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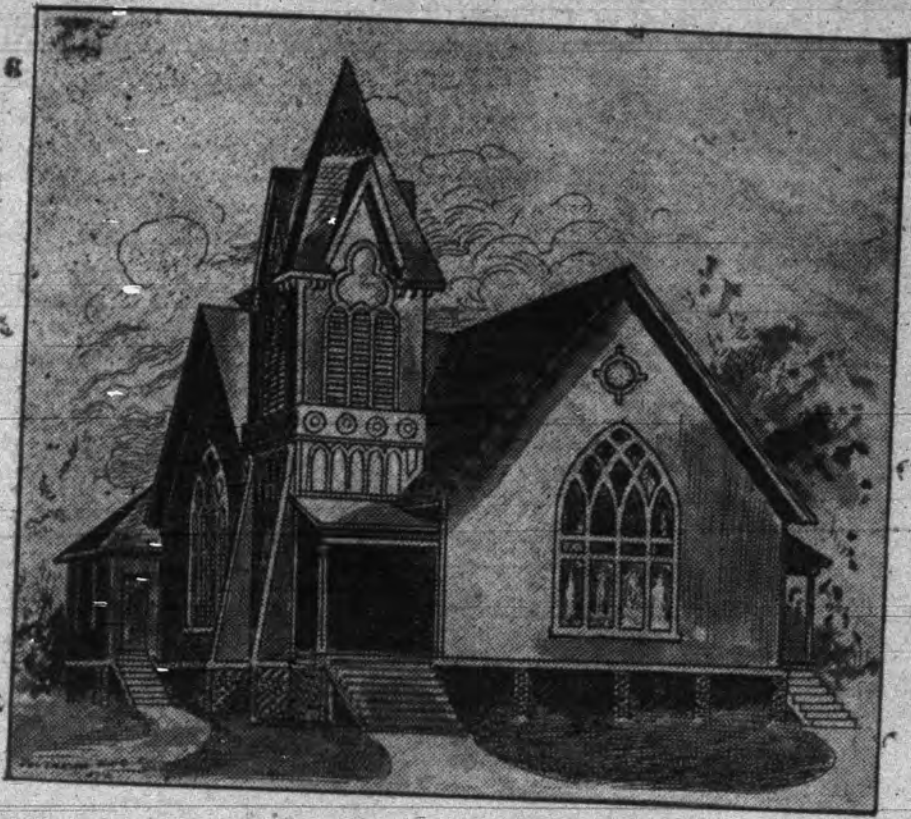
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The Sunday School Building at Alabama City. Here it is. The scaffolding does not show in the picture. The building is unfinished. We need \$300. Will not the Sunday schools send me the money in two weeks? By January 1st we ought to have the church completed.

W. B. CRUMPTON.

B. Y. P. U. COLUMN.

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OUR STATE PRESIDENT AND CHURCH MISSIONS.

The news of the appointment of our state president, Dr. T. W. Ayers, as a medical missionary to China, will be heard with many personal regrets by the young Baptists of our state; but while we will miss him in our home work, it is a source of great pleasure and of some pride that we know that one of our Young People's workers has felt the call to this great work. Dr. Ayers is now serving his second term as president of the state organization, and with all due respect to his predecessors it can be said that he never had a better president. He is thoroughly in touch with young people, in the Sunday school as well as the B. Y. P. U., and we feel that the earnestness, the consecration and the ability that has made him prominent in the work at home will enable him to accomplish much for the Master in the new field to which he goes. It is probable that he will not be able to go to this work before our next convention, on account of the disturbed conditions in China, but he will go as soon as possible. Some of the most prominent leaders in Christian work in our country firmly believe that when the conditions in China become such as to allow the resumption of missionary work, that the cause of the Master will be advanced as it has never been before. It gives us great pleasure to be able to give, and we are sure that our Young People will read with much interest an extract from a letter of Dr. E. E. Chivers to Dr. Ayers, in regard both to his appointment and the prospect of future work in China: "I rejoice to hear of your appointment to mission work in North China, and shall follow with much interest your course. When the smoke of the present strife and confusion in China clears away there will, I am confident, be a larger opportunity than ever for the prosecution of mission work in that great empire, and our churches ought to be on the alert to avail

themselves of the open door. They utterly mistake the genius of Christianity who think that the untoward events of the past year will finally impede the onward march of Christianity, or that the martyrdom of a host of missionaries will cause any scarcity of workers. For every soldier that falls by the way there will be ten recruits who stand ready to fill the gap. We shall miss you in our B. Y. P. U. work in Alabama, and yet we feel that the candidate answered all the questions very satisfactorily. Bro. Smithman led in the ordination prayer. Then came inspiration will come to that work throughout the state from the fact that the Young People have you as their representative on a far off field."

We agree with Dr. Chivers that the greatest missionary opportunity perhaps that the churches of the world have ever known, will be before them at the close of the present Chinese disturbances, and we feel sure that Dr. Ayers will have the earnest prayers of all our Young People, both in his preparation and his work, as he goes as one of the first of the many workers to enter the "new open door."

ANOTHER NEW UNION.

News comes to us of the organization of a new Union at Hawkinsville, Ala., with fourteen active and five associate members. The officers are Mr. E. V. Crawford, president; Miss Lina English, secretary; and Miss Margaret Fuller, treasurer. These young people expect to accomplish much work for the Master. They have a fine field, and we expect to hear soon from them reports of a flourishing Union. We welcome them into the B. Y. P. U. work.

It seems peculiarly fitting that now, as China, and things pertaining to that wonderful country occupy such a large place in the public mind, and especially to our own young people, in view of the appointment of our B. Y. P. U. State President as a missionary to that country, that the subject of the Conquest Missionary Course for this month should be the work in China. The study of missions is always interesting, and it should be also an inspiration to young Christians to study of the faithful, consecrated able work of the devoted men and women who have given their lives and all they have to the Master in this cause. But strange to say, there are few phases of the religious work of the day of which both old and young Christians are more ignorant than the missionary work of even their own denomination; and the lack of interest shown in the work is largely due to this same ignorance. This is a need that the B. Y. B. U. Conquest Missionary Course is meant to fill. In the monthly studies of

missions in the various countries the young people can gain the information that they lack and need. We would urge that every Union in the state make a special effort this month to close the meetings of the year with a missionary meeting on China the last Sunday of the month, that will give to every member, of every Union in the state, a new realization of their duty to missions, and will create a new zeal in the carrying out of the Master's great commission. Just think of the community of interest, the unity of missionary prayers, the fellowship in service that the young people of Alabama can have if they will.

Letters from a Traveler—No. 16

JERUSALEM, PALESTINE.

We are again in the holy city, and you can see by that that I lived through the dreadful night at Jericho. As I wrote that letter, and just before finishing it, the jackals and hyenas commenced a most fearful serenade; then all the 40 dogs in Jericho joined in; then a Bedouin caravan came by singing in Arabic a weird, wild, unearthly song that added to the already gloomy surroundings of my temporary abode, and made me think of the prodigal son who got into so much trouble possibly somewhere near this country at one time. No bad boys' burlesque of a serenade on tin pans could equal the awful din for a short time. I slept no more, I did not try, and happy was I when the dragoman called me at 4 a. m. to resume our journey.

Mt. Pisgah can be seen from Jericho over in the Nebo range in which to prosecute our work. The work is entirely new, and different from the work heretofore. We shall see. We also saw the spring that Eliza changed from bitter to sweet water. It is strong enough to run a small water mill, and one is situated there on the spot that was once occupied by the house of Rahab the harlot.

I am told the negroes I see in this country were also once the slaves of the Arab nobility.

I could see no use in these people of the East wearing slippers, as they wore no hose, and it seemed to me better taste to leave off the slipper also, but our guide said they were worn to protect the feet from the heat of the ground.

There have been three cities of Jericho: the one Joshua destroyed; the next one on a different site that Herod the Great built, and the Romans destroyed, and the modern one that is too insignificant for any one to destroy.

On our return by the same road, practically the road our Savior traveled, only now it is made into a good carriage road the entire distance through the mountains from Jerusalem to Jericho—we stop and look at the inn on the site of the inn of the good Samaritan. Our next stop was at the Apostles' well to rest horse and man. I called the attention of our Arab driver to the fact that two of the three horses hitched to our carriage were bleeding at the mouth. Our guide explained to me that it was the presence of leeches in their mouths. I had never heard of such before. After much trying the driver succeeded in getting them out of one of the horses' mouths. At this well were many flocks with several shepherds who had stopped for water, as they were en route to Jerusalem to sell the flocks. They sell only the males, and there was much striving among them for first show at the weak stream. And here too came some of the native women with their water jugs, pushing their way through the flocks to get their goat-skin jugs filled, and such was their miserable dress and appearance that had I to take choice of either goat or woman for future companion, I think I would take the goat.

We were in Jerusalem by 12:30 p. m.; walked to the tomb of our Lord; saw the stone upon which he was laid to be dressed by his

friends for the tomb; the spot where the Marys stood, etc., etc. The church of the Holy Sepulchre is now on the site, and all naturalness has been covered with marble and gilt and gold and lighted candles; as are all sacred places of Palestine—destroying thereby one-half of the interest of the place.

We next went to the Wailing Place of the Jews, just outside of the old Temple wall, now the wall of the area occupied by the mosque of Omar, as previously mentioned. Jews are not allowed in the old Temple area at all. In truth, they would not go in if allowed, for fear they might unwittingly go into the place of the Holy of Holies. In this part of the old Temple wall are some of the original stones used by Solomon, and here the Jews sit and rock to and fro, and bewail their wretched fate, writing on dirty pieces of paper their wants, and sticking them in the crevices of the wall. Some of them will beg you for money, and some will not look up at all. They all wear a curl of hair down in front of each ear. Dr. King gave one of them unwittingly a bad cold, which was soon returned to him. This raised the doctor's ire, and he gave no substitute. This is indeed the irony of fate. God gave to Isaac and Jacob, the sons of promise, this land in its pristine glory; sent Ishmael and Esau into the desert country. The stiff-necked and perverse Jews sinned time and time again against his Lord, and today the descendants of the humblest Ishmael and Esau occupy the land, all utter desolation, speaking his own tongue as old as the Bible; while the sons of the more favored Isaac and Jacob are scattered over the earth.

One day's notice, no doubt, curiosity brought some, as I saw several present who made some mental calculations as to the number of their tongue dead to the world and themselves long ago, and they speak even one to the other in the tongue of their despised brother while they beg bread on the streets of their once proud capital.

We next see the Pool of Hezekiah, still used as a water reservoir by the city.

Next day we take carriages. We see Bethlehem and the birth place of the Savior in the stable, now a church. See tomb of Rachel on the way, also the famous pools of Solomon, and the stone aqueducts that carry the water miles away to Jerusalem. They are still used. See the spot that Genl. Gordon locates as Calvary as against the place that the Catholics say is in the church of the Holy Sepulchre.

In the evening we take a donkey ride through the city and out to the quarries of Solomon that extend a long way from "outside of the city walls clear under the city, penetrating as far as the old Temple site. See the "other place" where St. Stephen was stoned. Great excavations were made here and a lot of ancient tombs were found full of bones. You can find almost "any old thing" here if you will dig for it, except water. Our Syrian guide aptly remarked on the spot, "The East gave you first your literature and science and fruit, and it has to borrow and beg both of the West today."

Bethlehem has more push and business-like ways than any of the sacred places of Palestine. They make all kinds of bric-a-brac in pearl and gold and silver and wood.

I saw a Turkish soldier in the birth place of the Savior and asked our guide why he was there. He said that there was a disgraceful fight between the Roman Catholics and the Greek Catholics as to the possession of certain privileges in there, and some blood was shed, that the Sultan had a guardian of the peace put in there in the person of this soldier. This is indeed a shame.

T. U. CRUMPTON.

Thus far the legislature has lost little time in speech-making, but many bills of local character have been introduced.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Is There One as of Yore to Heed the Macedonian Cry?

