendment to its constitution which was recently adopted, all of its members are to pay their debts or be expelled from the church, the church being the judge as to their ability to pay?

What would you say, brother, if that measure were proposed in your church?

A Question as to Deaconship.

Bro. Editor: I want to trouble you to answer a question for us, and as it may be of information to others, will ask you to publish the answer.

Question. A brother who is a deacon in the church at A. moves his membership to B., what is his standing? Is he a deacon for B., or not?

A brother here has raised the question and is not satisfied with my explanation, and I have been requested to refer the matter to you. W. J. RUDDICK.

Stanton.

REPLY.—Formerly it was generally held that when a deacon moved his membership from one church to another he carried his office and the right to exercise it with him, and that the church with which he united by letter was bound to recognize him as a deacon in active service. Possibly this view is still held by some Baptists, but it is rapidly losing its hold with thoughtful people. Indeed we knew some churches twenty years ago which refused to receive a new-comer into the active service of the deacon's office unless they regarded him as worthy to hold the office and his services were needed. The idea is based on the sound proposition that one church cannot select a deacon for another church. It is also true that no man has the right to force himself as deacon upon an unwilling church. It may be glad to have him as a member, but may not need him as a deacon. But when his services are required in the deacon's office, the church can ask him and authorize him to enter

upon the duties of that office.

This answer is founded upon what we have known in the practice of some of our most intelligent churches.

November 1st, at Six P. M.

The books of the State Board of Missions close. If you have money on hand for this year, wire me the amount and put it in the mail.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

At some association I loaned my State Convention Minute to some brother to use in making a report. It was not returned. I made some notes in the Minute which are valuable to me, but of no service whatever to anyone else. If the brother's eye falls on this, I will be greatly obliged if he will return it to me at once by mail.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Montgomery.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Just a Little Correction.

The statement by Bro. Mize in the last issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, that "the association (Zion) offered Bro. Neal \$150 for next summer," is incorrect. This grew out of a misconstruction of a conversation with Bro. Mize on my return to college. Owing to the ease with which the \$100 was raised last summer, and also the amount of work required, some of the brethren expressed themselves as of the opinion that the association could and should pay \$150 for next summer. The association met last week. I was asked to serve again next summer. The amount to be paid was left in the hands of the executive committee, which has not yet reported on the question.

My report to the association shows 32 additions by baptism, and 53 in all. Give me too little credit rather than too much, and I deserve none; "for without Me ye can do nothing."

T. V. NEAL.

Howard College.

Trip Notes.

THE MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION

at Prattville was not a booming success. I have attended two sessions, and at each the attendance was small. Some put the blame on one brother who always manages to get up a wrangle, thrusting in his peculiar views, and it so happens nobody else agrees with him. Peace-loving brethren absent themselves from the meeting on this account. The city churches, where they belong to an association, have much to do with the failure or success of the meeting. If they would send a dozen or more of their members to stay through the meeting, it would add much to the meeting, and some enthusiasm would follow; but great churches are often content to send one or two, and they frequently stay only one day. If they are present two days, they must run home at night. To get the most of an association, one must put himself in touch and keep himself in touch with it from start to finish. Running off at night makes a break, and interest wanes.

The Prattville church has been fortunate in securing as its pastor Bro. A. J. Preston. He is one of our best preachers. I look for good results to follow his ministry. This old factory town is looming up since the coming of the M. & O. railroad. This gives it two roads. When I was a boy my father lived at old Washington, four miles away on the river, and I remember with what interest I looked upon the old Pratt residence with its picture gallery, and how wonderful seemed the famous factory. The gin factory has been added since that, and is sending out its gins to every quarter of the globe where cotton is made, and the cotton fac-

and there ought to be but one answer. If it cannot, then it is at the mercy of any fellow who chooses to exploit himself and his heretical teachings. Of course it is possible the association may be wrong and the brother right—such cases have occurred; but almost universally it is the other way.

THE SELMA ASSOCIATION

convened with the church at Orrville. The weather was fearfully hot and the dust intolerable. The representation was small, owing, doubtless, to the press of gathering cotton. The crops about Orrville seem to be good. The Selma Association has always met, until this session, in the summer. I understand it moves back to its old time in August. From the start it has been a missionary body, though I doubt if it is giving as much for missions now as formerly. There are several pastorless churches in the association. An earnest discussion was had on the question of supplying them with preaching. It was thought that volunteer work on the part of pastors would supply the demand. I wonder if the volunteers forgot their zeal after the adjournment! That is often the case. Bro. J. F. Watson, the pastor, and his noble church did the entertaining in magnificent style. Into this neighborhood, more than thirty years ago, the writer came to begin his first pastorate at old Providence, five miles away. I know and love these people as I do no others on this earth. But how fast they are passing away! How the children have grown up! Orrville is the home of the Ellises, a name which is becoming widely known among Alabama Baptists because of the princely way they support every denominational enterprise. "God has blessed them," and they are honoring

trustees could lay aside \$50,000 as endowment. This is the cheapest way for an endowment for the Judson. Give the school the needed buildings and equipment and its endowment is certain. "Jim Fitzgerald," as he is familiarly called by his friends, is one of the enthusiastic citizens of Marion. I have never seen him that he didn't have a hopeful word to say about old Siloam church, the Judson and the Central Bank, of which he is cashier. He gives his money freely to his church and the Judson, and many a poor boy and girl will rise up to call him blessed for the timely aid he extended them. This was about his speech to the writer: "This old church never had a finer preacher, her finances were never in better shape, and we were never more united and hopeful than now. Here, let me introduce you to our Sunday school superintendent,—do you know him? I tell you he is a good one, too; and here is our Secretary,—did you ever see him before? We are proud of these boys—they are just splendid;" and then he switched off to his pew as if to give me time to reflect upon the things he had told me. It was a time for reflection. I knew both the boys well and was proud to hear of the good work they are doing. Will Fowles, now a prominent lawyer, once the mayor, was occupying the place so long filled by Judge King, deceased, and Bro. Jesse Lovelace, resigned, and he seemed perfectly at home in the place. And there was Ira Davis, long connected with the railroad, in the place of secretary. Time was when these young men didn't take much interest in church matters; but they did fair now to be worthy successors to their honored fathers who in their day were among the most godly and faithful deacons the church has ever had. I rejoice

with Bro. Fitzgerald in the happy change in their lives and the prospect of future usefulness. Heaven bless the old church with all its precious memories!

Sunday night found me before a small congregation at GREENSBORO.

What a pleasure it is to think that the Baptists have a neat house of worship on the principal street in the old town where for thirty years they have been unknown! What a struggle the little band had! It required sacrifice and self-denial, and patient, prayerful waiting; yes, and the offering up of life itself. There is no doubt that Hardy gave up his life for the cause here. How tenderly everybody in the town, whether Baptists or not, revere his memory. The "Hardy Memorial" is an appropriate name for the church. Pastor Lee has the hearts of the people, and good congregations hear him. Some valuable members have been added by recent removals hither, and others are soon to follow. If anybody doubts the pluck of this little band, the fact that they aspire to the honor of entertaining the State Convention next year ought to dispel their doubts. Think of a Convention in Greensboro! I hope to live to see that day. It may not be next year, but is must be before many years.

W. B. C.

ALABAMA STATE FAIR, BIRMINGHAM.

On account of the Alabama State Fair, Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 1st to 10th, the Alabama Great Southern Railroad will sell tickets from all points on its line to Birmingham and return at rate of one fare for the round trip, plus 50 cents admission to the Fair grounds. Tickets will be sold daily October 31st to November 10th inclusive, with final limit to return Nov. 11.

For further information, call on Alabama Great Southern Railroad Ticket Agent.

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A QUESTION

has been thrust upon us by something which occurred at the Montgomery association: Has an Association the right to protest against the irregularities and heretical teachings of one of its ministers, and call the attention of the church to which he belongs to his acts? That is a very simple question,

B. Y. P. U. COLUMN.

Communications for this column should be addressed to PAUL F. DIX, Box 502, Montgomery.



THE BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

GWYLYM HERBERT.

XVI. THE FLOWER AND FRUIT COMMITTEE.

"Your voiceless lips, O flowers, are living preachers. Each cup a pulpit, and each leaf a book."

Not only does God place the flowers and trees to adorn the world, but to be his messengers as well.

A flower committee should be in all our societies. The majority of us, I suppose, have considered this committee of very little importance, but just the giving of a little flower has been the means of opening the eyes of many a wayward one to the love and pity and care of God.

The first thought that comes to mind in connection with the duty of this committee, is that of placing flowers in the church each Sabbath. How appropriate and attractive appears that bunch of flowers on the sacred desk, and what a pleasing effect is produced by the greenery which is to be seen on the pulpit and in other parts of the church.

"A pastor, disheartened by the indifference with which his message was received, once prepared his resignation, to be read at the next public service. With a sad heart he sought the church and entered the pulpit, for he loved his people, and longed to do them good. Upon the Bible was a cluster of violets, and upon a tiny card affixed were the words, 'In due season we shall reap, if we faint not.' He began the service, and that sermon was the most convincing he had ever preached. At its close he confessed what he had planned to do."

then, holding up the violets, he said: "But for these, I should rashly have severed our blessed relations. I will bide God's time; I know the harvest will come." The congregation was in tears, hearts were moved, and there began a great ingathering of souls.

The sad and weary child of God often needs the blessing which comes from the giving of a flower in His name.

The flowers that appear so lovely in God's house may again be messengers by being sent to the bed of the sick and afflicted. With flowers in your hand, the sick need not be told that yours is a call of sympathy and love. It was a man in mortal illness who said, "I should like to see the pastor of those kind young people," and he was won to Christ. God's beautiful thoughts, as expressed in flowers, was the golden key by which his soul was unlocked.

Those who are bowed down with the weight of a great sorrow or disappointment may be strengthened by receiving flowers with an encouraging passage of Scripture affixed.

