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Symbolisms of the New Testament.

(Concluded from last issue.)

"Do this in remembrance of me," "As oft as ye do this ye do show forth the Lord's death till he come." Here we have a symbol which shows forth the Lord's death and keep it in remembrance. By the Lord's death we have secured to us eternal life upon our acceptance thereof. The Lord becomes our substitute and dies for us, and we secure that which this sacrifice purchases for us by accepting the Lord as our substitute. The symbol must symbolize these truths, namely, the Lord's sacrifice for us, our acceptance thereof, and its result to us, viz., eternal life. We take bread and break it, and are told that this broken bread symbolizes the body of Christ, broken for us. Bread is the staff of life to human beings. We eat it and obtain by the eating physical life. We accept the sacrifice of Christ for us and obtain eternal life. As the eating bread yields physical life, so the accepting the sacrifice of Christ yields to us eternal life—a symbol which symbolizes.

We take the fruit of the vine and pour it out, and are told that this symbolizes the poured out or spilt blood of Christ. We drink the fruit of the vine and it yields to us physical life. We accept the sacrifice of Christ and it yields to us eternal life. As the drinking the fruit of the vine yields to us physical life, so the accepting the sacrifice of Christ yields to us eternal life, a symbol which symbolizes.

Wine which contains alcohol, when taken into the stomach, does not yield physical life. Alcohol is a poison. Poisons are destructive of physical life, therefore alcohol cannot symbolize the blood of Christ which yields eternal life.

Poisons are used by physicians as medicines. Alcohol as a poison may be a medicine; medicines are not like bread, producers of physical life—alcohol, as a medicine, cannot symbolize the blood of Christ. The best food products alone, when taken into the stomach, can symbolize the sacrifice of Christ for us. The sacrifice of Christ yields to us not a partial but a complete salvation. Those food products alone which yield the most full and complete physical life, can symbolize the sacrifice of Christ. Bread and the fruit of the vine, grape juice, which contains no alcohol, are high grade food products and yield physical life. Bread and grape juice eaten, appropriately, by us are fitting symbols of the sacrifice of Christ for us—as the eating bread and grape juice yields abundantly physical life, so the accepting the sacrifice of Christ yields abundantly eternal life.

D. P. GOODHUE.

Lower Peach Tree.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

Will you give me space in your excellent paper to tell what great things the Lord has done for his people, to whom it is my happy privilege to minister. First, I want to state that your humble scribe went home from our last Association determined to seek a revival of religion in his own heart; which the Lord gave, and I have been and am happy in his love and promises. My next great desire and prayer to God was, for a restoration of the "joy of salvation" in the hearts of his children; the constant deepening interest in each service has been very gratifying and delightful. The first Sunday in August our meeting at Salem began. Here I enjoyed to the fullest extent the assistance of as earnest and faithful membership as it was ever my lot to be associated with; together with the efficient aid of Rev. R. K. Benson, whose membership is with this church. Visible results: 41 additions, 3 by letter, 3 restored, 35 by baptism.

From thence I came to Lower Peach Tree, my home church; here we had Bro. G. W. Townsend, who preached with much zeal and earnestness. The meeting closed prematurely, without any visible results. From here I went to Sugsville.

In this, one of the oldest villages in the country, the Baptist cause has ever been weak; the outlook, however, is now more encouraging. We had a precious meeting, 7 were added by baptism. Bro. J. F. Savell did the preaching, to the delight of all who heard him. He is truly a man of God and delightful co-worker.

My next meeting was at Amity. Here I had no ministerial aid; but truly the Lord was my helper, and, as is always the case, when the Lord helps, great things are done; the church seemed thoroughly revived, differences among the members were removed, and 16 added to the church, 14 by baptism, 2 by letter. In addition to all this, and in the face of the disasters that have come to this section this year, my churches have all gone forward in point of collections. For all these things I am profoundly grateful, and ascribe all the praises and honor to the name of my blessed Master, who has wrought those glorious things among his people. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise the Lord!

Another source of pleasure and happiness to me is the weekly visits of our dear ALABAMA BAPTIST.

C. H. MORGAN.

September 17.

For the Alabama Baptist.

From Cullman.

A word or two from "these parts" may be of interest to the readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST. The writer has been pastor of the First Baptist church here only six months. During that time a debt of about \$300, of some five years standing, on the church building, has been liquidated, and some changes which added both to the appearance and comfort of our house of worship, and costing between \$80 and \$85, have been made. We lack about \$30 having this paid for.

We began our protracted meeting August 22d and closed September 1st. Bro. F. H. Watkins did most of the preaching, and did it well. He is truly a great preacher of "the glorious gospel of God." One hearing him plead with sinners is forcibly reminded of the words of the great apostle: "Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men." He proclaims the great truths of the gospel in simple and direct language and relies on the Holy Spirit to apply these truths and quicken men to a realization of their need of Christ. He completely captured the audience at each service. God wonderfully honored the preaching of His Word. Ten were baptized, several others made a profession of faith in Christ, eleven were added by letter and the membership of the church was greatly revived. Among those baptized were a lawyer who had been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, and a lady who had been reared a Catholic. Surely we can say with the Psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

The ladies have organized an Aid Society; they are very enthusiastic. This month will close my pastorate here; I will leave at once for the Seminary.

Yours fraternally,
H. B. WOODWARD,
September 20.

Let Everybody Help.

Missionaries unpaid, an empty treasury and our Secretary at the bedside of a dangerously sick child. That is the situation. We ought, every one of us, to send immediate help; no matter how little, it ought to be sent at once.

Brethren who can should visit other Associations besides their own and urge the work as Brother Crumpton would do if he were there. Let us have no lagging. Brethren let's lay this to heart and do it, forgetting not, meanwhile, to pray for the sick and the loved ones who watch by her side.

L. O. DAWSON.

To know who your real friends are you must be in adversity.

From Red Level, Ala.

Dear Baptist:

On Friday night before the 3rd Sabbath according to previous appointment Bro. McInally preached at Fairmount church to a crowded house. Bro. McInally continued to preach until Sunday at eleven when Bro. S. P. Lindsey, of Bellville, took charge. Preaching at eleven and at night until Tuesday night, at which time the meeting came to a close, which was very unfortunate. Bro. A. B. Metcalf was to have made his appearance at this time and it was arranged for him to continue the preaching during the balance of the week as Bro. Lindsey had arranged to leave for his home after the Tuesday night's appointment. The weather was so threatening when the A. & F. train came Bro. Metcalf thought unnecessary to stop off as this would necessarily bring the services to a close. Thus our annual protracted meeting was brought to a close without any visible results. Yet we can see that Bro. Lindsey sowed some seed here that fell in good ground, that will germinate in the future, we trust, and do much good. Bro. Lindsey preached the plain unvarnished truth which always sink deep down into the hearts and conscience of men and cause them to "think."

Bro. Lindsey has left a good name among the people here and should occasion ever bring him this way again he will find a cordial welcome among this people. This was our first opportunity to meet Bro. Lindsey; we had the pleasure of entertaining him at our home while here. His words of good cheer and comfort gave us a spiritual uplift. May he live long to tell the Old, Old Story to dying men and women.

Bro. McInally is a zealous preacher and when he left us Monday for his home at Atmore we all felt that we had been benefited by his short stay with us. May the good Lord bless him in all his efforts to do good.

Our pastor Bro. I. Spense has tendered his resignation as pastor of the church; which has been accepted. On account of a division in the church which it seemed could not be adjusted Bro. Spense resigned as pastor.

Bro. Spense is a fearless speaker and hies to the line when it comes to handling the word of God, regardless of where the chips fall. For this reason he will always have the commendation of some of his congregation.

We admire him for his boldness of speech and pray that a larger field of usefulness may be opened to him.

The church has appointed the 1st Sunday in October as a day to call a preacher for the next year. I want to say that Bro. Spense was paid his salary for the entire year before he resigned.

Bro. A. B. Metcalf will preach for us on the 5 Sunday at eleven and at night. Our Sunday School continues good, the young men of the church have organized a young men's prayer meeting which should be encouraged by all. Bro. David Beasley is the moving spirit in this good work. We are still growing as a town. The foundation is being laid for a large two story hotel near the depot, the enterprise is being conducted by Col. Lee Jones of this place.

Yours in Christ,
JOHN M. SIMS.

Sept. 23rd, 1901

From Elmore County.

Dear Baptist:

At Beulah I baptized three new converts in the new pool, two young women and one young man; these are of as good family as there are in Elmore county. After baptism we had a long conference, the church elected me for another year, and Bro. Wm. Roberson, clerk.

On motion of Bro. Wm. Macon, prayer and supplications were made for the men who were convicted on Saturday and so hurriedly sent to the coal mines, and for the old fathers and mothers, and for the heartbroken wives and poor little children left in a state worse than orphanage. The

church and congregation then offered strong resolutions, upholding the law and sustaining the court and jury, yet in order to restore peace and order, and for the sake of all and to prevent further trouble, that a pardon be granted those men and let them return at once to their homes and to their loved ones. In fact I was requested not to preach on that day—sorrow, sadness and gloom was on the faces of all; strong men shed tears, women wept; sadness and sorrow on all sides, and I am told it is so all over the county.

The people of Elmore county have had great trouble with the negroes. At first, the law was invoked, and this only made things worse; then the home of Rev. J. M. Johnson (who lives in Eclectic) was invaded and the criminal caught and again the law was invoked, and still crime after crime was committed. As good women as there are in the world have been outraged, and at last the white men said law, order, death nor powder would restrain them—that as long as those outrages went on so long would they avenge the wrong.

Many good colored citizens deplore the sad condition of things in Elmore. I am for peace.

JOHN R. CALDWELL,
Sept. 2. Pastor.

Bailey-Upshaw.

Rev. Luther Raiford Bailey, an alumni of Greensboro college, and Miss Willie Dorie Upshaw, a graduate of The Judson, were married at the Baptist church, Goodwater, Ala., Sept. 5th, 1901.

The church was beautifully decorated in designs of pink and white.

The bride wore a rich traveling suit of grey and carried a bouquet of white roses and ferns, as did also the bride's sister, Miss Lizzie Upshaw, Maid of Honor. Maid of Honor and singers were prettily gowned in white dresses and wore picture hats of pink and white.

Groom and male attendants were attired with elegant simplicity, each wearing a white rose-bud as boutonniere.