To be sure the cry is not raised in literal Macedonia, but it is raised in as fair a land, Northern Alabama. It is urgent, pathetically appealing, and every circumstance intensifies its insistency.

A year ago, when I began to think seriously about moving to North Alabama, I began to seek information regarding religious conditions and the Baptist cause. Later I subscribed for the ALABAMA BAPTIST, and eagerly read every number. My reading taught me that in Middle and Southern Alabama there were plenty of Baptists and inspiring Baptist activity. I had to derive almost all my information about North Alabama Baptists from private correspondence and personal investigation. My reading suggested a question: "Does the Baptist brotherhood in Central and South Alabama know that there are any Baptists, or any Baptists needed, in the northern section of the state?" And I would have been sorely perplexed for an intelligent answer to the question had I not learned that a Montgomery pastor had moved northward and settled in Decatur. But this information did not dispel all the gathering perplexity. For I knew Bro. Quisenberry, that he could go anywhere he pleased, if he only

would do so.

in session almost all of the day and did not adjourn until after 10 o'clock Saturday morning. When you would do so, I would be glad to hear whether he meant to buy himself in an unknown part of the state, or to give free swing to his Foreign mission zeal by imagining that North Alabama was Foreign mission territory and that he was a Foreign missionary. I have been surprised to find, therefore, amid all the destitution of this section of our state, some as earnest, intelligent, consecrated, enthusiastic Baptists as are to be found anywhere under the sun. True enough, there are some that are behind the times, anti-missionary, omissionary, anti-do anything-at-all. But such are to be found anywhere. They are just not so much in evidence where the workers are largely in the ascendancy. Hence, such choice spirits as Quisenberry at Decatur, Brett at Huntsville, Hendon at Tusculumbia, Briscoe at Russellville, and others at other places, together with many small groups of consecrated men and women, call loudly for the Christian sympathy and missionary support from their more fortunate brethren. COME UP, BRETHREN, AND HELP US. Has our love waxed cold because of abounding iniquity? Come, and encourage us with your abounding and inspiring love.

Have we many undeveloped and inefficient churches? Come, and help us to develop them and render them effective for the Redeemer's sake.

Have we a large population without the gospel and Christian culture? Come, and help us give them the gospel and teach them the purest Christian ethics. Come, and show us how you do it.

Have we few church buildings? Come, and bring us some lumber or brick, and we'll have more house room, and we'll entertain you royally should you in after years conclude to pay us a visit.

Who are they? Where do they live? Those who are largely interested in the mining and manufacturing properties of North Alabama. Have they any care for the souls of their tenants and operatives?

Come up, Bro. Secretary of State missions, to see us oftener, or stay longer when you do come. This is the Lord's country up here. The devil has collected the rents long enough. ENOCH WINDERS. Town Creek, Lawrence county.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

President Kruger left South Africa sometime since, but the Boers still fight the British. He has arrived in France, and the French are making a lion of him—possibly because they do not like the English.

It is reported that the diplomats at Peking have agreed upon the plan of settlement with China, but the particulars are not given out. It is understood, however, that the home authorities of some of the powers do not approve the plan, so it may fail.

NEARER HOME.

A storm last week did much damage in North Alabama and Tennessee. Forty people were killed at Columbia, Tenn., some were killed elsewhere, and great destruction was wrought over a large area, which included Franklin. At the same time there was a storm in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Governor-elect Sanford passed a bright, cheerful day Monday, and his physicians are now quite hopeful of his recovery in time to take the oath of office Dec. 1.

The legislature passed a bill making it more clear and definite who would become governor in the event the governor-elect should die or become ineligible before taking the oath of office and entering upon his duties. The president of the Senate was designated as the legal successor. Gov. Johnson vetoed the bill, but both houses passed it over his veto, and it is now the law.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to make some changes in the congressional districts as they are now constituted.

The job printers at Birmingham are on a strike for better pay.

The safe in the probate office at Clanton, Chilton county, was blown open by burglars on Sunday night last and \$400 taken away.

P. H. Earle, said to be the wealthiest man in Birmingham, died recently in Baltimore.

A young speculator named Phillips has the corn market in his grasp at Chicago, and at last accounts was holding the grain at 49 cents per bushel.

Anna Gould, one of the daughters of Jay Gould, married a French Count Castellane, who spent her money so rapidly that a French court was asked to place her property in the hands of her brothers, which was done, and her husband is very angry. Her income is \$900,000 a year, but that did not satisfy him.

Miss Zimmerman, of Detroit or Cincinnati, has recently married the bankrupt Duke of Manchester, in England. Her father is known in Alabama, and is worth several millions.

The Prohibitionists at the North have already begun the presidential campaign for 1904, and Senator Teller says the silver campaign is still going on.

At the recent election 26 Republican and 18 Democratic governors were elected, but the Democratic state and congressional tickets generally ran ahead of Mr. Bryan.

OBITUARY.

In Memoriam.

Miss Lucia Davis was born October 22, 1873; united with the Nansalia Baptist church in 1897, and died October 25, 1900. She has gone to rest with Jesus. God has called her to His home above, and our hearts are lonely and sad. We know that God doeth all things well, but it is so sad to think that we will meet her here no more; that her welcome voice is hushed; her eyes are closed to earthly things. We cannot realize why one so young, so noble and pure should be taken from us. I feel that God must have needed a lovely flower to transplant in His garden above, and so plucked our sweet Lucia from us. I know it is for some good purpose that God has taken her. In her death her mother and father have lost a dutiful, obedient and loving daughter, the church a sincere Christian woman, and her friends a true and devoted friend.

ONE WHO LOVED HER.

Miss Eliza Carroll, wife of Bro. J. T. Carroll, died at her home at Notasulga in October. She was a devoted wife and mother, a sincere Christian, devoted to all good works. She was sick a month or more, and bore her afflictions with Christian fortitude. To the bereaved husband and dear children our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy. We pray that He who doeth all things well may bless them, and sanctify this great bereavement to their good and to His glory.

W. T. FOSTER.

George W. Smithson was born in Jefferson county, Ala., April 1st, 1864, and died at Hargrove, Ala., August 10th, 1900. He was married to Miss Annie Alexander April 8th, 1885. When young he was converted and joined the Baptist church. His life was a beautiful example of Christian devotion. He was an affectionate husband and a loving, tender father. We miss him at the church, for he was often there. He is missed at home more than any other place. But we know where he has gone, for he said he was "ready." His last conscious moments were spent commending his dear wife and children to God.

HIS FRIEND.

On the morning of October 18th, G. Chunn, my own dear father, passed away. He had seen the beauties of 67 summers and the storms of as many winters. He passed through the war between the states without receiving a mark by a bullet from the enemy's guns, to die at last in his own quiet home. He professed faith in Christ in 1876, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Shoal Creek Baptist church, and there remained, to the day of his death. As a husband, devoted; as a father, kind; as a friend, true; and as a citizen honest and upright in all things. But alas, he has gone from earth; but he will join his first wife and dear little boy in the world that is free from pain, sickness and death, where he will bathe in the sunlight of God's love forever.

Dearest father, thou hast left us;
Here thy loss we deeply feel;
But 'tis God who hast bereft us—
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,
When the day of life is fled;
Then in heaven with joy to greet thee,
Where no farewell tear is shed.

Blountsville.

G. A. CHUNN.

On the 18th of September, 1900, surrounded by his family, the noble spirit of Brother J. H. Hollingsworth took its flight into the bright home beyond the skies.

He was ready to go. His life was a success in the highest sense. Born of poor parents, he had to forge his way through many difficulties; but he won by hard toil and the help of God. In it all he had the assistance of his good wife, who was a Miss Curington. While not a rich man, yet he made plenty for himself and children, leaving them well provided for, besides a home for his faithful widow. He educated his sons in our best colleges; he inculcated principles of honor, from which they have not departed. The father, mother and five sons were all baptized in the same pool and into the same church. In his death Mount Andrew church has lost one of its best members, the community a good neighbor, the poor a sympathizing friend, the wife a devoted, self-sacrificing husband, and the children a tender, loving father. His death was the first that ever occurred in his family, and was therefore the keener felt.

Bro. Hollingsworth was born Oct. 5th, 1831; joined (then) Center Ridge church, August 13th, 1855. He was ordained deacon of that church April 23d, 1893. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

W. H. SIMMONS, Pastor.

Died, near Danville, Ala., on the 4th of June last, Willis F. Orr. He was a member of the Missionary Baptists for about 50 years, and was true to his God, his church, his family and his country. It has been my privilege to be his pastor for ten years. There could not be too much said about this grand and good man. He always stood by his pastor, and when duty called he came to the front. He was liberal to the cause of Christ, having been converted in both soul and purse. He was a great advocate of prayer meetings and Sunday schools; he based his life on the motto: "Do right." Bro. Orr filled the office of county commissioner for several years, and filled the office with honor to himself and benefit to the county. He was a Missionary Baptist to the fullest extent; he believed in Christian development. For years he was a regular attendant at the Mussel Shoals association. He leaves an aged widow, two sons and three daughters, and several grand children. His funeral was preached by the writer, assisted by Bro. Marion Briscoe, from Psalms 37:23. It is sad indeed to give up such a good man; but the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. There was a vast audience that paid the last tribute of respect to his remains. In his death the church at Hopewell has lost one of its bright lights, the wife a loving husband, the sons and daughters a kind and affectionate father, the writer a strong friend and brother. We can but say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

J. D. McCLANAHAN, Pastor.

Tribute of Respect.

It becomes our sad duty to chronicle the death of one of our oldest members. Bro. W. E. Wells was born April 11th, 1839. Joined the church and was baptized while in the Confederate army; was in the constitution of Union church by letter, and helped to erect two houses of worship. For years he filled the office of deacon with credit; but on August 25, last, God saw fit to give him a nobler calling.

Resolved, That a copy of this tribute be recorded on our church book, one sent to the family and one to the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication.

J. W. HOLLOWAY,
L. A. KILLOUGH,
Mrs L. A. KILLOUGH,
Committee.

Miss Pearl Taylor was born Sep. 20, 1879, and died, near Union, Greene County, Ala., after a short illness, Oct. 19. She was baptized into the fellowship of the Christian church in 1895. Death had no terrors for her. She seemed to have a presentiment that she would not get well. She was a joy in the family home; but she is gone. Weep not, dear parents and loved ones, as those who have no hope; for there is great comfort in the belief that she is now

"Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe from corroding care."

J. D. COOK,
Meridian, Miss., Nov. 5.

On the evening of Tuesday, October 30th, Bro. J. W. Thompson departed this life, at the age of 70 years. He was the father of seven children. All survive him and were present at the time of his death. His wife, children, relatives and a host of friends mourn his death. He was converted and baptized into the fellowship of Union Baptist church, near Mobile, 26 years ago. He was a man of unbounded hospitality, and as a Christian lived beyond reproach. He was a kind husband and indulgent father. I was with him the last four days before his death. He had been a great sufferer for years, but never murmured. He was confined to his bed for several weeks, but seemed to be almost free of pain. God was with him. He was perfectly conscious until the end came. He expressed himself as being perfectly satisfied to go. He prayed for his wife and children. He told the family how

happy he was, and just a few hours before death came he said he saw a great host of spiritual beings about him. Everything was done for him that could be done. Never was a wife more faithful and tender around the bedside of a suffering and dying husband than was Sister Thompson. How pre-eminently beautiful were the actions of his children as they stood by and anxiously waited to do something for him who had done so much for them. As he was being laid to rest many eyes were filled with tears. May God bless the broken-hearted wife and children.