The home of the poor may be made brighter and some heart made happier by such a loving remembrance.

Then again flowers sent to the hospital, to the poor-house, and to the jail may be to some soul a beautiful ray of sunshine.

A bouquet given to the members of the church on Sunday morning, with an invitation attached, would greatly increase the attendance upon the meetings of your society.

An appropriate scripture and invitation written on a neat card, affixed to a bunch of flowers and given to those who do not go to church, might induce them to come to God's house and be the means of bringing them to Christ.

Plates of fruit sent to those in ill-health and given to the sick children of the Sunday school may brighten many a life.

COLLECTED SEED THOUGHTS.

Have a young lady for chairman of the flower committee. As a

general rule, girls are better qualified for the position than young men. They have better taste, and will devote more time and thought to the work.

Ask the pastor to give you a list of the sick in the church district every week.

Select your committee carefully. Put on only workers. Drones will continually annoy you.

Study variety in your church decorations. Take hints from nature. In the spring she pushes forward her wild flowers and apple blossoms; in the summer she has a perfect opulence of floral products; in the fall she leaves as parting gifts flags, golden rod, and oak and maple leaves.

Interest your younger members in this work, for it is something they can do, and which will do them much good.

It is well to have some potted plants that can be given away. One such gift has been known to revolutionize a whole household, beginning with the cleaning of the window pane that the sunlight might reach the new treasure, and extending to the shining of the "Sun of Righteousness" into darkened hearts.

The committee should possess three rare gifts,—energy, executive ability and good taste.

(To be continued.)

B. Y. P. U. FIRST CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

In spite of the fact that during the summer many people were away from the city, and we had no pastor, besides the general depression that hot weather causes, our Union all through the summer has done a good work. Although attendance on the meeting was small, the spirit was good and something was accomplished. Now with the coming of our new pastor, and the fall season, our work is beginning to take on new life. The new pastor enters into the work of the young people in such a way as to make us all feel that he is with us, and that he is going to aid in the many ways that only a pastor can in the good work. We also feel that as his coming is to us in the local work, so it will be to the state in the state work. We congratulate ourselves with the other young people of the state that such an able, energetic, consecrated worker has been added in the person of our new pastor.

God to our work. We expect more from our local work this winter than has ever been accomplished before, and we expect to meet the other Unions at LaFayette next spring, telling of real good that has been done for the cause.

MAUD PEPPERMAN, Cor. Sec. Montgomery, Ala.

The State Secretary states that there have been thirty new Unions organized in the state since the last convention. Remember that has been only about six months ago. We are confidently expecting that this number will be increased to at least seventy-five before the LaFayette convention. Let the good work go on. God has blessed it, and will continue to do so.

For the Alabama Baptist. Why Are So Many of Our Country Churches Going Down?

It is simply because the members take so little interest in the affairs of the church. Few of them will go to church, especially on Saturday. We have no preaching on Saturday because we expect the preacher to preach to vacant seats. Often there are not enough members present to hold conference. If the members would take some interest in the affairs of the church and not leave it all for the pastor to do, and then give him a down-hill push every chance they get, there would not be such a cry of "Why are our country churches going down?" Church members will do all sorts of things that are wrong, and say there is no harm in them. The young members who come into our churches are being influenced by the older members, who do not seem to think that their conduct is influencing others. If the older members would leave off these (as they say) harmless sins, among which are dancing, drinking and swearing, and go to work, we would soon see a change for the better in our country churches.

MRS. IRA HUTCHINS, Pearl, Ala.

The best time to do good is when ever we have a chance to do it.

Central Committee.

WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President, 1705 Twelfth Avenue, S. Birmingham; Mrs. B. D. Gray, Vice-President, Birmingham; Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Vice-President, Ex. Com., Livingston; Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Leader Young People's Mission Work, Birmingham; Mrs. Florence Harris, Leader Babies' Branch, 301 Sayre St., Montgomery; Mrs. Geo. M. Morrow, Treasurer, 1711 Eighth Ave., Birmingham; Mrs. D. M. Malone, Secretary, East Lake.

Woman's Missionary Union.—"This also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Total contributions, \$83,266; to Foreign Board, \$31,757; to Home Board, boxes, \$27,089, cash, \$18,114; to Sunday School Board, boxes, \$4,940, cash, \$1,364. Christmas offering for China, \$5,309. Annuity gifts, \$9,000. Expenses, \$2,273.

Study Topics.—Present Activities. Woman missionaries in the various fields. How many women do more for the Master? Their indebtedness to Him. Growth in the work.

WHAT GOD HATH WROUGHT THROUGH ONE WOMAN.

Two notable little figures, who several times appeared on the platform wearing the native Hindu dress, were the sweet-faced young daughter of Pundita Ramabai and her friend, a child-widow from her mother's famous school. Both are being educated at a school in New York city. Great interest was manifested in the former for her gifted mother's sake, and in the latter for her rare attainments as a linguist. Though only about twenty years of age, she is familiar with five languages besides her own—Tungabai, Marathi, English, Greek and Latin—and has read Xenophon's "Anabasis," Homer's "Iliad," the Greek New Testament, and Cesar's "Commentaries." Few American girls can boast of such accomplishments.—Christian Endeavor World.

THE LEAVEN WHICH A WOMAN TOOK.

There is a work to be done on the foreign field which can be done only for women and by women. The work of evangelization, of organization, of establishing colleges, of building railroads, of founding government, of transcribing languages, of creating industries, can be done largely by men, but there is another work different, without which all the other activities will be thwarted and defeated, that can be done only by women, through women, for the world. Our Lord gave it to us in a picture when he said, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in a measure of meal until the whole was leavened." The final citadel of heathenism is in the home, and that fortress can be taken by women only. It seems such slow work, this gathering of children into kindergartens, this friendly contact with little groups of mothers, the teaching of needle-work, this living one's own home-life through long, lonely years that seem to count for nothing. It is women's work, my sisters, the patient hiding of the leaven in the lump until the whole is leavened. And there is no one agency which has such power to hasten the triumph of the kingdom of our Lord as this hidden work committed into the hands of women. A thousand trained nurses to incarnate the tender compassion of Jesus, a thousand women physicians to carry into closed homes the gospel of healing, a thousand kindergarten teachers to gather the children into the arms of the Christ, a thousand zenana visitants to carry fresh life into stagnant hearts, a thousand missionary mothers to set up the white fragrance of their home in the darkness—these are our forces, these the reinforcements that shall take the strongholds of error and darkness.—Mrs. W. M. Montgomery, Missionary Review.

WOMEN IN MISSIONS. Missions have shown the normal status of woman in the church and in the world, and how closely her identification with her Redeemer is also linked with family life and social life, so that without her there can be no holy household nor reformed society. And her deep sense of infinite debt to Christ, not only for salvation, but for her redemption from her domestic and social thralldom, prompts her to undertake a mission to her degraded sisters in pagan, heathen and Moslem lands, which can by no one but Christian women be done at all.

Perhaps God suffered zenanas and harems to be locked against men so that women might the more feel his providential call for their service to their sex.—A. T. Pierson.

WOMAN'S DAY AT THE ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.

One who has watched the changes of the century has seen none greater than in woman's work in the Kingdom of God. It was not until the middle of this time that the organization of women into great denominational societies for the uplifting of heathen women was begun. Now these societies number 120, and contributed to foreign missions last year \$2,500,117. How recent and marvelous this growth is shown by the fact that the best obtainable statistics in 1880 showed the societies were giving about \$755,000. It will thus be seen that the gifts of the women through these organizations have more than trebled in twenty years, while their gifts through other channels have not lessened. For this woman's meeting long preparation had been made, and previous to Woman's Day ten meetings, taking up every feature of the executive work of woman's missionary organizations, had been held. The practical discussion of means to ends, the thoughtful wide views of the leaders bore large promise. Some of the subjects treated were, Giving, Children and Missions, Business Methods, Time and Talents, Best Methods of Training Young People, Better Missionary Literature and kindred themes dealing directly with the life and growth of missionary societies. Of the plans mapped out, an international, undenominational course of mission study was one of the most far-reaching. Thursday, Woman's Day, surpassed any other in the great crowd; in attendance, and one could but exclaim "The women, who publish the tidings are a great host."

THE CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.

Of all the absurdities under the sun, the church entertainment can be the most demoralizing. A peculiarly lofty incentive attaches to the privilege of giving for mission work at home and abroad. The Japanese tea and bazaar lottery, with ten-cent fishing-ponds galore, removes all personal meaning of sacrifice or judgment in the contribution. If missionary offerings are below what they ought to be—as everybody admits—nothing is gained by a process of "wheeling" pennies by catchpenny means. "Dignity and directness!" A happy collocation of terms.—Mrs. Emily Huntington Miller.

For the Alabama Baptist. From Auburn.

Major Jno. G. Harris, Editor ALABAMA BAPTIST, delivered a most interesting lecture in the Auburn Baptist church on Sunday, 21st, on the life of Paul and his powers as an orator. This lecture was greatly enjoyed by the audience, because the life of Paul is always entertaining to any one who can appreciate nobility of character, fearlessness in the discharge of duty, and faithfulness in holding fast to conviction; but when these attributes of the great apostle are presented in the eloquent language and the earnest manner so characteristic of Major Harris, the discourse becomes all the more attractive. Our distinguished brother always receives a warm and hearty welcome in Auburn. This is not the first time he has given the people a treat in the shape of an entertaining and instructive discourse; his lecture delivered here some years since on the University of Babylon has not been forgotten, and it is often referred to as one of the best of the many lectures delivered in this college town in the past.