Mr. Olin Stevenson of Roanoke, acted as best man; Messrs. Purcell, Jackson, Sharp and Crew, as ushers and attendants.

Miss Early Orr of Roanoke, sung, "Forgotten"; Mrs. Purifoy of Goodwater, sung, "O, Promise Me," in the time of waiting before the ceremony.

Mrs. Lottie Pope McLeod, of Sylacauga, played the Wedding March, with a merry ring that predicted happiness.

Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw, the bride's father officiated as one to join the pair. The ceremony was beautiful and touching; for with his own words the father severed the first arch from a complete and happy home circle.

The ceremony ended, the bridal party and a host of friends repaired to the depot. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey boarded the evening train enroute to Boston, via Savannah and New York. They will spend sometime in the latter city. When they arrive in Boston both will enter upon a course of study; he, as theological student; she, for the more complete cultivation of historic talent.

Mr. Bailey has made for himself an enviable reputation as business man and cultured christian gentleman.

The Judson may be proud to claim Mrs. Bailey as a representative pupil of her Alma Mater. Her intellectual and spiritual scope are far beyond her years; and no fairer; sweeter flower ever bloomed in any "rose-bud garden of girls." She has been walked in by fine influences, and goes now out into the world as pure as the white lilies of the field; yet, her sympathy seeks to cover sorrows and sins entirely out-side the limit of her own experience, and makes her beautifully adapted to be a minister's wife. May God bless this union! Mrs. PHILIP JACKSON, Goodwater, Ala.

The church member that occupies the front seat at the theatre usually takes the back seat at church.

The Cost of Mission Boards.

There are still some people in our Baptist churches who are opposed to our regular organized mission work. They do not believe in boards. One of their favorite arguments is that it costs too much to send money to foreign missions through the boards. A certain vehement opponent of our Foreign Mission Board has recently published the statement that twenty-five per cent. of the money contributed through our boards was used for expenses. This same person is a strenuous advocate of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The head of the Alliance says in a recent article: "The report (of the Alliance) of the past year shows by the logic of figures that eighty per cent. of all the Treasurer's receipts went directly to our Foreign missionaries." The rest was used at home. Now contrast this with the reports of our Foreign Mission Board for the past three years, as published in the Minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention. The report of 1899 says: "For all expenses in Richmond *** there was used a little less than ten cents on the dollar. Then the expenses of collecting in the different states, which charge for collecting, amounted to a little over five cents more. That is, during the past year all expenses amounted to fifteen cents on the dollar, and the other eighty-five cents went to the missionaries." The report for 1900 says: "The total expenses of our work for the past year *** have been 8 5-7 cents on the dollar. The expenses for collecting in the States has been less than 4 1-2 cents on the dollar; so that all expenses amounted to 13 2-7 cents on the dollar, or, of each dollar given nearly 87 cents, goes to the missionaries. The report for 1901 says: "It will be seen that for all expenses in Richmond, Va., it takes eight cents on the dollar; for all other expenses, five cents; so that 87 cents on the dollar goes to the missionaries. Thus it will be seen that while the cost of the Board has always been small, the percentage of expense is constantly growing smaller. P.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Programme of Fifth Sunday meeting to be held at Union Grove (North Carolina) Baptist church, Sept. 27, 28 and 29.

Friday morning at 11 introductory sermon by Rev. J. O. A. Pace.

2 p. m. Devotional service conducted by Rev. Pugh Paulk.

2:30, Relationship existing between church and pastor.

Rev. F. G. Posey, Dave Weems.

3. Relationship existing between pastor and church.

John Mitchell, Pugh McCorkle.

Adjourn.

Preaching at night 7:30, Rev. James Austin.

Sunday morning, 9:30, Devotional services conducted by Harrison Gardner.

10. Can the heathen be saved without the gospel? Rev. Joe Vesey, Rev. J. O. A. Pace.

11. How to induce church members to greater activity. B. G. Gray, and Rev. James Austin.

2 p. m. Devotional service, Rev. John Weems.

2:30. Woman's work. Papers read by Mrs. Lizzie Jones, Mrs. Joe Vesey, Miss Lula Mitchell.

3:30. Bible plan for christian giving, Rev. Pugh Paulk and J. T. Richey.

Adjourn.

7:30 p. m. Preaching, Rev. Pugh Paulk.

Sunday morning, 9:30, Sunday school mass meeting, address by Prof. H. C. Gilbert.

11. Sermon, "The great Commission," Rev. Joe Vesey.

Free entertainment for all that may attend. Dinner served on the ground Friday and Saturday.

Sunday 12:30, adjourn.

The man who does his best in everything that he does will soon find that his skill as a workman is increasing.

Fifth Sunday Meetings.

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Tuskegee Association will be held with Pleasant Grove church, beginning Friday, Sept. 28.

PROGRAM—FRIDAY.

10 a.m. Devotional exercises, Rev W. T. Foster.
11. Sermon, Rev A. Z. Napier.
2:00 p.m. Necessity of prayer meetings, F. T. Hudson.

SATURDAY.

10 a.m. Devotional exercises, Rev Partridge. Home missions, Rev W. G. Gregory.
11. Foreign missions, Rev G. S. Anderson.
2:00 p.m. State missions, Rev J. J. Cloud. Associational missions, Rev W. R. Adams.

SUNDAY.

9:30 a.m. Sunday school work, Rev J. H. Wallace.
11. Missionary sermon, Rev J. F. Purser.
Arrangements will be made to meet all delegates at Salem. Dinner at the church on Friday and Saturday. All churches in Association invited to send delegates. The church at Pleasant Grove is prepared to entertain all delegates.
This meeting coming before the Association is very important.
W. E. HUDMAN,
Chm'n Com. on Program.

PROGRAM

Of fifth Sunday meeting, to be held with Union Grove Baptist church, 14 miles northeast of Florence, September 27-29.

FRIDAY.

11 a.m. Introductory sermon, Rev J. O. A. Pace. Devotional service, conducted by Rev Pugh Paulk.
2. Relationship existing between church and pastor, Rev F. G. Posey and Dave Weems.
3. Relationship existing between pastor and church, John Mitchell and Pugh Paulk.
4. Preaching at night, Rev James Austin.

SATURDAY.

Devotional service, conducted by Harrison Gardner.
5. Can the heathen be saved without the gospel? Rev Joe Vesey and J. O. A. Pace.
6. How to induce church members to greater activity, B. G. Gray and Rev James Austin.
Devotional service, conducted by Rev John Weems.
7. Woman's work, paper read by Mrs. Lizzie Jones, Mrs. Joe Vesey and Miss Lula Mitchell.
8. Bible plan of Christian giving, Rev Pugh Paulk and Rev J. T. Ritchey.
9. Preaching at night by Rev Pugh Paulk.

SUNDAY.

Sunday school mass meeting.
10. Devotional service, conducted by pastor, Rev F. A. Posey.
11. Sunday school address, by Prof H. C. Gilbert.
12. Sermon, "The great commission," Rev Joe Vesey.
Final adjournment.

The fifth Sunday meeting of Elim Association will be held with Little Escambia church, near Flomaton, Ala., on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in September.

PROGRAM.

10 a.m. Devotional exercises, conducted by Isham Jordan.
10:15. Take up routine business.
11. Can any person be a consistent member of the church of Christ who does not give to the support of missions, both in our own land and in foreign lands? by Rev J. T. Fillingim and others.
12 m. Adjourn for dinner.
1:30 p.m. Reading Scripture and prayer, by T. W. Ficklin.
1:35. Has a church the right to neglect to eat the Lord's Supper? 2d. How often should a church observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper? Opened by Rev A. M. Tower.
2:30. What may we accomplish through prayer? 2d. Will God hear and answer our prayers in regard to temporal things also? 3d. What is necessary in order to have our prayers answered? Opened by P. H. Adkinson.
4:00. Adjourn.
7:30. Prayer by Noah Jordan.
7:35. Hear Missionary's report. Adjourn at will.

SUNDAY.

9:30 a.m. Sunday school mass meeting.
Prayer service, by M. A. Whitehurst. Talks on Sunday schools, opened by Rev A. S. J. Countryman.
11. Missionary sermon, by Rev J. H. McAnally.
12 m. Adjourn for dinner.
1:30 p.m. Meet and finish up; have song service or preaching. All are cordially invited to attend, especially our preacher brethren.
Fraternally,
D. M. MERRITT, Chm'n.

Antioch Association.

This body will hold its 19th annual session with Healing Springs Baptist church, Washington county, Alabama, Oct. 4, 5 and 6.

PROGRAM—FRIDAY.

10 a.m. Devotional service, conducted by Rev A. F. Lofton.
11 a.m. Associational sermon, by Elder J. L. Carney; Elder T. E. Tucker, alternate.
Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
Adjourn until 2 p.m.
Permanent organization.
2:30 p.m. Report of Executive Board.
3:30. Publications, by T. B. Shoemaker.
4:00. Institute work, H. M. Mason.

SATURDAY.

9:30 a.m. Education (ministerial and general), Prof J. M. Quarles.
11. Missions in general, Eld J. B. Hamberlin.
2:00 p.m. Sustentation, Eld T. E. Tucker.
2:30. Orphanage, Eld G. M. Fagan.
3:00. Woman's work, Mrs. J. B. Hamberlin.
3:30. Prohibition, Eld J. L. Carney.

SUNDAY.

9:30 a.m. Division of funds, E. J. Reams.
10. Sunday schools, Eld J. L. Carney.
11. Preaching.
Brother Editor, come over and be with us and get a good drink of water.
H. M. MASON,
Com. on Program.

Summer Meetings.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

Perhaps it would not be much out of place to give the readers of the BAPTIST a brief report of my summer meetings.

We began on Saturday before the first Sunday in August with my church at Sandy Creek. We were expecting a good meeting and we were not disappointed. Bro. Branman, the former pastor and much beloved, was with us and preached Saturday, then returned later in the week. He did good preaching, which was much appreciated by the large congregations; good interest was shown and seventeen were added to the church.

The second Saturday found us at Five Points. This is a very small church, in one of the cleanest little villages in East Alabama. Our little band seemed ready and anxious for a meeting. Dr. Thompson, of Lafayette, came Monday evening and preached most earnestly, till we had to close on account of weather. Two were added to the church by experience and baptism and others were deeply concerned. This little church has been struggling for some time to hold up the banner, and we think we are getting closer to our Lord and will be able to do better work for Him.

