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## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Rev. W. M. Wood and family are visiting at his fathers in Woodlawn.

Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, in a personal note, speaks of our constantly improving Alabama Baptist.

Dr. Chas. Manly, of Lexington, preached the introductory sermon at the Augusta Association in Virginia.

Dr. J. J. Hall has resigned his church in Portsmouth and goes to Fayetteville, N. C.

Dr. H. M. Wharton has just closed a great meeting with Dr. A. E. Owens' church in Portsmouth.

Rev. John E. Briggs has accepted a call to the Capitol Avenue Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

We congratulate Rev. H. L. Martin, editor of the Ozark Tribune, on his enterprise in getting out a handsome special edition.

Rev. H. W. Provence will be in St. Louis from 20th to 26th taking in the Fair before sailing from San Francisco on October 1st.

On Wednesday, September 14th, Dr. Fred D. Hale was married to Miss Mary Neal, of Reedsville, N. C., and left immediately for Washington City.

Dr. John F. Forbes has accepted a chair in the University of Rochester, his Alma-Mater, for the coming school year.

Prof. Henry C. Vedder, D.D., of Crozier Theological Seminary, accompanied by his wife, are visiting places of historical and religious interest in Europe.

The Examiner says: "Rev. Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, of Philadelphia, will be the guest of the Baptist Social Union of Rochester, N. Y., on the evening of Oct. 4th.

Rev. Luther Little, pastor of the First Church, Fort Worth, Texas, has been holding a series of meetings in various parts of the city, resulting in 100 conversions and one church organized.

The Prattville Progress prints the picture of Rev. A. J. Preston in its last issue, saying that during his pastorate there he has done much for the cause of religion, and improvement of the church which he has served so ably and faithfully."

We have just received a copy of the Alabama Patriot, devoted to the educational, agricultural and industrial interests of the State, published by our old friend, C. W. Hare. We hope it may have a wide circulation.

We have just closed a ten days' meeting at Brookwood, in which Bro. A. E. Burns, of Blocton, gave us some good preaching. Several were added to our church and we feel spiritually revived.—J. M. Kalin.



REV. J. H. WALLACE, OPELIKA.  
A Faithful Preacher in Word, Deed and Doctrine.

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Rev. T. M. Thomas and wife have left for San Francisco to sail on Oct. 1st for China. They visited the Fair en route.

The Baptist Tabernacle, of Atlanta, has a membership of 1,700. Dr. Broughton, the pastor, is now in London, where he is much honored by English Baptists.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur S. Lloyd, secretary of the Episcopal Board of General Missions, New York City, was elected bishop of Kentucky by the diocesan council.

East Lake: "Lest my brethren forget I would like to remind them of their pledge they made to me about a year ago in giving me a donation. Am in need and would appreciate some returns.—B. F. Brooks.

Rev. W. A. Wray has returned to his charge at West Point refreshed from his vacation spent at Knoxville, where he supplied at the First Church for a month.

The 65th annual opening of the University of Missouri, took place Sept. 11th. Dr. R. H. Jesse, president, delivered the opening address and predicted an attendance of 1,800.

We are glad to know that a tablet has been placed in the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, to the memory of Rev. George Dana Boardman, D.D., LL.D. For thirty years Dr. Boardman was pastor of this church, and for nine years honorary pastor. The tablet commemorates his excellence as a pastor, a Christian, a scholar, a citizen, and a man.

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The death list as a result of the fearful wreck on the Southern railroad near Newmarket, Tenn., has grown to sixty-two, and it will probably exceed seventy before Thursday, as many of the injured are in a serious condition, and more deaths will occur at the hospital.

A crowded and enthusiastic meeting of the Business Men's Gospel Union was held Monday at Carnegie Hall in Atlanta to complete arrangements for the October campaign of the evangelistic churches among the business men of the city. President W. J. Northen presided over the meeting and many ladies were present. The work will be done under the direction of Rev. J. Wilbur Chapman, a noted evangelistic preacher of New York, who will bring with him a staff of several others skilled in this kind of work.

Rev. R. S. Gavin, the pastor at Bessemer, met with a "pounding" the other evening, such as he will not likely soon forget. He had recently moved into his new quarters; and at 6:30 his members began the storm, and kept it up till 8 o'clock. When the rush was over, the "surprised" pastor and his little family began an investigation, which revealed the fact that the dining room table, the cook room table, and the pantry were all filled with the best assortment of edibles that the market affords. He writes us that he and his are now living on the fat of the land. He desires hereby to give expression for this token of esteem on the part of his people.

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We appreciate the interest the Baptists of Alabama have shown us very greatly. A number of brethren sent us the amount pledged at the Convention as soon as they went home, but some \$300.00 in pledges remain unpaid. We are in very great need of money NOW. Please send money to J. T. Powell, Anniston, Ala. We have \$2,000 and are compelled to spend \$1,000 more right away.—A. G. Spinks, Pastor First Baptist Church, Anniston.

The Southwestern Baptist University, at Jackson, Tenn., has had the greatest opening in its history. The dormitory for young men is rapidly filling; and the rooms in Lovelace Hall, the young ladies' dormitory, are all occupied. It will be necessary to erect an additional dormitory to accommodate their patronage. Dr. P. T. Hale, the new president, is greatly encouraged. Already there are students in attendance from eleven different states and one foreign country.

On the first Monday in October the Isidore Newman Manual Training School of New Orleans will throw open its doors. The object of this school is to train both hand and mind so that they may work together. The graduates will be furnished with an equipment that will at once enable him to pursue a chosen trade or art successfully. There will be eight grades in which both sexes will be admitted. The institution is under the direction of the Jewish Orphans' Home, but is non-sectarian in its character. It owes its existence to the generosity of Mr. Isidore Newman.

"The Arena" for September comes to us with a new and symbolical cover design in colors, by Dan. Beard, the celebrated cartoonist. It contains four timely papers that will be of special interest to the public since the eye of the world is now centered upon Russia and Japan. The first of these deals with "The Situation in the Russian Interior," and is written by a German journalist who has but recently completed extensive travels through Russia. While there, the author made careful and critical investigations of the political, social, and economic conditions, the result of which appears in this well-considered paper. The other contributions deal with Japan. Professor John Ward Stimson discusses the Japanese Renaissance; Robert Tyson writes of the Electoral Wisdom of Japan, and Professor Edwin Maxey opens a series of three papers dealing with the great crises in Japanese history. This first paper is concerned with the opening of Japan to the world, accomplished through the instrumentality of Commodore Perry.

## Our Sermon.

BY REV. H. W. WILLIAMS.

### GAMBLING.

(Concluded from last week.)

This condition of things makes it possible for the common "bucket-shop," which if properly named would be called a gambling den, to wear the dignified name of "Cotton Exchange," and to be licensed by the State. I suppose, too, that it is by spelling the name of these dishonorable places by the use of these respectable letters of the alphabet rather than by the simpler and more direct orthography that the members of Christian churches can get consent of their consciences to rent houses to be used as these gambling dens. They are not lawful institutions, but made possible only by an ingenious evasion of the law by men with the gambling propensity.

There is no proof of this statement needed except the fact that our courts have many times passed upon the merits of these contracts, when attempts have been made to force by law their payment, and have declared them gambling contracts, and therefore illegal. Such action of our courts is usually accompanied by a sharp reprimand by the presiding judges delivered to men having the impudence to bring such matters into a court of justice. Perhaps it would be well to give from the Civil Code of the laws of Alabama the exact wording of the statute which relates to this subject. It is as follows: "All contracts founded, in whole or in part, on a gambling consideration, are void; and any person who paid any money, or delivered anything of value, lost upon any game or wager, may recover such money, thing, or its value, by action commenced within six months from the time of such payment or delivery."

Now in frequent rulings of the supreme court contracts on cotton futures have been set down as illegal contracts according to this law. What does this mean? It means that every man who deals in cotton futures after the method in vogue in these bucket shops is a violator of the laws of this State. It means more than this. The law which forbids any citizen to use, lease, rent, or permit to be used any house or building for gambling purposes is violated by any one who rents a room or rooms in which is to be carried on a bucket shop. That these laws cannot be enforced because of the ingenious evasion of them by this class of gamblers does not make the violators of the law any less morally guilty. The day will come when the law forbidding gambling will be enforced against the patrons of the bucket shop.

As to all other forms of gambling the laws enacted to prohibit them are so plain that they do not need to be cited or discussed by me. The attempt of all these gamblers to find a secret place, their choosing the night for their nefarious operations, their hiding from police authorities, and their effort to vanish into thin air whenever raided by officers of the law, all goes

to show their admission that they are outlaws.

Now can any man be regarded a good citizen who willfully and persistently violates the laws of his State? Can a man retain his own self-respect, or feel any pride in his citizenship of this noble State, or offer himself in support or defence of her honor, or lay any claim to the protection which she places about his life and liberty, or take with a good conscience the privileges which she vouchsafes to her sons and daughters, so long as he lives in rebellion to her government, casting contempt on her statute laws? These laws would not have been enacted and have continued in force so long if they had not been just and equitable, and every one who willfully breaks or evades them is an enemy of good government, an enemy of society, and an enemy of good morals. Therefore let every one who feels any pride in being a citizen of this great State, who would uphold her laws, support her institutions, enjoy her protection, and glory in her fair honor and prosperity, abstain from these dishonorable means of seeking wealth, and "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

But we must consider other arguments against this growing practice. There is no substantial profit in gambling. Come to me and name a man of your acquaintance who has been following this evil for ten years who is any richer than he was ten years ago. If you will show me one I will show you a thousand who have been made vastly poorer, and among them many who have come to utter ruin, and have forced ruin upon other lives than their own. An adverse Providence is not the least condition which will account for the defeated hopes of so many gamblers, even when that Providence is regarded as the direct dealings of a just and powerful God with his responsible creatures. But there are natural laws, so called, which is really calling God's providence by another name, that operate continually in bringing loss and ruin to the gambler. In the first place, it is preposterous to suppose that chance will always fall one way for any man. The most that can be reasonably expected is that it will fall one way as often as another. But some one will contend that gambling has other bases besides pure chance. The other elements of a basis for a gambler's success are hardly worthy of consideration. One of the most prominent is the skill of the gambler in cheating his antagonist. This is simply adding crime to crime. Then we are told that superior judgment by which dealers in futures are able to forecast the markets in large degree does away with the element of chance in these speculations. Yes, I have known men who thought they possessed this superior judgment wake up after they had lost thousands and find that this judgment was not quite superior enough to grasp the whole situation, and be forced to admit that chance is the chief element in all dealings in futures. There are some people foolish enough to think themselves the always favored children of chance, but every one of them will find soon or later that chance is a most capricious parent.

No, no; all speculation, including even the most legitimate, forms a deep, dark whirlpool into which thousands plunge, and one out of a thousand escapes to a rock that lifts its head a little way above the waves, and there holds for awhile a fortune. But even many of these are tempted to plunge in again to seek a broader and more comfortable abiding place, and go down forever. With all the facts that have been gathered on this subject before him, instead of showing superior judgment the patron of chance evinces imbecility of intellect.

Not only so, but to patronize chance invariably causes the mind to degenerate. Without exception every gambler soon becomes a monomaniac on that subject, but unsoundness of mind even on one thing never stops there, but sets up decay in other directions. It matters not how honest a man may be when he begins to gamble, it is only a question of time when he will lose the power of distinguishing between honesty and dishonesty. It is a well known fact that to form a habit of gambling unfits any man for the conduct of any legitimate business. It is the rule for bank directors to rid themselves as quickly as possible of any officials who gamble or speculate in futures, but in many cases this action is taken too late, and the meagre saving of many hard-working men have gone down into the whirlpool of speculation with a defaulting president, cashier or clerk. Railroad companies, surety agencies, and mercantile establishments will trust no applicant for a position who has been known to gamble. It is well known that the gambler has a short code of law. It is expressed in few words: "Pay your gambling debts; pay when you lose, get what you can, and in any way you can." To have any standing in the profession one must adopt this code. But what business firm or corporation can afford to employ a man bound by this code of laws?

Yes, as Mr. Beecher has said, gambling "diseases the mind, unfitting it for the duties of life. . . . Gambling vitiates the imagination, corrupts the taste, destroys the industry; for no man will drudge for cents who gambles for dollars by the hundred, or practice a piddling economy while with almost equal indifference, he makes or loses five hundred in a night."

"For a like reason it destroys all domestic habits and affections. Home is a prison to an inveterate gambler; there is no air there that he can breathe. For a moment he may sport with his children and smile upon his wife; but his heart, its strong passions, are not there. A little branch-rill may flow through the family, but the deep river of his affections flows away from home."