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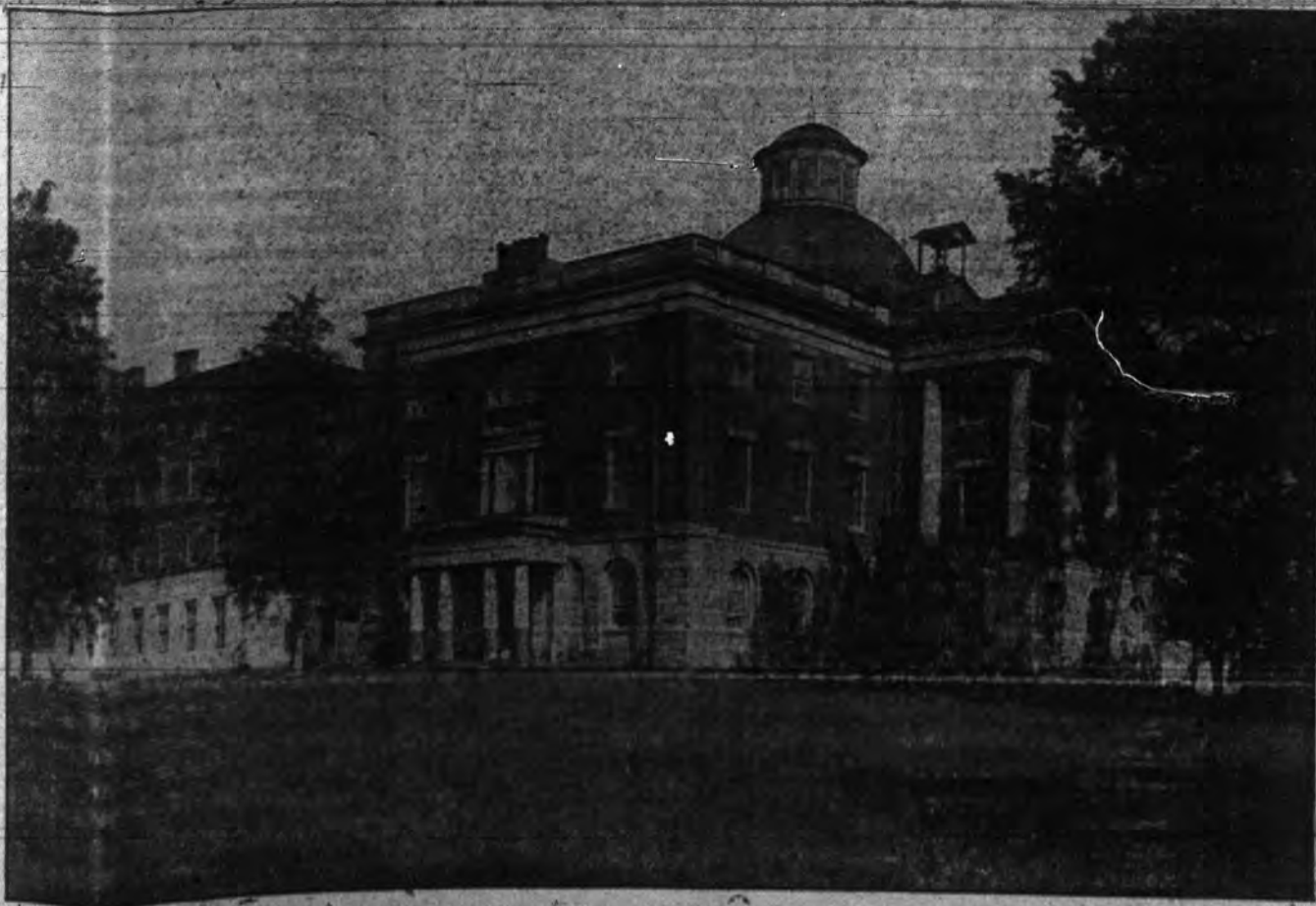
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The Turkey's Time

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Woman's Missionary Union,

Auxiliary to the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

8TH ANNUAL SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Union held its 8th annual session in the Methodist church of Tuscaloosa, Tuesday morning Nov. 13, 1900, and was called to order by the president, Mrs. L. F. Stratton. "Come, Thou Almighty King" was sung. Prayer by Mrs. S. A. Smith.

Mrs. D. I. Purser, of Tuscaloosa, conducted the devotional exercises. Song, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Prayer by Mrs. J. F. M. Davis. After the singing of "Close to Thee" Miss Willie Kelly led in an earnest prayer.

A charming and cordial welcome by Mrs. T. W. Palmer touched our hearts and made us glad to be among this good people.

The president's address inspired aspirations for more love and better service.

Dr. Van Ness was here introduced to the Union and spoke in the interest of the Sunday School Board.

An invitation asking the Union to adjourn and hear the Convention sermon was received and accepted.

Notice being given that the convention would adjourn for the afternoon to visit the Insane Hospital, the University and the Central College, the Union adjourned to meet Wednesday morning.

Closing prayer by Mrs. Purser.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Woman's Missionary Union re-assembled at 10 a. m. Devotional services conducted by Mrs. J. F. M. Davis, of Choccolocco. Minutes of preceding day read and approved.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Enrollment—Mrs. M. B. Donoho, Tuscaloosa; Mrs. N. A. Barrett, East Lake.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville; Mrs. M. J. Allison, Gadsden.

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

Vice-president, Mrs. B. D. Gray, Birmingham.

Vice-president Executive Committee, Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston.

Leader Young People's Mission work, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham.

Treasurer, Mrs. George M. Morrow, Birmingham.

Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake.

Leader Baby Branch, Mrs. Florence I. Harris, Montgomery.

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Bethel—Miss Susie Perkins, McKinley.

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Bessemer—Mrs. W. R. Ivey, Bessemer.

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Cahaba—Mrs. D. W. Ward, Greensboro.

Calhoun—Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston.

Central—Mrs. A. L. Harlan, Alexander City.

Colbert—Miss Hattie Hurst, Russellville.

Columbia—Mrs. G. W. McRae, Ashford.

Conecuh—Mrs. Jefferson Beeland, Greenville.

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Eufaula—Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton.

Florence—Mrs. Lizzie Jones, Florence.

Harris—Mrs. J. T. Nuckolls, Ft. Mitchell.

East Liberty—Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Cusseta.

North Liberty—Mrs. M. B. Neece, Huntsville.

Marshall—Miss Lizzie Walker, Albertville.

Mobile—Miss Laura Pugh, Mobile.

Montgomery—Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville.

Muscul Shoals—Miss Bettie Irwin, Moulton.

Newton—Mrs. A. N. Jones, Newton.

Pine Barren—Mrs. L. A. Moore, Ferman.

North River—Miss Ella Duffee, Jasper.

Tennessee River—Mrs. T. E. Callan, Fackler.

Selma—Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Selma.

Shelby—Mrs. W. G. Parker, Columbiana.

St. Clair—Mrs. G. W. Hodges, Ashville.

Tuscaloosa—Mrs. L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa.

Tuskegee—Mrs. W. E. Hudmon, Opelika.

Union—Mrs. S. A. Robertson, Carrollton.

Zion—Mrs. J. T. Brown, Andalusia.

Cedar Bluff—Mrs. J. L. Watts, Cedar Bluff.

Cherokee—Mrs. Dr. Ison, Center.

REPORT.

At the close of the 19th Century we meet to celebrate the 8th annual gathering of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Before discussing the outlook of the future, let us review briefly the organization of Woman's Work in Alabama.

The Central Committee was appointed by the State Convention in Selma, 1899, and located in Birmingham. Their first meeting was held December 14th. Application for admission into the General Organization was made in March, 1899. In May at Fort Worth, Texas, Alabama made her first report to the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the cordial greeting accorded her by the sister states was most gratifying.

The first annual report of the Central Committee was read before the Convention in Mobile, November, 1899.

The first meeting of the W. M. U. of Alabama was held at Greenville in 1893. During the years that follow the Union has met in Marion, Selma, Huntsville, East Lake, Opelika and Gadsden. Now in our 8th year we find ourselves in the beautiful City of Oaks, just on the eve of the 20th Century.

O, how wisely and how well the first officers of our Central Committee planned! The state was full of prejudice against Woman's Work, and they by their sweet womanly gentleness dissipated criticism, and by their wisdom laid the foundation of a great work.

The past Conventional year has been a very successful one. Thirty-four boxes were sent to frontier missionaries and a large number to the Orphan's Home. Eleven vice-presidents have been appointed, making the number of associational vice-presidents 36. Muscul Shoals, Colbert, Coosa River, Cedar Bluff, Cherokee, Mobile and Marshall have been added to the list, and have good, enthusiastic leaders.

Twenty-four new societies have been organized and about ten renewed. Muscul Shoals association leads in the number of new societies formed.

The thanks of the Committee are due Miss Inez Quisenberry for the good work done in the northern portion of the state.

The recommendations of the Executive Committee have been followed as in former years. The 20th Century Movement has been begun, and we hope for good results next year.

A visit from Miss Annie W. Armstrong in September was a great delight and inspiration.

Alabama's apportionment this year is \$2,000 for Foreign and \$3,000 for Home missions. If the societies would only report regularly and report all moneys expended, these amounts could be easily raised. Let me beg in the name of our treasurer that each woman here go home and begin a reform in her society. We must have system and accuracy, and we lovingly request that you give as

much as you can, and report all that you give.

Letters written, 985; postals, 165; packages of literature distributed, 625.

Mrs. D. M. MALONE, Sec'y Cen. Com.

Adopted.

Rev. J. W. Stewart appeared at this hour and talked on the Orphanage. He reported that they were sadly in need of a dormitory for boys and a hospital for the sick. Questions were asked and much interest shown. Miss Kelly proposed to Mr. Stewart to carry back with her to Shanghai some of the superfluous quilts of the Orphanage.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATIONS.	
Antioch.....	\$ 42 90
Bethel.....	256 25
Bethlehem.....	14 00
Bessemer.....	192 28
Bigbee.....	565 13
Birmingham.....	246 76
Cahaba.....	115 45
Calhoun.....	1138 19
Central.....	30 00
Coosa River.....	25 65
Conecuh.....	133 74
Columbia.....	110 59
Eufaula.....	249 70
East Liberty.....	344 85
Etowah.....	17 50
Judson.....	87 86
Harris.....	12 68
Marshall.....	337 13
Montgomery.....	681 93
Mobile.....	540 73
Muscul Shoals.....	132 11
North Liberty.....	141 92
North River.....	44 75
Pine Barren.....	91 90
Shelby.....	179 03
Selma.....	463 05
South Bethel.....	182 48
St. Clair.....	11 00
Tennessee River.....	80 45
Tuskegee.....	1173 56
Union.....	23 42
Unity.....	20 01
Zion.....	20 85
Total.....	\$9826 57

AMT REPORTED BY MISSION AND AID SOCIETIES.

Foreign missions.....	\$1199 90
Home missions.....	2924 21
State missions.....	1075 63
Sunday School Board.....	259 96
Charity.....	131 02
Church aid.....	2998 48
Total.....	\$5991 30

AMOUNT REPORTED BY SUNBEAM BANDS.

Foreign missions.....	\$ 605 58
Home missions.....	218 31
State missions.....	275 15
Sunday School Board.....	31 76
Church aid.....	101 47
Charity.....	5 00
Total.....	\$1,235 27

Sunday School Board..... 31 76

Charity..... 5 00

Grand total..... \$9826 57

Mrs. Geo. M. MORROW, Treas. Cen. Com.

Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNBEAM WORK.

1899-1900.

Number of Bands.....	108
Number organized.....	28
Letters written.....	200
Programs issued.....	6,000
Packages literature issued.....	100

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There is every reason for encouragement in the Sunbeam work. The increased number of societies and the increased contributions over those of the last year's report are certainly indicative of increased interest. It has been easier to procure leaders for the children's work than heretofore, and those who have undertaken the task bear witness to the fact that a child's love once gained to lead him in mission matters is only a pleasure.

Systematic reporting of work is a goal still to be attained, but there is encouragement in that direction also. Last year at the meeting of the W. M. U. \$612 42 was reported from the Alabama Sunbeams; \$1,000 has been asked of them for this Conventional year, and there is every promise of its being raised.

The collection used by the Sunbeams in the ALABAMA BAPTIST Convention greatly, and the program monthly by the Central Committee solves the problem of providing a program each month.