On the fourth Saturday or Friday evening before we drove to Center and began our meetings that evening, and the Spirit was there and remained with us throughout the meeting, which lasted just one week. Personality, presence and power of the Holy Spirit was emphasized. We tried to give ourselves over to Him and let Him use us. Rev. J. A. McCauley was with us and did part of the preaching; six additions here.

How sweet to feel you are used of the Spirit. Let us all know Him better.
C. S. ELLIS.

No man can understand the Bible until he is willing for his sins and errors to be condemned by its teachings.

Beware of the man who don't care.

Church Constituted.

According to previous announcement, and by invitation of brethren interested, a large congregation assembled in Wallace Chapel, on the third day of September, 1901, to witness and to participate in the constitution of a new Baptist church. The presbytery organized for the purpose by electing Rev. Z. D. Roby, D. D., moderator, and Rev. J. H. Wallace, clerk. The presbytery then appointed Rev. E. T. Hudson to read the Scriptures, Rev. M. Page to lead the prayer, and Rev. J. H. Wallace to preach the sermon. Rev. John F. Purser was appointed to read articles of faith and church covenant and to make such explanations as he saw fit. These services were appropriately and impressively performed by the brethren, as per their respective appointments.

Letters were then called for and thirteen were presented. To these thirteen brethren and sisters the presbytery extended the hand of fellowship and warmly welcomed them, as a regularly constituted Missionary Baptist church, into the sisterhood of all the great family of churches known by this name.

This new church, by unanimous vote, is to be known as Wallace Chapel, and is located in the eastern part of Lee county, Ala.

Representatives from County Line, Liberty, Beulah, Bethlehem, Leachapoka and Opelika churches were present and joined in the very pleasant ceremony of welcome extended by the presbytery to the newly constituted church.

Z. D. ROBY,
J. H. WALLACE,
Jno. F. PURSER,
W. R. ADAMS,
M. PAGE,
E. T. HUDSON,
Presbytery.

Letter from Eufaula.

I reached home September 1st, after a delightful vacation of six weeks spent in Atlanta, Graham, N. C., and Norfolk, Va. I have spent many vacations in all parts of the country, in the mountains, by the "sad sea waves," and in great cities, have engaged in all sorts of pastimes, but, after all, have come to the conclusion that the best of all vacation delights is playing with one's little grandchildren from whom he has been separated for a year.

I preached at all the places named, for that is the way, you know, that preachers have to take holiday, and I enjoyed it. I preached for my old church Freeman Street at 11 a. m., and at the big Epworth church at 8 p. m. to great crowds, and it was an indescribable pleasure to meet my old friends again. All my old pastorates are like homes to me, dearest spots of earth, and I love so to go back and share the kindnesses of the people. Eufaula gave me a royal welcome on my return, and I have been preaching to large congregations ever since. Yesterday was a great day with us, we held a memorial service for the dead President last night, the house was crowded, and the interest deep and almost overpowering. Gov. Jelks was present at both services, and is generally one of the most consistent and appreciative hearers I have ever had. Mrs. Jelks, a most accomplished singer, was in the choir last night.

Rev. T. M. Thomas has resigned the South Side church here, in order to take a course at the Seminary. He is an able and promising young preacher and I expect great things of him in the future. His successor has not been chosen, but I think Rev. B. Brown, of Batesville, is the coming man.

I learned today that Brother Parker, late of Midway, had been called to the Louisville Baptist church, this county, and would locate there. He too is a fine preacher.

M. B. WHARTON.

Eufaula, Sept. 16.

Old Dr. Drummond.

After years of patient study and experiment, has given the world a preparation which is an absolute and permanent cure for every form of rheumatism. The price is \$5, but it is two large bottles, enough for a months treatment, and will relieve the worst case from the first dose. Sent by express upon receipt of price, by Drummond Medicine Co., New York, with full particulars and testimonials of wonderful cures.

A Bird, And Some Folks.

The other day we were lying in the hammock, idly looking about at trees and birds and clouds and the beautiful sky, when far up in the air we saw a large black bird silhouetted against the clear blue of the heavens. On powerful wing he slowly and majestically sailed, without flap of wing or any other apparent exertion. In wide circles he swept, seemingly for the very delight of the motion.

As we lay and watched him soaring higher and higher and higher, thoughts kept passing through our mind, floating thoughts that left little impress. Why think serious thoughts on a warm day, when one's whole business seemed to be only to breathe and breathing, live, and living, do nothing? Was it not the rest season, a time to cease even from thought, if thought grew too serious to be easy? This is the luxury of rest after labor.

But after a while a thought came and stayed, and would not go. Yea, it even demanded expression, and would not go away until we had promised to keep it in our mind and after a time, put it in writing. It is in fulfillment of that promise that we use pencil and paper this rainy afternoon, and that you, kind reader, are asked to read and consider whether, in all your acquaintance, you know any such person as thought pictured in our mind that day.

That bird was a buzzard, than which not even the boasted eagle is a more majestic flyer, at a distance. And by the way, the buzzard is a far more useful bird than the eagle, even as the street sweeper, though not attractive, is of far more value to society than the well dressed, light-stepping, diamond studded gambler who walks the pavement, fit only to be swept into the trash box into which the scavenger gathers other vile stuff from the streets. But the buzzard has some very unpleasant and even offensive characteristics—even as some people have.

Here is our thought—possibly we should say, thoughts. A beautiful picture it must be that lies out to that bird's view—field and forest and farm house, rivers and rivulets and ravines, towns, villages, with the mansions of the rich and the hovels of the poor, while men and beasts crawl over the earth like ants busy with the storing up of their winter's food. For the bird has a wonderful eye. We had just been reading of a trip made by a Frenchman, in a balloon, from Paris to the interior of Russia, and remembered some of the things he said about the beauties of the views that were spread out before him as he sailed the air. We did not sin when we envied the bird the glorious sight that was his as he circled afar off and looked upon a world far below him.

And then another thought followed. It was an unpleasant thought, and yet it was a true one, true to facts. As that bird in his majestic flight circles yonder, and scans with wonderful vision the wide extent of earth that lies below him, he has eyes but for one thing—he is looking for carrion, and only for carrion. Something dead, some decaying thing. All the beauties of that wonderful view are lost, absolutely lost upon him, and he looks only for carrion, the dead thing, that is offensive to every eye but his. When he finds that, his flight is no longer upwards. It turns downward now, each circle bringing him nearer to the dead thing upon which he hopes to light and upon which he hopes to feed, tearing it with beak and talons. Ugh! But spare him, even in your thoughts. It is his nature, and he is only doing the work he was given to do. We abhor him, but cannot blame him.

Another thought links itself on to this one. How much some people are like to buzzards, in their desire for carrion, without the buzzard's usefulness in getting rid of it. We beg the buzzard's pardon for this comparison, but we must make it to make our point. We have seen people—and so have you, reader—who will scan the whole field of a fellow-man's life and character, in which are a thousand things of brightness and beauty, and apparently never notice these; but seize with buzzard like eagerness on any one evil thing that may have come into his life, or any one defect which may mar the otherwise perfect beauty of his character. How they gloat over this,

and tearing into him with beak and talons, by their hideous noises attract the attention of all about them to their hideous find.

Or possibly these human buzzards will extend the sphere of their operations, and will scan a whole community's life to find out and feast on some scandal that pleases only demons and buzzards, but makes good people, and, sympathizing with the sinning ones, seek to cover up the ugly thing the buzzard would tear open.

Indeed, we have known some theological—shall we call them?—buzzards, that search the whole field of denominational life and work, and search it, not for good, not to find and admire and rejoice in and help forward the good, but to detect and harp on and fatten upon whatever they can find that seems to them to have in it anything that is not good. Sometimes these denominational vultures fly high, and seem to think they are near to heaven in their flight, but the buzzard instinct is in them and all their joy seems to lie in the worst of the earth below.

Again we beg the real buzzard's pardon. To see and delight in and feed on the horrid things of earth is his nature and his work. He does good. He is serving God and man. But the human buzzard, especially the one who wears the livery of a Christian, is going against nature and is a curse instead of a blessing, an abomination in the sight of God and man.—Christian Index.

Against Dispensary.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

Will you please give space in your paper for the following resolution:

Whereas, there is in the town of Columbiana a dispensary that has become a stench in the nostrils of all true Christians, thereby dragging souls down to perdition. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a church, do agree and fix Saturday before the first Sunday in October a day to meet, fast and pray to Almighty God that He may remove the accursed evil from our land.

Resolved further, That we earnestly request all Christian people to unite with us on that day, at their respective places of worship, in our effort to drive the monster evil from our land, thereby blessing us as a church and people, and that we may honor and glorify God's great name.

Done in conference at Bethel church, Sept. 7th, 1901.

G. M. LOWREY, Moderator.

J. H. MOONEY, Church Clerk.

Columbiana, Sept. 16th.

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From Bro. C. C. Pugh.

Dear Baptist:

About the first of August my people here decided that they needed a rest, and of course I looked tired to them, so they voted to send me away for a month, and since there is no better place to rest, I went home. I am very thankful that I still have the "old home" to go to, and I am twice thankful because this home is in Alabama.

While resting it was my privilege to assist Bro. I. N. Langston in meetings at two of his churches, Forest Springs and Nanafalia, preaching a week at each place. An account of these meetings has already appeared in the ALA. BAPTIST.

Bro. Langston has charge of a rich field—four churches in a strong Baptist district.

Forest Springs and Nanafalia are both strong churches, and the two, only ten miles apart, would make an ideal country pastorate. They are well able to support a pastor for full time, and there is an effort being made to that end. Though Bro. L. has been on this field but a short time he has already entrenched himself in the hearts of the people. He is a sweet-spirited brother and a good preacher, and is doing a splendid work. It was indeed a pleasure to work with him and his people, and I shall not soon forget their kindness to me.

From Nanafalia I went to Grove Hill, where I preached for eight days in what was to me the most enjoyable meeting I was ever in. It was on a farm near by, where I first saw the light and grew to young manhood, and it was in the Grove Hill Baptist church I first gave myself to Christ and began His service. Here the invincible Savell is bishop. His enthusiasm and consecrated energy have taken hold upon the entire membership, and the whole church is pervaded by a spirit of harmony and healthy progress which is refreshing to behold. The house of worship has recently undergone some improvements which add greatly to the appearance and convenience of the interior. But the best improvement of all is the change from one to two Sundays each month.