The college located at this place should be of special interest to the Baptists of Alabama, because of the large number of boys of Baptist families now engaged in study within its walls. The register of the institution shows a total attendance of 365 students, and of this number 103 are Baptist boys. The enrollment at Christmas will almost certainly increase this total to 400 students, if the proportionate increase in past years means anything. There are boys from all over the South, from some of the states far north, and from South America and from Cuba. This is a splendid field for Baptist work, and it is to be regretted that the

Baptist church located here is not financially able to pay a salary large enough to sustain the very best pulpit talent to be found in the country. The membership, however, represent a faithful, earnest, self sacrificing church, and every effort is being put forth to reach the students who come here year after year by the hundreds, so that the principles of Christianity, as Baptists understand them, may be given to these boys while they are in the formative period of their lives.

Bro. J. J. Cloud, who has served the church faithfully during the past five years, has resigned the pastorate and his place has not yet been filled. Brother Cloud has purchased a home in the community and will continue to reside in Auburn, where he is much esteemed for his admirable character and true piety, and his kind, sympathetic nature has won him many friends from among the various denominations. P. H. MELL.

For the Alabama Baptist. Centennial Association.

This body held its annual session with Mt. Carmel church, twelve miles west of Union Springs, October 13. The organization was effected by the re-election of George Williams moderator, F. O. Bickley clerk, and B. T. Eley treasurer.

Notwithstanding the rain and the bad roads, nearly all the churches were represented, and one new church, Inverness, was received into the association. The body is composed of fifteen churches, all in Bullock county except one, and something over eleven hundred members; and is under the constitution, entitled to about one hundred messengers, which comprises the assembly for the transaction of business. The reports from the churches, while showing no great increase of membership, reported several protracted meetings, at which considerable numbers were added to the churches. The collection sent up for missions was reasonably good, but the reports showed great default in keeping up organized Sunday schools, that medium of Christian information so essential especially to the young. A resolution passed unanimously asking the Ladies' Aid Society of each church to send messengers to the next association, the object of which will be to cooperate with the Woman's Missionary Union, with headquarters at Birmingham, recommending and assisting in the work of the Home, Foreign and Sunday school boards.

The ministers present were Revs. S. O. Y. Ray, J. W. Dickinson, T. M. Thomas, A. G. Moseley and A. P. Pugh. Bro. George W. Harrison, who was appointed to preach the introductory, not being present, there was no preaching on Thursday, and the failure of Bro. W. B. Crumpton, secretary of the State Board of Missions, to appear, as was expected, and the great press of business, there was no preaching on Friday. All the ministers named made excellent speeches in discussing the reports read, and Bro. Ray during all the recesses was busily engaged with the brethren in the interest of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. Bro. A. G. Moseley preached Saturday morning, which was received with much commendation, and a small collection and some pledges were made to assist him in building a house of worship in New Orleans. Resolution of thanks for the unbounded hospitality of the community was passed. The social feature of the meeting was par excellence, and we trust that much good was done.

The business of the association was completed on Saturday evening, and the association adjourned to meet with Indian Creek church on Tuesday before the second Sunday in October next, in three days session.

A New Century Meeting was held Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and fine addresses were made on the progress of the Baptist denomination during the nineteenth century by Brethren Moseley and Pugh. Brother Pugh also preached to a crowded house at 11 a. m., and Brother Moseley at 1:30 p. m.; and thus the proceedings of the last session of the Centennial association for the 19th century passed into history. GEORGE WILLIAMS, Union Springs. Mod.

The best time to avoid temptation is when you feel the strongest.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Letters from a Traveler—No. 12

CONSTANTINOPLE, TURKEY.

I am compelled to write you another letter from this point, as the quarantine against Smyrna and Beyrouth compels us to spend a week here, much to our regret; but I am happy to say this is our last day here. We sail for Joppa this evening in a round-about way that will keep us at sea seven days, when three days is the usual time.

There were enough passengers on the steamer to make it pleasant and not crowded. I think seven different languages were on board. We passed the old battle-ground of Marathon soon after leaving Piræus, and then arrived at this place at 6:45 a. m. on the 13th. Capt. Byers had told us that it was not all smooth sailing in the Ottoman empire. We were soon convinced by the arrest of our genial and weighty friend, Mr. Reid, of Texas land and picture fame, as well as our preacher, Mr. Ellis, of Senatobia, Miss., who were put in the house of detention in the police department as men of suspicious character, pending investigation. We suppose (do not know yet) that since the assassination of the king of Italy all monarchical governments are more apprehensive of the Nihilists. Our conductor, Capt. Byers, hurried away to our consul here, and by the time lunch was ready, had the prisoners out again, none the worse except the loss of friend Reid's pen-knife and all of his good nature for several days.

Constantinople differs from Rome in that the former has soldiers and dogs, and Rome had soldiers and priests. Hundreds and hundreds of dogs here. They are intended to serve as scavengers for the city, and maybe they are, but I would prefer the filth to the mangey, dirty, hungry, odorous things, and take the chances on having the streets cleaned by men, as in all civilized countries. The much spoken of and despised ass is the main avenue by which farm products are brought into this city. Sometimes you see a large stack of hay moving along, or a couple of baskets filled with fruits, and no earthly thing moving it; but by a

but they shake their heads and say somebody will "get it" sooner or later. They mean the country and the government of it.

The Turkish women only go veiled, and it is quite modified. I am told, to what it once was. While the veils are religiously adhered to, naked boys can go in bathing at the wharf, and no one molests. They are an awful hard set of women, anyway, so far as I could see; and nothing was lost by their veiling. The teeth of these continental women are very much better than of Scotland and England. I was very much amused at a very black Nubian negro woman who wore the very whitest of veils, leaving mouth, eyes and forehead protruding through the opening. She was also dressed in white and she was a fine figure for Michael Angelo to have used as a model for Mrs. Plato coming up to earth through a snow-bank.

But speaking of Nubian negroes leads up to the scene of my whole life—the Howling Dervishes. We took boat and went over to Scutari, that part of Constantinople that lies over in Asia-Minor across the Bosphorus. The Dervishes were all seated on goat-skins in an octagon shaped room. One was seated cross-legged making them a speech, referring occasionally to some notes in his hand. I will call him as well as some others a name that I picked out for them for convenience. Kamahamasha was the priest, and as he preached away a layman would give a nice old groan. Finally they commenced to sway their bodies to and fro. All at once there came in a tall six foot four inch Nubian negro man, who had three sabre cuts in the face. He got a place in the gang and immediately fixed up for business. I said to Bro. Ellis, "that is Sambo, a brother of Umslopegas, the fellow that Rider Haggard missed entirely." They were all dressed with turbans on their heads, while long black ulsters hung down to their feet. The swaying became more and more rapid, as Kamahamasha kept reading and Li Hung Chang (?) the yellow tenor, opened up a chant away up in C minor, as it might be; while "Slim Jim Hamil," the white tenor, followed suit in Asia-Minor.

Little donkey way down at the bottom of the motion.

Here again you find the French tongue and French money the prevailing ones, while all hotel cutlery and things of that kind show old John Bull in the lead. Just in front of our hotel is a garden in which a French theatre is in full blast. It seems that they alternate in the use of the three tongues, French, Italian and Greek, at the French theatre, so as to give all a chance to enjoy an evening.

We saw Mosque Sofia that Constantine the Great built for a Christian church. They make us put on slippers over our shoes before they let us enter. Mr. Reid and I quit after seeing two of the mosques.

The porters here carry loads on their backs that would be a load for a single horse wagon. I never saw men carry such loads.

They have a fire tower here, from which the watchman can see over the city and report a fire by signals. We had a fire last night, and saw the fire company pass our hotel at full run. They are compelled to carry, loaded on two poles and borne by four men, the Sultan's insignia. I thought it was a machine with chemically prepared water for putting out the fire until I was told better. It is only one of the many useless things done in this strange country.

There is quite an influx of Germans here since Wilhelm's visit to the Sultan. I suppose fully one-third of the people of this big city are foreigners. I had no idea of seeing so many well-dressed men and women.

We took boat one day and went up the Bosphorus to the Black sea. No wonder there is so much contention in this day as to the final fate of this lovely straits and sea. They are the key to the whole of Asia, the possession of which has been fought for in all known ages of the past. It has now been in possession of the Moslems since 1543. I talked with a Greek lady who was born and raised here, and she told me that the Turks are very kind neighbors to her, and many good people among them. The men of the town who are Christians don't say much, for they are afraid,

a nasal twang, and as their lungs would exhaust in a long drawn out whine, "Yusen" would come in with E minor in C, and hold up the sound until the two tenors could get fresh breath.

So the thing progressed, and if you had been on the outside you would have sworn it was a lot of Alabama river plantation negroes, with "big meetin'" in full blast. But "Sambo" was in his native element, the Religio Emotional, if you will allow me to coin it, and he waxed warmer and warmer. Each threw away his long outer robes, and all soon were bathed in perspiration except "Sambo"—he was in a full sweat. Finally "Sambo" could no longer stand the ecstatic joy and he got down on all fours, and commenced splitting the planks in the floor with gentle taps of his tender head. Kamahamasha and Scienkawics both ran to him, and finally succeeded in holding him, though it was a slippery thing they had hold of. Old Mrs. Hornblower, a Northern lady tourist, became frightened here at this new madness of "Sambo" running over little Fraulein Heineberger, of Germany, who had started herself at full tilt in her effort to escape from Sambo's wild antics. Some young ladies from Texas passed by me on their way out; they did not say a word "as they passed by," but they held on to their noses. Finally Hamahamasha gave the sign and all rested from their labors—except Kamahamasha, who next had the children brought in to be blessed from six months old up to ten years. They were laid in rows, and Kamahamasha walked over them in line, "Sambo" being way up in the seventh heaven, wanted to be blessed again, so he prostrated himself at full length and was walked over time and time again. The little babies hollered quite loud. I can't see why it did not kill them. Sambo is an officer in the Turkish army.

I saw also the whirling Dervishes, and the Sultan go out to the Mosque guarded by 5,000 soldiers. It is now 12 o'clock at night, and all the party are in bed since nine, and I must rest, too.

This is letter No. 12. If my readers have enjoyed them greatly I feel repaid for the hard work, by poor light, of which I have had so much to do.