Together with a knowledge of the children learn to be tractable as suggested by our Mission Boards, programs provided by the School Board, the valuable suggestions to the Bands in

the Foreign Mission Journal and in Kind Words, are heartily recommended.

Mrs. T. A. HAMILTON, Leader Young People's Work.

Much to the disappointment of all, Mrs. Hamilton was not present to render her report in person. Mrs. Law Lamar, of Selma, who was to talk on "Our Young People," was also absent on account of sickness. Informal talks were made by Miss Mary Ramagnano, of Jacksonville; Miss Stamps, of Evergreen, and Mrs. Stratton.

Reports of associational vice-presidents were heard, as follows: Birmingham—Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Pinson.

Cahaba—Mrs. D. W. Ward, Greensboro.

Eufaula—Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton.

Montgomery—Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville.

Shelby—Mrs. W. G. Parker, Columbiana.

St. Clair—Mrs. G. W. Hodges, Ashville.

Tuscaloosa—Mrs. L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa.

Tuskegee—Mrs. W. E. Hudmon, Opelika.

By letter:

Bigbee—Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston; read by Mrs. Dawson.

Calhoun—Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston; read by Mrs. M. M. Green.

Colbert—Miss Hattie Hurst, Russellville.

Columbia—Mrs. G. E. Brewer, Columbia.

Coosa River—Mrs. W. C. Cleveland, Talladega.

Etowah—Mrs. J. H. Holcombe, Gadsden; read by Mrs. M. J. Allison.

Florence—Mrs. Richard Hall, Florence.

East Liberty—Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Cusseta.

Marshall—Miss Lizzie Walker, Albertville.

Pine Barren—Mrs. L. A. Moore, Ferman.

Union—Mrs. S. A. Robertson, Carrollton.

Loving greetings were brought from all parts of the state to Alabama's missionary, Miss Willie Kelly, and to the president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South, Mrs. Charles A. Stakely.

A communication from Mrs. Stakely was read, explaining her absence, expressing the hope of being with us next year, and praying God's richest blessings upon the meeting.

The honored guest of the occasion was, of course, Miss Willie Kelly, from Shanghai, China. It was hard to realize that the modest, quiet little woman in front of us had been through the horrors of war, had crossed the mighty Pacific twice, and had lived six long years in China. What a privilege it was to meet her, to look into her earnest face, and to hear her talk!

A paper, "Nineteenth Century's Growth in Missions," was read by Mrs. H. W. Provence, of Montgomery.

"A Day at the Orphanage" was read by Miss Stamps, and followed by questions and answers. Collection for the Orphanage amounted to \$14 70.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The enrollment committee submitted the following list of representatives of churches and societies:

Mrs. M. J. Allison, Gadsden.

Miss Mary Apsey, Eutaw.

Hallie Apsey, Eutaw.

Mrs. N. A. Barrett, East Lake.

T. C. Brown, Marion.

Miss Lilly Caldwell, Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. Phila Carden, Cuba.

J. F. M. Davis, Choccolocco.

L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa.

A. J. Dickinson, Selma.

M. B. Donoho, Tuscaloosa.

J. H. Eubank, Easley.

M. M. Foster, Clayton.

Wm. Franklin, Pinson.

J. L. Fant, Tuscaloosa.

A. E. Goodhue, Gadsden.

M. M. Green, Jacksonville.

F. H. Hawkes, Marion.

E. P. Hawkins, Tuscaloosa.

W. M. Hopson, Opelika.

Miss Fannie Hubbard, Helena.

Mrs. W. E. Hadmon, Opelika.

W. T. Hodges, Woodlawn.

Mary C. Hand, Tuscaloosa.

G. W. Hodges, Ashville.

Miss Ivey, Montgomery.

Johnston, Birmingham.

Willie H. Kelly, Shanghai.

Daisy Lampley, Louisville.

Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton.

Florence Moore, Jasper.

D. M. Malone, East Lake.

Miss Lily Phillips, Ashville.

Mrs. W. G. Parker, Columbiana.

A. F. Prince, Tuscaloosa.

D. I. Purser, "

T. W. Palmer, "

H. W. Provence, Montgomery.

Mrs. E. L. Rhodes, Eufaula.

J. M. Rabb, Brewton.

S. O. Y. Ray, Elba.

Miss Mary Ramagnano, Jacksonville.

Mrs. J. D. Rhodes, Demopolis.

L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

Miss Sallie Stamps, Evergreen.

Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville.

Charles Strickland, Tuscaloosa.

C. S. Shirley, Tuscaloosa.

Wm. G. Somerville, Tuscaloosa.

Mrs. J. L. Thompson, LaFayette.

Miss Frank T. Turner, Selma.

Mary Ward, Prattville.

Sadie Weir, Jacksonville.

Mrs. C. C. Wyatt, Camp Hill.

W. P. Welch, Selma.

D. W. Ward, Greensboro.

Miss Emma Ward, East Lake.

Mary L. Whitley, Havana.

Mrs. West, Eufaula.

Jennie M. Hardy, Mississippi.

Mrs. S. A. Smith presented "Our Periodicals."

"A Greeting to the Ladies of the Missionary Union" was given by Mrs. Allison.

Mrs. J. L. Fant, of Tuscaloosa, made a motion that the beautiful paper read by Mrs. Provence be asked for publication. It was also moved that the poem by Mrs. Allison be published.

Mrs. W. A. Barrett, of East Lake, read a paper on Frontier Boxes. Mrs. Stratton presented the letters and made an appeal for two frontier missionaries. One was taken by Mrs. Parker for the Columbiana Society, the other by Mrs. Hadmon, for Opelika.

Mrs. J. F. M. Davis, of Choccolocco, made a talk on "Our Responsibility."

The absence of the representatives of the mission boards was deeply regretted, as they always inspire greater zeal for the new year.

Committee on Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama return heartfelt thanks to the pastor and members of the Methodist church for the use of their beautiful building, and to the citizens of Tuscaloosa for their generous hospitality.

The interest of the afternoon had centered about our returned missionary. Time was given just here for those in the rear of the church to come nearer in order to see and hear better. The church was filled.

Miss Kelly began by answering from the Bible three questions that had been asked her oftentimes since she had been in the States. She talked on woman's work in Central China. Later, by request, she sang a hymn in Chinese. She requested that the ladies ask her questions, which they heartily did, and kept her talking a long while after she tried to stop.</

Doctrines and Practices of the Missionary Baptists.

An address by Joel D. Murphree, delivered before the Troy Baptist Association Oct. 10th, 1900.

We, as Baptists, hold that the Bible is the supreme, the all sufficient, the absolute rule in all matters of religious faith and practice. And in this we differ from all other churches. We take the word of God, and nothing but the word of God as our guide. What we find there, we esteem as binding upon the conscience. What is not there is not binding.

The New Testament, with Baptists, cannot be supplemented by tradition, nor edicts of popes, nor the decrees of councils or synods, nor by acts of civil government, nor by motives of personal convenience, nor by parental constraint.

There can be no sponsor or proxy in religious matters. No one, however close in his relationship, can answer for another. Every one must give an account of himself to God. Every one must repent for himself, believe for himself and obey for himself. These things cannot be done by proxy.

The New Testament plainly lays down the principle that the conscience and soul belong to God alone.

Religious liberty is another principle ever held sacred by the Baptists.

As a religion a personal matter, we hold that every one has a right to read and interpret the Bible for himself.

Baptists have always held that the Bible was given by God, not to the pope or the priesthood, to be by their compounded and adulterated, and then retailed to the people, but on the contrary, the whole revelation with all its precious promises and blessings is a communication from God to every individual human being. And it is for every one to read and study it for himself, and to govern his life by it.

The Bible contains all we know or need to know of the Christian religion. Whatever precept, doctrine or ordinance is found in that book, has authority to bind men and direct their conduct in matters of religion. What is not found in that book is only of human origin, and is not binding in any sense in religious matters.

We, as Baptists, believe in the perfect independence of every church of Christ. Every Baptist church organization is a sovereign body, and as such, has a right to adopt its own confession of faith, based upon the teachings of the Bible.

If several churches understand the Scriptures the same way, and adopt the same confession of faith, then they simply say thereby that they understand God's word as teaching the same truths, and adopt them because they believe they accord with the Holy Scriptures.

The authority is still in the Scriptures.

We believe the Scriptures are a revelation, not to popes, or bishops, or presbyters, or pastors, or councils, or synods, or assemblies, or conferences as such, but to each individual person, to be read and interpreted by himself and for his own guidance, thus establishing a concert of feeling among Baptists, produced by resort, not to human standards, which are fallible, but to the infallible word of God, which we know to be true, which affords the most solid basis of unity to be found among men.

This reliance upon the pure word of God has been the means of preserving us from divisions, and has as well preserved us from error, and reserved to us a purer faith than that of any other people under heaven.

We, with the faith of little children, read the Bible believing it to mean just what it says, willing to practice just what it teaches, relying on the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds.

Baptists believe in the freedom of conscience. Unlimited freedom of mind was from the first the watch-word of the Baptists. This is true of the Baptists everywhere, from the apostles to the present time. They hold that a man must repent, believe and be saved through faith in the meritorious Redeemer. By grace we are saved, through faith, both of which are the gifts of God.

That man cannot save himself, neither can he accept Christ until he is made willing by the Holy Spirit.

The love of Christ is fixed upon each one whom his spirit calls to repentance.

Baptists believe in the final perseverance of the saints. That there is no such thing as falling from grace. Once saved, always saved. Christ will never leave nor forsake his people. When they are born of his spirit, they are a part, and a parcel of him, therefore cannot be separated from him. He is always with them. "The Lord is their keeper." He knows every one of them by name. "His own are kept by the power of God unto salvation, to be raised up at the last day." "I have loved thee with an everlasting love."

"Who shall separate us from the love of God?" Things present, nor things to come; "Nothing shall separate us

from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me, and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, neither shall any pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Nothing can separate the saint from his Saviour's love.

The believer, in his generation, is made a new creature, he receives a new heart. He may at times, through the acts of the tempter, the evil one, be led from the path of duty, but he cannot remain away. God's love will bring him back. The husk of the world will not satisfy him, and, like the prodigal son, he will arise and return to his Father, where there is plenty and to spare.

"We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus."

Everything created by the wisdom and power of God is complete in itself, and it is not in the power of man to make it more complete, however exalted his position may be among men.

This is true in every department of His work. In the animal, mineral, vegetable, and spiritual kingdoms. Man cannot add another leaf to a tree, or improve on the handiwork of God in the smallest insect. Man is incapacitated to do any part of God's work. God is all wise and all powerful, and does not need man's assistance in His department of work; yet he uses men and other agencies in the accomplishment of His purposes. He used Moses. He used Joseph, and He used the little Jewish maid in carrying out His designs. And in every case His people were blessed.

God is a sovereign, and as such has a perfect right to accomplish his purposes by any means pleasing and satisfactory to himself. He does not have to consult man. We should not undertake to circumscribe His power or direct His dealings with men. We should accord to Him entire freedom in all things—accept as true all His teachings, and ask no questions.

God is perfection, therefore His works are perfection. If this were not true, His work of regenerating the heart of man would be undetermined, and not complete or perfect at any time, which would be inconsistent with His attributes.

Other denominations admit the perfection of God, and the perfection of all His works, except that done by His Spirit in regenerating or renewing the heart. In this, some of them say He departs from His general rule of perfection, and leaves this, the most important of all His works, to man, who is liable to fail at any time, and if left to himself is certain to fail. Such religion gives poor consolation.

Baptists hold that man should repent and be saved through faith before he is baptized. Thus it was with John the forerunner of Christ. He baptized unto repentance, and only such as could and did repent were baptized, hence idiots and infants were not included.

We believe that immersion alone is Scripture baptism. That only by it can the candidate for baptism represent his death to the world, burial with Christ, and resurrection to newness of life. Thus Christ was baptized by John the Baptist.

That baptism is a prerequisite to the Lord's supper. We believe Christ was immersed by John in the river Jordan, and we Baptists are following His example in that of being baptized in like manner.