Bro. Savell is very happy in his work, and thinks he has the best pastorate in all that part of the country, and I expect he is about right. The Lord is greatly blessing his labors.

Though the lot has thus far fallen to me outside of my native State, yet I feel a deep interest in all her affairs and watch her progress with pride.

C. C. PUGH.

Vicksburg, Miss., Sept. 17.

News Notes from Missouri.

Dear Alabama Baptist:

While every State has its own individual work and responsibility, yet there are no boundary lines in Christ's Kingdom. While I have cast my lot in another State and am no longer numbered with the workers in Alabama, my mind often wanders back to my old field of labor and I find myself still interested in the work and the workers.

I received a letter from the noble President of your State Board of Missions and Moderator of the Montgomery Association, Bro. G. G. Miles, in which he says the Montgomery Association which met with my old church, Fort Deposit, was all that could be asked for or desired—for which "I thank God and take courage."

MISSOURI NOTES.

Truly Missouri is a great State. It is rather the dividing line between the great Northern and Southern Conventions. Missouri is not altogether Southern and it likes a great deal of being Northern. Contributions to missions are sent to both the Northern and Southern Boards.

Southwest Missouri is said to be the best section of the State. It is noted especially for its rich soil and its mining facilities.

During the last two months I have been honored with hearty calls to five good churches, three of them I name—First Churches of Lamar, Mo., Marion, Ills., and Milan, Tenn. It was hard to choose between the three good churches, but after some meditation and prayer I have decided to take up the work at Lamar, Mo. Lamar is located in Southwest Missouri, and is the county seat of Barton county. The town is beautifully located and has a population of 4,000

people and is a splendid business and a magnificent resident town. The people are mostly from Kentucky and are not cold and reserved as some imagine western people are, but they are kind, sociable and cordial. A stranger is soon made to feel at home, especially among the Baptist people. The church is the strongest in the Barton Association. The Baptists of Lamar are a liberal people; they pay their pastor well and give liberally to all good causes; they do not boast of paying their pastor a maximum salary and then give a minimum sum to missions, but they believe in supporting the missionary pastor as well as their own. Most churches that support the gospel well at home are willing to help support it on the foreign field. The Baptist church is the strongest church in the town and are true Baptists in belief and practice.

There is some criticism about boards and secretaries in this part of the moral vineyard. The so-called Gospel Mission plan in Southwest Missouri we believe to be short-lived. They pick up a mistake of some secretary, or some secretary that is a failure, and because a very few make a failure and are not what they would like to be, the entire board plan is condemned—when the fault is not in the plan but the man. Bro. W. B. Crumpton who, to my mind a model secretary, is in charge of the work in Alabama. Where is the man that would dare say the Board plan in Alabama is a failure? In less than one year after Bro. Crumpton came back to the State the debt on the Board and Howard College, which, together, was nearly \$40,000 was liquidated. How was all that done?

By the Board plan, with the right man at the head and wisely managing affairs. And now I read in the ALABAMA BAPTIST that this model secretary has lifted the debt from off the Baptist College at Scottsboro. Why is it that these Board fighters never see such great work as the above that is brought to pass by this consecrated, wise secretary and comment on that? Let these fighting gospel Croffordites learn to criticize the mistakes of the man and not the plan and they may get a better hearing.

T. J. PORTER.

Besetting Sins.

Our besetting sins are peculiarly humiliating. They cling to us so firmly after we have determined to be rid of them, they reveal their power so often after we have supposed them conquered and abandoned, they assail us so unexpectedly and often beguile us so easily that we sometimes doubt whether we really have any power of self control remaining or any trustworthy loyalty to God and duty. It is no excuse for us, but it is comforting to remember that everybody else is tempted similarly and that our Heavenly Father understands the situation even better than we do. It is a strong temptation to make special excuses for such sins. Sometimes and to some extent this is proper. For example, he who, like so many, has inherited the desire of strong drink, certainly has in that fact a special excuse for committing that sin. He is not to blame for the hereditary taste which he cannot help having. It is his misfortune and not his fault. But this excuse is not a justification. He is actually and seriously to blame for yielding. The knowledge of his inherited tendency should serve as a special and solemn warning and restraint, fortifying him against tampering with the temptation which he knows is graver for him than for others. Besetting sins are to be conquered like any other, by prayer and faith and courage and sturdy resistance, by cherishing holy thoughts and cultivating holy aims, by avoiding circumstances involving temptation, by choosing ennobling companions, by studying how to live in constant communion with the Holy Spirit. When the heart is consciously and gladly surrendered to him so that his presence and power rule in it, even our severest besetting temptations can find little or no opportunity of access.—Helpful Thoughts.

Only the soul in need can know God's goodness. Great trials prepare the heart to see and appreciate the precious promises of God.

People frequently get a clearer conception of Christianity by observing the conduct of an earnest Christian than by listening to the sermons of a preacher.

Good Meetings.

FROM J. W. MITCHELL.

Dear readers of the ALABAMA BAPTIST: I do not often write to the paper, but just now there are some good things on my mind concerning my people and work. Should I not speak of them, I fear I would not do justice to the cause over which I have charge. The Good Master has intrusted to my care one of the best country pastorates in all the country. I mean by that, that he has given me a great work to do, a flock to feed, and then all about me a lost world to save, only by his grace and I sufficed for the task.

My churches are Six Mile, in the Shelby Association, Fellowship and Bethel in the Cahaba and Evergreen in the Unity. Have just closed up revivals with all these churches. Began at Six Mile first (1st) Sunday in Aug., closed up at Evergreen Sunday night September the eighth. Held from six to ten days at each place. The Lord was with us from the beginning. My people have been much revived, and several souls added to the fold.

At Six Mile the meeting lasted only six days, broke with splendid interest. Four accessions by baptism, and two by letter. By the way this is the old church that has sent out so many ministers; I doubt if there is another church in the State that has done more towards sending out young ministers into the work than Six Mile Baptist church. I will call attention just here to the fact that young Brother Ross Arnold who has been in the Howard for the past two years is a member of this old church, and that I found him here idle, (but ready to work) and took him in with me and carried him through the entire meetings. He did some of the best preaching that I ever heard a boy do. One of the hardest months work that he ever did, he did it on my work. Ross is a man and will make his mark. Not only did we work him but we paid him for it.

Our meeting began at Fellowship on second Sunday in Aug. Had good deal of rain still the meeting was well attended and good interest; had to close too soon on account of meeting to begin at home (Bethel). Four accessions by baptism.

Third Sunday the work opened up at home. Every one it seemed was very anxious for a revival. Bro. J. M. McCord came in Monday and preached for us until Friday night. Bro. McCord always preaches to suit me. On Tuesday he preached on being filled with the Spirit, and at this service he came and was with me to the close.

Result of this meeting: Ten accessions; two by letter and eight by baptism. I think more to follow yet. This was one of the sweetest meetings ever enjoyed by the church.

But the best is to come yet. The meeting at Evergreen began Saturday August the 31st and closed Sept. the eighth; was a real revival from beginning to end. Some of the older brethren say they got more real good out of this meeting than any other (except the one in which they were converted.) of their life. Bro. Arnold was with me and did most of the preaching. We had ten accessions by experience, two by letter. Candidates awaits baptism. Will be attended to fourth Sunday in this month; think others will join by that time; several claimed conversion.

Evergreen saints are among the best any where. The devil tore up this community a few years ago over the school business, but I am glad to say we have put him behind us, and for two years, during which time I have been pastor, we have made a great move for this end. Have a splendid church building well finished up and seated. Also bought an organ for the church, which adds greatly to the singing.

Here we have the largest and most promising congregation of folks that I know. Brother pray that the Lord may help me in this work.

Jamesville, Ala., Sept. 12th.

It is easy for a man to overlook several plain commands in the Bible to do good when he is looking for permission to do evil.

Reputation is what people think of us, character is what God thinks of us.

Bro. Crumpton Writes a letter to the Moderators.

Dear Brother Moderator:

The letters I am receiving and the reports I see in the ALABAMA BAPTIST about the Associations which have held their sessions are very encouraging. Many are saying: "It was the best session we have held for years." While I am watching at the bedside of my sick child my heart goes out to the brethren in these annual gatherings and I pray God's blessing to be upon them. How much depends upon them for the year's work! As fast as they meet a letter goes out from my office to every church clerk to be read before every church. I ask that a movement be inaugurated with the first meeting after the Association to get regular missionary collections from the church through the year. Maybe some of the clerks will forget my letter; maybe some of the churches will fail to do what I ask of them. It might be otherwise if you, as the Moderator, would re-enforce my appeal by a personal letter to the pastor or some prominent member. Brother, we are making very slow progress towards developing our churches in the grace of giving. We are not doing a tithe of what we are amply able to do. We are doing something, and I thank God for every indication of improvement—but we move so slow. I appeal to you and the other officers to join me this year to make the most persistent effort of our lives to inform our people and enlist them in the great work of giving the gospel to the wide, wide world. Regular monthly collections from every church for God's glory and the advancement of His cause is what we most need now. His blessing is certain to abide upon the givers and the gifts. A revival in Missionary giving is needed. To this end let us work and pray this year.

My dear Brother, write the letter at once and then write me advising me of the situation in your Association. I want to help you and your people.

Fraternally yours,

W. B. CRUMPTON.

Forest Baptist Church.

The series of meetings held at Forest Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. C. C. Winters, resulted in the addition of nineteen persons to the church, two by letter, one by restoration and sixteen by baptism. There has not been such a revival at this church in twenty years. There were large congregations and intense interest throughout the week the meeting was in progress. The enthusiasm and earnestness of the preacher affected all who heard him. The people seemed to have no other desire but to meet in the house of God to hear his blessed truths expounded. We pray that there may be such a gracious outpouring of God's love in every church in the land, and that God's blessings may go with him; our pastor, who labored so faithfully here for the Master, wherever he may go, and may many souls be given unto him for his hire. C. H.

Howard College Opening.

Howard College, East Lake, opened its session of 1901-1902 this morning with the largest attendance of pupils since Prof. F. M. Roof took charge as President. The opening exercises at the college building were attended by a goodly number of people who braved the rain to go out.