T. U. CRUMPTON.

Receipts of the State Board of Missions for July.

State Missions.	
Florence ch.	4 76
West End, Montgomery	1 40
Harmony	3 50
Oxmoor	2 20
Columbiana	2 74
Mulberry	4 18
Evergreen	9 60
Ashford	1 05
Harpersville	3 70
Belmont	1 35
Mt. Olive	3 20
Repton	1 43
Perdue Hill	1 80
Pleasant Hill	1 90
Arkadelphia	76
Atmore	6 30
Blossburg	5 05
Birmingham 1st ch.	75 00
North Birmingham	6 12
Southside L. C.	10 00
LaFayette L. A. S.	8 27
Columbiana L. A. S.	2 50
Wylam L. A. S.	2 86
Mt. Gilead L. A. S.	1 42
Mt. Ida L. A. S.	50
Pleasant Home L. A. S.	52
Bullock L. A. S.	1 00
Mt. Zion L. A. S.	1 00
New Harmony L. A. S.	1 00
Leotahchie	2 25
Parker Memorial, Anniston	100 00
Ruhama	10 00
Shelby S. S.	5 00
Charlton	3 35
Oswichee	5 42
Salem	5 57
Selma 1st	2 00
Auburn	4 04
Hephzibah	7 35
Gallion	15 00
Woodlawn	10 00
Zion	1 50
New Hope	1 00
Corinth	1 20
Dadeville L. A. S.	1 35
Snow Hill ch.	2 95
Hardaway	1 00
Pinckard	1 79
Mt. Carmel	1 30
Bethel	11 00
Roanoke	30 00
Selma 1st	50 00
J. W. Russell, Kimbrell, Ala.	1 35
Mt. Andrew S. S.	2 86
Greensboro	1 14
Mt. Moriah	3 87
Wallace Sunbeams	1 25
Seale	1 75
Midway	1 41
Christian Valley	1 17
Bethel	2 28
Ashville	50
Gullett's Bluff	1 20
Alexander City	25 00
Springville	2 16
Rock Mills	95
Talladega	5 15

Clarksville	2 00
Good Springs	1 00
Mt. Nebo	55
Clinton	1 84
Five Points	1 12
Demopolis	8 20
Demopolis S. S.	80
Dadeville	3 33
Mt. Zion	8 40
Clayton Street, Montgomery	10 95
W. B. Appling	26 00
W. A. Bellamy	100 00
Southside	39 79
New Prospect	9 00
Collinsville	6 00
Wilsonville	1 00
Zion	70
Furman L. M. S.	3 30
Oswichee	6 50
Tuskegee	6 55
Birmingham 1st W. B. U.	10 00
Bellville L. M. S.	3 00
Enterprise ch.	7 05
Fayetteville	4 30
Sister Springs	2 05
Black Creek	4 50
Total	\$ 753 90

Home Missions.	
Florence	2 26
Oxmoor	2 70
Columbiana	2 10
Forest Home	1 93
Halesburg L. A. S.	58
Wylam L. A. S.	2 10
Hephzibah	2 86
Woodlawn	7 39
Dadeville L. A. S.	2 50
Snow Hill	1 35
Big Sandy	2 95
J. W. Russell	1 33
Christian Valley	1 18
Bethel	2 28
Ashville	75
Springville	1 00
Dadeville	3 33
Clayton St., Montgomery	5 00
New Prospect	91
Bessemer	8 20
Pratt City	2 60
Total	\$ 57 00

Foreign Missions.	
St. Francis Street S. S., Mobile	8 27
Florence	2 77
Oxmoor	2 00
Columbiana	2 10
Clayton Street, Montgomery	5 00
Wylam L. M. S.	5 00
Central, N. Decatur	2 85
Hephzibah	2 51
Woodlawn	7 39
Dadeville L. A. S.	2 50
Snow Hill	2 95
J. W. Russell, Kimbrell, Ala.	1 34
New Prospect	1 35
Bethel	2 29
Ashville	5 00
Childersburg	10 00
Springville	69
Livingston	6 55
Union	5 25
Town Creek L. B. S.	1 55
Dadeville	3 34

Clayton St., Montgomery	6 40
New Prospect	1 00
Anniston 1st, L. M. S.	1 52
Oswichee L. M. S.	6 50
Bellville L. M. S.	3 00
Total	\$ 101 10

Bible and Colportage.	
Central, New Decatur	24 12

Orphanage.	
Gadsden L. M. S.	5 00
Wylam	3 00
G. S. Walker, Laverne	25
Central, N. Decatur	84
Parker Memorial, Anniston	30 59
Whistler	50
Big Sandy	1 50
Ensley	1 53
Rock Mills S. S.	12 19
Good Hope	6 16
Jacksonville L. M. S.	5 00
Bellville L. M. S.	3 00
Total	\$ 70 06

Ministerial Education.	
Wylam ch.	5 00
Catherine	1 95
Bell's Landing	1 00
Total	\$ 7 95

Greensboro Building Fund.	
W. B. Crumpton	10 00

Institute Board.	
Furman church	10 00

Alabama City Church.	
New Bethel S. S.	1 25
Farmville S. S.	2 75
Ruhama S. S.	5 00
Brierfield S. S.	1 13
McElwain S. S.	5 88
Total	\$ 16 01

Miss Kelly.	
Thomasville Sunbeams	1 35
Dothan Sunbeams	1 00
Brierfield	3 79
Jacksonville Y. L. M. S.	5 00
Livingston Sunbeams	60
Kymulga Sunbeams	1 85
Parker M. Sunbeams, Anniston	8 52
Bessemer L. A. S.	6 25
Pratt City L. A. S.	7 46
Avondale Sunbeams	2 80
Total	\$ 38 62

Miss Hartwell.	
Pratt City L. A. S.	7 05
Birmingham 1st, W. B. U.	15 00
Southside L. C.	15 00
Trussville L. A. S.	7 75
Total	\$ 44 80

Miss Claudia White—House Boat.	
Birmingham 1st, W. B. U.	10 00
" " " "	20 50
Total	\$ 30 50

Eutaw Church Building.	
Sister Springs	1 65
W. B. Crumpton	2 00
Wilsonville	1 00
Alex. City L. A. S.	2 00
Evergreen	6 00
Total	\$ 12 65

Bible Fund.	
Furman L. A. S.	3 25
Cuba L. A. S.	1 85
Total	\$ 5 10

Recapitulation.	
State Missions	\$ 753 90
Home Missions	57 00
Foreign Missions	101 10
Bible and Colportage	24 12
Orphanage	70 06
Ministerial Education	7 95
Greensboro Building Fund	10 00
Institute	10 00
Alabama City church	16 01
Miss Kelly	38 62
Miss Hartwell	44 80
Miss Claudia White	30 50
Eutaw Church Building	12 65
Bible Fund	5 10
India (previously reported)	120 93
Total	\$1302 74

For the Alabama Baptist.

My Summer's Work.

It is somewhat late to make a report of the summer work, but as you have been crowded with matter for your columns, I have delayed writing.

In July we had our protracted meeting at Stanton, in which the pastor was assisted by Bro. F. M. Woods. Bro. Woods preached 12 most excellent sermons, which were listened to by large congregations; 13 baptized and 6 or 7 by letter.

At Mulberry I had the help of Bro. F. H. Farrington, who did a large share of the preaching. He is a good worker, and was helpful to the pastor; four were baptized and five received by letter.

I have resigned these two churches, and they are on the lookout for pastors. This leaves half of my time unemployed.

At Burnsville and Gilgal I had no ministerial help, and the meetings were not very well attended, owing to the sickness in each community. At Burnsville one was baptized and three received by letter. At Gilgal one was baptized.

This church is in the Tuscaloosa Association, eight miles from the city, in a good community, with a good building to worship in. The brethren have treated this pastor with great kindness, for which I am grateful. I went among them an entire stranger; they have made me a friend.

At Alpine church, in Chilton county, I assisted Pastor J. M. Smoke for four days. There were no additions. However, good was accomplished, for I do not remember ever seeing a church more united for service or more devoted to their pastor. During the summer they have built a neat house; it is not finished yet, but they expect it to be in the near future. The Unity Association will meet with them in its next session.

The last session of the Unity Association, which was held at Jamison, Oct. 10 and 11, was a good one. There was not a single unpleasant thing done or word spoken. J. M. Smoke preached the introductory sermon on "Unity." F. M. Woods the missionary sermon on "God's will accomplished in the earth." We had a large number of ministers in attendance, among them J. W. Stewart, G. S. Anderson, and H. W. Provence. Good collections were made for missions, Orphan's Home and Institute work. The reports from the churches were good, only four of the 36 reporting nothing for benevolence, and two of these are inactive, having no pastor and a membership of five and ten respectively.

Steps were taken looking to the employment of an associational missionary.

Truly God has been good to us during the past year, for which we thank Him, and look forward with confidence to the future.

Stanton. W. J. RUDDICK.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From a Factory Town.

We had a sweet service on the third Sunday. Yet to many, if not all, it was the saddest in the past five years. Our first and only pastor preached his farewell sermon to us. No man was ever more unanimously loved by church and community than Bro. J. L. Gregory

has been at Lanett, and will be so long as memory lasts. He came to us when we were quite helpless babes, only thirteen members, with no house, not even a lot to build on. He labored with and for us that God might be honored here. Under his faithful guidance and leadership we have a good church building that will seat five or six hundred people, and it is now finished and all paid for. About 500 have joined this church under him; many of them have gone out into other fields with his loving words of God's truth burned into their hearts. Some that he baptized have gone from this place to the glory-land. His leaving us reminds us that we must all be separated here below.