Sometimes men who have gambled awhile drop out of the profession. Then what do they engage in? Their chief occupation afterward is idling. They are consummate failures at everything to which they turn their hand. They become loungers around saloons, or the business place of some relative. In their diseased imagination they are continually hatching some wild, unreasonable scheme for making a quick fortune. About these schemes they talk and talk the live-long day, and

dream of them the live-long night. They take to drink, or the use of drugs; they soon fill a cell in a lunatic asylum, a pauper's hut, or a suicide's grave. If the gambler ever expects to do any business, he must stick to his profession; he is absolutely disqualified for any other occupation. And this is scarcely a longer road to financial ruin, mental derangement, nervous prostration, a prisoners' cell, the gallops, or self-destruction, than to abandon his profession and be driven to the necessity of becoming a common beggar or thief.

What is the explanation of the demoralizing effect of the gambling habit? It is that gambling is founded on, and fed by, excitement. Every mind craves more or less the pleasure of excitement. Following the thought, but not the exact expression, of a great preacher, experience shows that, within certain bounds, excitement is healthful and necessary, but beyond this limit exhausting and destructive. A thousand methods are tried by men to gain the intense thrill of excitement. Some resort to the use of alcohol, and other drugs. The politician seeks it by the periodical campaigns for office; the young seek it by frequenting places of amusement. It is due to this faculty of the human mind that theatres exist and thrive. The horse race, the prize ring, the bull fight, and every other form of contest, are feeders of this precarious element of our nature. They are feeders, but they do not satisfy, only giving intensity to the craving. "Gambling is founded upon the very worst perversion of this powerful element in the human mind. It heats every part of the mind like an oven. The faculties which produce calculation, pride of skill, of superiority, love of gain, hope, fear, jealousy, hatred, are absorbed in the game, and exhilarated or exacerbated by victory or defeat. These passions are doubtless excited in men by the daily occurrences of life; but then they are transient, and counteracted by a thousand grades of emotion, which rise and fall like the undulation of the sea. But in gambling there is no intermission, no counteraction. The whole mind is excited to the utmost, and concentrated at its extreme point of excitation for hours and days, with the additional waste of sleepless nights, profuse drinking, and other congenial immoralities. Every other pursuit becomes tasteless; for no ordinary duty has in it a stimulus which can scorch a mind which now refuses to burn without blazing, or to feel an interest which is not intoxication."

Is it any wonder, then, that gaming is so demoralizing, so ruinous to the mind and so destructive of the moral sense? If these are facts, does it not appear that there is just reason for a more frequent discussion of this subject, and a more earnest warning of the young to avoid the first step toward the gambler's hell on earth and deeper hell hereafter? Now, it is the habit of those who have just started on this road to ruin to sneer at us when we warn them, calling us alarmists, and saying that the picture is over drawn. Their attitude is easily accounted for. They belong to that proud class of mortals who will accept noth-

ing second-handed. They must learn everything by personal experience. What does it amount to that thousands of their fellows have been swallowed up in the vortex of this sweeping passion? They are made of sterner stuff. They will go so far and turn back. They know respectable, gentlemanly fellows who deal in cotton futures, and who are making money. They have been about a little and know that not every gambler is dead broke. Indeed the thousands who have already been swept into hell by the gambling mania are not visible to them, and therefore cannot be counted like those whom the gods are just beginning to madden preparatory to their destruction. They say that the only thing needed is nerve, and they have it in such proportion that they can sit and watch the changing figures in the reports of the market until the right time comes to strike a trade.

Using an apt illustration from a distinguished author, "The mariner searches his chart for hidden rocks, stands off from perilous shoals, and steers wide of reefs on which hang shattered morsels of wrecked ships, and runs in upon dangerous shores with the ship manned, the wheel in hand, and the lead constantly sounding. But the mariner upon life's sea carries no chart of other men's voyages, drives before every wind that will speed him, draws upon horrid shores with sleeping crew, or heads in upon roaring reefs as though he would not perish where thousands have perished before him."

But the sneers or contempt of men whom I see standing over a pit of death, the crackling of weak timbers of the slight bridge beneath them drowned by the loud pulse beats of fiery blood, do not effect me. I would continue to warn them of their danger if they were to spit in my face. It would be no pleasure to me to see a man learn the truth of my words by bitter experience after refusing to heed my warning. The danger of young men who have played their first game in a gambling room, or who have negotiated their first contract in a bucket shop is too awful and too real to allow me to falter in crying to them to stop. I see standing by the side of these jolly, complacent fellows who pity me in my fear and condemn me for my caution an angel from the bottomless pit pointing them to the mirage of a glorious fortune where in reality lies only the dry sands of disappointment and loss. How shall I appear before Him who has appointed me my brother's keeper, and who will require his soul at my hands, if I for fear or favor keep silent and see that soul led to irrevocable ruin?

I am fully aware that this sounding of alarm and warning will fail to reach many. My hope is that I may stay the steps of those who are just heading toward the gambler's den and through it to the gambler's hell, and that I shall fill the minds of the innocent with such clear pictures of the horrible gorge and treacherous brink where everyone stands to make his first experiment in speculation that they will turn their steps into safer paths. I

can scarcely hope to reach those who, intoxicated with the excitement of large gains, or stupefied with the humiliation of frequent losses, are floundering in the middle of the whirlpool of speculation catching only at the straws which chance throws in seeming profusion about them. For, as another said, "When a man begins to gamble he is a noble tree full of sap, green leaves, a shade to beasts, and a covert to birds. When one becomes a thorough gambler, he is like that tree lightning-smitten, rotten in root, dry in branch, and sapless; seasoned hard and tough; nothing lives beneath it, nothing on its branches unless a hawk or a vulture perches for a moment to whet its beak, and fly screaming away for its prey."

So to every young man and boy before me I lift this voice of warning. Beware of indulging in any gambler's games, even though you stake nothing on these games. "Playing is the seed from which comes up gambling." Even when played for amusement these games are not altogether harmless. They will waste much precious time, they are destructive to industry, they give a distaste for the calmer pleasures of life; they kill the love of books and weaken the desire for knowledge, they create a stronger thirst for excitement and lead on to baser things. Turn away from associates who would suggest to you any form of gambling. Be honest; spurn to handle money which is not obtained by a fair exchange of values. The best accumulation of money is the slowest. Any "get-rich-quick" method is a dishonest way of making money. A balloon rises rapidly, but it is not a safe thing to travel in; and to be in a balloon 2,000 feet from the earth is safer than to possess a fortune quickly and dishonestly obtained. "Provide things honest in the sight of all men."

#### THE MIRACLE OF IRRIGATION.

Frank Willis Barnett.

William E. Smyther who possibly is the greatest living expert on the irrigation problem in the West, in a chapter in his wonderful book "The Conquest of Arid America," beautifully says:

The beauty of Damascus is the theme of poets. Speaking of this ancient capital an anonymous writer remarks that "the cause of its importance as a city in all the ages is easily seen as you approach it from the south. Miles before you see the mosques of the modern city the fountains of a copious and perennial stream spring from among the rocks and brushwood at the base of the Anti-Lebanon, creating a wide area about them, rich with prolific vegetation." He continues:

"These are the 'streams of Lebanon,' which are poetically spoken of in the Songs of Solomon, and the 'rivers of Damascus,' which Naaman, not unnaturally, preferred to all the 'waters of Israel.' This stream, with its many branches, is the inestimable treasure of Damascus. While the desert is a fortification round Damascus, the river, where the habitations of men must

always have been gathered as along the Nile, is its life.

"The city, which is situated in a wilderness of gardens of flowers and fruits, has rushing through its streets the limpid and refreshing current; nearly every dwelling has its fountain, and at night the lights are seen flashing on the waters that dash along from their mountain home. As you first view the city from one of the overhanging ridges, you are prepared to excuse the Mohampedans for calling it the earthly paradise. Around the marble minarets, the glittering domes, and the white buildings, shining with ivory softness, a maze of bloom and fruitage—where olive and pomegranate, orange and apricot, plum and walnut, mingle their varied tints of green—is presented to the sight, in striking contrast to the miles of barren desert over which you have just ridden."

This is the miracle of irrigation in the Syrian desert. It is no more miraculous in that far-eastern country than in our own West. Nor is Damascus more beautiful than Denver Salt Lake City, or any one of a score of modern towns in California. But because Damascus is ancient and historic, and looks down on mankind from the Biblical past, it possesses a degree of interest with which it is difficult to invest much better and more important places of our own country and our own time. It is well then to remember that not only the beauty of Damascus, but the glories of the Garden of Eden itself, were products of irrigation. "A river went out of Eden to water the Garden," says the Bible story.

No consideration of the subject can be appreciative when it starts with the narrow view that irrigation is merely an adjunct to agriculture. It is a social and industrial factor, in a much broader sense. It not only makes it possible for a civilization to rise and flourish in the midst of desolate wastes; its shapes and colors that civilization after its own peculiar design. It is not merely the life-blood of the field, but the source of institutions. These wider and more subtle influences are difficult to define in abstract terms, but we may trace them clearly through the history of various communities which have grown up in conformity with these conditions.

The essence of the industrial life which springs from irrigation is its democracy. The first great law which irrigation lays down is this: There shall be no monopoly of land. This edict it enforces by the remorseless operation of its own economy. Canals must be built before water can be conducted upon the land. This entails expense, either of money or labor. What is expensive cannot be had for naught. Where water is the foundation of prosperity it becomes a precious thing, to be neither cheaply acquired nor wantonly wasted. Like a city's provisions in a siege, it is a thing to be carefully husbanded, to be fairly distributed according to men's needs, to be wisely expended by those who receive it. For these reasons men cannot acquire as much irrigated land; even from the public domain as they could acquire where irrigation was necessary.

In the first place, the popular impression abroad, that it seldom rains in Colorado or elsewhere in the arid West, and that the showers that fall are of no practical benefit to vegetation, is erroneous. Enough water falls throughout Colorado to raise crops everywhere if it should fall at the right time and with an equable distribution over the plains and valleys. A sheet of water twelve inches deep applied to the land by irrigation, in instalments when needed, is all that is required to raise good harvests of the staple crops. The average rainfall in Colorado is sixteen inches in a year. Here is more than enough water to irrigate the 60,000,000 acres of land in the State if it could be conserved and used when wanted. Yet only a little more than 2,000,000 acres are actually irrigated and cultivated. The rest of this water, estimated at 50,000,000 acre-feet, is annually drained into the Missouri River.

The distribution of water to the farm is a simple process. A large ditch or canal conveys water from one of the mountain streams for many miles upon the plains. Leading from this main canal at intervals—as frequent as there may be farms to irrigate—are laterals or smaller ditches which are made to run along and on the upper side of a farm. From these first laterals still other and smaller laterals run into and across the field, and leading from these a number of furrows are made at uniform intervals through the field with a plow. By these channels the water is made to flow between the rows of plants, or, in case of a broadcast crop, the water is allowed to spread over the entire surface. The water, turned from the main canal into the first lateral, thence into the second, and thus into the furrows, which may be at any requisite distance apart, spreads or percolates and soaks the ground till the desired moisture is obtained. By a system of gates and gauges at the head of the laterals the water is measured as it is turned on, and any amount within the appropriation may be turned on as needed. A shovelful of earth thrown into the opening of the furrows at their junction with the small lateral keeps them closed. When the land needs water the little gate or sliding board at the main canal is raised. This is raised or lowered as the case may require in the course of irrigating a farm. The second lateral being filled with water, the irrigator opens the upper ends of the furrows by taking out a shovelful of earth. These furrows then become filled throughout their length across the field. The water seeping through and overflowing the furrows, soon unite over the field, and thus the moisture becomes uniform and thorough. The land may be flooded by clipping out the dirt at close intervals from the small lateral.

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SIX YEARS AT THE SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

A Pastor.

I have just rounded out six years as pastor at the South Side. It may not be out of place to say a few words about the Church, its work and purpose during this period. There were enrolled six years ago, all told, 603 members; of that number 75 or more were non-residents. On the first morning I entered the Bible School there were 123 present, with an enrollment of about 225. The Church had made a heroic effort in building a house of worship through the awful times of depression, and was yet in debt \$11,389.26. The congregation was not rich, but had in it some of the salt of the earth. Now this was the situation in September, 1898. The six years have been years of toil and tears, and yet most happy years. A loyal and royal people have been my helpers. No pastor ever had a more liberal and responsive people. The motto of these years has been, "Under God, all together." In February, 1899, the debt of \$11,389.26 was wiped out by great sacrifice. It was one of the greatest hours I ever experienced. We were the first Church in the city to pay off all debts, and led the way to a general debt-paying campaign.