The program opened with a song, following which Rev. J. M. Watson, the new pastor of the Pratt City Baptist church, offered prayer.

President Roof then introduced Rev. Dr. A. J. Dickinson, pastor of the First Baptist church of the city, who delivered a strong address.

The following others also made speeches: Dr. E. H. Hawkins, pastor of the East Lake Station, Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Dr. J. H. Phillips, Superintendent of the Birmingham city schools; Rev. Dr. A. C. Davidson, pastor of the South Side Baptist church in the city; Rev. J. G. Lowrey, pastor of the Baptist church at Warrior, and Rev. Mr. Brown, missionary of the Birmingham Baptist Association.

There will be plenty of rooms provided for all the boys who come in, though the supply at the building has run a little short. Arrangements to accommodate all in a comfortable way have been made.—Birmingham Evening News, Sept. 17.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Editor Alabama Baptist:

By direction of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, I beg to announce to the brotherhood the election of Rev. F. C. McConnell, D. D., to the office of Corresponding Secretary. Our brother was chosen heartily and unanimously. He has accepted the position tendered to him, and will enter at once upon his duties. The Board congratulates itself on securing the services of a brother so widely known and beloved, and so thoroughly competent to meet the requirements of his high office. We ask for our new executive officer the sympathy, cooperation and prayers of all Southern Baptists.

I am also directed to acquaint the churches with the resignation of Rev. A. J. Diaz, M. D., for years past our indefatigable missionary in Havana, Cuba. While he will be no longer in the employ of the Board after the last day of November next, it is hoped that our brother will continue to be a great power for the maintenance of Baptist principles on his beloved island. It seems likely that he will continue in Christian work in Havana.

Your brother,
W. W. LANDBUM,
President.

Liberty Baptist Association.

The annual meeting of the Liberty Baptist Association adjourned yesterday afternoon after holding a most interesting session at Mt. Zion Church.

Friday was missionary day. Rev. Mack Stamps made a report on Foreign Missions. Rev. Rutherford Brett, a report on Home Missions. R. E. Pettus, on State Missions and Rev. H. E. Rice on Associational Missions. Before the adoption of these reports the four gentlemen spoke on their several subjects, and the missionary pledges of the year more than double those of any previous year.

A report on Ministerial Education was read by Rev. Curry, pastor of the new church at Athens. Rev. M. H. Crutcher was again elected beneficiary of the Association and will be sent to Howard College for another session.

An interesting program was rendered during the day under the auspices of the Ladies Missionary Association.

At the opening of the meeting yesterday morning, W. B. Wheeler made a report on Sunday Schools. W. H. Pettus followed with a report on the Ophan's Home and a good sum was pledged for the support of the institution.

All of the old members of the executive committee were elected for another term. The next meeting of the Association in 1902 will be held at Mt. Pisgah Church, near Athens. The Association pledged itself to raise \$300 for the new church at Athens. Rev. N. D. Crutcher was selected to represent the association at the forthcoming meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Asheville, N. C., and Rev. Rutherford Brett and Mr. R. E. Pettus were elected as delegates to the State Baptist Convention. Rev. Curry of Athens, was selected to preach the introductory sermon at the opening of the Association's convention next year and Rev. M. H. Crutcher was elected as alternate.

A committee was appointed yesterday to select a monument to be erected at Locust Grove Church in honor of the memory of Rev. A. J. Parker who served the Association as missionary for nearly a half century. The subscription for the monument has already been pledged and it will be erected in the near future. Rev. H. E. Rice, J. J. Lawler and Geo. W. Taylor are the members composing the monument committee.

The delegates in attendance upon the association were royally entertained by the people of the Mt. Zion neighborhood and they wish to express their thanks through The Mercury.—Huntsville Mercury, Sept. 16th.

When a man has enough of the religion of Christ in his heart, to save his soul, some of it will come out to influence others in the good and in the right way.

Don't be more of a Baptist than you are a Christian.

Alabama Baptist.

MONTGOMERY, SEPT. 26, 1901.

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BRO. CRUMPTON TO THE MODERATORS.

In another column will be found a letter from the Secretary to the Moderators. Our Secretary is looking a year ahead. To make the next year what it ought to be we must begin now. The old plan of waiting until just before the meeting of the Associations to get up Missionary money has been a long while abandoned by our best churches. It ought to be abandoned by all. If progress is made and our missionary treasuries supplied with the means they need the contributions must come in at short intervals regularly. There is no telling the power of little things. When a generous brother gives \$500 or \$1000 to Missions it fills us with joy; but we would rather hear of fifty or one hundred of our churches, not heretofore reached, giving those sums in monthly collections. It would mean more for the kingdom of our Lord. We hope the Moderators, Clerks and Executive Committees of the Associations will join Brother Crumpton in this movement looking to the next Association year.

In another column will be found the official announcement of the appointment of Bro. F. C. McConnell to succeed the lamented Dr. F. H. Kerfoot as Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board. We are confident that Bro. McConnell will fill the place and do a great work. He is young, progressive, thoughtful, full of zeal and blessed with a strong, active mind and sound body.

The Religious Herald speaks of him in the following complimentary terms:

"We grieve to see Dr. McConnell leave Virginia. From the day he set foot on the sacred soil he has been a brother beloved. The spirit of fraternity and active co-operation has characterized him. He has been one of the most active and influential of denominational leaders, and we shall miss him very much in the councils of the brethren. His great and noble church has grown and prospered under his ministry, and there will be deep and wide-spread sorrow in Lynchburg over his departure. In this regret the whole brotherhood in the State will share.

"And yet we are glad he accepts the Secretaryship of the Home Mission Board. It is a great office, which he will ably fill. He knows the work by actual experience, he believes in its value, he has sound and wholesome views of its scope and purpose. He is a man of great strength before the people, and we are confident that he will have a great and notable career. May the blessing of God abide on him and on the important mission to which henceforth he devotes his life."

VACATION SUPPLY.

The custom that is becoming prevalent among the pastors of this country, of supplying for each other during vacation, we believe to be a very helpful one. It creates a more fraternal fellowship and widens the circle of the pastor's acquaintance. It is a change that relieves whatever of monotony that may have attained, and brings into service new thought and a different style of presenting the gospel. Not only is this true, but it is restful to the pastor, even though he is preaching he does no pastoral work. The hard-worked pastor is entitled to some recreation, and such changes are helpful to both pastor and people.

The custom of vacation supply should be encouraged. When a preacher supplies and does his best in the way of preaching the gospel, pure and simple, the sole object of which is to save souls, he will be appreciated. We saw the other day an evidence of this fact; it was something unique, and at the same time eminently proper. It was an official expression of the South Side Baptist church, Birmingham, regarding the vacation supply by Dr. Charles A. Stakely during the past summer:

The South Side Baptist church in conference September 1st, adopted the following resolution:

"The congregation of the South Side Baptist church having enjoyed during the past month the ministrations of Dr. Charles A. Stakely, desiring upon the eve of his departure to express their appreciation of his services, adopted the following:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the membership and congregation are due and are hereby tendered to Dr. Stakely for the strong gospel sermons preached, their pure and elevating teachings and the earnest and persuasive piety they breathed. He came to us in the Spirit of the Master and has held up the life and teachings of the Master with great power and plainness of speech. In taking his leave of us he carries the assurance of our high appreciation and personal esteem. He came to us a stranger and has won a permanent place in our hearts. We thank the Montgomery brethren for the loan of him."

SOUTH SIDE BAP. CHURCH.

By M. C. REYNOLDS, Clerk.

This church has for its pastor Dr. A. C. Davidson, one among our wisest, best and most acceptable preachers. We may expect such a testimonial from a church that he leads.

We believe in the saying of good things to all men who deserve them, while they live, and not wait until they pass away. If you have an appreciative word, an encouraging word to say to any one who performs a duty, don't hesitate to do it, it will do him good and strengthen him for greater service. The roses you scatter on the graves of the dead fall like withered leaves, so far as the dead know; it is the living that can appreciate the expressions of love and commendation. While we should never forget the virtues and worth of the dead, we should not be unmindful of the virtues and worth of the living. Say it while he or she lives. Hence we highly commend the action of South Side church, in its official expressions of the appreciation of the services of the supply by Dr. Stakely.

READ "A Common Mistake," from the Foreign Mission Journal. The Foreign Board is composed of nine brethren who will not be driven to appoint any man whom their judgment does not approve. It is fortunate for the cause that they are so careful. Associations and churches are often clamorous for the appointment of persons who are not qualified for the work.

No one can walk very far with Christ who is not on the side of every thing that is good.

A REQUEST.

Dear Pastors:—Within the next few weeks I will begin the publication of the sermons of Dr. J. J. D. Renfro, preached to the Confederate soldiers during the war, on the tented field. Before his death he prepared them for the press. Dr. J. R. Sampey, of the Seminary, and a son-in-law, has the manuscript in his possession, and by an arrangement with him I have secured the publication.

Our denomination, all over the State, remember Dr. Renfro with pride and love. He was a great preacher and writer. His sermons will be valuable. Every family among us ought to read them. Now for the REQUEST.

Pastors—Will you, at your next service in each of your churches, tell your people about these sermons and insist on those who are not taking the ALABAMA BAPTIST to subscribe at once, so as to get the very first sermon. As an inducement, I will give the ALABAMA BAPTIST from now to January 1903 for \$1.50, the subscription price. I am exceedingly anxious for these sermons to be read all over the State, for they are great spiritual, gospel sermons.

Certainly no pastor in the State will decline to comply with this request. It is my pleasure, always, to comply with any request the pastors make of me. I am the pastors' friend at all times. Let me ask you to speak of the publication of these sermons in your Associations and urge the brethren to avail themselves of my offer. We wish to begin the publication by the first of December. Please comply with my request.

Fraternally,

JNO. G. HARRIS, Editor.

Read This!

It is my purpose to attend the Central, East Liberty, Tuskegee and Harris Associations. We insist that the brethren send us their renewals at these times, by the Messengers. Save us trouble and yourself also. We need money now as never before.

JNO. G. HARRIS.

What Shall We Do?

Bro. Crumpton's note in the ALABAMA BAPTIST of last week tells a sad story of neglect on the part of some of our pastors: "Missionaries' salaries are due, and not a cent to pay them. The expenses of the associational campaign to be met, and not a cent in the treasury." Brethren, what is the matter? Have we forgotten our missionaries? Just now, when the needs of our state are so pressing, and when it is so important that our Board should meet the growing demands incident to the industrial development of the state, can we afford to hamper them by lack of funds?