Bro. Gregory resigned at our September meeting, the resignation to take effect in October, not because he did not love us, or that we did not love and appreciate him. He realized the time had come that the church should have more work and time than he could give us and carry on his other work. As the work has advanced and increased, so he has advanced with it. During the five years he has been with us not a single jar or unpleasantness has occurred to mar the peace between him and his flock. My prayer is that when he reaches the evening of life; when declining years shall come, when he is no longer strong and vigorous in mind and body as he is now, though myself, with all the present membership shall have crossed over the river, that Lanett church will never forget or neglect their first and faithful pastor, J. L. Gregory.

The church has called Bro. John Bass Shelton, of Montgomery, for two Sundays. He will take charge of the work the first of November. We can wish for him no grander boon than that he may be loved and appreciated as has been his predecessor. He will have the precious love and sympathy of this church.

Yours truly,
Jas. D. NORMAN, Ch. Cl'k.
Lanett, Chambers county.

Clerks of Associations can have their Minutes printed at this office at a low price. The work will be promptly and correctly done. tf

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, Nov. 1, 1900.

EDITORIAL.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse our State organ, THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, and earnestly recommend it to our people.—Resolution adopted by the Baptist State Convention at Gadsden, Nov. 10, 1899.

A WARNING.

We intend to print the Convention issue of the ALABAMA BAPTIST a day or two earlier than the usual time, so that the paper may be read at the beginning of the session of the Convention. Therefore, those who have announcements or anything else which they wish inserted in the paper for Nov. 15, will take warning and send it in the week before. Remember this.

A WORD TO PASTORS.

We have been wondering whether our preachers and pastors would suffer a word from a layman in the way of suggestion.

For years we have been studying the life of the preacher and pastor, and have had the privilege of sitting under the ministry of some of the noblest that God has ever given to the churches. They are a royal class of men, and are a great power in the world. Taken as a class they are as little deserving of complaint and fault-finding as any set of men with whom we have ever been thrown. Whereas, on the other hand, they are superior perhaps to all other classes in their self-sacrificing and devotion to work and consecration to great and noble effort. The suggestions which we venture to make, therefore, are only suggestions and, we are persuaded, may be helpful to the brethren.

then holding up the light, and in the great work which they have in hand.

Pastors sometimes in their work become discouraged, indeed have great need for encouragement. When these discouragements are on, it is not well for the pastor either by action or word to communicate them to his people. Discouragements, like doubts, grow and become stronger from mere expression. They not only fail in stimulating others, but have just the contrary effect. In uncovering his discouragements the pastor makes a mistake if he thinks that by so doing he will stimulate his people to greater effort. There is no inspiration in the tone or spirit of discouragement. A young pastor once wrote to an older minister that he was preparing a sermon on the "Discouraged Pastor." The old preacher who was a man of great wisdom and large experience, answered very promptly, "Do not preach that sermon until I have seen you." Suffice it to say that the advice was taken and that sermon was never preached, and we are sure both pastor and people were better for it.

Regarding fields of labor, settle it as a governing principle in your life, that God chooses places for men, and men for places. One of the cardinal articles of Baptist faith is that of a divine call to the ministry. This means, if it means anything, that men preach because they are called of God, and surely no man should take this office upon himself uncalled. And next to his being born of the Spirit into the kingdom of God, his call to the ministry is the most solemn and momentous experience of his life. But in addition to this, and just as true as this, is that other idea that God chooses the places where he would have his servants stand and

wait and work. It is worth much to a man for him to believe that his life is moving under the plan and purpose of his divine Master. Is it not well to give this matter fresh thought, and leave it to him whose we are and whom we serve to settle us in the places where he would have us be?

A few words more at another time.

A WEEK or two since a telegram was printed in some of the daily papers in regard to a sermon preached at Raleigh, N. C., by Rev. W. D. Hubbard, late of Alabama, but now pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, Raleigh. The telegram was indefinite, but was calculated to make the impression that Bro. Hubbard spoke favorably of so-called Christian Science.

The sermon has been printed in one of the secular papers of Raleigh, and we have read it with much pleasure. Our brother has little to say of Christian Science, but enough to show that he is in no sense a believer in it. But he does speak of Divine healing, and expresses his belief in it. But he also believes in the doctor. He mentioned well authenticated cases of which he had read in which cures had evidently been made by Divine power in answer to prayer; he also alluded to some well known cases of the same kind which had occurred in Raleigh. He believes that God performs miracles to-day, when it pleases him so to do, just as in the olden time. But for all this he would call the physician to the sick, because no one knows whether by God's will the patient may be healed in the ordinary way, or whether, the usual means failing, our heavenly Father may choose to work a miracle in answer to prayer. Thus it will be seen that Bro. Hubbard is conservative and reasonable. The sermon, strong and eloquent, attracted much attention.

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES on the International Lessons for 1901, have just been issued from the press of W. A. Wilde Company, Boston, Mass.

This work is a commentary on the International Lesson for 1901. This is the 27th annual volume. These Notes are so generally known that our readers need only be informed that the new volume has been issued.

The first and second quarters are given to the Studies in the Life of Jesus. The two last quarters to Studies in the Lives of the Patriarchs. Every Sunday School Superintendent and teacher should procure one of these books. They will find it a great help in studying the lessons.

THE PRESIDENT has issued a proclamation recommending that Thursday, Nov. 29, be observed as a day of prayer and thanksgiving. We have no doubt the day will be generally observed.

FIELD NOTES.

Rev. W. H. Pettus requests us to send his paper to Gurley, Madison county, instead of Rep, in the same county, as heretofore.

Rev. J. R. Stodghill spent a few hours at Clay County association, and, as he usually does, looked well to the interests of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The Prohibition Presidential Electoral ticket was printed in our columns last week, but a subscriber overlooked it and asked us to print it. We insert the ticket again this week.

J. J. Hagood, Ozark Clayton, Oct. 26: From the ALABAMA BAPTIST of today one would think I had moved from Clayton to Ozark. Contrary to that law in nature that "one body" cannot be in two places at one and the same time, I am in both Clayton and Ozark. Clayton continues to be my home, but I divide time and give two Sundays to each place.—[We supposed

that was the way of it, but as Bro. H. nor any one else had given us that item of news, our note was intended as a "feeler" for information. May you be abundantly useful, brother, at both ends of your division.

Rev. W. A. McCain, an Alabama boy who has been for a year or two at Meridian, Miss., now goes to the Seminary at Louisville, and asks us to send his paper there. We are glad to see our young preachers learning all they can; they will need it, and more besides, before their work is ended.

B. Oxanna: Rev. F. G. Mullen, who for the past three years has faithfully and acceptably served the Oxanna church as pastor, has resigned on account of ill health. The church has prospered under his ministry. Rev. A. A. Hutto has been called to the pastorate thus vacated, and has accepted the call. He will give his entire time to Glen Addie and Oxanna—two Sundays each—and do pastoral work at both places. We feel that Bro. Hutto will add strength to these churches and to this association.

W. G. Curry, Livingston, Oct. 25: Some brethren who promised to help us to re-build our church at Eutaw write me that they understand that we have all the money we need, therefore they have concluded to send their contributions to the storm and flood sufferers in Texas. To these brethren I desire to say, we have scarcely more than half enough in cash and subscriptions to rebuild our house. We are going to commence to rebuild, but we will be like the man in the parable who began to build and was "not able to finish."

Selma correspondence Advertiser: Sunday Rev. J. E. Barnes closed his first year's pastorate of the Second Baptist church. During the past year thirty-nine have been enrolled on the church records. There are on the rolls of the church now 249 members, one hundred and sixty of whom reside in Selma and are active members. This church has been a mission for a good many years, but the finances of the congregation under Mr. Barnes's pastorate have improved so rapidly that it is thought that it

will be able to support itself another year. Mr. Barnes is very popular.

W. L. Culbertson, Cuthbert, Ga.: I have just closed my first six months work here. The work has been very gratifying in many respects. We have paid off in full our entire church debt, which six months ago was about eight hundred dollars, besides keeping up all current expenses and having some money on hand for improvements. On account of our past indebtedness we have made no special effort in the interest of the various enterprises ordered by the denomination, except our Sunday school made special contribution to the Orphan's Home, though we have been working "under the schedule" and sending contributions regularly.

We hope to increase our gifts along these lines in the future.—The Lord willing, we will dedicate our house to Him on the third Sunday in December.—I love the ALABAMA BAPTIST and the Baptists of Alabama.

Brethren Pastors: Have You Forgotten the Board?

While away from the office last week my clerk wrote: "Several associations heard from with money but very little from the churches." What does it mean? Is it possible that all my talk about "business methods in our churches," which I have delivered before twenty-six associations, and in many pulpits, has made no impression on the pastors? Are we to drift along after the same old style, raising a great hurrah in April for Home and Foreign missions, and making another stir just before the association in the fall? With the thousands of pledge cards which have been sent out from the office, I hoped it meant the dawning of a new era in our churches. I fear the pastors are letting slip their opportunity.

I know the churches are ripe for reform in our methods. Even though no reform is to be inaugurated, the fall is the best time to press collections. Don't let it slip by unimproved. Let us hear from the Regulars. They are the main support of our Boards. I wonder if the list has grown? W. B. C.

For the Alabama Baptist.

That New Orleans House.

I am now back at my work in New Orleans, after my trip to Alabama in the interest of our building enterprise, and wish to say a few things to those who gave us promise of help.

1. Our people here appreciate very much your generosity, and it will give us more energy to press on in our own efforts.

2. The amounts subscribed were to be paid some by November 1st and others by December 1st. Before you read this, November will be upon us, and prompt remittances will be highly appreciated. Money is already coming in, and I feel that the returns will be prompt and liberal. I tell my people that Alabama Baptists do things that way.

3. Some churches promised collections, without naming any definite amount, and it will be in order for them to surprise us by making their contributions larger than we expect—and we expect pretty good ones. Will those who made these pledges please put the matter before their churches at their first meeting day, and ask a liberal contribution for this good work.