It soon became apparent that we would need more room than the ground on which our house stood, for enlarging our work, and the ground around the Church—75 feet on Twentieth street, and 50 feet on Avenue F, was bought, at an outlay of \$4,133.50. This is the beautiful plot south of the Church. The needs of the population to the north of Richmond Place for a place of worship and the ministry of the Word, was seen, and a lot corner of Eleventh street and Avenue F was bought and a neat Chapel—"Station A"—was built, at a total cost of \$1,442.28. In this a free kindergarten was maintained for several years, at an expense of about \$750 per year, to help the women and children. Preaching and a Bible School were regularly carried on. The station is now in a very prosperous condition. Rev. J. A. Beale is the pastor's most efficient helper there. The field at West End was taken up and supplied with a pastor, and the splendid Church there now was organized through the efficient labors of Rev. S. H. Bennett, who was then the pastor's assistant.

In 1902-3 the Annex to the Church was built, at a cost (including some improvements to the church) of \$11,848.25, to furnish room for our Bible School.

Now as we look back over the way, the question is, What of the results? First, 527 persons have been added to the membership, thus doubling the number of six years ago, and of that number 119 were added this last year. The Bible School has grown from 225 to 970 (including "Station A"). The amount of money raised and expended for home expenses and benevolent work has been about \$71,523.30. Beside that, and not included in this statement, our membership has con-

tributed to the debt on Howard College, to the building and furnishing of Hillman Hospital, to the Y. M. C. A. building, to running the Y. W. O. A., to the erection of the new dormitory at Howard College, and to the Boy's Industrial School. This would add from five to seven thousand dollars to the above statement. A great showing for six years. To God be all the honor.

The pastor has been cheerfully and loyally supported by an aggressive and earnest body of deacons, the faithful officers and teachers in the Bible School, and by a brave band of courageous and consecrated men and women. The one purpose in mind through these years has been to prepare for the future. Our location is naturally a down-town location. Round us in the years to come is to be the dense population of the city, and we must have a plant to meet the needs, viz: A good house with large facilities for the Bible School in all its work. In a measure these are provided for, but we need yet to add another building for larger work, and a pastor's home, and then we shall be quite well equipped. Only a strong organization can provide these vastly needed facilities.

Only a few years from now, as it now appears, and the South Side Baptist Church will be the only Church in all this down-town region at all fitted to cope with the mighty problem of the dense population. The Highland people will take care of themselves, but who will be looking after the Lord's lost little ones? The rich Methodists are going up the hill, and leaving the frame structure at St. John as their only plant. The Presbyterians are doing the same thing, leaving a little body of people, only a half dozen out of the number owning their own homes, to struggle with a debt and an unfinished house. We are trying to get ready for the coming multitude. The results are even now beginning to appear. Of 845 in the main Bible School, in the lower classes beginning with the Primary Department, about one-fourth of the children that come to us come from homes that are not Baptists, and the number will be greater as the times go on, because of our facilities for taking care of them.

Some friends have thought that we were too much engrossed with ourselves, but I have never found fault with them because I was sure they did not understand the situation. We have been trying to reach the multitude with the gospel and provide for the future. I have been willing to allow time to determine the wisdom or folly of our course. As to the future, we have our faces to the front. Our population is shifting, and we have sent out large numbers into other fields to help organize other Churches. But our field is wide and the door is open, and our forces are strong. God has given us a vast opportunity, and with jealousy and rivalry for none, and with the heartiest co-operation for all, we are girding ourselves afresh under God for new and greater things.

A. C. Davidson,  
South Side Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, September 5, 1904.

HOWARD'S OPENING.

The Birmingham News in reporting the opening said:

All the rooms of the new dormitory and a majority of the accommodations in the old barracks have already been filled by students on the opening of Howard College which began this morning. The formal opening began at 10 o'clock this morning in the college chapel with a large number of alumni and prominent preachers on the rostrum, who made short addresses to the students and an audience of friends.

All things point to an even more successful year in the session of 1904-1905 than was experienced last year under the superintendence of President A. P. Montague. Mr. Montague has devoted his untiring energies to make the coming session a success and the opening this morning reflects very creditably on his labor and the assistance given by the board of trustees.

Extensive improvements are being made in grading and beautifying the campus at Howard College. This work started early in the summer and will be completed, it is hoped, in time to afford a beginning of the football practices and other fall sports. Harder efforts than ever will be put forth in the interest of a football team and by the new grade which is being worked on the campus an excellent gridiron will be secured. An irregular stretch of ground has been a handicap in past years to the training and practices of the football elevens.

The exercises were opened by a prayer of invocation from Rev. J. G. Dobbins, of Louisville, Ky. This was followed by a scripture reading by Rev. Dr. W. M. Blackwelder, of Woodlawn.

The speakers at the opening exercises this morning were: Rev. Dr. A. C. Davidson, president of the Board of Trustees, and pastor of the South Side Baptist Church; Rev. Dr. W. B. Crumpton, State secretary of the Baptist Mission Board, of Montgomery; Rev. Dr. J. W. C. Johnson, rector of the St. Mary's-on-the-Highlands Church; Rev. F. W. Barnett, editor of the Alabama Baptist; Dr. J. M. Shelburne, pastor of the East Lake Baptist Church; Rev. Mr. Edwards, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans; Prof. A. D. Smith, of Howard College; Rev. J. A. Hendricks, of Pratt City, and Mr. F. M. Roof, ex-president of Howard College.

Notes.

With the largest attendance in its history and the best opening since its organization, Howard College began its fall session here today. The attendance of both new students and visitors was unusually large and speakers of prominence were on hand from Birmingham, New Orleans, Louisville and other cities.—The Ledger.

The speech of Dr. Crumpton was an admonition to the students to hold steadfastly in mind the aim of college life and abandon the allurements of "side shows" which are so often allowed to impair the work of collegians. He also lauded those fathers and mothers who have made great sacrifice to send their sons to college. The

speaker declared that some loving fathers had not gone too far in mortgaging their homes and farms to provide means for giving their sons college educations.

Friday evening the pastor's helpers, an organization composed of the young women of the Ruhama Baptist Church, gave a reception to the students. The entertainment took place in the new dormitory, Renfro Hall, and was an elaborate affair.

Mr. Belton Gilreath, a prominent Methodist layman, who is a great admirer of Dr. Montague, and a good friend of Howard College, made a stirring speech which was enthusiastically received.

Rev. J. W. C. Johnson, Rector of St. Mary's Church, was present and delivered a helpful talk to the young men.

THE JUDSON OPENING.

The sixty-seventh annual session of the Judson opened with the largest attendance and under the most favorable auspices in the history of the institution. A special train was necessary to bring in the largest number of pupils who came through Selma and special coaches were run on several trains. A full school was expected, but the high expectations have more than been realized. At the end of the first day there were fifty-one more students enrolled than on the first day of last session. Thus all previous records had been surpassed in the attendance and it is generally agreed that a finer body of young ladies were never gathered in the grand old Judson. The limits of the boarding capacity have been reached and there are several who have not been provided with rooms. The total enrollment at the end of the first day was 260, and if the same proportion of increase after the first day's enrollment holds up the registration for this session will exceed three hundred. On the 22nd of September in the Judson's peerless auditorium a brilliant assemblage of young ladies and visiting patrons from several States enjoyed the inspiring opening exercises. The Director of Music, Prof. Edward L. Powers, delighted the audience with a beautiful number on the Kelley Memorial Organ. This was followed by the Doxology, in the singing of which all joined heartily. Dr. Paul V. Bomar, of the Siloam Baptist Church, led in a fervent prayer, and Rev. W. Y. Quisenberry, of Ruston, Louisiana, read the Scriptures and made a most earnest and enthusiastic address congratulating the young ladies upon the opportunities offered them at the Judson and appealing to them to make the most of their time in preparing for lives of abundant usefulness. Dr. Bomar then extended a welcome in behalf of the Siloam Church and the citizens of Marion to the Judson girls, saying "You are our dearly beloved, our longed for, our joy and our crown." President Patrick was of course radiant over the fine attendance and the great enthusiasm manifested on the part of the pupils and patrons but deferred the address he intended to make until later. The spirit of work is

evident on all sides and the high purpose of all the members of the faculty is to make the year the best in the history of the institution, not only from the standpoint of intellectual attainments but also of spiritual power. Let the Baptists of Alabama join us in thankfulness for the great blessings that have come to their beloved College for girls and pray that those entrusted with the vast responsibilities connected with the instruction and care of so many noble girls may be endowed with wisdom from on high.

## SEMINARY OPENING.

The next session of the Seminary will open on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 10 a. m., in the Chapel of Norton Hall, on Broadway, near Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Ky. The first meal will be served in New York Hall at supper the day before, Sept. 30th. It is very desirable that all students be present at the opening exercises, 10 a. m., Oct. 1st. Each student should bring an ordination or license paper or a letter from the church of which he is a member, recommending him as a student for the ministry. Ladies who expect to enter should bring letters from their churches recommending them as students. All inquiries as to railroad rates should be addressed to Mr. B. P. Smith, New York Hall, Louisville, Ky.—Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President.

## ASSOCIATION NOTES.

The Hawridge Association will meet with Salem church, six miles south of Clio, Ala., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October. All parties coming on the train will be met at Clio with conveyance if they will notify J. W. Phillips by letter or phone.

The Muscle Shoals Association will meet with the Hartselle church on Thursday, Sept. 29th, 10:30 a. m. O. E. Weaver will preach the introductory sermon, or W. J. Briscoe, alternate. The representatives of our Boards, educational institutions and paper are specially invited to attend.—Jos. Shackelford, Clerk.

The East Liberty Association convenes with the Rock Springs Baptist church, five miles north-west of LaFayette, Ala., Oct. 4th, at 10 a. m. The representatives of all our denominational interests are cordially invited to be present.—J. L. Gregory, Moderator.

The Cronshaw County Association will meet with the Baptist church at Luverne on Wednesday before the first Sunday in November, 1904.—R. A. J. Cumbee.

Those wishing to attend the Centennial Association at Loflin church, Oct. 4th, will notify E. A. Brooks, J. M. Boyd, or H. F. Trawick, Perote, who will meet them at Inverness or Banks if asked to do so by Saturday, Oct. first.

The Alabama Baptist Association will meet with Steep Creek church, Loundes County, three and one-half miles north-west from Letohatchie on Friday before the second Sunday in October. Messengers and visitors will be met with conveyance at morning and evening trains.—C. C. Lloyd, Clerk.

The Covington County Association convenes with Zion church, five miles west of Dozier, a station on the Central of Georgia Railway. Brethren from a distance are cordially invited to visit us. Those expecting to attend will please notify Brother Robert Merrill at Leon by card, who will have conveyance at Dozier to bring them out. Time of meeting Friday before third Sunday in October.—J. T. Watson, Moderator.

## # TO ORGANIZE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

To safeguard all the interest of society, industrial, civic, and religious, it is an imperative duty of every good citizen to aid in the attempt to restrain, restrict, and prohibit, as far as possible, the traffic in intoxicating liquors, known as "The Saloon Evil."

To effect a systematic, aggressive, permanent campaign against the saloon the friends of the temperance cause in Alabama are hereby called to meet in Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 17th, 7:30 p. m., to organize a State Anti-Saloon League. The league is omni-partisan and interdenominational. There has but one aim, to suppress the "Saloon Evil!"

Churches, Sunday schools, Young People's Societies, educational institutions, and temperance societies are urged to send representatives. Any friend of the temperance cause will be welcome and is urged to come.

This call is issued by authority of Dr. P. A. Baker and Dr. G. W. Young, respectively Superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Signed, S. E. Wasson,  
Pastor First M. E. Church, South, Florence, Alabama.

W. B. Crumpton, D.D.,  
Secretary and Treasurer Baptist State Board of Missions, Sept. 1, 1904.

The Southeastern Passenger Association has granted a rate of one and one-third fare for round trip on the usual certificate plan for those attending the Anti-Saloon League in Birmingham October 17th and 18th. This covers all the roads in Alabama.

## REV. J. H. WALLACE.

J. H. Wallace was born December 22, 1866, near Opelika in Lee county, Ala., and joined the Beulah Baptist Church in 1881, being baptized by Rev. C. S. Johnson.