And we are not supporting the Home and Foreign Mission work as we ought. Have we forgotten the instructions we gave these Boards at New Orleans? How are they to advance without our support?

Owing to the very serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Shelburne, Bro. Crumpton is not able to attend the associations as he had planned. Every father can understand the anxiety with which he is watching by her bedside. Brethren, shall we add to that anxiety by neglecting our mission work? Let us give our faithful Secretary the assurance that his work will not suffer. How it would cheer his heart if our people all over the state would immediately send in a generous contribution to missions! And how it would please our blessed Lord!

H. W. PROVENCE.

Every once in a while you will find a man that thinks that noise in preaching is earnestness.

He who keeps his eyes fixed on Jesus will not see so much fault in his brother.

It is a serious matter to speak of a sermon so that others will be influenced to reject the truth.

FIELD NOTES.

The forms close on Tuesdays at noon. Copy should be sent in from Wednesday to Monday.

Bro. Crumpton hopes to be able to take part in the dedication of our new church at Alabama City next Sunday.

The Baptist church at Lincoln, Ala., at its regular conference on the 22nd inst., elected by acclamation Rev. P. M. Jones pastor for the ensuing year.—A. Hall.

The good news comes to us that Bro. A. W. McGaha, who has been seriously ill, is now very much improved. He is in Huntsville, with relatives. We hope to see him soon in harness again.

Gov. Jelks has issued a proclamation designating Monday, Nov. 11th, 1901, as the time for holding the election for the ratification or rejection for the new Constitution for the State of Alabama.

A Sunday School Convention will be held at Columbia, Ala., Sept. 28th and 29th. An interesting program has been arranged, consisting of discussions of various subjects relating to Sunday School work.

Dr. R. G. Patrick met quite a large number of Judson girls here Tuesday morning, and secured a special train for them to Marion. The outlook is very fine for a large attendance.

We had a delightful, and we hope, a very profitable all day service at Fellowship last Sunday; the church granted a license to Bro. R. D. Terry and we recommend him to the confidence of the brotherhood.—E. W. Bailey, Plantersville, Sept. 21.

Scottsboro Baptist Institute opened with a hundred students, is now well organized and doing good work; both teachers and students are enthusiastic and the prospect is flattering for a successful year and future.—J. C. Dawson.

Eld. J. W. Sandlin preached his farewell sermon to the church at Linden on last Sabbath to a large congregation. The people of this section regret the circumstances that caused Mr. Sandlin to sever his connection with this field.—Linden Reporter.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Board of Missions, has returned to his office, from East Lake, where he has been nursing his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Shelburne, for three weeks. Mrs. Shelburne was dangerously ill with typhoid fever; her many friends will rejoice to know that there is now hope of her recovery.

Say through the BAPTIST, that we would be pleased to have some of the Ministering brethren, and others also visit the Zion Association, convening with Bethany church at Heath on the Central R. R., Covington county, Ala., on Friday before third Sunday in Oct. Would further say the Local goes down each day from Troy, passing Heath about 11 o'clock a. m.—J. T. Watson, Moderator.

DIED, at his home in Jefferson, on last Thursday, after an illness of some days, Mr. Thos. B. Mercer, aged about 58 years. He was buried at that place on last Friday, after appropriate services by Rev. J. W. Sandlin. Mr. Mercer was a member of the Baptist church and had been for a number of years.—He leaves a widow and several children who have the sympathy of the entire community.—Linden Reporter.

In our recent meeting at Oak Grove church, in Covington county, received one under watchcare and seven by baptism. This church was much confused but the Lord brought order out of confusion and the church is now in good condition. We also, at Bullock last Sabbath, baptized three and restored one, making in all 22 additions to this church. We had no ministerial help at Oak Grove, but the Lord was there.—C. L. Elland, Brantley, Sept. 18.

The Mulberry Association will convene with Pleasant Grove church on Wednesday after the 2nd Sunday in October, four miles west of Jemison, and we invite you and all of the brethren that can, to be sure to come. Jemison is the nearest point to the place by rail. We will have conveyances at Jemison Wednesday and Thursday to carry out all who will come and will send them back.—S. S. Thurman, Brierfield, Ala.

Bethel Association.

This body met in its 81st annual session with the Baptist church at Thomaston, Ala., on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September. The representation from the churches was very gratifying, only one church failing to be represented. The old officers were unanimously re-elected as follows: Hon. D. J. Meador, moderator; Jno. E. Hecker, clerk, and W. K. Thomas, treasurer. The Association is to be congratulated on having such efficient officers.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. W. H. DeWitt. It was a good sermon preached by a good man.

Visiting brethren were recognized and welcomed during the session as follows:

J. A. Howard, of the ALABAMA BAPTIST; W. W. Lee, representing the State Board of Missions, and brethren G. S. Anderson, of Auburn, Ala., and T. F. Henden, of Tusculum, Ala.

The reports were, on the whole, good. They breathed a spirit of hopefulness and urged the importance of a forward move. The speeches were practical and to the point. Deserving of special mention is the speech of Bro. W. W. Lee on missions. One brother, who is an editor, pronounced it the finest address he had ever heard on the subject, and you know that editors know all things.

The report on Temperance showed a distinct advance in the prohibition sentiment during the past year, if anything can be judged by this report, as compared with the one adopted last year by the Association.

The Missionary sermon on Sunday morning was preached by Bro. T. F. Henden to a large and attentive congregation. The subject was "The Value of a Soul." It was a fine effort and elicited much favorable comment. Such preaching cannot fail to do good.

The entertainment was all that could be desired, but this was no surprise to those who had enjoyed the hospitality of the people on former occasions. This was the first time it has been the pleasure of your scribe to attend the Bethel Association. One or two things impressed me very forcibly. First, the unity and harmony that prevailed was marked; it was delightful; and then there seemed to me to be a feeling of individual responsibility on the part of the messengers—the younger as well as the older—for the success of the meeting; this was indicated by their attentiveness to what was going on, and their remaining until the close. It is indeed a joy to be associated with such preachers as G. W. Webb, W. H. and L. C. DeWitt, J. W. Sandlin and I. N. Langston, and such laymen as Meador, Hecker, Setzler, Commack, Lambert, the Perkinses, the Thomases, the Jacksons, the Bucks and others. Such men are towers of strength anywhere.

A collection for missions was taken on Sunday, amounting to about \$20.

J. I. KENDRICK.

Safford, Ala.

Joy in Sorrow.

It is enough to make any pastor's heart sad to leave such people as the dear saints at Albertville and Alabama City. Last Sunday night was my last service at Albertville, tonight was my last at Alabama City, having resigned to attend the Seminary at Louisville.

All the congregations adjourned service and gave us a packed house at Albertville. After a brief sermon by the pastor, Rev. W. E. Morris, offered prayer; he is pastor of the Methodist church there, and loved by all; at the close the congregation sang, "Blest be the tie that binds," and amid tears we separated.

Tonight our church at Alabama City was filled to overflowing, and 'twas a sad time when we said goodbye. We will dedicate our church here next Sunday; this is my first pastorate, and I do sorrow over the fact that I must go, but I rejoice when I remember how God has blessed us; we paid off a four hundred dollar debt at Albertville, and dedicated our house there, and received over thirty into the church.

We built the church here and as I said will dedicate it next Sunday, and have received over two hundred here in a year, baptized fourteen here this week; we give God all the praise and pray His guidance to greater victories through Christ.

Alabama City. E. E. GEORGE.

NEWS NOTES.

McKinley's slayer is now on trial.

Atlanta is raising funds with which to erect a monument in that city to McKinley.

A man was run over and killed by an electric car in Birmingham Saturday.

Nineteen students were suspended from the State University this week for hazing.

Ex-Gov. Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, was married in Tuscaloosa Monday to Mrs. Alice Fitts Hill, formerly Mrs. Walton Hill, of Montgomery.

A Common Mistake.

Foreign Missionary Journal.

Before us is a pamphlet issued by the Madras Missionary Conference exposing the pretensions of a certain party who has been gathering money in Christian lands for the purpose of mission work in his own land. The party claims to be "a high class by birth," "of the princely class." The Conference says, "As a matter of fact, he is not in any sense a high caste man, much less a Hindu of the princely class, whatever that may mean." He is said to have "left his first wife," has been "an Episcopalian, a Wesleyan, an agent of the Free Church of Scotland, a Baptist, avowedly an adherent of no church, and lastly an Episcopalian again." The pamphlet shows that much money has been raised by and for him for mission work, for which he has never given account. We only cite this case to call attention to the general subject. People would be surprised to know how often appeals are made to the Foreign Board by churches or individuals to send back converted foreigners to their own country. These foreigners seem to fascinate our people. They may be ignorant, know very little of Scriptures, be puffed up with pride from their foolish attentions, and only third or fourth rate people here or elsewhere, yet immediately somebody wants to raise money for them. The foreign missions boards have had such sad experiences with people of this kind that they are slow to take hold of them. In this country they are very mild; when they get home they are often wild. Of course, this is not always the case. The best way is to let these people prove themselves. If they are in earnest they can return to their country in due time. One case recently was urgently presented to our Foreign Board. We suggested his return at his expense to his home land, and then to confer with our missionary there. He instead returned to another denomination from whence he had come to us, probably expecting thereby to be sent home. Let our people learn to do the Lord's work with at least the same wisdom that we would give to matters of this world. This does not mean that we should not have charity and trust, but having these, let us be faithful in dispensing the Lord's money where it will be used for the highest good in the Master's service.

The best thing to do when you do not know which way to go is to seek divine direction.

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CLIPPINGS AND COMMENTS.

"If you are inclined to feel the thorns on every rose which you find lying in your path, think of the many who have a flower to brighten the long and toilsome journey and you will forget about nothing but stones and dust with never the thorns and remember only the fragrance."

The American Baptist Publication Society has six chapel cars and eighteen colporteur wagons employed in the South and West. These gospel cars are used on the railways for preaching purposes, where there are no church houses. The colporteur wagons are so arranged that the colporteur can cook, eat and sleep while circulating religious literature in needy fields.