4. Send the contributions either to Rev. W. B. Crumpton, at Montgomery, or direct to me at New Orleans: If sent to Bro. Crumpton, at Montgomery, please state definitely what it is for.

Yours gratefully,
A. G. MOSLEY,
508 Hillary St. New Orleans.

For the Alabama Baptist.

People of Ozark, Watch.

One W. C. Wootton, from Salt Lake County, Utah, and a companion whose name we did not learn, calling themselves ministers of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, were seen on the train from Chattanooga, Tenn., to Ozark, Ala. One of them was drunk, and their obscene language was too vile to repeat, while such profanity could not be expected except from the most abandoned.

We learned that one of them had but just joined the Mormons, and they seemed to have had a carousing time during the eight days since they left Salt Lake City.

After having indulged freely in profane and obscene language for

more than an hour, while a lady sat in the seat behind them, they reached Birmingham, and one of them, having a traveling bag filled with literature and other bundles up in the rack above him, attempted to take them down, and being drunk he dropped some of them and said, "I am going to lose some of these (bar-room oath) things before I get off the train. I ought to have killed that (another bar-room oath) scoundrel for giving me so much to carry." Other language was too vile to repeat.

E. E. GEORGE,
Alabama City, Ala.
JNO. W. STEWART,
Evergreen, Ala.
Ozark papers please copy.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Appeal to Sunday Schools.

We are glad to say to the Sunday schools of the State that the church you were asked to help build at Alabama City is framed, covered and weather-boarded. Our funds are now out, and work has stopped. Brother Crumpton asked for a thousand dollars and received about seven hundred. We need more. You have doubtless read something of our meeting. We have received several additions since our meeting. Have had ninety-three additions since I have been here (three months).

Immediately after our meeting we organized a Sunday school, and our house where we meet has been too small to seat the people at different times. We ought by all means have a house before cold weather. We beg the Sunday schools to give us \$300 more. The house is larger and nicer than we thought of building at first. A picture of the building will appear in the Convention number of the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

The Sunday school children and others who have helped us will be proud some day that they helped build this church. Let me again urge the Sunday schools that you help finish the house you begun. Our people are helping. We need \$500 to finish; we will try to raise here \$200.

Yours,
E. E. GEORGE,
Alabama City. Pastor.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Woman's Meeting, Tuskegee Association.

The Woman's Missionary Union held a very interesting meeting on Wednesday, October 17th, during the session of Tuskegee association at Liberty church. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by Mrs. W. E. Hudmon, of Opelika, the associational vice-president.

Mrs. Melton, of Opelika, conducted the devotional exercises; after which the election of officers took place.

Mrs. Hudmon was unanimously requested to preside, and Mrs. Sidney Catts, of Tuskegee, was elected secretary. Delegates from the different churches were as follows: Twelve from Opelika, two from Tuskegee, sixteen from Liberty, one from Salem, and one from County Line.

The following reports were then called for and read:

Mrs. F. C. Gautier, for the Tuskegee Societies:
Total amount for the W. M. U. \$78 35
Total amount for L. A. S. for Orphanage and church aid..... 126 14
Sunbeams..... 9 88

Grand total.....\$214 37
Organized in September 1899; has 22 members.

There being no delegate from the Auburn Society, the president read an encouraging report from those ladies who have contributed for—

Foreign missions.....\$ 7 36
For Home missions..... 10 00
For Orphanage..... 5 90

Total.....\$23 26
Organized in January 1900, with 12 members.

The report from the Opelika Society was read by Mrs. Cobb, as follows:

Foreign missions.....\$ 11 05
Home missions..... 15 40
State missions..... 5 00
Organ fund and other expenses..... 338 42
Cash in treasury..... 71 41

Total.....\$441 28
Organized in 1890; number of members, 35.

An interesting paper was then read by Mrs. Robinson, of Opelika, on Foreign missions, which pictured most pathetically the sufferings of our missionaries in China; after which we were led in prayer by Mrs. Vernon.

Following, a sweet little poem, read by Mrs. Sanders (Aunt Lois, as she loves to be called) touched the hearts of all.

Then followed a discussion of the work done by the different societies for the Orphanage. Mrs. J. C. Condon spoke for the Opelika church, and interested every one in the work of providing for these helpless little ones. Mrs. Catts told of the work along that line being done by the Tuskegee ladies. This was followed by a leaflet read by Mrs. Catts, "Women as helpers in God's Kingdom," which brought before the ladies the progress that the women of the Southern Baptist Convention are making.

After this there was an earnest appeal by Mrs. Purser, of Opelika, to the ladies for organized effort, for consecrated thoughtfulness of purpose that would lead to greater self-denial and accomplish much good.

We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. G. A. Shealy, of Opelika, after which we listened with a great deal of interest to a missionary sermon preached by Brother Willis, of Auburn, to the ladies.

After dinner the ladies reassembled, and with the assistance of Mrs. Hudmon organized a Woman's Missionary Union among the members of Liberty church. Eighteen names were enrolled as members, with Miss Pamela Pinckard as President. And from the earnestness and zeal of the members of this new society we can safely expect some good work for the Master's cause.

We are indebted to the ladies of Liberty church and Opelika for making the occasion one of great pleasure and profit to us; for which we tender them our sincere thanks.

Mrs. W. E. HUDMON, Pres.
Mrs. SIDNEY CATTS, Sec.

The trip notes last week put Brother Roden as from Marion county; it should have been Madison.

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For the Alabama Baptist.
At Huntsville.

Yesterday was a most enjoyable one to the church, Sunday school and congregation at Dallas Avenue church. Our Sunday school was large and interesting; in fact, it has always been the life of our church. Miss Daisy Daughdrill, teacher of music in our city school, was elected organist, and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Poindexter, of Montgomery, accepted positions as teachers in the Sunday school.

At the close of the morning sermon Mr. and Mrs. Poindexter, above named, united with the church by letter, and our new assistant pastor, Brother Stamps' bride, joined by experience. His marriage last week was to him a delectable occasion, but receiving his companion into the church at the first service, soon to be buried in baptism, was a delight most ecstatic. We welcome these acquisitions to our membership, and believe they will prove valuable aids to our little band.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a fine congregation assembled to witness our Children's Day Missionary exercises, which had been postponed on two former occasions on account of inclement weather. Miss Mary Glenn merits much credit for the pleasure and profit this occasion brought. The songs and recitations were fine, and the collection—well, if possible, it was finer. We realized an immediate result between twenty and twenty-five dollars, besides a whole lot of missionary seed sowing that will bear fruit in the days to come.

We pledged at our association, a little more than a month ago, forty-five dollars for missions and Orphan's Home, and fifteen dollars for Bro. Moseley's new church house in New Orleans. We have already raised fifty of that, having mailed Bro. Moseley exchange for sixteen dollars and a quarter—and there are few poorer churches in the state pecuniarily than ours. How have we accomplished this? you ask. We answer, by going at it in a systematic, energetic manner.

Our first church brethren and sisters are also progressing nicely under the leadership of their most godly and estimable pastor, Bro.

Brett. Their contributions will be larger this year than ever before. They have just closed a series of meetings which lasted two weeks.

Dr. Byron Dement, of Louisville, Ky., did the preaching plainly and with great power. Clear, elegant and eloquent, his sermons were a feast to all who heard them. His familiarity with the Scriptures furnishes him force and facilities possessed by few men of his years in our ministry.

Our work at the West Huntsville church is growing in interest and members. Rev. J. A. Eaves has been preaching for them once a month. They need a man for every Lord's day. We hope soon to report that we have secured a church lot at Merrimack, a great big, brand-new suburb, then that will leave North Huntsville, the Lowe Mill and the Madison Spinning Mill all without Baptist churches—thriving suburbs that ought to be occupied.

As was incidentally referred to elsewhere, our pastor, Rev. Mack Stamps, was married last Wednesday to Miss Mamie Ruffin at Meridian, Miss. Our church and town extend them a most hearty welcome.

We cannot refrain from correcting an error in last week's BAPTIST in regard to where Bro. J. M. Roden was discovered. It was not in Marion but in Madison county, and we often refer to him as a living example of how well it pays to put money in brains.

We have now at Howard College a most promising young brother, Rev. M. H. Crutcher, as beneficiary of our association, and have had one in same school for years.
Oct. 29. R. E. P.

For the Alabama Baptist.
The Eufaula Association.

This body convened with Louisville church, Barbour county, Tuesday, Oct. 23. All the churches were represented, and there was a full delegation, and fine attendance of the people generally.

The introductory sermon was preached before the organization by Rev. W. A. Parker, pastor of our church at Midway. It was a fine effort, and impressed all with

the gifts of this brother. At the close of the sermon the association was organized by the re-election of Hon. G. L. Comer as moderator, and the election of Bro. Davis as clerk, the former excellent secretary not being able to attend. The reports all elicited most interesting and instructive discussions. Unusual prominence was given to Missions and the Orphan's Home. Collections were taken for the Institute work, represented ably by Rev. G. S. Anderson; for the Orphan's Home, and for Missions—\$168.00 for this last cause having been contributed in cash at the close of the missionary sermon by the writer. Ministerial education was urged upon the brethren, and some of the brightest graduates of Howard College and the Seminary live within the bounds of the association.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST was represented by Rev. S. O. Y. Ray, and the State Board of Missions by Rev. H. W. Provence, of Montgomery, who came in Bro. Crumpton's stead. He made a very fine impression on the association, and delivered an able speech. A Sunday school mass meeting was held Wednesday night, which was ably and instructively addressed by Bro. Davis.

Hon. G. L. Comer is one of the best moderators in the South, and withal one of the best and most effective lay workers we have in Alabama.

The next meeting will be held with Clie church, Barbour county. This session was called the best in a whole decade.
M. B. WHARTON.

For the Alabama Baptist.
Zion Association.

Leaving Howard College early Friday morning, October 19th, I was permitted to spend a few hours in Montgomery. This I did in a pleasant and profitable way by spending most of my time in the ALABAMA BAPTIST office, from which place I had a fine view of the Wheeler-Hobson parade.