In the fall of 1891 he entered Howard College as a ministerial student, remaining during the session, at the close he taught during the summer. Not being able to pay his own expenses the following year and not willing to receive aid from the Board he continued to teach a year longer, and having secured means for his own expenses returned to college in the fall. In the spring of 1894 he had to give up his studies on account of health. His last year's expenses was given him by his uncle, W. F. Setzler. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry Sept. 16, 1893. He taught school in connection with preaching for some years. He has been pastor of Concord, Rock

Mount, County Line, Antioch, Union Grove, Society Hill, Shiloah, Loachapoka, Philadelphia, Liberty, West Side, Phoenix City, Wallace Chapel, and Second Opelika, the last four of which he is still pastor and the last two were organized by his efforts.

He was made clerk of the Tuskegee Baptist Association some years ago, which office he has since held. He has always lived in Lee county and done the most of his work in Lee, Russel, Macon and Chambers. Guess he has done as much or more in burials, marriages and baptizing in the Tuskegee Association than any pastor in it for the past ten years. Having baptized about 150 besides those in the East Liberty and Harris Associations.

He has been over many of the highways and by-ways of his section of the country. He has recently been called to West Side for full time.

Convocation Exercises, Marion Military Institute. We have the pleasure in announcing the following invitation:

The Faculty of the Marion M. I. invite you to be present at the Convocation Exercises, 1904. Convocation address by A. J. Dickinson, D.D., pastor First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, Sept. 22, 8 p. m. Convocation sermon, by Collins Denny, M.A., B.L., professor in Vanderbilt University, Methodist Church, Sept. 22, 8 p. m. Institute Chapel, Marion, Alabama.

## VACATION OVER.

By Margaret M. Sangster.

Back again to school, dears,  
Vacation days are done;  
You've had your share of frolic,  
And lots of play and fun;  
You've fished in many a brook, dears,  
And climbed up many a hill;  
Now back again to school, dears,  
To study with a will.

We all can work the better  
For having holiday,  
For playing ball and tennis  
And riding on the hay.  
The great old book of nature  
Prepares us plain to see  
How very well worth learning  
All other books may be.

So back again to school, dears,  
Vacation-time is done;  
You've had a merry recess,  
With lots and lots of fun  
You've been like colts in pasture,  
Unused to bit and rein;  
Now steady, ready, children,  
It's time to march and train.

'Tis only dunces loiter  
When sounds the school-bell's call,  
So fall in ranks, my boys and girls,  
And troop in, one and all;  
For school is very pleasant  
When, after lots of fun,  
Vacation days are over,  
And real work's begun.

—Christian Intelligencer.

Rev. J. Campbell Morgan will not return to England as soon as he expected. He will be permitted to fill his engagements in this country, and Rev. Len G. Broughton, of Atlanta, Ga., will serve as his substitute for the next two months.—Ex.

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## Hard Usage

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## MY LITTLE NEIGHBOR.

A little girl of fifteen was sitting quietly with her brother's wife in her home. Her mother has been dead for some time; her father and brother both happened to be away from home out on the street. Suddenly there appeared in the door that which in China is most dreaded of all creatures, her "po-po," or, in other words, her mother-in-law. She was betrothed, and they were there with the sedan chair to take her to her new home. It was not the proper way to come for a bride in China, but they proposed to get her without the usual expense of furnishing the bridal garments and other such things. Along with the "po-po" came the bridegroom and father-in-law, together with numerous friends. Two helpless women had to receive them all, and to receive strangers whom they had never seen. Do you wonder the young girl objected to going? She did object, and the "po-po" struck her fiercely in the face, as the Chinese say, smashed her face, and when they finally conquered her and forced her into the chair her face was all covered with blood. The bridegroom held her fast, and she was carried away, all before the father and brother returned.

If this was the whole of the girl's trouble, even, it might be endured; but it is only the small beginning. Her home is to be under the same roof with the brutal mother-in-law. Tonight, before she rests, she will have to endure all the taunts and foul talk that the rabble around her please to speak. Pepper will be thrown in her eyes just for the fun (?) of seeing her sneeze. Oh, it means something to be a woman in China. And what was it, Providence, fate—what was it made this helpless little bride be herself instead of you? It was just an accident of birth that we were born in America and she was born here! No goodness of ours made it our good fortune to happen to be on the happy side.—M. R. W., in the Central China Record.

## Woman's Work.

### Among Our Women and Children in Their Associational Meetings.

MRS. T. A. HAMILTON.

#### THE COLBERT ASSOCIATION.

It was a privilege to again tarry under the roof-tree of Mrs. A. J. Ivey, the Vice-President of the Colbert Association at Sheffield and then to have her good company as we went on to Cherokee, where the hosts were already gathering.

The Woman's meeting being appointed for the second day of the Association, gave an opportunity of hearing the sermons and discussions before the Association and to mark the signs of promise and of progress in this body. A long-stride forward was taken when the plan was formulated to support a foreign missionary in this Association, and the women gladly agreed to bear their part in this grand work. If many of our Associations would thus step forward, how the hearts of our secretaries would be cheered. That galaxy of young preachers in North Alabama is "bringing things to pass," and we watch their careers prayerfully and hopefully. A large congregation greeted the Vice-President and the visiting sisters in the Methodist church, so kindly opened for our accommodation as was also the homes and hearts of our sisters.

Mrs. J. W. Vesay, of East Florence presented a fine paper which added much to the interest of the meeting. She is the efficient Vice-President of the Lauderdale, and had just held a meeting with the sisters in her Association.

A Woman's Society was organized by Mrs. Ivey. Mrs. J. C. Patterson, president; Mrs. Dr. O'Riley, secretary and treasurer. The Sunbeams were also organized under the leadership of Mrs. O'Riley. Thus the women and children of Cherokee have joined their sisters in the W. M. U. ranks, and may they be greatly blessed in their own souls as we feel they shall greatly bless others.

The hospitality of the town and adjoining country cannot be exaggerated. Such warm welcomes, such hearty God-speeds, as was ours! Everyone is claiming to have had the "best home," but we are sure no one found a pleasanter resting place, nor more genial company, than did those who were entertained "within the gates" of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Turner's ideal home.

#### East Florence

holds great attractions for the "Sunbeam Mother" and "Crumpton Cottage" in particular. It becomes synonymous with "Rest Cottage," so good is it to be there. The ladies and Sunbeams came out Wednesday night to strengthen our hands and comfort our hearts, and filled the room below, while Brother Vesay consulted about the "things of the kingdom" with the brethren up stairs. It was gratifying to see the improvements in the church building but that is not the only signs

of progress apparent. "The work of their hands they have seen established" as prayed David of old.

Mrs. F. H. Hogen who takes active interest in all that pertains to the

#### Florence

church graciously took us in hand, and after being refreshed in her charming home, we met the ladies of the Society in the church they have greatly beautified since last we met them. As long as there are houses of worship to be repaired or builded, our women, as in the time of the tabernacle, will use skillful fingers, and lend willing hands toward their completion. And so it should be, but we greatly rejoice that in this day of mission enterprise that they now step out into the wider field of doing great things for their less favored sisters in far away heathen lands. Not to see the Sunbeams was a keen disappointment, but they are shining and their brightness is illuminating the "regions beyond" as well as their own sphere.

Such a charming ride as one enjoys going from one to the other of the twin sisters, thus bound together literally by bands of steel. I think the folks that are dwelling in these lowlands will have their eyes opened in more than one direction, when the State Convention meets in this beautiful part of Alabama next year. May we be there to see their wonder!

#### Sheffield.

It was arranged by our friend and hostess, Mrs. A. J. Ivey, that the women and children should meet at an earlier time than the prayer-meeting hour, which they did, and we had a delightful time together. We rejoiced in the organization of the young ladies of the church here and they are willing to bear a goodly part of the expenses of the missionary to be supported on the foreign field by their Association. Mark my word—our girls are going to be not a whit behind those of Missouri-Virginia-South Carolina and Tennessee, but will ere long have their own representative in mission fields. It does not take the foresight "of a prophet, nor that of a son of a prophet," to make that statement. The prayer-meeting which followed our ladies' meeting was a profitable occasion, being led by the editor of the Alabama Baptist, who always has a warm greeting, as he has a warm place in many hearts.

A delightful day was spent at

#### Russellville.

in the comfortable care of the Misses Wilson, who anticipated my every wish, and while we would gladly have met their mother in the home, no doubt her heart rests confidently in their capability, and we were not the loser thereby. Though the ladies have no organization here, they gave us a kindly hearing, and the children under Miss Ada Wilson's leadership are doing well. One must be well divided up, or have a genius for spreading over magnificent distances in order to reach our Associations. From Russellville to

#### Cuba

on the Mississippi line, is no small step and from Cuba to Concord the

church with which the Association met is seventeen good, healthy, ample miles!! But it is worth the drive, particularly in the good company which was ours, both going and coming. To worship in this substantial building, fresh from the hands of the painter and decorator, and to enjoy the "dinner on the ground" from which, alas, we missed Brother Crumpton. And what a gathering of the good women and dear tiny children and young women as well, we did have in the Academy near by! Mrs. B. L. Mitchell, the earnest and efficient Vice-President of the Association, presided and gave encouraging reports of the Societies, many of whom are few in numbers, and some were not boasting of any organization had done literally "what they could." How seldom it is that any of us do our very best. But I believe these sisters had verily done their best. This Association according to last year's record had over-shot the mark of apportionment so signally that their Vice-President really lamented that this year's were not larger. Isn't that refreshing to hear? If Woman's Work is not growing in Alabama this scribe is a dullard at reading the signs of the times. It was a disappointment not to look upon the face of the former Vice-President of the Bigbee, Mrs. N. L. Mellen and our regret was deepened by the fact that she was detained by illness. May her valuable life be precious in the sight of Him whom she so loves to serve. A foretaste of the Association meeting had been enjoyed with the Society at Cuba before going out to Concord and their year's work was fine. You will not think, however, that the writer is insatiable when this sentiment is advanced, that nothing short of a Sunbeam Band in every church, a Young Woman's Society as well as a Woman's Society will satisfy her! The work is high, but no higher than the capabilities of our Alabama churches.

Resting a day at home, we hastened on to the

#### New Liberty Association

which met at Madison, and where a few months previous it had been a pleasure to meet and make friends. The delegation from Huntsville was strong, and a fine meeting was held in the Methodist church by courtesy of our sisters of that persuasion. How grand, how ennobling, how broad the platform of Christian fellowship and what a blessed thought that the love of souls and world-wide evangelism gives us common ground for standing close together. Blest, indeed is this tie that so binds us in Christian love. Mrs. R. E. Pettus, of Huntsville, presided with dignity over the meeting, and with but little effort succeeded in organizing a Sunbeam Band, among the enthusiastic children who filled the front seats. Mrs. Brenaugh will lead them, and both she and they are to be congratulated. Again, the figures of the apportionment committee were called too small! Great things are going to be attempted this year, by the Alabama W. M. U. and to the great Head of the church be all the glory.

To say that we enjoyed unbounded

hospitality goes without saying if you know by experience what it is to rest under the shade of the trees that make beautiful the home of Dr. Fletcher. To some of us the key to the situation was given, when we understood that this pattern of general entertaining and warm welcoming was brought from Virginia more than fifty years ago, and like the sons and daughters that came from the "sacred soil" never loses its grace and goodness. No more pleasing picture fills the mind at this writing than the group representing three generations as they stood on the broad piazza to "speed the parting guest."

#### MEMORIES OF WETUMPKA.

On the morning of the 5th a merry party of Montgomery Baptists boarded the train for Wetumpka, to be in attendance at the Baptist Association which convened at that place.

The First Church, Adams Street, Clayton Street, and South Side, were all well represented and needless to say the Association was one of most profitable and pleasant in the history of the Montgomery Association.

Especial stress was laid upon the importance of Sunday school work, training, etc., in the afternoon devoted to the subject which led to a movement that we hope to see mature into a regular Sunday School Institute, separate and distinct from the Association, inasmuch as there is too little time for the discussion of this momentous question during the sessions of that body.

We were most charmingly entertained, but then the gracious and cordial hospitality of the people in this section is proverbial.

There is much to remind one of "antebellum" days there. The Baptist church in which the meetings were held with its massive brick walls and tall wooden shutters carried us back to days "befo' the wah." The little town itself is divided by the Coosa, which flows on to join the Tallapoosa some miles below.

As our host laughingly remarked, "The women and children live on this side, and the men on the other side," which is literally true. The business houses all being on the other side, nestled at the foot of the only hill we have seen since leaving Jefferson. The residence part on this side is near the station and railroad. In the days before the locomotive made its advent the commerce of the section was carried on by means of the river, which is navigable to this point.

Once they tell us that the great iron bridge which spans the river and connects the two towns washed away. Then there were sad times with the fathers on one side and the mothers and children on the other.