Should president Roosevelt die the Secretary of State would become President. The order of succession to the Presidency is as follows: Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War, Attorney General, Postmaster General, Secretary of Navy, Secretary of the Interior. The Secretary of Agriculture is not eligible as that office did not exist when the provision for succession was made. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson was born in Scotland and is therefore not eligible to the Presidency in any case as the Constitution provides that only native-born Americans are eligible to that office. Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock is a native of Alabama and is the only southern born man in the Cabinet. He is a citizen of St. Louis.

All that is evil is doomed. The evil-doer is doomed with the evil that he does. The judgment has already gone forth against the wicked man, the unbeliever. "He that believeth not hath been judged already because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18.) This truth is vigorously denied by evil doers and even some professed followers of the Son of God try to soften down the awful fact or explain it away altogether. But I have learned this: the word of the Lord God stands. That Word may have come to Moses, David, the prophets or by His Son Jesus but whatever the means or medium by which it did come the Word endures forever. The salvation or reprobation of men depends upon their attitude towards that Word and Him who is revealed in it, as a Savior of sinners, dead in trespasses and sins.

More and greater sins are committed when men are alone than when they keep themselves in fellowship. When Eve in paradise walked alone, then came the evil one and deceived her. Whoever is among honest men and in honest company is ashamed to sin, or at least he has no place or opportunity to do so. When King David was alone and idle, and went not into the wars he fell into adultery and murder and I have myself found that I have never fallen into more sin than when I was alone. Solitariness inviteth to melancholy, and a person alone hath often some heavy and evil thoughts; so hath he strange thoughts, and construeth everything in the worst sense. Melancholy is an instrument of the devil, by which he accomplishes his wicked purposes. The deeper a person is plunged into that state the more power the devil hath over him. To live in an open public state is the safest. Openly and among other persons a man must live civilly and honestly—must appear to fear God, and do his duty towards men.—Luther.

The Baptist Union preaches a short sermon in these words: "Two men were discussing the effect of certain things upon a friend who was not present to enter his protest. One of them said bluntly: 'He may get mad if we do this thing.' 'No,' said the other, 'he ought to be too near heaven to get mad. There was no qualler, because one man lived too near heaven to have part in it. The incident left an abiding impression upon one man, who has ever since been restrained when he felt any passions rise.' Every man ought to live too near heaven to 'get mad.' Listening to two men the other day, as they were discussing certain problems, one of them displayed a most unseemingly temper, said loud things, so that everybody about them might hear; the other man was calm, collected, spoke kindly, pleadingly—and there was no quarrel; for the other man grew calm—it always takes two to make a quarrel. There are three things everyone of us ought to remember in living in this stormy world: 'He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city.' 'A soft answer turneth away wrath,' and—all of us ought to live too near heaven to get angry. But alas! some of us are not living close to the gates, judging by the way the winds blow—winds of our own making."

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RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by Montgomery Association on the Death of J. C. Pope, Clerk.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst to his eternal reward our friend and brother, J. C. Pope, who was for a number of years the Clerk of the Montgomery Baptist Association. Therefore be it resolved,

That in the death of Bro. Pope this body has lost one of its most faithful and efficient officers, and while we bow in humble submission to God's will, and we shall ever miss his genial presence at our gatherings;

That his church and denomination will miss his wise counsel and services, and his family the affection and devotion of one near and dear to them;

That we enter fully into sympathy with his family in their bereavement, and unite our prayers that He who does all things well, will comfort and sustain in their affliction;

That a page in the minutes be set apart in memory of our departed brother, that these resolutions be printed in the minutes of this Association, and in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and a copy be furnished the family of our brother.

H. W. PROVENCE,
GEO. W. ELLIS,
A. J. BROOKS,
Committee.

A Gracious Rain.

The last week has indeed been a continual shower of blessings to the people at Starlington.

Our meeting begun Sept. 8th, conducted by Rev. A. B. Metcalf, of Andalusia, who is truly "a man of God"; we feel that God sent him here.

He preached ten grand sermons to quite a number of people, which resulted in much good, the realized results were 26 accessions and the church greatly revived.

It was indeed a pretty scene to see the young converts testifying for Christ. Surely it was a happy time when the writer saw 14 of her pupils accept Christ. Bro. Metcalf has certainly endeared himself to these people by his faithful work, and able preaching. O, that Alabama had more such godly men as Bro. Metcalf.

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TUSCUMBIA, ALA., May 29.

My Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

Enclosed find \$1 from our "Willing Workers' Society." We prefer it going to Miss Kelly, but you are at liberty to use it otherwise if best. We had another entertainment at the church Sunday night, 26th; the other churches had no service, so we had a packed house. The children did extremely well; I feel safe in saying my Band cannot be excelled and hardly equalled. The children that night had entire charge of the program, music and all, to which they did credit. I tell them I positively feel "stuck up" over having such a fine Band of children to work with me. We use the "Flower Girl" piece of the program you sent us; we heartily thank you for it.

We are to have a Japanese Tea tomorrow, Thursday, 30th, from 5 to 7 p. m.

Please remember us in prayer. I have quite a number in the Society who, as yet, have made no manifestation of a Christian life; I feel so anxious for them to come on the Lord's side. Any help you can give us to further our work will be thankfully received.

Very truly,
KATE MCCLAIN.

POLLARD, ALA., July 30.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

The children have organized a Sunbeam Society here. Will you please send them some programs and advice. They have twenty members; the officers are Miss Ethel Owens, President; Mable Buckley, Vice-President; Bessie Fenley, Secretary and Treasurer.

Grace at Meals.

Many good old customs are observed far less than they were in the time of our fathers. One of these is the habit of saying grace before meals, which was almost universal in this country thirty years ago, but which has fallen largely into disuse in many parts of the United States. During the last generation it was very rare to see any family begin a meal without grace; but the omission of this ceremony is becoming more common every day in some sections.

It seems that there is a like decline of the custom in England. An English writer who has observed this tendency for several years past, and is much pained by it, declares that the abandonment of grace before meals is "the most notable change in private religious observance in London."

The Springfield, Mass., Republican makes the surprising declaration that the custom of "saying the blessing" is still observed on "many public occasions; but that it is comparatively seldom heard in New England families, even when they are descended from Puritan ancestors and have inherited the whole body of Puritan traditions."

In this matter, as in many others, the conservatism of the Southern people stands forth prominently.

The habit of saying grace may have fallen off to some extent in the South, but it has not declined to anything like the extent it has in either New England or old England. It is still the rule in the great majority of Southern households, and will continue to be so for a long time to come. —Atlanta Journal.

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Almost all of the children are new to the work but I think will make good workers. They are to meet every Sunday afternoon, but will only have one business meeting in the month.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Geo. F. Arnold.

REMBERT, ALA., July 31.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

We want to organize a Sunbeam Society in our church. We have quite a number of children and think we can build up a good society.

Please send us the Constitution and By-Laws; also, a form for organizing, and any information you think we shall need will be very gratefully accepted.

Yours truly,
Mrs. C. C. Jackson.

GADSDEN, ALA., July 30.

Dear Mrs. Hamilton:

We have organized a Sunbeam Society in our church at Gadsden. Please send me some of your programs and literature at once. We hope to do much good in our Band.

Respectfully,
FANNIE L. HUFFMAN, Sec'y.

My Dear Sunbeams:

Did you see an appeal in the ALABAMA BAPTIST for Picture Cards, to be sent to my address for our Missionary, Miss Hartwell? I suppose they will be coming in by the 1st October, but so far very few have been received. Send as many as you can, they will assist her very much in her work, which you remember is our work too.

Ever your friend,
Mrs. T. A. HAMILTON.

Birmingham, Ala.

NEWS NOTES.

Huntsville is soon to have in operation, ten cotton mills and will boast of more spindles than any other city in the south, and will be second to only one city in the U. S. that is Lowell. —Ex.

General George P. Harrison, commanding Alabama division of the United Confederate Veterans, has named November 13th as the date for the annual reunion of Alabama veterans. The reunion will be held in Montgomery.

Rev. W. C. Whittaker, of Tuscaloosa, has accepted a call to a church in Jackson, Miss. He will be a loss to the Episcopal church in Alabama. He is assistant secretary of the diocese, publisher of the Church Record and a man of remarkable activity and usefulness and full of zeal for his calling. —Alabama Beacon.

Mr. H. Barclay says he has found oil in Prattville and has looked over Chilton county and found a rich vein of gold near Fort DeSoto and the finest ochre bed in the United States and also the best oil stones, a mountain of each, and he is pretty certain he has discovered emery. About four miles from Prattville he has the best clay for making fire brick that can be found. —Prattville Progress.

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Quiet Hour Thoughts.

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A church cannot be better than its membership.

You cannot keep from backsliding if you neglect to pray.

Let us be wrestling Jacobs that we may be prevailing Israels.

Habit is at first as a gossamer thread, but it soon grows into a cable.

When God established the first Christian home the devil's power was curtailed.

The piety, not the number, of the members of a church constitute its real strength.

The most exalted people in heaven will be those who were the most faithful on earth.

Do not forget that the smallest kindness is worth doing as you pass along life's way.

The religion of Christ is the greatest elevator known to mankind. It elevates from earth to heaven.

What many people most desire is not to know God's way but to have God's approval of their way.

People judge you by what you do, but God judges you by the motive that prompts the act.

The man who fears God so much that he has no fear of man cannot be conquered by the world.

A man may appear to be a gentleman in manner, but no one can be a true gentleman unless he is one at heart.

The person who is always seeking for some opportunity to do good will find that the world has a large place for him to walk in.

It is a fact that cannot be contradicted that many churches take into consideration the wealth and influence of a member before proceeding to discipline him for wrongdoing.