Arriving at Gantt, a small station just above Andalusia, where we organized a good church during my summer's work, I had a pleasant night in the home of Bro. Wm. Gantt. Through the kindness of

Bro. Gantt and Mrs. Gantt I was started early Saturday morning as one of a pleasant party of three in their phaeton on my trip thirteen miles to Aiken, Crenshaw county, where the forty-fourth session of the association was convened with Friendship church. The former moderator, Rev. J. M. Robinson, just recovering from sickness and unable to attend, was very much missed. Bro. W. T. Watson was chosen moderator, and Bro. E. A. Brantley, former clerk, was re-elected. The entire session was very pleasant and profitable. The orphans were remembered by a collection, and after the annual missionary sermon, preached to a very large congregation in the grove in front of the house, a good collection was taken and applied to associational missions. The absence of most of the pastors of the association was something that should not have been. Some of the brethren were disappointed that there were no visiting ministers to represent any of the different boards of our convention. They say it was not so once, and ask why so now?

I believe there is a future for this association that will make it a power in all the work of our denomination.

More of the brethren need the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

T. V. N.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, 1st, That the Zion association, after fair trial, heartily endorses the plan of Rev. George E. Mize to use Howard College ministerial students as missionaries of associations during the summer months of vacation.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

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Be sure the world is just the same,
And sin will bring thee greater shame,
And sting thee more and more.

Has Jesus lost his charms for thee,
That now thou wouldst a traitor be,
And treat him as thy foe?
Alas! the fault is with thy heart;
And if thou dost from him depart,
It will but work thee woe.

There is the self-same death to shun,
The self-same glory to be won,
The self-same help at hand.
Then seek that help upon thy knees;
With firmer grasp the promise seize,
And seek the better land.

Thought It Made No Difference

"That tenon does not fit the mortise by a quarter of an inch," said an employer to a young carpenter who had just begun to work for him.

"I thought that for a garden gate you would not be particular, and it would make no difference," answered the young man.

But it did make a difference. It made just the difference between the young carpenter having a steady summer job at good wages, and having his time unoccupied upon his hands. The employer found no further fault, but when the gate was finished he paid the maker without another word, and dismissed him. The next day there was another man in his place. He happened to be a man who thought it did make a difference how every thing was done; he always did his best, and he kept his situation till the end of the season.

So it happens. Frequently some little thing which was not expected to attract attention is noticed by some one to whom the excellence of the work has commended itself, and the man who has made painstaking the rule of all his labor is surprised by a sudden and unexpected accession of good fortune. He has been brought into note by some unconsidered trifle, which was well done merely because it was his habit to do everything as well as possible.

On the other hand, many a man who is lamenting his ill-fortune, and does not know what to attribute it to, owes it to some careless-

ness in the way of doing his work such as that which doomed the young carpenter to a summer of profitless idleness. Men are by no means always told by what particular act they are judged; but any good performance is always liable to make, and any bad performance is always liable to mar, a fortune.

Mosquitos in the United States.

The department of Agriculture is about to issue a bulletin prepared by Entomologist L. O. Howard on the mosquitoes of the United States. It discusses their structure and biology and indicates the difference in all stages of existence between the kind of mosquitoes that transmit malaria (Anopheles) and those that do not (Culex), and also discusses the subject of remedies.

Among other things the bulletin says that since the opening up of the gold-fields in Alaska and the great influx of miners and traders, knowledge of the abundance and ferocity of the Alaskan mosquito has become widespread, and Government surveying parties in starting for Alaska for their summer's work are in the habit of consulting the department for mosquito-bite remedies. The bulletin says there is a constant carriage inland from the marshy coast of very many mosquitoes, the railway trains seeming to be the most important mode of conveyance. Many of the cars contain mosquitoes by the hundreds. In this way even mountain resorts will get their supply of mosquitos, and with the improvement of railway service and the increase in number of through cars the danger is constantly increasing.

Only about thirty of the two hundred and fifty known varieties of mosquitos have been found in the United States. Of the remedies in use in houses the burning of pyrethrum powder and the catching of mosquitos on the walls in kerosene cups are probably the best, next to a thorough screening of doors and windows and the use of mosquito bars about the bed. The remedies mentioned for bites are glycerin, a lump of indigo and household ammonia.—Medical Record.

Kid-Gloves and Coal-Oil Men.

Mr. Frank Thomson, the President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, who died a few weeks ago, was known as one of the foremost of living railway managers. There was no part of the business with which he was not familiar, from the control of its great moneyed interests to the fitting of a screw into an engine.

A wealthy man once brought his son to him, saying, "My son has gone through college. Can you make a place for him where he will succeed?"

Mr. Thomson was silent a moment, and then said, "That depends on whether he wants to take a kid-glove course or a coal-oil course."

"What do you mean?" "If he takes a kid-glove course, he goes in as a clerk to perform a certain amount daily of writing, for which he will be paid a salary. In the other course, he goes into the shops and learns the whole business, from the lowest drudgery up. When he has finished, he will know his trade, a valuable one, but his hands will be stained with coal oil."

Mr. Thomson himself, when a boy, chose the "coal-oil course." He worked four years in the carshops at Altoona, barely earning his living, but learning the mechanical details of the business.

Thomas Scott, the famous railway manager, was a friend of the young man, but gave him no help, leaving him to work his own way. At the end of the four years he sent for him, and gave him a responsible position on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Civil War broke out that year. Colonel Scott was appointed Assistant Secretary of War, the Government believing that his experience in the railway work would have taught him how to handle, in transportation, great bodies of troops. A problem of peculiar difficulty of this kind arose.

"I know of but one man who can manage this business," said Colonel Scott to the cabinet. "He is not here."

"Send for him, then," said Mr. Stanton.

The next evening Frank Thomson, then only twenty years of age,

appeared. "Do you mean to tell me," cried Mr. Stanton, somewhat sneeringly, "that we have waited twenty-four hours for this red-headed stripling?"

"He will do the work," replied Scott, quietly. And he did it.

Mr. Thomson was probably peculiarly qualified by nature for his special business; but there is a strong prejudice among American boys against work which involves manual labor, and a preference for clerical duties as being more refined.

It is a fatal mistake. Great prizes now await the thoroughly equipped, practical man in work which lies outside of mere book learning, and the boy is wise who grapples with this work with his bare hands and tries to win them.—Youth's Companion.

The world is very full of sorrow and trial, and we can not live among our fellow men and be true without sharing their loads. If we are happy, we must hold the lamp of our happiness so that it will fall upon the shadowed heart. If we have no burden, it is our duty to put our shoulders under the load of others. Selfishness must die or else our own heart's life must be frozen within us. We soon learn that we can not live for ourselves and be Christians, that the blessings that are sent to us are to be shared with others in that we are only God's almoners to carry them in God's name to those for whom they were intended.—Pacific Protestant.

A hasty word or an unmediated reply cuts to the quick, and often leaves a mark which cannot be effaced; but "silence is golden," and it becomes us as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ to think twice before we speak, and to consider what effect our words, whether spoken or written, may have upon his name and his cause.

The hero is he who does what others dare not do.

The best time to clear up a misunderstanding with a brother is before sunset.

Old-Fashioned Dinners the Best.

Many people who are constantly trying to concoct new tempting dishes overstep the mark. People who eat large quantities of the various preserved foods are not always the strongest. The old-fashioned meal of roasted beef served up with its own juices, with two plain vegetables and a pudding, was far more wholesome than the eight-course dinner which is served nowadays. Few people know the true flavor of potatoes or rice. In this country seasoning too often means salt and pepper only. People in the eastern countries, especially the Turks, make most delightful stews and soups by using a combination of vegetables, cooking them slowly enough to draw out the flavor. Extracts and sauces prepared chemically, and mustard and horseradish may be taken now and then, perhaps to advantage; but as a rule things of this kind should be avoided or used sparingly.—Ladies' Home Journal.

"Is marriage a failure?"

"I should say not!" returned an Oregon farmer. "Why, there's Lucindy, gets up in the mornin', milks six cows, gets breakfast, starts four children to school, looks after the other three, feeds the hens, like-wise the hogs, likewise some motherless sheep, skims twenty pans of milk, washes the clothes, gets dinner, et cetera, et cetera. Think I could hire anybody to do it for what she gets? Not much! Marriage, sir, is a success—a great success!"—Ram's Horn.

"Papy, you took the scientific course in college, didn't you?"

"Yes, dear, I spent two years on science."

"When you look in a mirror the left side of your face appears to be the right side, and the right side seems to be the left. The looking glass reverses it, doesn't it?"

"Yes."

"Then why doesn't it reverse the top and bottom of your face the same way?"

"Why—er—ah."

The supreme need of the hour is that the church be aroused to a sense of her responsibility and dig-

ity of her position, that of an ambassador of heaven, with the same authority back of her and the same end in view as that which brought the Son of God on his mission of redemption.—V. C. Evers.

The best time to let your light shine for the Lord is when things all about you look the darkest.

The best time to praise is when we are in danger of backsliding.

The best time to pray is when we don't feel like it.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The Boers continue to fight in South Africa, sometimes gaining a victory and sometimes losing, but the number on each side is generally small, and the country is generally recognized as lost to the Boers.

The Filipinos, especially on the island of Luzon, on which Manila is situated, continue to show much activity. On some of the other islands there is an occasional fight. A soldier named Fagin, who deserted from the American army, is an active leader of the insurgents, and sent word by a prisoner that he is now a general in that army. He appears to have special hatred for the company from which he deserted.

Nothing decisive has yet been done in China. The powers have not yet agreed among themselves on the demands to be made of China and the course to be pursued. The Chinese people generally are in a state of confusion and unrest, in some provinces bordering on rebellion.

NEARER HOME.

Capt. A. P. Lucas, of Montgomery, a former railroad man, has been missing for some days, and his family and friends are anxious about him.