John the Baptist, with the approval of Jesus Christ, established the mode of baptism, and the mode of baptism so established is fixed for all time.

No authority out of heaven can change it.

ONE LORD, ONE FAITH AND ONE BAPTISM.

Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan, and came straightway up out of the water. Therefore He must have been immersed, and we are trying to follow His example. No one controverts this mode; all accept it, but say some other modes will do.

The subject of baptism were at the same time fixed for all time, as only those capable of repenting of their sins were baptized by John. And we must remember that it was John who ushered in the Christian dispensation. With John and Christ there was no conflict as to the mode or subjects of baptism; they were agreed.

"Then went out to Him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized by him in Jordan, confessing their sins."

Infants do not and cannot confess.

Baptists believe in the Divine authoritv of the Bible, accepting all the books as inspired.

We believe, in the Trinity, in man's creation in holiness, in his fall through the transgression of Adam, and the consequent sinfulness of the whole human race. They believe in man's guilt and condemnation, and the impossibility of justification by deeds of the law. Believe that Christ paid the penalty for our sins, and that we can be justified only by faith in His word. Believe in the necessity of regenera-

tion, and that the Holy Spirit.

Believe in the doctrine of election to eternal life in Jesus Christ.

The Baptists differ from other religious denominations in holding that no person should, on any reason, be admitted into membership in the visible church until he or she has professed regeneration. And not until the candidate has satisfied the church of the truthfulness of conversion and forgiveness of sins, will the ordinance of baptism be administered. This is another reason why we oppose infant baptism. They cannot relate an experience.

Baptists oppose everything savoring of Baptismal Regeneration, believing that a man must be regenerated and give evidence of saving faith before being baptized. Belief should always precede baptism.

How, you may ask, shall or can any one know he is a fit subject for baptism? In reply I would say, if you can and do believe that in Christ there is pardon for transgressions past, and cleansing for the years to come; if you feel that you can trust Him to save you, you have already the marks of regeneration. The work of salvation is commenced in you, so far as the Spirit work is concerned. It is finished in you so far as Christ' work of justification is concerned, because God does not commence the work of salvation for Christ's sake, and leave it incomplete. With God all His works are complete, nothing done by Him is left to uncertainty. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

Thus you see that baptism is connected with and directly follows belief. There is no saving virtue in baptism. The saving precedes or goes before baptism.

Believe and be baptized is the gospel plan enunciated by Jesus Christ, and His plan we, as Baptists, are trying to observe.

Nowhere in the New Testament is there mentioned an instance where the ordinance of baptism was administered except to professed believers.

And nowhere is there recorded an instance of infant baptism. The religious denominations that practice infant baptism have no authority for it anywhere in the Bible. All the authority they have is traditional, commencing with the Roman Catholic some centuries after the time of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost, and on all other baptismal occasions recorded in the New Testament, not an infant is mentioned. They were all believers, and believed before they were baptized.

Some may ask, if there be no saving virtue in baptism, why should we be baptized?

Answer, First: Because Christ commanded it, therefore in the observance of it, it is an answer of a good conscience towards God.

Second: We mean to set forth in baptism our faith that Christ was buried and that he rose from the dead, and we avow this death and resurrection to be the ground of our trust in Him.

We are baptized as an act of obedience. He commands it and it is our duty to obey, and to obey in a way and manner set forth by Him as far as in our power.

He was baptized in the river, and not on the bank. Every true believer ought to follow Christ in the ordinance of baptism as nearly as possible.

Christ set the example as to the mode, which is baptism in the true and gospel sense, and nothing else is.

Sprinkling and pouring are not baptism, but an evasion of a Christian duty, whether so regarded or not.

There is a showing forth of Christ's death in the Lord's supper, and there is a showing forth of Christ's burial and resurrection in baptism and our rising again in newness of life with Him.

We are Missionary Baptists, and I rejoice that we are.

Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." And His great command was:

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."

The Saviour addressed these words not merely to the Apostles and the little company of saints then in His presence, but to all who should believe on Him in all ages of the Christian church.

In one comprehensive view He took in the work of converting the nations of the earth. He tells His followers if they obey Him in carrying out this command, He will be with them always, even unto the end of the world.

No religious organization can consistently claim to be a true Christian church that refuses to join in this great work of evangelizing the world in the manner enjoined on them by our Lord.

The Philadelphia Baptist Association was formed on the 27th day of July, 1707. It was a Missionary body, and has remained a Missionary body from then until now. Has ever been a

warm friend of missions at home and abroad. Its confession of faith is accepted by the Baptists everywhere.

The spirit of missions is a Bible doctrine, and was practiced by the Apostles, by Paul and Silas and others of their day, and by all of Christ's true followers from then until now.

Notwithstanding this is true, there always have been some who opposed missions, and I presume always will be. But not until 1832 was there an organized church opposing missions. And as a religious organization it has made very little progress. It is a doing nothing church, and people who do nothing never accomplish much. They wait for the Lord to do their work and His too. We Missionary Baptists feel that we have a work to perform, which is not in conflict with God's work. We have no fear of God taking care of His department, and we, as His followers, should do our part.

The Missionary Baptist church is the Primitive church. It is now as it was in its origin, and has been in its history in all ages of Christianity, essentially the same.

The bond of union among Baptists is a Scriptural faith in Christ, manifested in a Scriptural baptism. Tradition as authority in sacred things ever has been rejected among Baptists. We rely on the written word, the Bible.

The most profound and careful research has proven that all Christian communities during the Apostolic period were of the Baptist denomination in faith, doctrine and practice.

The Baptists have no difficulty in tracing their principles and churches to the Apostolic age.

Long before the Roman Catholic church was known, Baptists and Baptist churches existed in Europe, Asia and Africa.

"The Baptists may be considered as the only Christian community which has stood since the days of the Apostles, and as a Christian church has preserved pure the doctrines of the gospel through all ages."

"And then went out to Him Jerusalem and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of Him in Jordan, confessing their sins."

Here we have the germ of the Baptist church, and no other. Then there was no sprinkling, no infant baptism. The baptism in Jordan is not sprinkling. The baptism of those confessing their sins could not have been infant baptism.

Here the mode and subjects of baptism were clearly established, and no man or set of men have a right to change it.

During the third century superstition led to infant baptism, sponsors,

the cross, and a multitude of similar ceremonies, equally unauthorized by the Scriptures.

The Roman Catholic church was the first to put into practice these foolish, unnecessary and unauthorized dogmas, and I am sorry to say that her children and grand-children are to some extent following in the footsteps of their arrogant, presumptuous progenitor in that of sprinkling, infant baptism, shows as alliance between church and state, forms and ceremonies all of which are outside and independent of Scripture authority. They are of men, with no God or Christ behind them.

How different with Baptists, who discard all these forms and ceremonies, regarding them as an insult to God and as a reflection upon the intelligence of men.

We Baptists can never concede the vice-regency of the Pope of Rome. That he has been favored above other men in having the right and power conferred on him to act for and in the stead of Jesus Christ on earth. That there has been delegated to him and his priests power to forgive sins. That he is successor to St. Peter by virtue of the commission given to St. Peter by Christ. That he holds the key to the kingdom of heaven, and can lock and unlock, can loose or bind at his sweet will. That he, the pope, is infallible that is to say, "not capable of erring, entirely exempt from liability to mistake." Claiming for himself that which exists in God only.

Strange indeed that any in this enlightened day, in a land of Bibles, where the reading of the Scriptures is free to all, should accept such unreasonable doctrine as true.

The most unreasonable of all is, that as they say, none can be saved except those who accept "This True Roman Catholic Faith." Then there are other religious denominations that believe in baptismal regeneration, that baptism is essential to salvation, therefore none can be saved except those who have been baptized.

There are others who claim and teach the doctrine that the church is essential to salvation. That out of the church there is no chance of salvation. They set at naught the blood of Christ, denying His power and right to save the souls of men, except in connection with a belief of a doctrine or creed formulated by themselves.

According to the professed belief of

those who endorse and accept as true these strange, false and unreasonable doctrines or creeds, Christ is required to withhold His grace until these self-constituted worthies are consulted. With them Christ is a back number, only an honorary member in His own Kingdom.

We Baptists cannot tolerate such a disregard of the teachings of the Bible. Christ is the head of the church, and to Him all honor and reverence are due. We accept Him as the end of all controversy. He atoned for our sins, and to Him and to Him only, can we look.

His word is our law. In Him we trust. Our faith in Him and His grace saves, independent of man's effort to obstruct His will by conditions to be observed to please Popes and Priests. God saves whom He will, and saves them because it is His will to save. When God's grace strives with man it does not cease its work to consult the Pope or any of his servile adherents.

How proud we Baptists ought to be that we serve and adore the one and only one true and living God.

How thankful we should be that we live in free America, where all can worship God according to the dictates of conscience. That in religious matters we are not hampered by the edicts of those high in authority in church or state. That we do not have to consult the will of the Pope or the creed of any church in the important matter of our soul's salvation, which is the prerogative of God, and is not shared in by any earthly power.

We Baptists take the unadulterated word of God as our authority and criterion in all matters of doctrine, faith and practice.

The Bible is the highest, best and only authority in matters pertaining to the soul's salvation, therefore we do not want any other.

In the economy of God, men are of no service except as he may desire to use them as a means to an end.

He puts it in the hearts of His people to do his bidding.

There is a great battle going on between Christ and His true followers on the one hand, and the world and forms and ceremonies on the other.

Brethren, stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made you free, and be not afraid of any sudden fear or calamity when it cometh, for he who trusteth to the Lord, mercy shall compass him about, and he who is faithful to God shall hear it said at the last, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In a conference address given but a few years before his death, the

great London preacher, C. H. Spurgeon, said: "After preaching the Gospel for forty years, and after printing the sermons I have preached more than six and thirty years, reaching now to the number of 2,200, in weekly succession, I am fairly entitled to speak about the fullness and the richness of the Bible as a preacher's book. Brethren, it is inexhaustible. No question about freshness will arise if we keep close to the text of the sacred volume. There can be no difficulty about finding themes totally distinct from those we have handled before; the variety is as infinite as the fullness. A long life will only suffice to skirt the shores of this great Continent of light. In the forty years of my ministry I have only touched the hem of the garment of divine truth; but what virtue has flowed out of it! The Word is like its Author—infinite, immeasurable, without end. If you are ordained to be a preacher through eternity, you would have before you a theme equal to everlasting demands."

This "desert life," as many call it, is of an importance that cannot be over-valued. Let us turn to the pages of God's Book. On scanning its precious pages we find that the men of God—God's mighty men—were those who had been in "the school of God," as it has been well said; and his school was simply this—"in the desert alone with himself." It was there they got their teaching. Far removed from the din of the haunts of men—distant alike from human eye and ear—there they met alone with God; there they were equipped for the battle. And when the time came their faces were not ashamed—nay, they had faces as lions; they were bold and fearless, yes, and victorious for God; for the battle had been won already in the desert with him.—London Christian.

If there is any person whom you dislike, that is the one of whom you should never speak.

Conceit is but the self-esteem of the other fellow.

Alabama Baptist

MONTGOMERY, DEC. 6, 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, 1898.

ANNIE HARRIS RUSHIN.

Death has claimed our dear child. Her wish was to die on Sunday,—remarking, "what a beautiful ending!" Just as the sun was rising last Sunday morning, and through the window casting its mellow and cheering rays athwart her pillow, she calmly, peacefully, without a struggle, fell asleep, and her soul went to the God in whom she trusted.

Fourteen years ago she was married to Dr. James T. Rushin, of Tallahassee, Ala., where they have lived ever since, the cheer and comfort and stay of each other. Her death was beautiful, her hope unclouded, her resignation, "not my will, but Thine be done." After giving explicit instructions about her personal matters, in which she gave a fine Bible to the new mission Baptist church in East Tallahassee, and her piano—a loving gift from her parents—to the Orphan's Home at Evergreen, saying, "It may do some poor little orphan a service in learning music," she then, in a sweet voice, sang a part of a song she loved so much—

"Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine."