But I wanted to tell you of our visit to the State penitentiary which you know is located just one mile beyond Wetumpka. Our party of four drove out in the cool afternoon along a smooth shady road, to get our first glimpse of the place which since childhood days has conjured up before our minds a place of dire and awful punishment. It did not seem quite so terri-

ble from a closer view, yet still we do not think it a desirable place in which to dwell.

As we came in sight of the tall walls fifteen or twenty feet in height surrounding the buildings reminded one from a distance of the battlements of some old feudal castle. On a nearer approach as we drove up to the main entrance, we might have supposed we were entering some country resort, or fine school building, had it not been for those iron bars, which closely held every window in its iron clasp. There were wide galleries running the length of the main building in front which was two stories high. Pretty flowers were blooming, nice walks led through the well kept grounds, and gold fish were splashing in the fountain near the door.

We waited a few moments in the warden's room for a guard to show us through. When he came, the great iron door was unlocked and we passed over the stone sill, which so many feet have trod before us. Footprints of the evil and the good, the innocent and guilty ones all have left their mark alike in the hollow of the sill. It was built, they tell us, in 1839. We pass out into a kind of court, where are several smaller buildings. The hospital, where we saw a white-haired man nodding in the door-way. The Chapel, which contains benches, an organ, some colored pictures, and a few books in a rude case. I wondered why, in all our mission work, we haven't thought of placing a good library there. I asked the guide what they liked. "O, they read newspapers," he replied, "and," he added, "novels sometimes."

"No doubt the starting point of some of the carcasses which end here," said the man of our party. All the more reason I thought why they should have good reading matter placed in their hands now. We crossed the yard to the kitchens and dining room, where everything seemed clean enough and well-kept. There were rows of tin plates, and little wooden boxes of salt on the table. On the wall a sign informed us that "No talking was allowed at meals."

We went next to the sleeping-room. The beds were suspended by chains from the ceiling, and stretched down the room like rows of hospital beds.

We were then conducted to the old prison where we had our first glimpse of the real terror of confinement. Three rows of cells, built one row above another, the two last being reached by iron ladders leading up. We peeped into one. It looked scarcely more than three feet wide, and you could touch the stones overhead. Barely long enough for a cot bed, with a tiny window in the door. "You never use them now?" was the query. "Only for those who are rough and unmanageable," the guide replied, and we passed out into the yard again under the trees, which make the yard shady and pleasant. A group of prisoners sat under the trees making shingles, to be used in repairing the building. One was busy making garments in a room to our left. Away over in a corner another was hanging out the wash. As we stood awhile and watched them at work, a fair haired boy of about sixteen crossed

the yard. "In for stealing," the guide said, noting the question in our eyes.

"Some mother's boy," my heart said sadly, as we retraced our steps back through the great iron door, which closed with a clang, shutting them in, letting us out to go back to our busy lives, to liberty and to freedom. Surely the greatest punishment in the world is to deprive a man of these two. As we passed out to the porch in front, a Frenchman brought us water and a bunch of roses which he divided among our party.

Next day a young gentleman speaking of the services held at the prison that night, mentioned this Frenchman particularly, and told us that he was once McKinley's chef at the White House.

Well, as we drove back to Wetumpka and crossed the iron bridge, looking far up the river where it makes a curve, we could see the green fields surrounding the penitentiary, and the tops of the trees over the walls, with the autumn sun shedding its glory on the distant scene. We were glad to think that it was as good a place as it was, and that maybe some souls go out reclaimed and not made worse by their stay in the penitentiary at Wetumpka.

Annie Murphree O'Hara.

Montgomery, Ala.

#### GOOD NEWS.

Dr. Charles A. Stakely, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will remain in Montgomery.

He made an authorized statement yesterday that he had no intention of leaving his work here. This means that Dr. Stakely will not accept the call to a Baptist church in Chicago the name of which has been withheld.

The Advertiser of Sunday announced that Dr. Stakely had received a call to Chicago that he had under consideration. Yesterday the following statement from Dr. Stakely was received: "Editor The Advertiser:

In your issue of Sunday last a kindly mention was made of the fact that certain invitations had been received by me from a church in a city to the north of us. Please allow me to say to those of your readers who may feel some interest in the matter that I have not had the slightest thought of laying down my work in Montgomery. My good people and I have understood each other from the first and we are heartily united in the largest enterprise ever undertaken by our denomination in this part of the country

"Very respectfully,

"Charles A. Stakely."

Since Dr. Stakely came to Montgomery four years ago the congregation of the First Baptist Church has purchased a splendid lot on South Perry street and plans for a handsome church building have been projected.

Dr. Stakely has been actively engaged in the work of projecting the new church and he is soon to be rewarded with the fruition of his labors.

It was said yesterday that probably within a few weeks the church would be ready to sign a contract for construction of the building.—Montgomery Advertiser.

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

From a report on the subject made by Geo. E. Brewer at the Montgomery Association.

To understand the subject of ministerial education it is necessary to consider the duties devolving upon the minister of the Gospel of Christ.

He is an ambassador for Christ, representing Him in His relation to the world and to mankind. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Man occupies the world under God, but does not know or recognize his fealty to God—is a rebel to God's government, and is therefore, under the condemnation of destruction unless he returns to his allegiance. As Christ's ambassador, the minister is to strive to bring man back to loving loyalty, and thereby save him from the penalty of rebellion, and establish again in his control on earth under Christ.

What He Should Know.

The position of ambassador makes it necessary for him to know much of Christ so that he can represent Him, and to know much of man and his surroundings so that he can best approach him and secure his submission to his Divine Lord. He must be able to present clearly the attitude of each to the other, with the dangers attending a continued rebellion, and the blessings to be enjoyed by returning submission.

He ought to know much of the physical world, for his business is with all of it. "Go ye into all the world." He ought to understand thoroughly the character, the doctrines, and the requirements of Christ, for he is to teach His gospel and to require submission to all His commandments. "Preach my gospel, teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded." He ought to know people well, for he is to preach "to every creature."

The Education Needed.

Is to train the mind so as to bring in play to the best advantage his perceptive and reasoning faculties so as to see and understand facts, fallacies, and falsehoods. His knowledge of language should be such as to enable him to express in a clear way the things to be taught. His voice ought to be trained so as to express with best effect what is uttered. His physical nature should be so trained as that his attitude and gestures be strong seconds to his utterances, and be able to endure toil and hardships for they will be encountered. To obtain these he needs the training of our best schools and teachers. He needs the training given to others who are to be leaders of thought, for his sphere is to teach teachers as well as others, and to lead leaders. His offices are needed by all men in places high and low, cultured and uncultured, civilized and uncivilized, rulers and ruled.

In addition to what other educated men need, he needs to know well the Book of books. For this he is not dependent on other men for training. When once his mind has been trained to think, reason and formulate thought he then needs to take his Bible, seek and obtain the Holy Spirit to guide his thoughts, and interpret the Divine Revelation to him, for "the natural man

understandeth not the things of God, neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned." These things cannot be discerned without the Spirit's aid, but can be with it: and the office of the Spirit is "to take of the things of Christ, and show them" to the one seeking His guidance. Truths obtained in this way exert a power never found in the utterance of truths learned as the parrot learns.

As a rule, most of those called of God are from those who have not had the advantage of early education. Most of them therefore, need to get their education after their call is recognized. Not possessing the funds required to secure this education, those interested in the honor of Christ and the salvation of the world, should give freely to enable them to obtain the needed training.

Howard College and the Seminary at Louisville are good schools for the ministers of Alabama; and the cost of preparation at them has been brought to the minimum. The Ministerial Board of Education solicit and apply funds to such as need and are worthy of aid. They do this without cost to the denomination. Often not enough is contributed to meet the demands. Let churches and individuals make liberal and regular contributions, and send to Dr. C. C. Jones, treasurer at East Lake, Alabama. Funds given to this work do double duty, since they not only prepare the minister for his life work, but equip him as a missionary laboring in mission fields while being educated. The mission work of ministerial students has had much to do with making Birmingham and Louisville the strong Baptist centers they are.

#### "GO!"

Dear Brother Barnett: I ask permission to say just one word to any debating about going to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this session. That word is GO! Nothing is more important than preparation, and there is no better place to obtain this needed preparation than our Seminary. The young preacher will get there not merely knowledge of the Bible and of how to preach: but untold good from contact with the teachers of this institution, and from acquaintance with the students from all sections of our country.

A graduate of the Seminary, one of our best pastors and preachers, said to me the other day, "I wish we preachers could every few years spend a few months at the Seminary. I feel sure it would do us untold good." I said "Amen!" For we must be continually preparing ourselves, in some way the preacher must manage to keep spiritually and intellectually alive. Now and then it is wise for even the best to "shut up shop" and go to some fountain some pure source of intellectual and spiritual power. Even the Seminary teachers are ever seeking. Prof. Robertson, I understand, goes soon to spend eight months of study in England and Europe. It is an exceedingly rare man who can abide and do an abiding work. Then GO!

Paul V. Bomar.

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## THEY KNOW THEIR BUSINESS.

There were a number of interesting things incidentally appearing during the meeting of the commission with the Home Board. Perhaps one of the most striking was the thorough acquaintance shown by the Board with the details of its work. This, of course, was not surprising, but it was gratifying. It was a marvel to see how different members of the Board had information at their finger-tips on any question touching their work. Those "long-headed" business men whose hands are full of their own affairs have evidently given painstaking thought to the interests committed by the denomination to their keeping. The preachers on the Board amid all the multiplied duties of city pastorates, have given the same earnest heed to the various phases of Home Mission work. The whole body knows its business. Their plans and policies are based on a wide and long acquaintance with facts and are not the sudden lunges of poorly informed people who feel that something or other ought to be done.

To acquire such a knowledge of so vast a work must have taken much time from men to whom time is of very great value. As we looked into their quiet, determined faces, and then thought of the storm of criticism forever howling about them we wondered how long they would continue to give gratuitous service, whose immediate reward is so liberally mixed with kicks and blows. They are not above criticism. No servant of the churches must ever be. But the reckless speech of many brethren needs to be tempered with reason and love—and fact—else the time may come when the patience of the most patient will break down and the convention will be unable to command the service of men whose wisdom it daily needs. And we would make this last remark apply to all our Boards, State, Home, Foreign, Sunday School, Colleges, Orphanages and all else.

These denominational servants are all too often regarded as legitimate marks for any man who has an arrow to shoot. Nor are the arrows always free from poison.

## THE JUDSON AT HIGH TIDE.

Up to the time of closing his week's work the Long Distance Editor of this paper has been unable to get details of the Judson opening. But believing that things down there will be as they ought to be and as the school deserves, we take it for granted that it is full with pupils from Alabama's best homes. By faith in the eternal fitness of things (lacking facts) we congratulate Dr. Patrick, his faculty and the Baptists of Alabama on the high tide upon which the Judson sails. And we must never let that tide ebb.

## SPARE McCOLLUM.

There is no son of Alabama in whom the Baptists of the State have a greater pride or for whom they cherish a deeper affection than J. W. McCollum. For that very reason he is in no little danger. We all want to hear him preach and get his views of mission problems and the stirring scenes in the Sunrise Kingdom. He will be begged to go here, there and yonder. And against his own better judgement and the express orders of his wife he will go. Let him alone. The man is tired, and his other and dearer self is also worn out with work. Let them rest. For awhile let them forget, if possible, that there is such a thing as sin in the world. Let us not ask for service that they will be only too ready to render.

## GLORIOUS NEWS FROM OLD HOWARD.

One, B. F. Giles by name, got up a sect of organization of certain fellows at Anniston. Its name is unknown, but its purpose constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations contained are as nearly as we can ascertain in the following beautiful sentence: "Lift the old Howard, and shoot the first fellow that strikes a minor key—come he East or West or North or South or any other old place."

Now this strenuous club doubtless has some difficulty in maintaining its equilibrium as it contemplates the sight of all Alabama rejoicing over the best opening known in the history of Howard College. Once again, as often before, the dear old school shows the grip upon the conscience, affection and confidence of the people.

This opening enrollment is all the more remarkable, for if we are correctly informed, most of the faculty spent the summer in study at various universities, thus making a thorough canvass for pupils impossible. This is only in pursuance of the righteous policy of President Montague in providing excellence first and then appealing to denominational loyalty second. Both pleas are right but, we must never exchange their order. If in addition to the advanced study of the professors we can add a vigorous campaign for students the dormitories will overflow every year.

Now Brother Cox, you of the Endowment Committee, on with the work! A strong pull, and, if need be, a long pull, but by all means a pull altogether. May the multitudes help, and may God raise up some one man among us who has an eye to see the biggest opportunity in the life of our State work, and who will be eager enough to seize it to lay \$50,000 in the lap of the Howard for the glory of God and the good of Alabama's youth.