C. W. Howard, of Florida, formerly of Alabama, was engaged to be married to a lady at East Lake, near Birmingham. When all was ready he did not appear, and a telegram was sent to his friends in Florida. It developed that he went to Tampa and bought a ticket for Birmingham, and had not since been seen by any one who knew him. As he had about \$500 with him, some fears are felt for his safety.

C. L. Alvord, note teller of a prominent New York bank, was recently discovered to have embezzled \$700,000 of the bank's money. When he was arrested on Monday

last in his hiding place he said he was glad to give up and be relieved of the suspense.

In a great fire in New York about a dozen buildings were destroyed and many people killed. Exploding chemicals in drug houses did great damage.

Corn crops are good about Europe.

At the Western railroad yards, on Sunday last, Mr. Robt. Sweatt was attacked by a bull-dog, which reared up and put his feet on the

man's breast and caught his clothing in his mouth. Mr. S. put a thumb inside of each of the dog's jaws and held him thus until his companion, Mr. Coker, got Sweatt's knife out of his pocket and cut the dog's throat. The dog was run mad and people were hunting him to kill him.

A negro named Hayes Parcell stole two bales of cotton from a gin on the Hayneville road, near Montgomery, and brought them to a warehouse in the city. The theft had been discovered and reported when he reached the warehouse, and the negro became suspicious of the fact, and when two policemen appeared he ran and took refuge in a freight car. The officers threatened to shoot him in there, and he jumped out and ran into the river up to his neck. Refusing to come out, the officers went to him in a skiff, and had to use their clubs freely before he was subdued. The negro stole two bales of cotton once before, but did not get money on them.

Cuba has been made into one military department, with Gen. Wood in command, and Gen. Pitzhugh Lee will return to this country and be placed in command of the department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha. Gen. Otis, late of the Philippines, will be given Gen. Wheeler's place as commander of the department of the lakes, with headquarters at Chicago.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson is critically ill at an infirmary in Baltimore, where she went for treatment.

MARRIED.

August 12th, at the residence of Mrs. Barnett, the bride's mother, at Sycamore, Ala., Mr. A. K. Dixon and Miss Pamela Barnett, Rev. J. G. Lowery officiating. This young pair are both members of Sycamore Baptist church. May God abundantly bless them. J. G. L.

At the residence of the bride's mother, in Warrior, Oct. 21, at 7 p. m., by the writer, Mr. David Sawyers and Miss Daisy Gibbs. May the Lord bless these young Baptists on life's journey. J. G. Lowery.

OBITUARY.

Elder Richard W. Davis was born in Georgia, January 7th, 1831. After coming to Alabama he united with the Baptists and entered the ministry, and for forty years, in this State and Arkansas, preached the gospel of Christ with marked ability and success. On the 20th day of August last, at his home in Rosebud, Arkansas, he departed this life. His death was triumphant; the songs of Zion

were some of his last service in the closing hours of life. For a number of years Bro. Davis was the beloved pastor of this church, and good work done by him here is still bearing fruit to the glory of that God he so faithfully served.

Done by order of Friendship Baptist church, at Bullock, Crenshaw county, Ala., in conference, Oct. 21st, 1900.
C. L. EILAND, Moderator.
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Miss Willie Norfleet Holloman was born in Wilcox county about twenty-seven years ago, and died of that dreadful disease, consumption, at the home of her brother, at Arlington, on the 15th of October, inst.

I first met her at my home about four years ago. At this meeting I employed her to teach in my family, which position she held from that time to the close of her life. I feel sure that I knew her better than any one else, for, on the 13th of January, 1898, I buried my beloved companion, which was the darkest spot of my life; but Miss Willie remained with those dear children of ours, and watched over and taught them as but few could have done.

Our friendship grew stronger each year, and as I have so often expressed it, we all loved her as one of our own family, and could think of no one taking her place while she lived.

We all mourn her absence as one of our loved ones; but we have hope of meeting her again where disease can never enter and where parting is no more, for she said she was ready and willing to meet her Savior.

Her presence with us is ended, but we will ever remember her sweet disposition, and feel better for having known her, for she never did a wrong but that she hastened to correct it.

Words are inadequate to express my appreciation of her many kind deeds to me in this life, and I truly thank God for the gift of her, even for the short term of four years.

"No more she'll meet us here below;
Her toil and sacrifice are o'er,
And by the river's gentle flow
She stands upon the golden shore."

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In Memoriam.

In the early morning of Sept. 20th, last, after a night of repose by wearied nature, and a bright rising of autumn sun upon a silent chamber, our esteemed sister, Mrs. Bettie Dunnington-Infra, "as one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams," obeyed the summons from her God, caught the sound of that music and the sight of that brightness which belong not to this world, and of those gleaming hills and walls of jasper which girdle that city of whose glory it hath "never entered into the heart of man to dream." Quietly and peacefully, without

an apparent pang, wholly unconscious of the concern and ministrations of loved ones and friends, her soul went upward and on to that city "whose maker and builder is God," where "many mansions" lie along the pleasant banks of the "river of life," and whose broad battlements the weight of many ages shall not weaken, and nothing which darkeneth or defileth shall ever enter. Her church is bereaved, and our Society feels a heavy loss in the departure of this good woman, whose long life of three score and ten was fraught with noble deeds which live after her. Let us bear in mind her devotion to duty, her sympathy, and all the graces that made up her Christian character; and may we not adorn ourselves with such adornments? To sorrowing loved ones we offer our deepest sympathy, and would commend them to her Savior and ours, with a prayer that we may all enter with cherished sister, mother and grand mother that final rest prepared for the people of God; that last, long, final home where there are no partings, no sad farewells, no ruin, no decay; where all is bright, and will be forever; no endings there; no end to pleasure, no end to happiness, no end to love; no time there—the great clock that strikes off the vast cycles of eternity has the same number to strike as before. There joys eternal shall be ours. There we shall look ever more upon the face of the Lord God of hosts.

"She hath gone to her home, for the race is run,

And the wreath is around her brow;
The angels saw when the prize was won.

"And they greet her in heaven now."

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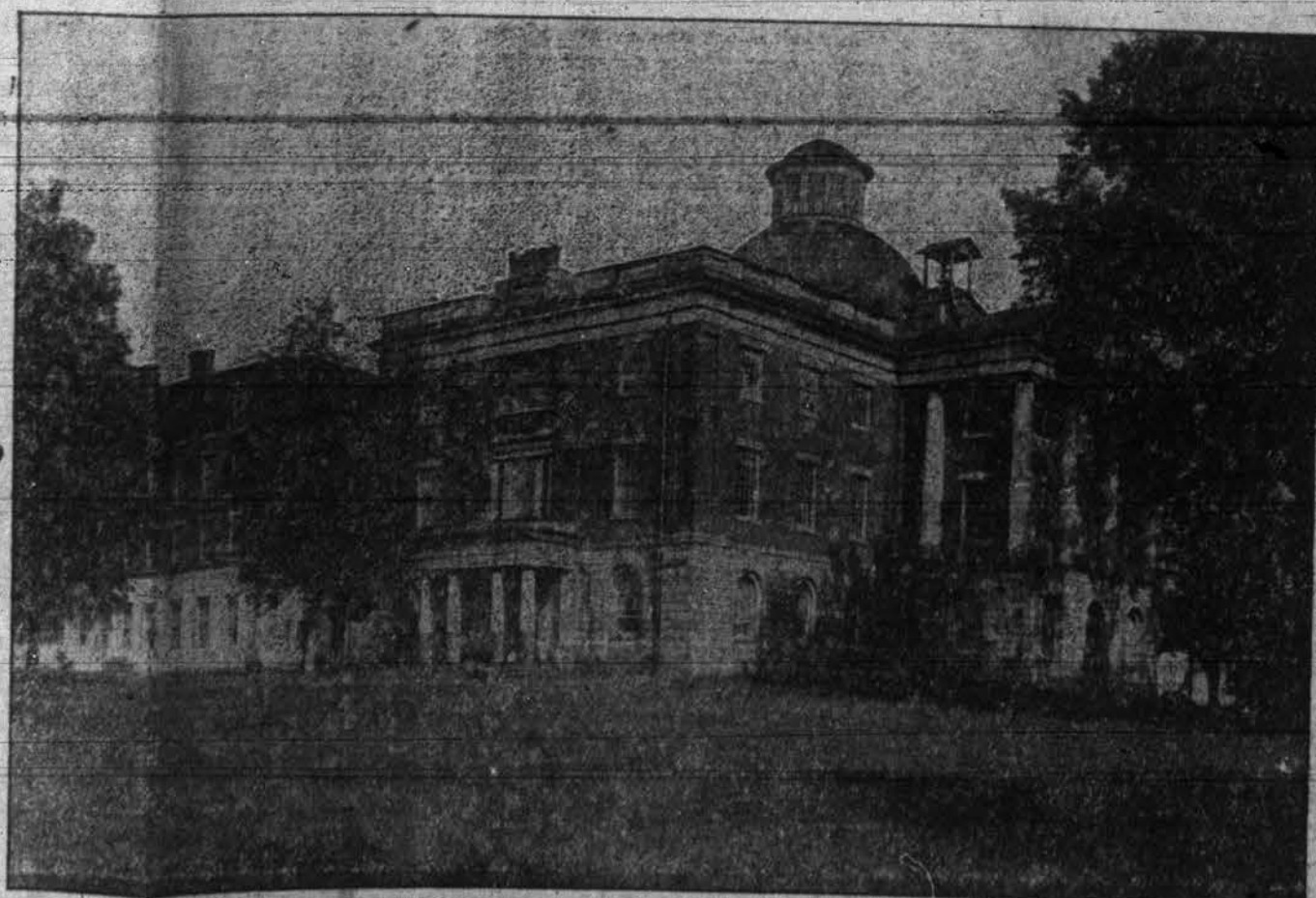
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