She had no fear of death. For nineteen years of the thirty-five she had lived she was a consistent member of the Baptist church. As child, pupil, friend, wife, Christian she has ever been true, faithful, devoted. Full of benevolence, earnest in missions, she lived a Christian life and died a triumphant Christian death. It is all right; God knows best.

"God's plans like lilies pure and white unfold. We must not tear the close shut leaves apart; Time will reveal the calyxes of gold, And if thro' patient toil we reach the land Where tired feet with sandals loose may rest, Where we shall clearly know and understand; I think that we then shall say, 'God knows the best.'"

YOURS TO KEEP.

There are some things which if once possessed cannot be taken from you. It seems that this great fundamental fact is not sufficiently considered.

No man can rob you of your Bible. Very much is being said in these times about the assault made on the Bible, and about destroying the faith of men in the Bible. But this seems to us hardly to be true. The infidel may scoff at the Bible; its professed friend may pick it to pieces, and all the world may declare its want of faith in the Word of God; but this, however, need not in itself touch your faith, or in any way affect either your hold upon the Bible, or the Bible's hold upon you. All of this sort of thing can no more take away a man's Bible from him than is done when somebody steals the one particular book which he owned. You cherish an abiding faith in the Bible as the Word of God; you take it as the man of your counsel; you take it as the practical test of your doctrinal life; you take it as the controlling power for the present and for the future, and you may defy the whole world, learned and unlearned, to touch this sacred treasure which has been enshrined in

your heart. Let no one deceive you in this matter. Be not over-much concerned because the world may seem at any given time and place to be turning its back upon the living Word of the living God. The Bible is still the Bible, and God is still God, and it stands true forever that his word shall not return void.

No man can be robbed of his religious experiences. If God has dealt with your soul, and your soul has had dealings with him, there were experiences which must remain as part and parcel of your being forever. One may wander off, may for a time be unmindful of what took place then, may plunge into conditions and circumstances adverse to those highest experiences of his life, but they are a part of his being, and he can neither forget them or get entirely away from their influence. We remember to have crossed a young lady once, who though a professing Christian, was much tossed upon the sea of infidelity. In a kind of despair she said with much earnestness of feeling, "I know one thing, and only this one thing do I know, and that is, that once in the hour of my distress I prayed, and God heard my prayer." This was the one single cable by which the bark of her hopes was maintained as it rode the angry sea. That powerful third-heaven experience which Paul had in his early religious career never lost its hold on him. He had many adversities; passed through peril after peril of every kind; lost hope and faith in many things as again and again he fell among false brethren, but he never got away from that experience. He did not talk much about it, but nursed it as a mighty power in his soul. Blessed is that person whose soul has had experiences with his God; he has a treasure which the world cannot give, and a treasure also which the world cannot take away.

We may offer further suggestions on this line hereafter.

A late Birmingham paper contained the following particulars of an interesting event that has already been mentioned in these columns:

Miss Iida Crumpton was married to Rev. Charles V. Edwards, of New Orleans, yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride at East Lake.

The wedding was a quiet home affair, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Sheldahl, pastor of the Ruhama Baptist church. The bridal couple left yesterday evening for a trip of ten days to Kentucky, after which they will be at home in New Orleans.

W. C. Crumpton of Evergreen, brother of the bride; her cousin, Mrs. J. B. Ellis, of Orrville; Miss Willie Kelly of Shanghai, China; Mr. Ramsey, of Kentucky, were the out of town guests at the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of the Baptist State Board of missions, and is a charming young woman of many lovable traits and endearing qualities. The groom is pastor of the First Baptist church of New Orleans, a man of broad intellect and sterling worth.

FIELD NOTES.

This office will do no more job work for the present.

Rev. W. W. Kirkland's address is changed from Powderly to Lewisburg, all in Alabama.

Rev. A. J. Thames asks us to send his paper to State Line, Miss., instead of Georgiana, Ala., as heretofore.

Mr. H. A. Wolfsohn, the well known gospel singer, has closed successful engagements with the First Baptist churches at Hopkinsville, Ky., and Knoxville, Tenn., and is now assisting at Immanuel church, Nashville.

Rev. W. J. Ruddick of Stanton, came to attend the Grand Lodge, but was called by telegram on Tues-

day by the death of Mrs. O. P. McGhee. We have room now only to make this announcement and to offer our warmest sympathy to our aged brother McGhee and all who mourn. Sister McGhee was a friend whom this writer greatly esteemed.

"So that you can feel thankful on the 29th, I send check for \$4.50, which will bring the good old paper to me until Jan. 6, 1901." So wrote Bro. G. H. Taylor, of Whitesitt, Hale county, and he knew exactly what he was doing. We appreciate such thoughtfulness.

Rev. J. H. Curry notifies us of his removal from Northport to Fosters. Our brother's poor health forced him to give up the church at Northport, of which he had been pastor a long time. He does not tell us of his health, but we hope he is strong again. His home is still in Tuscaloosa county.

W. J. Elliott, Montgomery: Jno. W. Stewart was with us at Lowndesboro Sunday. He came in the spirit of his Master and preached the gospel with great earnestness and zeal. The collection for the Orphanage was gratifying. I think I can truly say that Bro. Stewart is one of the happiest men in the state.

A. J. Preston, Prattville, Dec. 2: We are now in the midst of a glorious meeting. Rev. J. V. Dickinson is doing the preaching. We have received by experience 12 and by letter 8. There have been since the association about 35 accessions. The Sunday School is now the largest in the history of the church. We are expecting great things of the Lord. Pray for us.

J. M. Roden, North Birmingham: I trust that we are doing fairly well at the Second Baptist church. We have put two good stoves in the house, and we are now repainting it. It cost, as you know, about \$5,000. I find some good people here and I am hopeful. There are great possibilities for this church. Many new people are coming in here. Please send me a bundle of ALABAMA BAPTIST; I would like to put the paper into every Baptist home.—I am still sad on account of leaving a noble people.

Here is an incident well worth telling: Sometime after the death of the late Judge John W. Bishop, of Talladega, Bro. Howard, our

traveling agent, received a letter written and signed by the Judge's own hand, and enclosing three dollars in payment of subscription to the ALABAMA BAPTIST. The letter is dated Aug. 3d last. It is supposed that before mailing the letter the writer's attention was called to something else, that the letter was hidden among other papers, and was found by the family after his death.

Bro. Frank B. Skipper, over in Georgia, writes to ask us to send his paper to Butler, in that state; and after giving several reasons why he enjoys the paper he adds, "I also enjoy T. U. Crumpton's letters very, very much. Long live (and travel) T. U. Crumpton." We may say that those letters have pleased many of our readers who took the trouble to say so. It may be added that our brother traveled faster than he wrote, for although he arrived home sometime since, the record of his travels is not yet ended. A sad fact is that when he reached home at Maplesville, Chilton county, he found his eldest boy sick with diphtheria, and the joy of his coming was sadly marred by anxious watching with his loving wife for four days and nights, when death took their child away. It is an impressive instance of the strange mixture of joy and sorrow in this life.

Rev. W. M. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist church at Galveston, which was wrecked by the great storm, was in Montgomery a few days since. His mission is explained by the statement that the Texas State Mission Board has undertaken to rebuild the Baptist churches that were wrecked by the little general damage was done to rebuild, but such cases are few. The fact being that in most instances the property of the people was as the church building, and will raise at least \$15,000 in that case for outside help, and perhaps be \$60,000.

ooo. Having but one agent in the field, Baptists and others outside of Texas will not be called upon for assistance by so many different persons. Let us all continue to help our unfortunate brethren.

W. G. Hubbard, Eoline, Bibb county: We recently had a good meeting at this place. The preaching was done with much force and effect by brethren R. H. Long and V. A. Wilson. The church was revived and four members received, all young ladies, and one of them my baby daughter. "I will say again, Praise the Lord with me, all ye people of the Lord."—I am serving four churches this year viz: Cedar Grove, Haysop, Liberty in Jefferson, and Antioch. Had a good service at the latter last Sunday.—Tel Bro. Stewart to look for a well filled box from Antioch for his large family of orphans. It will be sent very soon, as the ladies have the matter in hand, and you know they never fail.

For the Alabama Baptist.

The Needed Building.

No marble statue of beauty and strength was ever chiseled by one stroke. In truth, whatever human hands have built, has been done by continued effort.

The Judson Alumnae Society realize this fact and feel impelled, in this day of perfectly furnished schools, to press forward in its design of taking a part in putting its Alma Mater abreast of the very best colleges.

A report of the Alumnae Convention has been published; the recent State Baptist Convention approved the undertaking, and this little mention is only to bring the work to the remembrance of the generous friends of the dear old Judson, and to remind many who know the plan, which is to get in hand \$2,500 by Thanksgiving Day so as to break ground for this much needed building for the Gymnasium, Science rooms and Art studios, to be called "Alumnae Hall," on the ninth day of January 1901, which, it is well known, is "Founders' Day."

[The foregoing sees the light too late for Thanksgiving day, but we hope it may speed the day of thanksgiving for the completion of Alumnae Hall.—Ed.]

Fifth Sunday Meeting

Of the Elim Association, to be held with Oak Grove church, commencing on Saturday, December 29, at 10 a. m.

PROGRAM

10 a. m. Devotional exercises, by D. M. Merritt.

What is the chief object of a Christian life? T. W. Fickling and others.

11. What is the most successful plan to carry on the mission work within the bounds of our association? W. M. Agerton and others.

2 p. m. What disposition should a church make of a member who seldom attends church, and does not help support the gospel? E. H. Adkinson and others.

3:00. How should the association consider a church that remains two years pastorless, and has a large membership? Rev. J. H. McAnally and others.

7:00. Discuss the fact, and some way to remedy it, that there are so few preachers in our association.—Rev. J. L. Bryars and others.

Sunday, 9:15 p. m. Devotional exercises, by K. J. Bowman. Sunday school mass-meeting.

11:00 a. m. Missionary sermon, by Rev. J. T. Fillingim.

2:15 p. m. Preaching, by Rev. J. H. McAnally.

P. M. PRITCHETT, Clerk.

For the Alabama Baptist.

An Enjoyable Thanksgiving.

On Thursday our citizens turned out in good force to a union thanksgiving. There were several appropriate prayers, a very fine song service, and a sermon by your scribe. The service was as enjoyable, if not more so, as any it has been my pleasure to participate in. A splendid thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed with the family of deacon Campbell.

In the evening, greatly to our surprise, quite a number of our people came, each bearing some good and useful articles for the table and other household purposes. When all was deposited there was quite

a store of good things on hand for the pastor's household to enjoy for many days to come. The party was led by the princely Capt. Jno. T. Davis, who is ever ready for every good work, and who uses so liberally his prosperity for the good of the Master's cause. He made a very felicitous address, in easy flowing verse, in which each donor's name, with the donation was mentioned, and the uses happily set forth. I do not understand how so busy and practical a man can have such free communion with the muses.

The good wife and myself were highly gratified, and feel humbly thankful, especially for the Christian spirit prompting the action, and hope the church may ever have a pastor worthy of such thoughtful members. The November contribution was over \$30, making more than four hundred to denominational work, with another month's contribution to be taken. This is good for 130 members, all taken quietly by regular contributions.

GEO. E. BREWER.

Columbia, Dec. 1, 1900.

For the Alabama Baptist.

Florida.

This town is the terminus of the Yellow River railroad, which connects with the L. & N. at Crestview, 26 miles south. As the name indicates, the town is located near the line between Alabama and Florida, the two names being abbreviated to make the name of the town. It is on the Alabama side, in Covington county. It is situated on one of the prettiest lakes in South Alabama or West Florida. The lake abounds in fish for the fisherman, and is delightful for boat-riding. Good health prevails, and the soil all round about is fertile, producing well such grain, fruits and vegetables as are adapted to this section.