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Ar. Ozark	9:30 am	10:55 pm	
Ar. Dinwiddie	9:50 am		
Ar. Abbeville Junction	10:23 am	11:50 pm	
Ar. Dothan	10:35 am	12:01 am	
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Ar. Claxton	12:45 pm	2:35 am	
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Ar. Valdosta	3:25 pm	4:37 am	
Ar. Waycross	5:25 pm	6:15 am	
Ar. Jacksonville	7:40 pm	8:30 am	
Ar. Port Tampa	7:10 am	10:00 pm	
Ar. Waycross	5:30 pm	6:35 am	
Ar. Savannah	8:15 pm	9:00 am	
Ar. Charleston	6:25 am	4:35 pm	
Lv. Sprague Junction	4:30 pm		
Ar. Luverne	7:00 pm		
Lv. Dinwiddie	10:00 am	5:30 am	
Ar. Enterprise	11:00 am	6:40 am	
Ar. Elba	12:15 pm	8:00 am	
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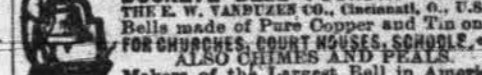
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At a meeting held at the First Baptist church in Phenix City, August 13, 1901, the following resolutions on the death of Rev. W. S. Rogers, former pastor of that church, who died July 19, 1901, aged 66 years, were introduced and passed:

Whereas, a merciful Providence has seen fit to remove by death from our midst our beloved brother and former pastor, Rev. W. S. Rogers:

And whereas, this church, as well as the Baptist denomination at large, has suffered an irreparable loss in his death; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1st, that we deplore the loss of Bro. Rogers, and that we will ever cherish the remembrance of his many noble Christian virtues, and emulate the good example he has left behind him.

2. That as a church and as a community of Baptists, we feel profoundly grateful for the untiring and unselfish work of a long and useful life spent in the service of the Master; and for the blessed assurance left us in the last illness of our dear deceased brother, that all was well with him.

3. That we bow with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, and look forward with hope to the time when we will again be permitted to enjoy sweet fellowship and communion with our brother and fellow-laborer in the vineyard of the Lord, in a land where all is peace and joy.

4. That we sincerely sympathize with the bereaved family and friends and relatives of Bro. Rogers, and invoke upon them the richest benedictions of a loving Heavenly Father, who, in his mercy, tempers the winds to the shorn lamb, and comforts with ministrations of love and tender compassion the hearts that are smitten with sorrow and sadness.

5. That a copy of the foregoing resolution be furnished the ALABAMA BAPTIST for publication, and that they also be spread upon the minutes of this Conference.

BROS. DANIEL FORD,
PORTER BLAKE,
LESSIE BOOKER,
EUGENE GULLOTT,
—Committee.

In Memoriam.

During the recent meeting which so graciously revived Mt. Lebanon, doubtless there were others besides the bereaved widow and children who thought of the missing face and form of him who so long and faithfully strove for Zion's growth in this particular vineyard, Mt. Lebanon.

The writer's earliest recollection of the subject of this memoir is the profound reverence, the yearning devotion in which Mt. Lebanon was held by its departed communicant—William Gatewood. His watchfulness at its doors lest the liberality of up-to-date religion should sully church sanctity, forced him at times to appear ultra-dissenting; but he was not afraid to war, ever upholding, as he did, the shibboleth of his warfare—a "Thus saith the Lord." 'Tis well the force of such example widens from individual to congregation, from congregation to community, but the real fragrance of Christian character must be sought for in the home, and this man made his home so redolent of his life that since that life has gone out it is sad pilgrimage to the few inmates left to keep the door of his tent that shall know him no more save in hallowed memory of husband and father.

William Gatewood was born in Anderson county, N. C., Sept. 10th, 1817, and in the fullness of his manhood moved to Russell county, Ala., where he died on February 21st, 1901, having by reason of strength outlived man's allotted time. And so, after a full harvest of years dedicated to the fear of God and love of fellowman, he fell asleep.

Too ready was he to answer to the call of duty to awake with other than a shout of hosanna when the last trumpet heralds to judgment both the quick and the dead.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. Ann Jones, relict of Rev. John W. Jones, died in Cropwell, Ala., at the residence of her son, Hon. T. M. Jones, July 6, 1901. She was the mother of 10 living children, all married and settled in life. Her loss is deeply felt by not only her own family, but by all with whom she came in contact in the varied walks of life. As a mother, devoted, wisely training the children left to her care in the paths of honor and usefulness. She exhibited in a marked degree the characteristics of her Scotch ancestry (the McLeods); conservative, yet progressive; prudent, yet liberal; undemonstrative, yet abounding in thoughtful consideration of the obligations of wifehood, motherhood, church membership and friendship; in all these true to duty. Her children, her friends, her fellow members of Cropwell Baptist church, all mourn her loss to them, but rejoice that she is at rest with the Savior she so dearly loved.

LESLIE LAW.

In Memory

of our beloved sister, Mrs. Sallie Sims, who departed this life Sept. 1st, 1901, when a shadow of gloom was cast over our church and community. Therefore be it resolved:

1st. That in her death the church has lost a dear member, her husband a devoted wife, her five sons a loving mother.

2nd. That we bow in meek submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and look up to Him in this dark hour of our lives for grace and guidance, hoping to be quickened into new life, and be ready when the call shall come, that we may with her enter into the joys of our Lord.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our church record, and a copy be sent to the ALABAMA BAPTIST.

J. L. HOWARD.

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It pleased the Lord in his wisdom to call from our midst Bro. John M. Harton, who was born May 3rd, 1861, and departed this life Sept. 17th, 1901.

Bro. Harton was married December 1st, 1887, to Miss Mattie B. Glazener.

He was a well known Baptist, having professed faith in Christ in early life and attached himself to the church at Cedar Bluff, of which he lived a consistent member to the time of his death. He leaves a wife and six children and several brothers and sisters, together with a mother about 80 years old, to mourn over their loss, but they sorrow not as those that have no hope.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer at his home in the midst of a great number of friends and relatives, and he was laid to rest in the family graveyard near by to await the resurrection morning, when we shall meet him again, to part no more.

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On the ninth of August, 1901, the death angel visited the home of T. J. Holdsomebeck and bore the gentle spirit of his twin boy babe to its home above the skies, where he will wait the coming of father, mother, brothers and sisters. He was seventeen months old; he was too good for earth, hence God took him home to heaven, where he will sing praises to the Lamb forever. Weep not, dear parents, Jesus has taken little Byrd into his loving arms to keep until you shall behold his sweet little face in a fairer world than this.

MATTIE MULLINS.

Active, Ala.

When the books are examined at the judgement day it will be found that they have gained what they have given for Christ's sake, and lost what has been kept.

For the Alabama Baptist. New River Baptist Association.

FAYETTE, ALA., Sept. 20.

The next session of the New River Baptist Association will convene with Concord church, 13 miles south of Fayette, Ala., on Saturday before 2d Sunday in October. It is our desire that brethren at a distance come and be with us—we need help. Get off train at Fayette, Friday evening at 4 o'clock. You will find comfortable homes, here and be conveyed, in hacks, to the church Saturday morning.

Brethren, please come, and give us your gospel assistance. Our heart's desires are, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to make this one of the best meetings ever held in the New River Baptist Association.

Yours truly and fraternally,
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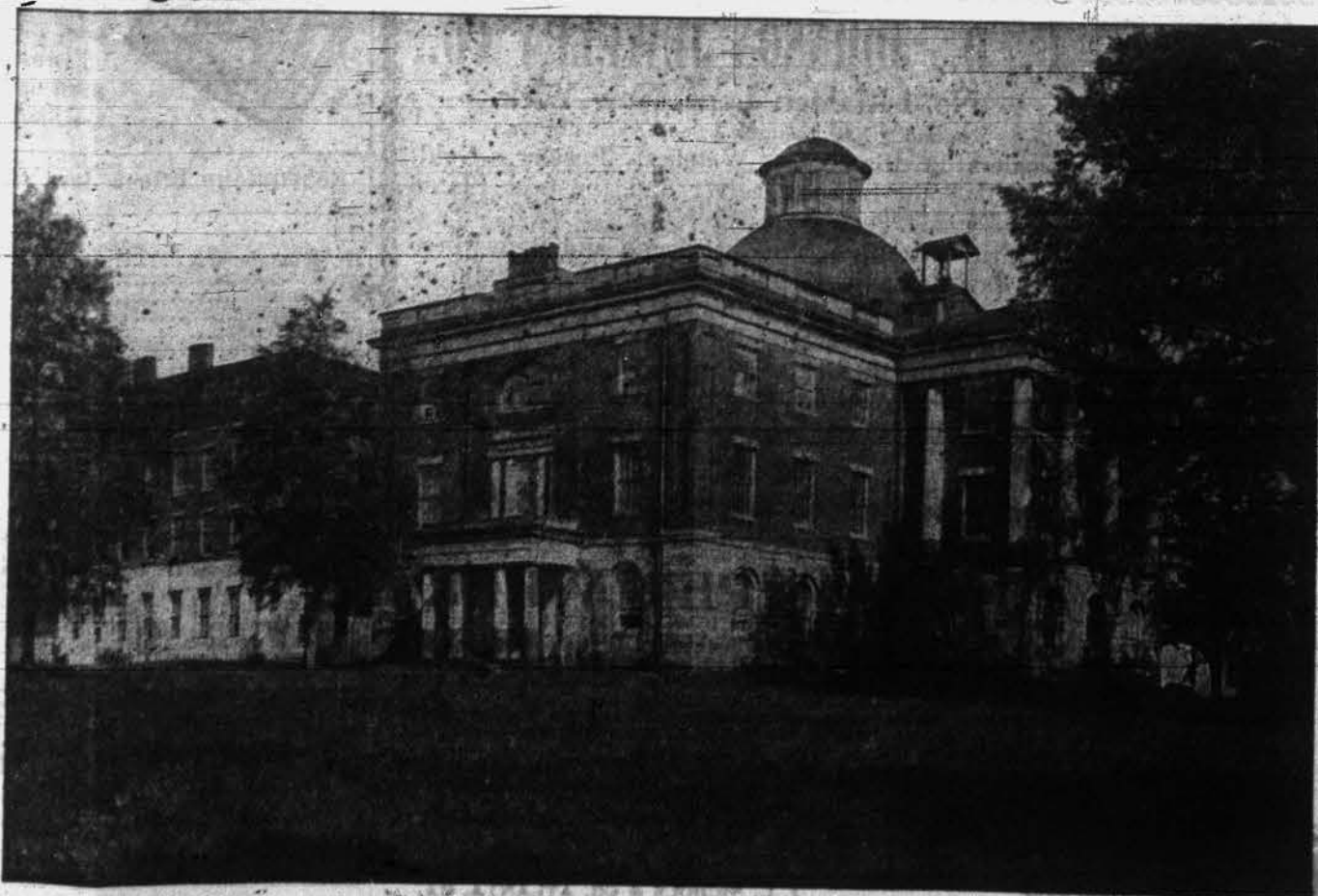
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