Meantime the work of raising that \$6,000 annually until the endowment itself shall produce that much or more must be vigorously pushed. Remember those Anniston pledges. Let November put \$6,000 in Dr. Montague's hands for perfecting, enlarging and prosecuting the great work committed to his hands.

And we will leave Mr. Croaker of

Croaker's Creek and Rev. Dumps of Doleful Holler to the tender mercies of the Gilesites.

## THE TONE OF THE PRESS.

One of the wisest men in the Southern Baptist Convention says in a private letter to the Associate Editor: "Let's transform the tone of the press." He is speaking of our Baptist papers, and verily the tone of not a few needs transformation. We do not know wherein the trouble lies, but there is something in a newspaper office that breeds a warlike spirit. Some of our most brilliant writers are the most harmful. There are pastors who would be glad to get the so-called religious paper of some editors out of the hands of his people, so harsh its criticisms, so unfair its treatment of other men and papers, so unchristlike its spirit. One pastor was obliged to stop certain papers from his study because the ceaseless wrangle in their columns utterly unfitted him for the preparation of his next Sabbath's sermons.

At the root of most our troubles as a denomination is a newspaper controversy. We would not limit the grace of God, but as a matter of fact we have not seen a case where He made two rival editors lie down together in peace. It does not seem to be the weakness of any special set of men. We were warned by good friends not to form even the slight connection we have with this paper for the reason that we would soon be involved in controversy. Being made of flesh and blood we are not beyond the danger. But if our pen grows bitter, if our treatment of any brother ever looks unfair, if we start a war, or help to keep one going that is already started, if we let pride enter in so far as to boast of self or allow others to puff us in these columns, then may God and the brethren forgive this poor fallen human—and may some good friend bring us back to reason again.

Our connection with this paper is not close enough to make it bad taste to exalt the editor's calling. The men who control our papers are doing a vastly important work. Their power and influence reach much deeper than any of us can think. The denomination's work would be paralyzed without them. They lay powerful hands on the very seats of life in the family. They wield mighty influence over the civic life of our country. We owe them our sympathy, prayer, forbearance, approval, money. They owe us strong, clean sheets that will keep strife out of our hands, and divisions out of our churches—that will stimulate to action and ever impel to higher life.

Being a contributor rather than an editor we can say that the editors we know are earnestly desirous of doing their best for the Lord they love. If some of them make the mistake of supposing that the brotherhood is specially interested in, or edified by weekly installments of their personal quarrels we can afford to forgive, and win them from their error. They are well worth saving.

Our correspondent is right. "The tone of our press needs transforma-

tion." And do you know since reading what we have said in this editorial, we think its tone might be improved no little, but we let it go as an example of the ease with which a man may fall into the error he may hope to avoid.

## THE HUNTSVILLE GRAND JURY.

The special grand jury impaneled to investigate the lynching of Horace Maples made a clean sweep and did not fail to censure every person in authority who was in any way to blame for the lawlessness before and following the lynching of the negro. Recommendations for the impeachment of Sheriff Ad. Rodgers, Mayor Thomas W. Smith, and Chief of Police David D. Overton created a tremendous sensation in Huntsville. Comment on the action of the militia company while guarding the jail was not made because of the fact that the military court of inquiry was in session to fix the blame for the company's inactivity.

Judge Paul Speake in discharging the jury took occasion to warmly compliment them. He said: "Gentlemen: In receiving this report and ordering it spread upon the minutes of this court, and in thus severing our official connection, I desire in the name of the State of Alabama and the law-abiding citizens and as an officer of the State, to thank you sincerely for your faithful, conscientious and courageous discharge of duty. There is no position charged with more onerous duties than yours and there is no more sacred trust than is confided to the grand jury and I am sure the county is to be congratulated upon having in you men who have the courage of your convictions and the backbone to do your duty. Although it will take years for us to remove the stain and stigma which recent occurrences have thrown upon our community, yet I am sure this masterly report and your faithful and courageous action will go very far to that end. I again thank you, gentlemen, and now discharge you." The grand jury was composed of the following citizens: E. R. Mathews, R. E. Pettus, J. P. King, I. Schiffman, A. G. Proctor, C. P. Lane, G. R. Turner, J. P. Watt, E. T. Bales, J. G. Grayson, C. S. McCalley, F. P. Culver, J. W. Battle, W. W. Esslinger, R. L. O'Neal, S. S. Fletcher.

## A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH.

Sunday was a great day in Selma for the Baptists, as the congregation of the First Baptist Church held services for the first time in their handsome new edifice. The church was crowded to overflowing, and a special musical program was beautifully rendered. It was fitting that Rev. A. J. Dickinson should preach the sermon at the morning hour. At the evening services the other congregations of the city were present. The following program was carried out:

Invocation, Rev. W. T. Swaim; Scripture Reading, Rev. J. W. McGlawn; Prayer, Rev. T. R. Best; The Old Church, H. S. D. Mallory; The New Church, and our joy at having our friends worship with us this even-



ing, L. Lamar; Greeting; Our Presbyterian Friends, Rev. A. A. Little; Our Hebrew Friends, Rabbi E. S. Levy; Our Friends of the Christian Church, Rev. J. C. Caldwell; Our Y. M. C. A. Friends, Mr. G. F. Warner; Our Episcopal Friends, Rev. E. W. Gamble; Our Methodist Friends—Rev. A. L. Andrews.

We congratulate Pastor Gross and his noble band of workers upon the completion of their great building enterprise. May God's blessing be upon the members of the First Church in Selma.

#### "HEART'S PLAINT."

Few things have come from the press lately more beautiful in expression and touching in sentiment than a poem in the last issue of the Alabama Baptist by Leila Mae Wilson of Opelika. It brings to mind the question of the disciples: "Master, who did sin this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Then came that gracious answer which ever since has given a broken hearted world a sweeter interpretation of God's providence: "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." (Jno. 9:2ff.)

We need to be reverent and anything else than dogmatic in interpreting the providence of God. His thoughts are not our thoughts. As the heavens are higher than the earth so are his ways, purposes and plans beyond our poor comprehension. But He has taught us that not all suffering is punishment, and that His heavy hand does not always mean disapproval. The fruit bearing vine is often purged, not because the Master is angry, but the rather that He is pleased and is only fitting the sufferer to "bring forth fruit." (Jno. 15.)

We see the large place filled in life by the eloquence of men who know so well how to talk, and who have the power to hold the hearts of multitudes by the witchery of words. We cannot see the place to be filled by this child's "mute lips," but who is so deep in the counsels of the Eternal that he will say one is more important than the other, or that the music of one tongue is sweeter than the silence of another in the ear of Him who made them both? The Marechal Neil flinging her lavish beauty across the trellis is no more in the eye of God than the violet clinging round her feet. He has need of both. Each has its work to do and place to fill.

Who can say but that somewhere in the valleys or on the hills of Alabama our Father would comfort a broken heart with a poem born in the shade of an overwhelming grief? And did He lay the finger of silence upon the lips of that dear child that she might speak through the soul of one who so longs to hear her say "Mother?" We cannot tell, but this we know—the old world needs an occasional sight of the rainbow, else its heart would fail amid the many storms of life beating against it;

and God needs a cloud upon which to draw the beauty of the bow. Whose life shall furnish the cloud? Yours or mine, or both? In the By and By it will be seen to matter but little, though the difference seems mighty now. There are compensations in the hands of Him to whom all His children are equally dear.

As for that "little silent child, so mute, so fair," she is far from dumb. She has already uttered a mighty voice in the inner chambers of another soul, and from the holy sanctuary has spoken to the world in words so fair and sweet that heavy hearts have looked up to God and thanked Him for the child and her message.

Would it be asking too much of Bro. Barnett if we request that he reprint this exquisite poem.

#### A HEART'S PLAINT.

Leila Mae Wilson.

Father, I would not doubt Thy love,  
Thy wondrous grace,  
But when I gaze with hungry heart  
Upon the face

Of this, my little silent child,  
So mute! so fair!  
'Tis then I faint beneath the cross  
So hard to bear!

Father, I would not question Thee,  
But oft will come

The one wild thought: "Was it my sin  
That made her dumb?"

Have I, oh, Father, grieved Thee so  
That Thou shouldst seal  
These little rosy lips, and thus  
Teach me to feel

The awful power of Thine arm?  
Oh, Father, no!

It cannot be—Thou wouldst not thus  
Afflict her so.

She is so innocent! so good!  
So young and fair—

Such pretty asking, azure eyes  
And sunny hair.

All perfect save the little lips  
That will not speak,

Although from early morn till eve  
Close watch I keep

Upon them, lest one word should fall  
And I not hear.

Father, 'tis then I cry aloud  
And need Thee near.

Need Thee to come and stay the pain,  
Wild thoughts to still,

Teach my rebellious heart so say,  
"Only Thy will."

And cause these little silent lips,  
So mute and fair,

To teach the lesson I would learn  
Through faith and prayer.

As by her tiny cot at eve  
I kneel to pray,

What joys of life would I not give  
To hear her say,

With little rosy, parted lips,  
That one sweet word—

"Mother!" so long I've waited for  
And have not heard!

So long I've watched and waited thus—  
Five long, sad years!

That faith grows dim, and flickers on  
'Twixt hopes and fears.

But still I list from these mute lips  
The voice unheard—

The silv'ry notes that yet may trill  
Like some glad bird.

Opelika, Ala.

#### "BRIDGE WHIST."

There has been for some time a "Bridge Whist" craze in England and America. Mr. Edward Bok, editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, says:

"There is no doubt but that thousands of women have wasted precious hours at the game. Men have, for some time past, become disgusted with the strenuous way in which women have overdone the craze. It has belittled many an otherwise charming woman in the eyes of men and women alike, and it was high time to call a halt. The extreme to which women carried the game, playing in the morning, afternoon, and at all hours of the day, was silly, to say nothing of its pernicious effect. The craze had perhaps to be carried to excess to have it reach its end. Now that it has, the women themselves who wasted their time over the game will realize what geese they made of themselves. There is something worthier of a woman's time and skill than a pack of playing cards."

#### EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Let us pray for the native Churches that they may grow in faith and love and fruitfulness; for more native workers.

Dr. R. H. Graves, the veteran missionary, who will soon return to China, is now in his 49th year of continuous service.

We congratulate the Western Baptist on the enterprise manifested in the last issue which was handsomely illustrated.

Rev. John Jeter Hurt is now editor of the Baptist Advance and we waft him our best wishes and congratulate him upon his deserved promotion.

Memphis is jubilant over the appropriation recently made by the Home Mission Board and the prospects for our Baptist work is brighter than ever before.

Linnaeus nearly starved to death in poverty before assistance reached him and he was made Professor of Botany in the famous University of Upsala, Sweden, in 1741.

The first copy of "Service," the magazine which takes the place of the Baptist Union, is on our desk with a hundred pages of good reading matter. We hope it will be widely circulated.

The October issue of The Baptist Review and Expositor, published quarterly and edited by the faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is out with a number of interesting and helpful articles.

We had the pleasure of preaching at the First Church in Montgomery on Sunday morning. The members are greatly interested in their building enterprise. Dr. Stakely has a strong hold not only on his people, but on the entire city.

Rev. C. V. Edwards, of New Orleans, was at the Ministers' Conference recently and gave an interesting account of the Baptist situation in New Orleans. Brother Edwards has been a great factor in building up our cause in that great Catholic city. We welcome him to this district.

Let us pray for our missionaries that they may have a continual sense of Christ's presence; and may have greater access to the hearts of the people.

Let us pray for a truer conception of the mission of the Church; for more consecration and sacrifice; for a full surrender to the Lordship of Christ; and that the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth laborers into His field.

Here is the title by which Dowie causes his followers to pray for him: "John Alexander, the first Apostle of the Christian Catholic and Apostolic Church in Zion, and Elijah, the Prophet of the Restoration of all things."

We congratulate Dr. Davidson, the beloved pastor of the South Side Church, on the fine showing made in the "Pastoral Letter" which was sent out last week and which we publish elsewhere.

A European Professor of note says: "Metals can be poisoned and have diseases in much the same way as animal and vegetable creatures. And when they are diseased they are dangerous to mankind; for if they are made into tools, they may break, ruin a laborer's work, or perhaps put out his eye; if they happen to be part of a bridge, they may break and cause accidents, perhaps destroy life."

Henry Van Dyke says: "It is the fashion now-a-days to speak scornfully of 'a book of religion.' But where is the noble religion without a book? Men praise the 'bookless Christ,' and the adjective serves as a left-handed criticism of his followers. True, he wrote no volume; but he absorbed one literature, the Old Testament, and he inspired another, the New Testament."