The Baptists have a new and pretty house of worship and a good working church. Brother J. E. Hughes, the senior deacon, and his good and faithful wife, are largely responsible for the house, and indeed for the prosperity and strength of the Baptist cause here. They now rejoice in the result of years of earnest faithfulness. The church has eighty members—good and true men and women.

Among us are some prominent Methodists and Presbyterians, who

and help us to promote the Christian and moral interests of the community.

PASTOR. [Our brother mentions by name some of the more prominent Baptists and others, but we have not room for all the kind words he writes about them, therefore none are printed.—Ed.]

Kind Words at Parting.

A feeling of sadness came over us when we were called upon to accept the resignation of our beloved pastor Bro. J. M. Roden. At first we refused to accept it; we were loth to give him up, because he had been with us for seven years and we loved him and his family; but after he explained to us that he felt that the Lord wished him to go to Birmingham, and spoke of the educational advantages he would have for his children, we were compelled to give him up. We desire to express our love for and appreciation of Bro. Roden; therefore be it Resolved, 1. That we thank God for having sent him among us to labor as our pastor for seven years.

2. That by faithfully preaching the pure and unadulterated Word of God, and practicing what he preached, he endeavored to lead his people to a higher plane of Christian living and Christian thought. He made a marked distinction between the sinner and sin; he loved the sinner, but hated his sins, and bawled square to the line, letting the chips fall as they might.

3. That we heartily recommend him to the church to which he goes, knowing that our loss is their gain. We bid him God speed, and give him our prayers for his success in his new field of labor.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Bro. Roden, a copy spread on our church record, and a copy sent the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication.

MRS. J. T. CAINE,
A. R. OXFORD,
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Ruhama L. A. S.	15 00
Ruhama church	10 00
Mt Lebanon	1 67
Ashland	1 89
Providence	2 00
Shiloh	2 60
Deep Creek	6 00
Albertville	2 30
Vance	5 43
West End	1 20
Trussville	7 57
Florence	4 38
Harpersville	5 00
Waverly	1 75
Shelby Association	5 20
Oxmoor	4 00
Livingston	5 30
Salem	2 38
Orrville	10 00
Pleasant Ridge	7 25
Woodlawn	10 00
Spring Bank	1 90
Bigbee Association	44 60
Camp Hill	4 00
Union Springs	5 50
Childersburg	3 00
Goodwater	5 75
Nanafalia	5 00
Mt Liberty	2 60
Thos. Daniels	1 00
Oswichee	2 67
Talladega	20 00
Pine Barren Association	62 20
Carbon Hill ch.	4 00
Marion	15 00
Sycamore	4 81
Hartselle	3 86
Rock Springs	11 40
Greensboro	1 03
Jasper	13 91
New Prospect	1 10
Central, N. Decatur	2 31
Ozark L. M. S.	3 33
Troy 1st	5 00
Montgomery 1st S. S.	2 49
Sulphur Springs Association	2 10
Montgomery Hill	1 50
Sardis	1 30
Evergreen	1 47
Hopewell	25 00
Bethlehem Association	25 00
Brewer Memorial ch.	2 40
Columbiana	2 62
St. Clair Ass'n	55 53
Brewer Memorial	3 00
Damascus	1 30
Mt Zion	6 75
Antioch Ass'n	10 70
Coosa River Ass'n	45 93
Birmingham Ass'n	50 00
Cahaba Ass'n	38 95
Enterprise	4 00
McKinley	5 00
Dayton	1 80
Summer Hill	1 50
Elba	1 50
Bethel Ass'n	14 10
Albertville S. S.	1 31
Montgomery Ass'n	20 99
Pleasant Hill	8 00
Clayton Street, Montgomery	9 15
Childersburg	3 00
Alexander City	13 43
Central Ass'n	10 05
Total	\$ 761 48

Home Missions.	
Newton	6 50
Orrville	20 00
Vance	5 42
Florence	4 38
Harpersville	6 25
Waverly	1 00
Shelby Ass'n	4 55
Oxmoor	4 00
Salem S. S.	1 32
Bigbee Ass'n	26 85
Cuba L. M. S.	3 50
Grove Hill L. M. S.	1 00
Mrs. A. Davis' S. S. class, Choc. coloco	3 25
Nanafalia	2 50
Pleasant Grove S. S.	1 00
Oswichee ch.	2 68
Talladega	12 00
Pine Barren Ass'n	37 91
Central, N. Decatur	2 32
Ozark L. M. S.	3 33
Troy 1st ch.	4 50
Montgomery 1st S. S.	3 40
Evergreen	1 00
Hopewell	8 75
Bethlehem Ass'n	22 45
Columbiana	1 87
St. Clair Ass'n	9 14
Antioch Ass'n	15 26
Coosa River Ass'n	48 14
Eufaula Ass'n	14 00
Enterprise	3 50
Montgomery Ass'n	7 00
Pleasant Hill	15 00
Demopolis	7 00
Central Ass'n	7 15
Total	\$ 318 16

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Vance ch.	5 43
Clayton St. S. S., Montgomery	1 90

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Enterprise	4 00
Montgomery ass'n	43 37
Pleasant Hill	15 00
Clayton St. L. M. S.	15 05
Clayton St. ch.	10 00
Central ass'n	7 00
Total	\$ 442 08

Orphanage.	
Central, V. Decatur	2 32
Bigbee ass'n	11 25
Bethel ass'n	14 25
Montgomery ass'n	22 31
Central ass'n	10 00
Total	\$ 60 13

Ministerial Education.	
Montgomery ass'n	5 00
Alabama City Church.	
Lamson S. S.	1 00
J. W. Dunaway	25 00
Arkedelphia S. S.	4 00
Tuscumbia S. S.	2 21
Total	\$ 28 63

Miss Kelly.	
Livingston S. S.	3 00
Parker M. L. M. S., Anniston	44 44
Southside Sunbeams	3 00
Total	\$ 50 44

Miss Hartwell.	
Ruhama L. A. S.	20 00
Southside	5 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Miss Claudia White.	
Southside L. M. S.	5 00
Trussville	1 00
Birmingham 1st, Sunbeams	10 00
Total	\$ 16 00

Eutaw Church Building.	
Tuscumbia S. S.	2 23

Aged and Infirm Ministers.	
Montgomery ass'n	1 38

Recapitulation.	
State Missions	\$ 761 48
Home Missions	318 16
Foreign Missions	442 08
Orphanage	60 13
Ministerial Education	5 00
Alabama City church	28 63
Miss Kelly	50 44
Miss Hartwell	25 00
Miss Claudia White	16 00
Eutaw Church Building	2 23
Aged and infirm Ministers	1 38
Total	\$1710 53

For the Alabama Baptist.

Minutes Needed.
I have received Minutes of the associations for 1900 as follows, viz: Alabama, Bethlehem, Birmingham, Calhoun County, Coosa River, Liberty (north), Mobile, Shelby, South Bethel, Tuskegee, and Zion.

I greatly need minutes of the others. Brethren will please forward them as soon as they are printed.

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Last year, in the love of Christ and in fulfillment of His great commission, you gladly laid upon the altar five thousand dollars to be used in China in the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom. Since that time all eyes have been turned toward the Celestial Empire. Probably never before in the history of our religion have Christians, their principles, aims and methods been under greater scrutiny than in China during the past year. And oh, how well they have stood the test! Missionaries have been slain, chapels plundered and burned, and Christ's followers exiled. Yet, in the midst of these dread experiences, our representatives have conducted themselves in accordance with the high principles which they profess.

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In this happy Christmas season can we not remember with our love, prayers, and contributions the Christless women of China? The time is come. God calls us in providence and in grace to extend the helping hand. Will we withhold it?

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TOMMY'S PROBLEM.

My mother says I shouldn't say
My prayers, unless I really pray;
She says it isn't right for me
To pray, "Forgive our debts, as we
Forgive our debtors," when I'm not
Going to forgive my sister Dot
For eating up my candy cane
And playing with my paints again.
I can't forgive Dot—'tisn't fair!
But still—I want to say my prayer,
And—'posin' God should say to me,
"I can't forgive you, Tommy Lee!"
Then Dot's so little, after all,
And I'll be five years old this fall—
I do forgive her—yes, I do!
And now I'll say my prayer right through.
—Priscilla Leonard.

Trip Notes.

One of the great events in a
man's life is to attend
THE EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.
It met this year at County Line, at
Dudleyville, nine miles from Camp
Hill. It easily wears the crown
among the Associations in Ala-
bama. Its meetings are attended
by multitudes of people; the house
is always crowded with eager lis-
teners. From beginning to end the
enthusiasm never abates. There
are about forty churches, thirty
preachers and more than four thou-
sand members.

They follow the old plan of call-
ing for pledges, and the responses
are generally liberal; only a few of
the churches are silent when the
call is made. I am sure, however,
the contributions would be easily
doubled if the pastors would intro-
duce the Pledge Card and Envelope
system.

The hearts of the brethren were
cheered to see Bro. Shaffer back
after several years of absence on
account of severe sickness. He was
put back by unanimous vote into
his old place as Moderator. What
a power he is through all this sec-
tion. I doubt if ever a man lived
in Alabama who was so universally
loved by those who knew him. To
him probably, more than to any
other one man, is due the unity and
harmony and enthusiasm in the
East Liberty.

W. C. Bledsoe was made Clerk.
It never enters the mind of man to
put another in his place. The
minute he prepares would be a good
model for every Clerk in the State
to study.

One who attends many Associa-
tions feels to exclaim, "Oh that
every Association in the State
could catch the spirit of the East
Liberty."

We wonder where the secret of
power lies with men who are em-
inently successful in any line.
That is the question I would like
to have answered about this associa-
tion. Of course the fathers who
laid the foundation had much to
do with it. They had good mat-
erial, doubtless, on which to work.
Most of the people were Georgians
who were above the average in in-
telligence. They belonged to the
great middle class, but few of them
what might be called rich, but good
livers in easy circumstances. It is
always easy for a man of the right
sort to train people like these.
But to the pastors who followed the
"fathers" and the people who
now constitute the churches most
of the credit is due for the present
advanced position of the associa-
tion. I could be present at this
session only a few hours. I heard a
southern sermon from Bro.
Risser of Roanoke. Pastor Greg-
ory and his people provided for the
immense throng as if it was an
every day matter with them to feed
thousands.

TRIP NOTES

With this letter the
of the associations must close. The
Convention is now on, and after
that the decks must be cleared for
the great contest of 1900-1901. I
had some notes of other associa-
tions which I hoped to write, but
it is too late now. The Newton,
Carey, Warrior, Cullman, Besse-
mer and Columbia I attended. At
each I received a most cordial greet-
ing. Assurances were given me
that another year great advance-
ment would be made in the way of
contributions. This assurance came
from every quarter during the As-
sociational campaign. I expect to
rely upon it and recommend to the
board an advance in appropriations
of at least two thousand dollars.

The Lord has been gracious to
us and crowned the year with his
rich blessing. I beg the pastors
and churches to take fresh courage
and join hands to make the first
year of the New Century a record
breaker for great faith and great
work.
W. B. C.

Lighter Shoes for Horses.

The wear and tear on horseflesh
make quite an item on the farm,
and anything that will reduce this
friction for the farmer should be
welcomed. It has been proved
beyond dispute that the average
horse is shod with too heavy shoes,
and if lighter ones were substituted
the animal could do more work
with less weariness. Heavy shoes
have no particular advantage ex-
cept for large truck horses on stone
roads, where shoes wear out quick-
ly. Even in such cases it is doubt-
ful if too heavy shoes prove of any
value. Certainly, for farm horses,
light shoes are much more satisfac-
tory. The effects of such a change
are quite noticeable shortly after
they are put on, and in a year's
time the extra amount of work that
is obtained from a horse will more
than pay for the shorter time that
light shoes may wear.

The main object of the shoe is
to protect the hoof, and the lighter
it can be made and serve its purpose
the better it is for the horse. A
good part of the year horses on the
farm would be better off without
shoes, and they can do plowing and
similar work in soft fields without
in any way injuring the feet. In
winter, when the ground is frozen,
it is quite different, and shoes seem
necessary at these times. A horse
weighing 1,100 pounds should gen-
erally be shod with shoes not weigh-
ing more than twelve to fifteen
ounces each. If four ounces
are added to each shoe, the total
difference in the animal's shoes is
sixteen ounces. In plowing, culti-
vating, mowing and reaping a farm
horse will walk from ten to twenty
miles a day. If it takes about four
feet each step the horse will lift
half a pound extra on its two feet,
or 600 pounds in every mile. If
we make the average day's work
fifteen miles, the horse will lift
9,000 pounds extra a day, or nearly
five tons. The energy required to
lift this amount is wasted and serves
no useful purpose. If it could be
expended in doing extra work that
would, it would nearly pay the
animal's keep. Leg weary horses
are apt to break down in time, and
have crooked and ailing limbs. It
is not only a matter of humanity,
but one of profit, to lighten the
horse's burden all we can, and this
is one good way.—C. T. White, in
Horse-Raising.

The temperance people of the
land have great cause for gratitude
to God for the increased interest in
this great subject as shown by the
returns from the election. It is
the opinion of those at the head of
the Prohibition party that nearly
500,000 votes were cast for Wool-
ley and Metcalf.

Many a man boasts that he is
slow to wrath, as though he pos-
sessed a great virtue; while the
truth is, he is slow to wrath be-
cause he is slow to everything else.
It is the quick man that needs the
admonition, "Be slow to wrath."

Little Willie had just been stung
by a bee: "I wouldn't mind it
walking on my neck," he said be-
tween sobs, "if it hadn't sat down
so awful hard."

"Say, mamma," said 4-year-old
Tommy, "let's play I'm an awful-
looking old tramp. I'll come
around to the back door and ask
for a piece of pie and you get scared
and give it to me."

It is the experience of older mar-
ried women that a bride is about
six weeks in descending from the
pedestal to the foot stool.

It is better to have failed in a
great undertaking than never to
have made the attempt.

More masculine hearts have been
pierced by the eyes of women than
by all the bullets ever made.

Lots of fathers who give their
daughters away would like to get
rid of their sons-in-law as easily.

Even if there were no virtue in
truth, there is policy enough to
make it acceptable to all.

The untruth of today is called a
lie; the untruth of a hundred years
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med.

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6 15am	6 10	3 15	ar... Thomasville ar	1 05
7 07	7 00	4 01	ar... Quitman... lv	12 15
7 47	7 24	4 30	ar... Valdosta.....	11 45pm
8 35	8 25	5 15	ar... Dupont.....	11 05
9 45	9 30	6 15	ar... Waycross.....	10 15
		8 30	ar... Jacksonville lv	7 45
	8 00	1 10pm	ar... Jacksonville ar	4 55
	10 30	3 00	ar... Palatka..... lv	3 00
	2 10am	5 40	ar... Sanford.....	12 25
	5 40	8 40	ar... Lakeland.....	9 20am
	7 30	10 00	ar... Tampa.....	8 00
	8 30	10 30	ar... Port Tampa...	7 30
9 55am	9 45pm	7 05am	ar... Waycross.....	8 10pm
12 10	12 10am	10 15	ar... Savannah... lv	5 00
	6 28	4 10pm	ar... Charleston... lv	5 50
	4 15pm	7 30am	ar... Waycross.....	9 45am
	6 00	10 15	ar... Brunswick... lv	8 00am
		9 45am	ar... Jacksonville ar	7 00pm
		12 02pm	ar... Palatka..... lv	4 50pm
		2 15	ar... Gainsville... lv	2 35pm
		3 16	ar... Ocala..... lv	1 45pm
		10 00	ar... Tampa..... lv	8 00am
		10 30	ar... Port Tampa... lv	7 30am
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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The Boers have recently given the English one or two serious surprises, which make the impression that the war will continue for some time yet. President Kruger has been informed that he will not be received in Austria and Germany as he has been in France.

Affairs in China are still in an indefinite shape.

The Filipinos are still giving trouble, although the U. S. Commissioners are proceeding in their efforts to establish civil governments in the cities and districts. A negro soldier who deserted from the U. S. army is now a major among the Filipinos, and with his command is active and cruel against our soldiers.

The Cuban convention is still trying to form a government for that island. This country will keep its hand on for sometime yet.

NEARER HOME.

On Saturday last, at 12 o'clock, Gov. Johnston turned over the gubernatorial office to Gov. Sanford. The latter was not well enough to be present, and was represented by his son, Mr. T. D. Sanford, who is his father's private secretary. The change of governors was quiet and without ceremony. Gov. Sanford took the oath of office sometime since in his room at Opelika. Hon. W. D. Jelks, President of the Senate, will by law act as governor when necessary until the governor takes charge of the office. His physicians think he can take charge of the office in three or four weeks.

Just as Gov. Johnston left the office on Saturday last the lower House of the Legislature passed the bill calling a Constitutional Convention. Every Association in the State before defeated.

The third trial of John Gafford has been removed from Butler county to Montgomery county. Gafford killed Bartow Lloyd, who wrote the "Rufus Sanders" articles. The trial was set for Tuesday last.

A man named Jas. H. Emory held up and tied cashier Clarke of the store of Bolle & Co. at Jackson, Clarke county, and after taking some goods and money went away. He came to Atmore, on the Montgomery & Mobile railroad, to take a fast train, but it did not stop and Emory went to a convenient place to rest till the next train came. He fell asleep and was found and captured by his pursuers. He seemed to be quite indifferent about the matter.

Jim Wheeler, in Lowndes county, shot Charles Waldrop in a dispute over an account, and Calvin Harris appeared to be reaching for a gun, when Wheeler shot him also.

"He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them," says the inspired writer. All the wealth of the nation, it is said, passes through the probate court once in thirty-five years. Man's grasp upon the world, be his hand large or small, is soon loosened. Where no laws of entail interfere, there is practically a readjustment of all properties three times in each century. Corporations may be long-lived, but the stock is shuffled and passed.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Jane Wilkins departed this life at Uchee, on August 26th. She was born August 6th, 1833; married to N. R. Wilkins September 16th, 1847. She was a member of the Baptist church at Uchee, Russell county. She had been afflicted for quite a while, and bore her affliction with that degree of fortitude that only a Christian could show. She was a devoted Christian, wife, mother and grandmother. Her Christian life was such as to leave no doubt as to her happiness in the beautiful home above, where the weary cease from troubling. She leaves loved ones who deeply mourn her loss.

On August 30, 1900, the messenger of death came to summon from this world to his long home above, Bro. John Franklin Brightwell. He was born in Webster

county, Ga., March 4th, 1839. At the age of 25 years he united with Shiloh church, in Marion county, Ga., and served this church faithfully as clerk for several years, until he came to Alabama. Then he united with the church at Henderson, Pike county. On moving from the Henderson neighborhood he united with the church at Harmony, where he served until death. About two years before his death he was seized by that awful and much dreaded disease, cancer. During his illness he suffered intense pain, but was always resigned to the Lord's will, often expressing a desire to be with Christ. Bro. Brightwell leaves a wife and five children to mourn the loss of husband and father. He was a very zealous worker, always trying to work for the upbuilding of the Master's cause. He was always faithful to attend church and to discharge every duty the church put upon him. Therefore he is

Resolved, 1st, That we cannot fully put on record our appreciation of his worth or our great love for him, yet we will cherish in our memories his godly walk and conversation, and his kindness to all in words and deeds, and will strive to follow the good he has left for us.

2d, That we tender to his wife, Sister Brightwell, and their children, our heartfelt sympathy in this great trial, and will pray God to comfort them in their sorrow. They sorrow not as those who have no hope, but can look forward to the hour when the redeemed shall be raised together, and be forever with the Lord.

3d, That a copy of this report be given to Sister Brightwell, and be spread on our church book, a d that the ALABAMA BAPTIST be furnished a copy for publication.

JAMES L. TURNER,
J. NELSON,
S. C. CURRY,
Committee.

On the morning of November 24, 1900, the death angel, that inviolable destroyer, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, at Mt. Willing, Lowndes county, and bore away the sweet spirit of their daughter, Mabel, to bask in the sunlight of the beyond. Mabel was truly a noble Christian. Patient and ever ready to help others, she was loved by all who knew her. The writer spent nine months in her society while attending school at the Judson, and in all that time Mabel was never heard to murmur or complain, no matter what and how trying the task assigned her. Goodbye, Mabel, to the Class of '95.

one of our number, Attie Bostic, is in far off China, and now sweet Mabel has gone home. It will grieve the girls to hear that the chain is broken, especially one of the brightest links. But we can truly say with the poet, "God's finger touched her, and she slept." For our sweet Mabel only sleeps. Let this knowledge be a comfort to her loved ones and to the Class of '95.

In Memoriam.

In the afternoon of October 13th, just as the sun in his radiance burst forth from the dull leaden clouds that had overcast the earth for several days, the immortal spirit of Mrs. C. R. Richards took its flight from earth to the portals of the beautiful beyond. Surrounded by sorrowing friends and grief-stricken children, she calmly and peacefully fell into that slumber that knows no waking here. Words are inadequate to express the gloom and sorrow of this darkened home. Mother is gone! The light and guiding star of idolized and devoted children extinguished forever on earth! For none can take her place. Where shall we turn for help in such deep need, in such anguish of soul, of spirit? The Psalmist answers for us: "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble." Only the Great Comforter can bring the healing balm for the wounds which the death angel makes in our households! Human sympathy can only weep, it hath not also the power of the gentle Nazarene to bring back life. As we kiss the chastening rod of such afflictions, we can only look up through our tears and say: "He doeth all things well," and "Whom He loveth He chasteneth." With bowed head and silent tread, we acknowledge the stern presence of death bringing to us the solemn lesson of the utter helplessness of our poor, weak human nature, and teaching us to anchor our nothingness upon the Rock of Ages. Then to the bereaved ones we can only say, "look up; your guiding star is no longer on earth, but above." Let us open the win-

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dows of our souls toward Jerusalem, and behold the glorious star of faith beckoning us to our heavenly homes, where there will be no more partings, no more weeping. Mother is gone; she cannot come to you, but her memory, her example and her spirit will lead you to her in the paradise of God.

The deceased was fifty-seven years of age, had been a member of the Baptist church about ten years; she was a devoted mother, a true friend, a good neighbor, ever ready to sympathize with the distressed, and to help the needy. We have every assurance that "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," was the greeting of her Lord and Master.

MRS. A. L. WHIGHAM,
MISS DORA ESPY,
Committee.

Headland, Ala.

Bro. Wade A. Herren died at his home in Dadeville on the 14th of October. After spending some months in the West in search of health, God spared this friend and brother to return to his native soil and spend his last hours with dear loved ones. Bro. Herren was born in Carroll county, Ga., in 1836. He joined the Dadeville Baptist church in 1886, and has been a faithful follower of Jesus ever since. The writer, who baptized him and had known him for years, had many talks with him, in which he gave strong testimony of his abiding confidence in God. He was devoted to his wife, with whom he lived happily for 36 years, and he ever strove to promote his family's happiness. He was a fond parent, and leaves six children. He bore his affliction with sweet submission, characteristic of the Christian, and God has said, "Well done, thou faithful servant, come up higher." His old Pastor,
R. A. J. CUMBER.

Resolutions of Sardis Sunday School.

"Dear loved one, we have laid thee In the peaceful grave's embrace; But thy memory will be cherished, 'Till we see thy Heavenly face."

Our people were greatly shocked to know that Sam Jernigan was dead. His was a short life, just verging into manhood. He was a bright and noble, young man, and was indeed a friend to all. We are made to realize more forcibly that death loves a shining mark.

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our dear friend, but bow in humble submission, saying, "Father, thy will be done."

3d That we tender the bereaved family our deepest sympathy, praying God's ever to be theirs.

4th, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on our record, and a copy be furnished the Alabama Baptist and Greenville Advocate for publication.

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