More than 10,000 Japanese women have volunteered to go to the front to act as nurses. Both before and since the war with China the women of Japan have attended the hospital training-schools, where instruction is given by American and European nurses, and there are now no better nurses in the world than those of Japan. Many of these nurses, as well as the women physicians, are widows of generals and other officers who were killed in that war; others are very young girls. What the women of Japan are doing to aid their country's cause in the present crisis reminds us of the heroic women of the South who labored for their loved ones.

In Europe the Zionist organization has a following of more than a quarter of a million Hebrews, a large part of whom are found in Russia, and those countries most hostile to the Jew. These idealists seek the Zion to which Moses led their fathers. Even if only a remnant can be prevailed upon to settle again in the promised land they are eager to secure the right and establish a colony. In America the following is small—the idea being that here the race has every privilege it could rightly ask, and in the free competition of trade it has a decided advantage over anything it could have in a country which is outside the main line of traffic, as Palestine is at the present time.

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### EDITORIAL TRIP NOTES.

Frank Willis Barnett.

I know how to sympathize with and appreciate Brother Crumpton's work better during the Associational period than at any other time of the year, for we touched tired shoulders on many trains, and at night exhausted from the days work frequently slept under the same roof.

It has been my privilege to be at many Associations with Mrs. Hamilton this season, and how she stands the travel and the strain of the work is a mystery to me, but she always greets me with a smile and if she is tired out she bravely keeps it to herself. The Lord bless her as she goes up and down the State to help and enthuse our dear women is the prayer of one who knows how hard is her daily task.

Brethren expect me to write up the Associations I attend but it is impossible to do it, as I am never present through an entire session, and therefore only get a part of the transactions. I wish I could remain from the beginning to the end, but with 80 Associations to cover, it takes more than I can do even with the able assistance of Brethren Hamner and Glass, and then we have to go at break-neck speed and succeed only in getting to about two-thirds of them.

We had a good time with the Liberty Association at Madison, and were glad to see Dr. Hampton in the chair. We heard some fine speeches on missions, temperance, and the prayer-meeting. Dr. Shelburne, of East Lake was present to represent the State Board. Hon. R. E. Pettus, that prince of laymen added much to the Association by his helpful talks. We are indebted to Rev. W. M. Murray, of Huntsville, for the strong speech he made for the Alabama Baptist.

I went down to Bigbee Association, and as it was 16 miles from a railroad, I was compelled to vary my rule and give two days to it but I enjoyed it that much more, as I get so tired of rushing to an Association and just as I begin to have a good time have to rush away. Concord church is one of the prettiest country churches in Alabama, and the school house just across the road would be a credit to any village.

I took in the St. Clair County Baptist Association, and found the brethren there in great numbers and as the editor of the Alabama Baptist I received a genuine welcome and had the privilege of preaching to a great crowd. Rev. I. W. Inzer, the newly elected moderator, though a young man man is already a power in the Association. I greatly enjoyed the time spent with the St. Clair Association.

Recently I slipped into Sheffield on a Wednesday evening, and got to see

the beautiful new church which is to house the State Convention next July. Brother George and his people are looking forward eagerly to the time when Alabama Baptists will flock thitherward from all parts of the State.

A brother asked me if I thought Sheffield, Florence, and Tuscumbia could entertain the State Convention and having just made the trip to these cities over the new electric line I impulsively answered, "Why they could entertain the Southern Baptist Convention." I hope a thousand delegates will accept their hospitality. Lets get ready to be there.

At the Etowah Association I found a number of friends and Bro. E. B. Moore the Moderator, made my visit both pleasant and profitable by the hearty manner in which he gave the Alabama Baptist the right of way. Our Baptist work was thoroughly discussed and the meeting was most helpful.

I ran down to Northport and was present at the Tuscaloosa Association for several hours. The introductory sermon by Dr. L. O. Dawson was most helpful. There was a large crowd present. I heard many kind words about the work of Brother Magill at Northport.

My trip to the Colbert Association at Cherokee proved to be of great advantage to the paper. I brought home a large list of new subscribers. The Colbert Association is on rising ground and the organized work is moving mightily forward.

A few weeks ago I dropped in on Brother Johnson at Attalla and preached to his people. He and his wife are getting a strong hold on the membership and they are planning to greatly improve the church building.

Recently I had the privilege of spending a Sunday with the Gadsden saints and found Brother Jeter Dickinson domiciled in a lovely new parsonage, and the church house is one of the prettiest religious edifices in Alabama. It was my first visit to Gadsden, and Brother Dickinson and his people were so kind I long to visit them again.

On the last Sunday afternoon in August I had the pleasure of preaching at the second Baptist church of Gadsden in their new building which is situated in the heart of a rapidly growing residence district of the city and has a most promising future.

I had the pleasure of attending the Lookout Valley Association at Trenton, Ga., in August and received a royal welcome and found that the pastors and the laymen were doing all they could to further the organized word. I spent a delightful day and returned to the office greatly refreshed from the outing.

We had the pleasure of attending the thirty-second annual session of the Sulphur Springs Missionary Baptist Church at Harmony Church last week. The introductory sermon by Rev. J. C. Thomas was highly complemented. Rev. I. O. McCarty was elected moderator and T. D. Stone clerk. The brethren were good to me and I came away with a long list of new subscribers.



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**MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION**

The "Montgomery Association," in its recent session at Wetumpka registered a spirit and an activity of excellent quality. The churches, constituting it, will hardly fail, the coming year, to feel its influence. Appointments made are thought to be abreast with the expanding interests of the several fields. The speaking and preaching were in the main good—the latter, in the case of the missionary sermons by brethren Crumpton and Stakely, passing out of the class of the merely "good" into something quite higher. Brethren Napier and O'Hara, the newly installed Montgomery pastors, were in prominent evidence as additions of value to the body. The W. M. Union had an inspiring meeting at the Presbyterian church building. Only distant echoes of proceedings reached the ears of the uninitiated male contingent; but the writer received the result of the meeting direct from the Corresponding Secretary Mrs. Smith, of Prattville, under whose devoted and efficient management the women of the church, in larger numbers, are being stimulated and organized for work. There could be no criticism of the justly gratified tone in which she announced that the women, in their meeting had increased the amount to be raised the coming year to \$1,000, and that they had subscribed it on the spot. The Wetumpka saints, with their long time and much esteemed pastor, Brother W. J. Elliott, at the head, did themselves proud in a generous hospitality. To drop matters of the Association and turn to things specifically Montgomrian, the Bishop of the First Church is disturbed these days by the suit of one of the most prominent churches of the country that seems to be unwilling to take "no" for an answer. It is expected that ground will be broken soon for the new First church building.—N. B. Williams.

them. The entire Faculty, encouraged by the fine opening and the bright prospects, are entering upon this new year with larger hope and with confidence that a greater day is breaking for our Institution.

Permit me to use this opportunity to ask the brethren that they will, as soon as it shall be convenient, redeem the pledges made at the Anniston convention. We shall need money within a few days and payments made as early as shall be practicable, will help us very greatly in the work.

It affords me great pleasure to announce that the Bible during this academic year will be taught by Professor Cunningham, of the Chair of English, and the Rev. Dr. Blackwelder, of Woodlawn. These gentlemen will offer courses, full of interest and instruction. It has been my privilege to see an outline of the work which Dr. Blackwelder proposes to do, and—a Bible course, richer in interest, I have never seen. His department will be the Old Testament, Prof. Cunningham's the New Testament. A. P. Montague.

**BAPTIST COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**

A large audience was present on Wednesday morning, Sept. 7th, at the opening exercises of the Baptist Collegiate Institute.

After devotional exercises led by Rev. Wm. J. Ray, Prof. A. W. Tate addressed the audience, followed by addresses of hearty welcome to the new pupils, by the local patrons of the school, welcoming them into our school, into our Sunday school, prayer meeting, Baptist Young People's Union and into our homes and hearts.

Our dormitory for girls is already full, having 41 the first day. Arrangements are now being made for board in private families. We have between 40 and 50 boarding boys, and quite a large number are expected later on.

Since the founding of the B. C. I. six years ago, from our midst have gone operators, lawyers, doctors, teachers, preachers, etc. In this year's school, we have already eight young preachers preparing for better work in the ministry, and by the help of God, at no distant day, we hope to be able to add a theological feature for the benefit of these and others.

At night the Alumni met at the home of Miss Mary Lizzie Payner, organized and arranged a program to be rendered Christmas.

Prof. A. W. Tate, who stands at the head of the B. C. I., is a thoroughly consecrated Christian, and an untiring worker. Wherever his teachers teach they are wanted again, and 114 have been sent out.

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 H. B. Wood, of East Lake, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rev. John D. Jordan, D.D., of the First Church, Savannah, Ga., was a welcome caller at headquarters last week. Dr. Jordan is one of the loyal friends of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, and may ever be assured of a hearty greeting in Chicago. He supplied the First Church, Englewood, Chicago, August 21st.—Baptist Union.

The Biblical Recorder says: "The Baptist Union (B. Y. P. U. paper) having repeatedly run into debt notwithstanding that its circulation exceeded that of any other Baptist paper in America, will now become a monthly, with the title of "Service."

The Christian Endeavor World tells this story of what a young girl did for missions: "In a certain town in eastern Colorado the Christian Endeavor Society had disbanded entirely, and the church was lifeless. To this church came a missionary one day talking with heart and tongue afire for missions at home and abroad. All were stirred, but seemed to forget as soon as the missionary departed—all save one young girl, the youngest member of the old Christian Endeavor Society. After long thinking and some silent struggle she sold her loved goldfish for enough money to buy two setting hens. Her mother gave her the eggs with which to set them, and in three weeks she had twenty-eight chicks. Nellie carefully tended the chickens, and five months later sold them all to a summer hotel, receiving fifty cents each for them. The next Sabbath she gave the whole fourteen dollars for missions. Results? An awakened church, a reorganized Christian Endeavor Society.

### THE METHODS.

Rev. B. D. Stelle, of Philadelphia.

A method is a way of reaching a given end. With us, it is the question of right method in doing the work that ought to be done.

1. All our methods ought to take in view the dignity of our cause. There is certainly danger we may cheapen our cause by cheap methods. We are engaged in a world wide work. We will fail in it unless we learn to adjust our method to its dimensions. Our plans ought to be much larger than our present facilities. When the B. Y. P. U. of America will set before it an aim commensurate with the great commission you will see the young people at work en masse.

2. Methods to be effective must be the outgrowth of well defined purpose. We reverse the true process. We talk about the "how" before we have determined in God's name what we have decided to "do." Before we attempt to

put in practice a method let us consecrate power to a deed.

3. Any method to be of value must bear the stamp of the worker's personality upon it. It is useless for us to attempt to do the work God has for us with borrowed tools. Every worker who has accomplished anything has been a man of "peculiar" method. Beware that we do not take away a man's power by robbing his plans of his personality. Let each union work out its own best method.

4. Methods to be feasible must be flexible. We must have grace to change if needs be. Method is nothing in itself. It is only a way of attaining an end, and if we reach the end in a way pleasing to God it matters little how often method is changed. Methods must ever be subordinate to object. Methods must be light expressive only—not light productive.

Back of all method in B. Y. P. U. work is a course of training in method by pastors for a nobler spiritual life and service in Christ. Our pastoral methods must be:

1. A campaign of education which will include spiritual rather than financial ends primarily. The difficulty with young people is not as to "consecration." They are over consecrated until the term has become nearly a scant phrase. What they need is to be told what to do. Directed wisely to specific work and study. That is pastoral work. They must be educated by us to grasp the great facts of our field in Pennsylvania and then there will be no complaint of failure or interest.

2. Our methods must recognize every interest of the work we are doing in the kingdom. We must aim for them to attain a well rounded Christianity. To see something larger in their vision than just local or even State work. And the details of service will take care of themselves. To do this let us make a start. Begin to possess. There is consecration enough if we enter into possession of our young people's energies by education.

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### BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS.

Rev. J. W. Prestridge, who had announced that he was making plans for conducting a party to the Baptist World Congress, has turned his correspondence over to Mr. J. Howard Eager, Jr., who is now in England looking after matters relating to the proposed tour. From that advantage point he is interviewing ship lines and mapping out special railroad and coaching trips through England and Scotland. Mr. Eager is the eldest son of Rev. John H. Eager, D.D., and lived in Europe till he entered Johns Hopkins University. He has had large experience in conducting parties over the Continent and through England, Scotland and Ireland. In this Baptist World Convention tour he will be aided by his father, who will accompany the party throughout the entire trip. Mr. Eager will return from England about October 1st, and will then be ready to make full announcements and attend to all correspondence addressed to him at 152 McCulloh street, Baltimore, Md.

At Bessemer, last Sabbath, R. S. Gavin, the Pastor, preached to congregations at both hours that taxed the capacity of the house. Five members were received, three by letter and two for baptism. The congregation hopes to be able to begin worship in their new house by the first of the year.

A special train bearing the archbishop of Canterbury from Bar Harbor, Me., to Boston, was wrecked on the Boston and Albany division of the New York Central at the station on Friday. The archbishop was not injured, though considerably shaken up.

The Muskogee Ministers' Association has issued a call for a convention, to meet at South McAlester, September 27th, with the purpose of preventing the sale of liquor in Indian Territory after the inauguration of statehood.

Rev. L. A. Cooper has resigned at Live Oak, Fla., where he did a great work. He will be succeeded by Rev. C. A. Ridley, of Quitman, Ga. Mr. Ridley is a young man of splendid personal appearance, an eloquent speaker and a devout Christian.

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We have received the Autumn Bulletin (Vol. II, No. 4) of the Marion Military Institute. This bulletin contains two addresses of exceptional worth.

The first address is by Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, of Princeton University, and is entitled, "Present Obligations of College Men." It is characterized by an elegance of diction and a loftiness of purpose unusual in this day of hurried speech and material aims. In brief and in part the thought of the address is:

Human society demands for its very existence three great fundamental requirements—order, conduct, knowledge; these three primary requisites find their expression in the forms of three great institutions—the State, the Church, the University; these three institutions are the three great powers that mould the life of man—body, soul and spirit. The first of these institutions is concerned with man's physical well-being, the second with his spiritual welfare, the third with his intellectual prosperity. They preserve to him the work of his hands, the hope of his heart, the fruits of wisdom. They vouchsafe to him liberty in the pursuit of happiness, liberty in the pursuit of heaven, liberty in the pursuit of knowledge. In a democracy the prime-movers of these institutions are the patriot, the priest, the pedagogue—I use these designations of personality in their largest sense. Their supports are the citizen, the saint, the scholar; the practical politician to save men's votes, the practical preacher to save men's souls, the practical professor to save men's ideals.

The college man's greatest obligation, greatest service, individual and collective, to the State is to enlighten public opinion, to the Church is to conserve faith, to the University is to save the human race through universal education, universal but not necessarily uniform, voluntary where possible, compulsory where necessary, competitive and selective always.

The second address is by Superintendent J. H. Phillips, of Birmingham, and was delivered before the National Educational Association at St. Louis. The subject of this address is, "The Educational Needs of the South." These needs are, says Dr. Phillips, a more liberal infusion of the spirit of true democracy, as represented by Jefferson one hundred years ago, the deepening and strengthening of the conviction that the education of all classes of its people promotes the economic and moral welfare of the State; further development of her natural resources in field and mine and forest; thorough comprehension and judicious handling of the complicated sociological problems.

The address is noteworthy for its breadth of view and boldness of utterance. It is destined to do much good in informing public opinion and in elevating popular sentiment. It should be read by every Southerner.

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Field Notes.

Luverne:—Through kindness of my churches, which I appreciate beyond words to express, I have had a vacation of one month. I have mixed in just a little work, to help me enjoy my rest the more. I assisted Brother Brannon at Notasulga for one week, and a good meeting it was. I also spent one week with Brother Bledsoe at Fredonia, (another of my old homes) and we had a gracious revival. There were many converts and a number joined the church. It was here that I once served twelve years as pastor, and it was a sweet privilege to be with them again. Just before leaving home I closed a very interesting meeting at Brantley where Brother Taliaferro assisted me. He did good service and his preaching was full of spirit and earnestness. He had twelve additions there.—R. A. J. Cumbie.

Since our State Convention I have spent some time with three of God's most faithful servants. I was first with Dr. P. G. Maness, at Billingsley, and heard so many good things said of him that I hardly knew how to believe them all until I saw a sketch of his life in your paper. I was next with Rev. J. W. Dunaway, at Nicholville and Forest Springs. The Lord graciously blessed us at both places. I was in the Howard with Brother Dunaway, and while there I learned to love and appreciate him. But I never knew his real worth until I had the pleasure of spending some time with him on his field of labor. Under his leadership his people at Nicholville have erected one of the best village meeting houses in the State. You gave a picture of the meeting house at Jackson, Ala., which was an exact picture of the house at Nicholville. Steps are also being taken to overhaul and modernize the old meeting house at Forest Springs. To say that Brother Dunaway's people love him does not fully express it. My last meeting was with Bro. I. Windsor, at Mulberry church. This was in some respects, the best meeting of all. Ten young men and four girls were added to the church. The church recognized the ministerial gifts of young Brother Williams, and recommended him to Howard College as a ministerial student. Brother Windsor was unanimously called for another year and the church raised his salary. Brother Windsor is a strong gospel preacher and possesses the enviable gift of winning the love and esteem of his people without trying to do so. Our Association (the Montgomery) met with Wetumpka church on the 7th inst. We had a delightful time. Brethren Crumpton, Stewart, Montague, Patrick, Hamner, Brewer and other visiting brethren were with us. Harmony prevailed from start to finish. The ladies meeting was par excellent.—A. J. Preston.

Antioch Association will convene with Chapel Hill Church, Washington county, Alabama, Oct. 7, 1904. Program.—10:30 a. m. Devotional services conducted by Rev. W. T. Fail. 11:30

a. m. Associational sermon by Rev. H. M. Mason.

Report on Publication by H. M. Mason. Report on education by Rev. W. H. Windham. Report on mission by Rev. W. E. Gail. Report on woman's work by Mrs. J. B. Hamberlin. Orphanage by Elder J. B. Hamberlin. Division of funds by J. N. Mason 7:30 p. m. Report on prohibition by Rev. T. E. Tucker. Adjournment until 9:30 Sunday morning after devotional services. Report on Sunday school by Rev. J. L. Carney. Preaching 11:30 a. m. All that can are invited to attend.—Clerk.

We have had a good meeting at Steep Creek Church—ten additions by baptism, two by letter; church greatly revived, and wish to press forward in the Lord's work. I have just helped Bro. S. J. Catts in a meeting at Sandy Ridge with good results. Twenty additions by baptism. Church was greatly revived and strengthened from the meeting. We have also had a good meeting at Hayneville. Four additions by baptism and two by letter. I do not know of a more faithful and true little band of Christians than those in the church at Hayneville. You have worked the Alabama Baptist up to high water mark. You are making one of the brightest and best papers published in the South. I would like to see all our people read it.—Archibald A. Scruggs.

Eden:—On the fourth Sunday in August Brother Nunnally began a meeting at Eden, St. Clair county. Wednesday I went to his aid and preached twice a day through the following Sunday except one day. The meeting was in a good state when I went into it. At times forty or more asking for prayers; some ten or more professed a hope in Christ. Eight joined and were baptized on Monday in the presence of a large assembly—many Methodist in the number. The church was built up. Many of the young members renewed their vows and promised to live more loyal to the Lord. Brother Nunnally is much loved here.—L. M. Stone.

Oakman:—Have closed a two weeks' revival meeting at Oakman with seventeen accessions to the church—seven by baptism. Church very much revived. Dr. J. V. Dickinson of Jasper, preached one week for me in the demonstration of the Spirit and power, and to the delight of all that heard him. God be praised for His abundant blessing!—J. I. McCollum.

Cullman:—We have just closed an eight days' meeting. Bro. T. V. Neal was with us and preached twelve soul-stirring sermons. Eternity alone will reveal the great good done. The church was greatly strengthened, and seven were received into its membership by letter and two by baptism.—L. T. Reeves.

Sulligent:—The bush arbor near Guin, was one of power. Thirteen were received by baptism. Hope to constitute a church there Friday, aided by Bro. A. N. Reeves of Winfield. Brethren Olive, Reeves and Estill, did some faithful preaching.—J. E. Barnes.


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**Field Notes.**

Mobile Items.—A very interesting event occurred at the Saint Francis Street Church of this city, on the 7th of this month, at 6:30 o'clock. Rev. Jefferson Franklin Ray, of Mississippi, and Miss Daisy Winston Pettus, of this city, who have been appointed missionaries to Japan by our Foreign Mission Board, were united in marriage. A severe rain storm prevented many from attending the wedding, but the weather had no effect on the buoyant spirits of the bridal party. Many handsome and useful presents were received by the happy pair and also quite a number of telegrams of congratulations. Among the telegrams received was one from the Woman's Missionary Union of the Montgomery Association in session at Wetumpka. Mr. and Mrs. Ray left Mobile the day after the wedding for Mississippi where they will spend some days visiting his relatives and will then go on to St. Louis for a few days and then to San Francisco, from which place they will sail on the first of October for Japan. The best wishes and prayers of a host of friends will follow this happy couple to their far away home. Rev. H. H. Shell, who has been pastor of the Palmetto Street Church of this city for thirteen years is in demand for other fields. He has just received a call to the church at Lake Charles, La., while a church in Georgia is also making an effort to secure him. He has not yet decided what he will do. It would be a great loss to Alabama for Brother Shell to leave the State. His removal from Mobile will be a great personal loss to me, for the most pleasant relations have existed between us during the past five years. He is a true yoke-fellow and a consecrated servant of the Lord. He will have the best wishes of many friends for his success whatever he may decide to do. Very decided progress is being made by the churches in the Mobile Association. We were sorry to lose Brother McRae, who was pastor at Bay Minette and Bayou la Batre. He has accepted a call to Atmore leaving these two churches without a pastor. Brother Wilkes, our missionary in Baldwin county, has met with much greater success during the short time he has been at work in that county than any one anticipated. He began in February, and has baptized twenty-seven, organized a church at Point Clear, reorganized the church at Daphne, which has been without a pastor and made no report to the Association for years, and is now building a new house of worship there. He is educating the people on the subject of missions and their contributions to missions have been very liberal. Bro. W. A. McCain closes his first year as pastor of the Maherville church the first of October. This church was organized in May 1903. They have been assisted during the past year in the support of their pastor, but will be self-supporting beginning the first of October. Brother McCain gives half his time to this

church. Deacon Maupin, of the Saint Francis Street Church is winning for himself quite a reputation as a church builder. He raised the money to build the house at Maeherville. After the church there was organized and able to take care of its Sunday school, he went to Wheelerville, about ten miles from Mobile, where he found no church organization, no building and no Sunday school. He conducted a school in the country school house for a time and then built a neat house for them, raising all the money except a hundred dollars raised by the people in the neighborhood. There is now a church organization and a flourishing Sunday school due entirely to the earnest consecrated efforts of Brother Maupin. Oh for more deacons with such a missionary spirit! Brother W. T. Smith, formerly of Chapman, has a mill not far from the Maeherville church, and has manifested the greatest interest in the church. He has recently given them a belfry and a bell at a cost of about two hundred and fifty dollars, and has shown his deep interest in the church in other ways. Brother Smith is the Brother who gave that elegant home for women in China. He is using his money for the glory of his Master. Rev. J. T. Hartin of South Carolina, has taken charge of the Dauphin Way Church of Mobile and is making a splendid impression upon the people. This new church seems to be growing quite rapidly. The members are enthusiastic and the prospect for the future is encouraging.—W. J. E. Cox.

Enterprise:—I am just home. Spent my three week's vacation in revivals. Held two with Bro. J. K. Larkin, of Sumter county, one at New Prospect, one at Belmont. Each was a success. Good people and a good pastor—am in love with them all. Held one meeting with Bro. Walter Fleming at Malcolm, in Washington county. Brother Fleming is a promising young man. My first preaching was done in the neighborhood of Malcolm. It was a treat to tread again the old stamping ground, and meet some old friends, among them my only living sister, Mrs. C. H. Brasfield, whom I had not seen in twenty years. Yesterday Enterprise called me again, this time making it indefinite and asking for all my time, provided arrangements can be made.—R. M. Hunter.

Hixon:—The old home is lonely today, but not sad. Our children are gone to college, one a teacher, the other a pupil. Thank God for their ambition and opportunities. A dear boy in whom we have taken stock has come to the full measure of our prayers—becoming a missionary to China this sweet summer. Rev. J. R. Graves White has spent six weeks with us on my pastoral and mission field. While at Peterman we received only three additions in an eight days' service. Yet our people were needfully instructed. At Holmes Lumber Company we were royally entertained by as refined a people as the State affords. We baptized three of their noblest young men in a meeting of one week and all feasted on Brother White's preaching. Next

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